

**Arkansas Civil War Sesquicentennial  
Commission Meeting**  
February 25, 2009  
MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History  
Little Rock, Arkansas

***Members Present***

Richard Davies, Director, Department of Parks and Tourism  
Mark Christ, Designee, Department of Arkansas Heritage  
Tommy Dupree, Jacksonville, Governor Appointee  
Mark Kalkbrenner, Arkansas Division – Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Dr. Jamie Brandon, Governor Appointee  
Bill Gatewood, Director – Old State House Museum  
Carolyn Ashcraft – Director, Arkansas State Library  
DeeLois Lawrence, President – Arkansas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy  
DuShun Scarbrough – Director, Martin Luther King Commission  
Laura Miller – President, Arkansas Historical Association  
Sam Wang – Sons of Union Veterans

***Members Absent***

Ellen Lewis, Senate Pro Tem Designee  
Ernest Cunningham – Governor Appointee  
Jim Branson, House Speaker Designee  
Dr. George Lankford, Batesville, Senate Pro Tem Designee  
Jerry Armstrong, North Little Rock, House Speaker Designee  
John Scott, Pea Ridge National Military Park  
W. Danny Honnoll, Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails Foundation  
Dr. Wendy Richter, Arkansas History Commission

***Visitors***

Cathie Matthews, Director, Department of Arkansas Heritage  
Marynell Branch – Department of Arkansas Heritage  
Jack E. Hill – TeleVision for Arkansas  
Keith Jefferson – Buffalo National River  
Bill Black – Fort Smith N.H.S.  
Gail Sears – Hot Springs National Park  
Linda McDowell – Arkansas History Commission  
Carla Coleman – Black History Commission of Arkansas  
Ed Wood – NPS Arkansas Post NM

Tommy Dupree called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. He asked each guest to stand and introduce themselves and tell where they are from.

Bill Black – Fort Smith National Historic Site  
Gail Sears – Hot Springs National Park  
Linda McDowell – Arkansas History Commission  
Jack Hill – TeleVision for Arkansas  
Ed Wood – Superintendent, NPS Arkansas Post National Memorial

Tommy Dupree welcomed all of the guests.

He then called for approval of the minutes from the October 29, 2008 commission meeting. Jamie Brandon moved and Mark Kalkbrenner seconded the approval of the October 29, 2008, minutes. The motion passed.

Keith Jefferson of Buffalo National Park introduced himself.

### ***ACWSC Video debut***

Everyone was asked by Tommy Dupree to move over to a viewing area to watch the ACWSC 7 minute video.

After the viewing, Jamie Brandon stated that the general public will enjoy the video.

Mark Christ stated that he showed the video to the DeValls Bluff City Council the Monday before the ACWSC meeting. He is hoping that they will move forward and get some signage up that indicates Civil War incidents that occurred in that area.

Laura Miller asked if there would be an edited version of the video for a PSA. She thought that it would present an opportunity to get people to go to the website.

### ***Report on Website Status***

Mark Christ stated that there has been an average of about 2,000 hits per month since the launch of the website and he is expecting that to increase as things move along. He stated that he is working on getting the 7 minute ACWSC video added as streaming video to the website and Aristotle is in the process of putting an interactive map on the sites page. He spoke with the Arkansas Living History Association 2 weeks prior and they are trying to gather more links to add to the website.

Mark is hoping to have 2 or 3 people from the ACWSC as a subcommittee that would agree to the help look at links as they come in to make sure that they meet the ACWSC's linking policy. Ellen Lewis has already volunteered. Mark asked for additional volunteers and Jamie Brandon and Richard Davies volunteered to help.

Mark stated that he is pulling together a comprehensive list of every Union unit and a non-comprehensive list of Confederate units that came through Arkansas for the website, which would be used for tourism purposes.

Tommy Dupree added that one of the Reed's Bridge members tried to link all of its sites to the ACWSC site. They found that there were some differences and discrepancies with addresses, location, etc. He advised that everyone verify the information that goes into linking these sites to ensure that the links all match.

Mark Christ stated that he is expanding the bibliography on the ACWSC website. Jamie Brandon has been helping and there are about 7 more pages of articles to add. He is also going to add some kind of request where people send other citations in. He asked everyone to check out the bibliography the next time that they visit ArkansasCivilWar150.com. The bibliography is considerably longer than it was previously.

