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Robert Williams past Camp & Division Commander

Chaplain's Corner – September, 2024

Hello Camp 1770 Compatriots and salutations to you all as we head into the fall of the year. It is with a heavy heart that as I write this article, the Camp just recently lost Past Commander Robert Williams. Robert passed away just 2 days ago, and we all pause for a moment of silence in our appreciation for his service to the Camp, and to the Division (he was also a Past Division Commander). We also send our prayers to his family as

they move through these difficult times. Thank you Robert again for your service to the Camp and Organization and God bless.

For this article, I would like to recommend our emulation of our beloved General, Robert E. Lee. Lee was not only a brilliant commander of men and armies, but also a valiant leader, and strong man of God and Christ. As we navigate as a team and organization through troubling times, we can look back to General Lee for his inspiration and think of the following from him:

- A leader always remembers the goal of leadership: not self-fulfillment, but service to their fellow men.
- A leadership team needs “leaders within and throughout the group”.
- All of us should be leaders and continue to lead in a steadfast manner to keep alive the great legacy of our ancestors.
- Recognize the situation as it is and make the best of it.
- A leader cannot sit back and wait. As Winston Churchill stated, “Action this Day”.

Also, we should always take our concerns, tribulations, and issues to the Lord in sincere prayer. We should always rely on the Lord and trust him. Lee set these examples, and we should aggressively follow them even today, and in today’s turbulent times. I would like to mention that we have several camp members currently on our prayer list, and please be praying for them and/or their families as they fight various ailments and personal concerns:

Farrell Cooley – Recovering from surgery

George Dauphin

Michael Moore & wife Laura

Kent Jones

Jane Price (mother of Scott Price)

Family of Robert Williams (Ryan Williams – son of Robert)

All Camp Members who need special prayers and thoughts

All Camp Members who need unspoken prayers

We pray too for our Camp, our Camp’s continual survival, our Leadership, and our Organization as a whole.

God Bless the SCV and God Bless our ancestors and the South!

Scott Price

Chaplain SCV Camp 1770

Adjutant’s Report:

The fiscal year for 2024 – 2025 has begun. The annual dues for 8 members was sent in to HQ on the 28th of August, just before the grace period ends. We have 7 Life Members who pay Camp & Division dues only. Total camp membership is now at 15. Hopefully, new blood will seek us out as always seems to happen and our numbers will increase. (If you failed to pay your dues and want to remain in the camp, add \$5 to your dues and send to me ASAP. This will ensure you continue to receive your CV Magazine.)

The camp voted to send \$1000 to HQ for the 21st Century Confederate Heroes fundraiser. I'm sure y'all have read about this effort to pay off our museum loan debt in the Confederate Veteran Magazine. We also have 2 members in the camp who donated to this project as well. For being such a small camp, we've had a huge impact comparatively, and we should be proud of our contributions to the SCV.

Commander's Comments:

Compatriots, Family & Friends,

We lost Past Cmdr. Robert (Bob) Williams around midnight on the 29th of August. His condition deteriorated very fast due to colon cancer and chemo treatments. His son Ryan was always part of Robert's leadership and he needs all the support and confidence we can muster during this difficult time. I know many of our members knew Ryan and enjoyed his company. Ryan's mailing address is posted below if you wish to send condolences.

Robert and Ryan sought me out many years ago. They wanted to join the SCV. I learned that he'd been living in VA and had a considerable library on all the Confederate leaders. He wanted to know what we did and was eager to learn our processes. He was an incredible help to me eventually taking over the camp. Later, he was nominated as Division Cmdr. and fulfilled those duties with enthusiasm, and high expectations.

When he and Ryan moved back to the South, Robert again took a leadership position and was nominated for Commander of the Rayburn Rifles camp. That place in Clayton County, GA is where his ancestors from the WBTS are buried.

He was a former Marine and attorney. He was a very successful man. All his work was pro bono for the camp and division. He put in many hours fighting the removal of our CSA Monument in Santa Ana Cemetery. In the end the Cemetery District removed it and he was personally insulted by this turn of events. He was a God-Send to me. He will be missed as someone who stood up for our cause with great inspiration and determination. Men like him are hard to find !

Ryan needs your love, I'll post his home address below in case you'd like to send him a card or something.

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With a Sad Heart,
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