

Black Mountain
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Compatriots,

At the Mobile Reunion I announced that **I would seek the position of ANV Councilman**, a position I held 6 years before. In those 6 years our organization and the challenges facing it have changed dramatically. Your next ANV Councilman must be able to adapt to those changes and help to bring our 112 year old organization into the new millennium as a strong and tireless defender of the Confederate community without losing its soul.

This Summer 2008 Reunion will be a critical election year for our organization. Political correctness in our society grows, it does not shrink; hostility against our flag becomes more shrill, it does not become softer. Opportunity after opportunity to get our message out to millions pass us by continually – and in a presidential election year - with either no response from the SCV *or* a response that comes too late to be effective.

The SCV needs men on its national council that understand our organization and its members, understand the nature and quality of the myriad forces arrayed against us, and most importantly, understand what needs to be done, coupled with the skills to see that what needs to be done - *becomes* SCV policy. **For the post of Army of Northern Virginia Councilman - I am that man.**

My platform has not changed in 15 years of fighting for reform in the SCV: That is to bring our fraternity in line with the Charge of Stephen D. Lee. We have come a long way in our great cause - we still have a long way to go.

The long internal struggle is over and despite the dire predictions of Morris Dees, thousands *did not* desert the SCV - we are stronger than ever!

But, we must start laying the groundwork to become a 40,000, 60,000, 100,000 man organization. And then we need to figure out how to hit a million members. Our recruiting goals should target Christian family men *with* children. All eligible men of course are welcome, but with children growing up in SCV families – we have a definite and forecast-able future!

Our Reunions need to be affordable to every member and a moneymaker to boot.

We need to utilize technology wherever possible for our leadership meetings so that being an SCV member does not always mean sacrificing every available weekend to the cause.

Without abandoning young people in government schools, the SCV needs a greater presence in the home school community – where a veritable recruiting gold mine for the SCV awaits.

The Youth Camps need to expand.

These are things I will work for on the GEC as your ANV Councilman - while *always* working to strengthen the ties of fraternity between members.

The most important mission of every elected member of our organization is to insure that the Sons of Confederate Veterans has a future - I am personally and irrevocably committed to a bright future for the SCV. I have been a member of this organization for **31 years** - my first Reunion was in Dallas in 1977. My 3 oldest sons are all SCV members and my youngest son is an SCV cadet. My three daughters are in the OCR and the Children of the Confederacy. I have served as a counselor for the Sam Davis Youth Camp every year since the Camp was formed and my eligible children have attended every year since the Camp's inception. I am committed to the future of the SCV in spirit and by blood.

I am the most experienced candidate running for the post of councilman. I was ANV councilman from 2000-2002 under the Deason Administration. My resume working for the ANV goes back 12 years. Chief of Staff and Judge Advocate under Commander Wilson, Judge Advocate under Cdr Powell, ANV Councilman with Cdr Darden, Candidate for ANV Commander in 2002, Chief of Staff under Cdr Kidd (although I resigned before the end of Kidd's term).

I have attended 80% of the GEC meetings held since 1998, and working closely with and advising CiC Wilson and CiC Sweeney during some of the most tumultuous events in SCV history, I have gained intimate experience in the workings of the GEC garnered by no other candidate.

I will work closely with the Army Commander to effectively represent the Divisions, Camps and members of this Army.

I am an employee of the SLRC, not a director. In any vote involving the SLRC, I will abstain from voting, as I did in my previous term as ANV councilman.

I can promise you that Morris Dees and his friends at the SPLC hate me no less now, than they did when I ran for ANV Commander in 2002. Fortunately the SCV learned in the 2002 election that we cannot allow our direst enemies to pick our leaders *or* our friends.

Some say I should not be elected because I have “baggage.” Well, every leader in our organization has acquired “baggage.” In this current day and age, “baggage” is acquired simply by defending and maintaining the Charge of Stephen D. Lee. “Baggage” is the price paid by any man who is willing to stick his head above the top of the trench and lead!

My life is an open book. If you have questions about internet mythology or media tales involving me – just ask!!

With your help and your vote in Concord, I look forward to being part of a gathering of eagles at Elm Springs to lead the SCV to the victory our ancestors were denied – a victory that with God’s help we can and must secure for our posterity.

Please do not hesitate to call or write if I can be of service to you or your Camp. I look forward to working with you for a stronger, more effective Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Yours in the bonds of SCV Fraternity,

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