### ***Report on Historical Marker Program Progress***

Mark Christ stated that the commission received a \$50,000 grant from the Preserve America Program some time back to start a historical marker program. The first phase is to hire a consultant to tell the commission how to do the marker program because there is no type of blueprint to follow. The bids were opened on Monday, February 23, 2009, and there will be a committee of three people looking at the bids to decide who the vendor will be hopefully this week or next week. He is hoping to have markers on the ground in the next fiscal year.

### ***Report on Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails Foundation annual meeting***

The Arkansas Civil War Heritage Trails Foundation met on Saturday, February 14, 2009, for the annual meeting and the minutes were handed out to each member and they can read them at their leisure. It was a good meeting with a lot of things going on around the state, which will all help to further the ACWSC goals.

### ***Update on Preservation Activity in Helena and Nevada County***

Mark Christ reported that Helena (Southern Financial Partners) has hired a consultant firm to do a Civil War interpretive plan for the city. They made this a county-wide effort. A draft report recommends several interpretative themes, the creation of a couple of parks, re-creation of Fort Curtis in downtown Helena, a living history, and a number of waysides.

The Civil War Preservation Trust is working with Southern Financial Partners and is in the process of purchasing Estevan Hall, which is an antebellum building, in addition to 50 or 60 acres of core battlefield on the approach to Battery D. The interpretive plan will call for people to be able to visit the surviving battery sites at Batteries A and D as well.

In Nevada County the Economic Development office received a grant from the American Battlefield Protection Program to have a preservation plan created for Prairie D'Ane and Elkins Ferry Battlefields, which are both in private hands. They ended up hiring the same firm that is doing the Helena interpretive plan. They will have their first meeting

on April 27, 2009. At present there is one interpretive panel where the rear guard action at Prairie D'Ane was fought.

The Civil War Preservation Trust is negotiating with the owners of the entire core area of the Elkins' Ferry Battlefield. A timber company owns it currently and the Civil War Preservation Trust is hoping to buy it. If this happens we will have a full preserved battlefield.

### ***Discussion of Louisiana Purchase Passport Program***

Richard Davies explained that the Louisiana Purchase Passport is a booklet that encourages people to visit different sites throughout the state. The passport is stamped by someone at each cooperating site. The passport would have directions to each site and maybe even GPS coordinates. He believes it is a good idea but, the commission would have to come up with the sites to be visited. It would have to be a manned site so someone is there to actually stamp the book. Most sites are willing to participate because of the traffic that it would attract to their locations.

It can be taken a step further and perhaps a drawing for a prize for people who have a completely stamped passport. Tommie Dupree agreed that the idea sounds good.

Jamie Brandon stated that he does not think that there is a down side to this program but the ACWSC needs to know the sites for all of the sponsored events before printing the booklet. Mark Christ suggested using the website for sponsored events. Tommie Dupree suggested two passports. Richard suggested an annual for events and a standard for the entire program.

Carolyn Ashcraft stated that the Commission could possibly work with local libraries for places that have no physical person.

Mark Kalkbrenner asked if it was possible have an embosser. Richard Davies did not think it would last.

Tommy Dupree asked if a committee needed to be formed to prepare a list of sites by the next meeting.

Richard stated that a list needs to be compiled starting with the stationary sites and then the commission needs to figure out how to pay for it. He suggested that Mark Christ may have a better feel for compiling the list.

Carolyn Ashcraft suggested something that can be printed out from the website.

Tommie Dupree mentioned deciding where an individual would go to pick up one of the passports and Richard Davies suggested that they could be picked up from any of the participating sites and in the state Welcome Centers and the event passport can be printed out from the website. Carolyn Ashcraft stated that people can go to the library to print

out the events. She and Jamie Brandon suggested that the event locations could print out a sticker in label form to go in the passport.

### *Legislative Update*

Marynell Branch stated that the Department of Arkansas Heritage (DAH) has tried to be as creative as possible with presenting the budget. In the general improvement fund, which is senate bill 385, DAH has asked for capital construction general improvement fund moneys for Civil War Sesquicentennial and it is working its way through the capitol and she is hoping that the ACWSC will get funding in that bill.

They have also made application to the Arkansas Natural Resources Council for a grant for \$10,500. That money will be granted in May and is funded by the Real Estate Transfer Tax. Since real estate sales are down, this may not be much money.

Another bill to note was the new task force for Arkansas History education. DAH is to have two representatives on that council, which is a great opportunity to get the ACWSC message through.

There is also a pass-through bill for cemetery documentation and preservation that has been filed through the Department of Arkansas Heritage to the Humanities Council, which is another applicable bill to ACWSC.

Marynell gave many thanks to Representative Jon Woods of Springdale, who has filed the Civil War Sesquicentennial appropriations bill (HB 1574), which is around \$650,000. Tiffany Rogers of Stuttgart has signed on as co-sponsor the bill and, Rep. Joan Cash of Jonesboro, Rep. Duncan Baird of Lowell, and Senator Bledsoe from Rogers are also supporting the bill. It was filed Monday or Tuesday. Marynell continues to encourage the Commission and their constituents to get out and talk to their Representatives and Senators. This is a brand new bill so the Commission needs to continue to encourage representatives and senators to vote for this bill.

Richard Davies asked Marynell Branch to explain how they gained appropriations for the budget. Marynell Branch stated that they used the same funding formula that was used for the markers, for education, for podcast, and for events and took all that ACWSC had applied for the capital improvements. They then took it and modeled a bill after that and added a part time position.

Cathie Matthews stated that Robbie Wills, who was the sponsor of the bill that was not funded in the last session, is now the Speaker, which may help the ACWSC. She also stated that Jon Woods really wants to attend the current ACWSC meeting and is very excited and he may show up. Marynell Branch stated that Woods and his staff were easy to work with and agreeable.

Mark Kalkbrenner stated that the article from the newspaper that Mark Christ emailed to everyone on the Commission was worded in a way that sounded like the budget will be funded. Richard Davies stated that he believed that Robbie Wills and the original sponsors feel a sense of duty to pass the funding bill since they created the commission.

Jamie Brandon asked if there is anything else that the commission can do other than lobby with their representatives to help get the funding for the Commission.

Richard Davies reminded the Commissioners that all of the general improvement funds bills usually pass, but only about 10% of them may be funded. Cathie Matthews stated that she believe the commission needs to emphasize that this is for the entire state and not just for one group or area.

Carolyn Ashcraft asked Marynell Branch to repeat the different bills that she discussed in her legislative update. They were the bill for Cemetery Documentation and Preservation is 1572, the General Improvements Fund is 385, the Budget Bill is House Bill1574, and the History Task Force is Senate Bill 452.

Tommie Dupree stated that it was a very good report from Marynell.

#### ***Discussion of annual themes and ASWSC events***

Mark Christ asked everyone to refer to the recap of annual themes discussed from the last meeting. There is a handout. He believes it would be nice to come up with the official names of the themes so he can begin to get the word out to museums and historical societies and get them thinking about what they might want to be doing at the local level. Jack Hill asked if the 2011 event will start in April. Mark Replied that it would. It will be tied to the Secession Convention. There will be other sanctioned events.

Richard Davies stated that he liked George Lankford's list from the last meeting. He especially liked the 2011 theme of ***Why Commemorate the Civil War?*** Mark Christ stated that it fits the event.

Jamie Brandon stated that he like the 2012 theme of ***A Divided Arkansas*** and the 2013 theme of ***Big War, Little War***. Richard agreed with Jamie. Jamie stated that the 2014 theme is a little tricky. Mark Christ suggested War on the Homefront for 2014 and Richard Davies suggest ***Two Governments*** and ***Back in the Union***. Samuel Wang stated that the 2015 theme should be Emancipation and Reconstruction. DeeLois Lawrence suggested ***Under Two Governments*** for the 2014 theme.

Richard Davies stated that Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove were not about Arkansas and he wonders if the commission could tie something to that point because there was fighting in Arkansas about something else. DeeLois Lawrence suggested going back to the two governments theme since the commission is trying to include the Union and Confederate sides of the Civil War. ***Competing Governments*** was also suggested. Several members

of the commission agreed that *Under Two Governments* was the best theme for the 2014 event.

For 2015, Mark Kalkbrenner stated that *Emancipation* is limiting and Richard Davies agreed.

Mark suggested going with the suggestion of *Emancipation and Reconstruction*

Mark Christ restated the final themes as follows:

2011 – Why Commemorate the Civil War?

2012 – A Divided Arkansas

2013 – Big War, Little War

2014 – Under Two Governments

2015 – Emancipation and Reconstruction

Richard Davies moved and Mark Kalkbrenner seconded the approval of the annual theme names for each year. The motion carried.

Richard Davies suggested that Bill Gatewood or Historic Arkansas Museum have a selection of books pertaining to the yearly event for sale at each event. Bill Gatewood stated that it would be good to move around to different events. Richard Davies added that there could be a standard booth at each event. Bill Gatewood stated that the list of books could be put on the website.

Marynell Branch stated that the themes could be good talking points for the commissioner when they are talking to their representatives and senators.

Richard Davies inquires as to whether the 7 minute ACWSC video should be offered to Robbie Wills or Jon Woods. Richard believes the 7 minute video should be available to the legislators for viewing so that they would have an idea of what the Commission is about before presenting the bill. Marynell Branch asked if Robbie Wills has seen the video. Mark Christ stated that he hasn't seen it yet. Cathie Matthews stated that she could get a copy of the video to Jon Woods. She also asked if the legislators had the means to watch the video while in session and Richard Davies stated that they could.

### ***Report and Recommendations of Sanctioning Committee***

Tommie Dupree asked everyone to read through the adaptation of the sanctioning procedure that was handed out.

Samuel Wang stated that the themes would have to be updated in the sanctioning procedures.

Carolyn Ashcraft asked where the adaptation came from and Tommie Dupree replied that was adapted from the State Sesquicentennial.

Jamie Brandon asked if there was a sanctioning form in development. Richard Davies suggested that under the guidelines on #4, where it says “and local advertisements,” someone may be able to promote outside of the state. Local should be taken out. Jamie Brandon noted the replication of the sanctioning procedures on the first two pages of the sanctioning procedures handout.

Mark Christ stated that while trademarking the logo through the Secretary of State’s offices, they wouldn’t take a purchase order from the Department of Arkansas Heritage so he will have to get a check to them and it should be trademarked in the next month.

Mark Kalkbrenner inquired about process from website. Will the sanctioning form be downloadable from the ACWSC website?

Jamie Brandon stated that #7 may need to be reworded. Richard Davies and Mark Christ agreed. Mark Kalkbrenner suggested taking out the 3 middle lines in number 7. Samuel Wang suggested adding a period behind the word sites on line 4 on #7 and deleting what follows. Richard and Jamie suggested adding more information in after the period. Carolyn Ashcraft suggested just adding an additional question to include additional information. Richard Davies thinks Mark Christ should add more information regarding events pertaining to the state of Arkansas.

Tommie Dupree explained his reasoning for using the information he did in #7 and its relevance to the Civil War and how it ties directly to emancipation. Richard agreed but wants to add more.

Carolyn Ashcraft asked if the changes could be made. Tommie Dupree stated that he wants revisions done and the sanctioning procedures resent to the Commission members.

Richard Davies asked if there was any information on how far in advance application needs to be made before they hand in order to be posted on the website. Tommie Dupree stated that reenactors submit requests 2 years or beyond on planning or scheduling. Jamie Brandon, Mark Kalkbrenner, and Richard Davies all agreed that 6 months sounds good for these events. Carolyn Ashcraft suggested adding that information to #9 in the sanctioning procedures document. Jamie Brandon agreed and added that the Commission should leave more technical information for the form.

Marynell Branch suggested having the sanctioning process as part of the grants process. In other words, it would be a requirement to be sanctioned in order to qualify for the grant. She also reminded the Commission that people can have events that may not be sanctioned.

Mark Christ stated that he will type up corrections and send it out to commission members. Tommie Dupree suggested working on the form to Mark also.

Richard Davies suggested setting up the form to be submitted online, but to have the system not accepted the form if all parts are not filled out correctly. Samuel Wang

suggested making the form simple and having the applicant refer back to the procedures for sanctioning and when they sign the form the applicant is agreeing to follow the procedures.

Jamie Brandon asked if it is possible for the commissioners to have access to the website in order to work on projects or for scheduling. Bill Gatewood inquired about something similar to a threaded conversation that documents what the commissioners are working on. Mark Christ stated that Leslie Greenwood would be at the next meeting with the update and we can run the idea by her then. He will also check on the sanction form. Tommie Dupree stated that Mark Christ would type up the corrections to the sanctioning procedures and the Commission can review it in the next meeting.

### ***ACWSC Subcommittee Duties Reports***

#### ***Sanctioning events around the state (re-enactments, symposia, etc.) that are appropriate observances of the Sesquicentennial***

Information was discussed previously in the ***Report and Recommendations of Sanctioning Committee*** section and corrections and additions will be made and information will be sent to commissioners via email by Mark Christ.

#### ***Promoting historic sites around the state that are connected to the Civil War through educational efforts (brochures, websites, etc.)***

See ***Discussion of Louisiana Purchase Passport Program*** earlier in meeting minutes.

#### ***Promoting publications and archival collections connected to the Civil War in Arkansas and advocating donations of materials to appropriate repositories***

Nothing new to report

#### ***Promoting local observances that tell the local story***

Nothing new to report

#### ***Supporting efforts to teach and research Arkansas Civil War history in the state's schools and universities***

Nothing new to report

#### ***Supporting efforts to preserve and interpret the state's Civil War sites and documentary heritage and artifacts***

Nothing new to report

#### ***Develop a plan and procedure to secure funding and appropriations, and to secure, accept, and spend donations, and develop a legislative package for the 2009 Arkansas General Assembly***

The ***Legislative Update*** was presented by Marynell Branch earlier in meeting.

#### ***Explore ways to ensure that the Sesquicentennial celebration is inclusive of all Arkansans***

Nothing new to report

Richard Davies asked Mark Christ if the website would stream the 7 minute Commission video and Mark responded that Aristotle is scheduling it right now. Mark also added that the Commission has complete control of the content on the website.

Jamie Brandon asked who the Commission needs to thank for the 7 minute video. Richard Davies stated that he and Cathie Matthews split the cost. Richard Davies stated that he wrote the script and Cranford did the work.

Carolyn Ashcraft stated that she liked the 1 minute PSA idea that Laura Miller inquired about earlier. Richard Davies stated that he thought it would be fairly inexpensive to do. However, the Commission would have to figure out what the PSA would accomplish. He believes that the time to do this is when the commission is up and running.

Cathie Matthews announced Parks and Tourism, Game and Fish, Friends of Heritage, and the Nature Conservancy are funding a reception for the General Assembly on March 3, 2009 at 5:30 at the Train Station and the commission members are invited. Cathie asked if the Commission members could have name tags or something with the logo on it to wear to such events as the reception. She would like for people to be able to identify the Commission members.

Richard Davies stated that there would be food, booths from different agencies, and reenactors. He stated that this event is usually held at Rick's Armory, but this year they decided on the Train Station, which was cheaper. Tommie Dupree asked that all members that can try to attend the reception.

Carolyn Ashcraft stated that her committee has not met but she now has staff person who is overseeing the book activity and she has already been working on a Civil War related author book event for 2 of the five years of the Civil War Sesquicentennial in Arkansas.

### ***New Business***

Mark Kalkbrenner stated that he inquired about the ACWSC having a booth at the next Sons of Confederate Veterans conference. He stated that the video can be set up to loop on a monitor at the booth. There will also be internet connectivity and the visitors can go to the ACWSC website and brochures can be handed out. The conference is July 22-25, 2009, at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Richard Davies stated that perhaps visitors to the booth can look up where their relatives units were.

Mark Kalkbrenner stated that in October White Sulphur Springs Confederate Cemetery established a \$10,000 endowment for preservation special upkeep.

Mark added that a lady in Virginia has given 10 cases of books to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. They are first editions and one is letters and papers of our presidents up to Lincoln. A lot are unit histories and a few do have Arkansas ties.

Almost all are Civil War related. They were published before 1900. Mark was asked about storage of the books. The books are being stored at St. Joseph High School in Pine Bluff. Hopefully at some point the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be able to open a research facility in SW Arkansas. Jack Hill asked how many books were there and Mark replied that he has received 8 of the 10 cases so far and there are 10 to 12 books per case.

Several commission members gave suggestions of where the books should be housed (History Commission, Butler Center, Old State House, United Daughters of the Confederacy Confederate Research Library were some of the suggestions).

Carolyn Ashcraft stated that the Institute of Museum and Library Services awarded a grant across the country to museums and libraries to help preserve collections. The Grant County Museum received one. She suggested that Mark check with them on how to preserve this collection of newly acquired books. Carolyn also mentioned he could talk to the University of Arkansas Press about getting permission to reprint publications that are out of print.

Jamie Brandon stated that when the Commission gets down to creating a reading list for each of the events there may be a better feel for what is needed. Richard Davies added that Morningside Press reprints old books like the one acquired by Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Carolyn Ashcraft thanked Mark Christ for the Civil War newsletter. She stated that she has been sending them out to other libraries.

Carolyn asked if commissioners contact info is on the website. Mark Christ stated that it wasn't but he can have the information added if the Commission members would like. He stated that currently all emails come to him from the ACWSC site.

Mark Christ handed out flyers regarding the grand opening of the Lee and Grant exhibit in November at the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History. They will have a fund raiser event on the first night where Generals Lee and Grant will debate the Civil War.

Mark Kalkbrenner announced a couple of upcoming events that the Sons of Confederate Veterans is having. One is in Helena on March 14, 2009. It is the annual Patrick Cleburne memorial service which will focus more on his prewar life in Helena and since there is no record of a Masonic funeral for him group will be holding a memorial. On April 25 & 26 is the 145<sup>th</sup> of Marks' Mills. There will be a reenactment of the Battle of Marks' Mills. The reenactors will be camped in the state park and the battle will be taking place just down the road. Mark Christ asked commission members to please send him information on upcoming events so he can add the information to the website.

Marynell Branch announced that Don Hamilton resigned from the Commission so there is one commission vacancy to be filled by the Governor. Marynell explained that since funding in the form of a grant has been given to the ACWSC it is necessary for the

members to submit financial interest statements. She reminded all of the Commission members to please get the financial interest statements filled out as soon as possible. It was actually due at the end of January 2009.

Mark Kalkbrenner asked how detailed is the information needed that goes on the financial interest statement. Richard Davies and Marynell Branch explained some of the information required on the financial interest statement and Richard stated that the spousal information is required by law. Marynell stated that she would be happy to help anyone that has questions.

Carolyn Ashcraft introduced DuShun Scarbrough and everyone welcomed him to the meeting.

Jamie Brandon stated that the next meeting would be April 29, 2009. Mark Christ stated that the Commission could start having meetings throughout the state if the Commission is funded.

Carolyn Ashcraft asked if any of the visitors had questions or input to the meeting.

Carla Hines Coleman, of the Black History Commission, stood and introduced herself. She inquired about African American participation in the Sesquicentennial.

Tommie Dupree stated that the ACWSC has just finished getting organized and now ready to go to the public with the Commission's plans. Jamie Brandon added that from the very beginning of the creation of the Commission the members have wanted to broaden the mission of the ACWSC. The Commission seeks to tell a full range of stories of African Americans, women, and homefront experiences. Since there have been no events scheduled by the Commission there is no way to measure the effectiveness of the Commission yet.

Mark Christ offered to reshow the 7 minute ACWSC video at the end of the meeting for those who missed it earlier.

Mark Kalkbrenner spoke about what he is doing in Pine Bluff. A Cadet Corps was created, which is more of a preservation group. It started out at St. Joseph's High School, but it has grown. They took the name of Jefferson Guard, which was the name of a pre-war militia that became a part of the 15<sup>th</sup> Arkansas. Yesterday they started another company of that group where they mustarded 8 black students into the 1<sup>st</sup> Kansas Colored, which will be their designation. The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) are going to start carrying them along on their reenactments. Fifteen years ago, there was only 1 person interested, but now there is more interest and the SCV is also talking to UAPB students. They are excited.

Mark also stated that the SCV State Convention in White Hall this year and the SCV is meeting with Dr. Davis at UAPB today. In the last year and a half or so the SCV has rehabilitated the Wright Cemetery, which has Confederate stones from the Confederate

camp. The SCV has also moved the Jane Oliver Cemetery, which was the slave cemetery that was under the football field to the corner of the Wright Cemetery. The SCV wants to have a dedication service at UAPB for both the Confederate and slave cemeteries during the SCV State Convention. The meeting with Dr. Davis is to discuss these proposed events.

Jamie Brandon stated that Mr. Scarbrough said that the Civil War Sesquicentennial can be advertised on the Martin Luther King Commission site.

Ed Wood of the NPS Arkansas Post National Memorial stated that his organization has been having trouble with reenactors and the rules. He wanted to know if the ACWSC could have something binding when sanctioning an event that reenactors that will ensure that they follow the rules. Richard Davies stated that he did not believe the commission is capable of enforcing anything like that. He stated that sanctioning is to the site, not the participants. Anybody involved has to follow the site's rules. Mark Christ stated that the commission would take the information given by Ed Woods into consideration while working on sanctioning procedures. Everyone agreed that the event would have to follow the rules of the site and the Commission cannot set the rules for the site.

Gail Sear of Hot Springs National Park requested a copy of the 7 minute ACWSC video.

Bill Black of Ft. Smith NHS stated that they are getting ready to recruit some black students to the ROTC.

Jack Hill told the Commission that he still has some opportunities to tape some footage for use by the ACWSC of David O. Dodd and Memorial Day at National Cemetery.

Carolyn Ashcraft asked if AETN could rerun or make video available previous videos. Richard Davies stated that he believes AETN talked about rerunning the 3 part series on Civil War in Arkansas with updates.

Richard Davies moved and Carolyn Ashcraft seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.