

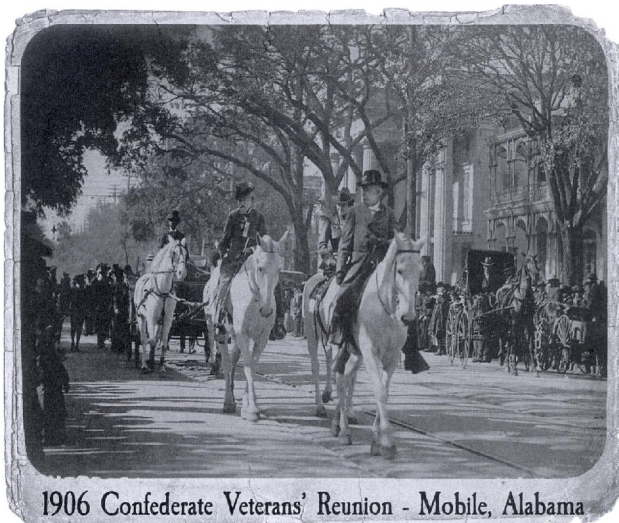


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1906 Confederate Veterans' Reunion - Mobile, Alabama

Please join the Major John C.
Hutto Camp on Sunday, July 21,
2019, at 2:00 pm for our regular
camp meeting

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**July 2019 is the 124th Sons of
Confederate Veteran's Reunion**

Greetings fellow members, compatriots and friends of the Major John C. Hutto Camp in Jasper, Alabama. The July newsletter comes to you from the historic city of Mobile, Alabama. Our faithful newsletter editor compiles the July newsletter during breaks from the 124th General Reunion in Mobile, Alabama. The 124th Reunion was hosted by the Raphael Semmes Camp 11, which has a rich history of defending the South against the northern invaders.

Mobile, Alabama, founded as the first capital of French Louisiana in 1702, has long been an important seaport and cultural center. Mobile was Alabama's largest city and the second largest cotton exporting port in the country prior to the War for Southern Independence. It was described by numerous military personages of the period as the best-fortified city of the Confederacy and it was the last major city to fall to the invaders. The H. L. Hunley was built in Mobile before being shipped to Charleston for use against

the blockading Union fleet shelling the city.

Mobile's historic Magnolia Cemetery with its Confederate Rest, contains the remains of 1,100 of our patriot dead from the War for Southern Independence. The cemetery also contains the remains of six Confederate generals and many other Confederate Veterans in family burial sites, and consists of 123 cares and more than 80,000 graves. The grave sites of Admiral Raphael Semmes and Father Abram Ryan, both honored with monuments in Mobile, are located in Mobile's Catholic Cemetery.

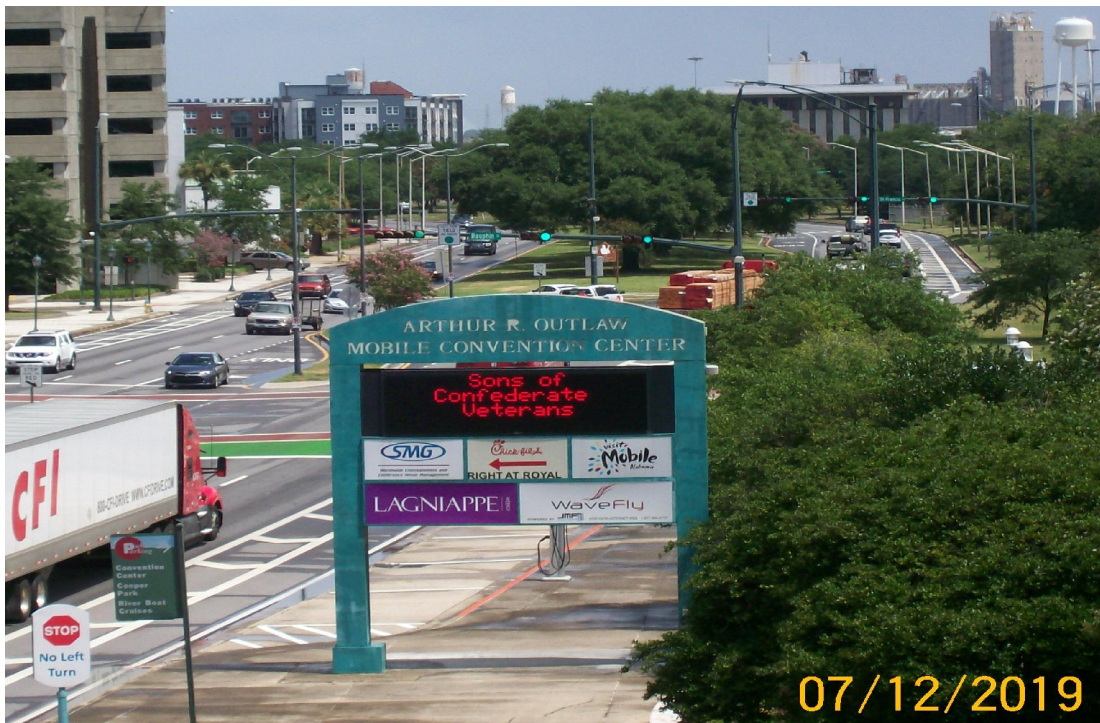
Prominently displaced on the Reunion's 2019 *Annual Book of Reports* is the statue of Admiral Raphael Semmes overlooking the Bankhead Tunnel in Downtown Mobile. It sits prominently on Government Street at Royal Street. From a letter written by the sculptor, Caspar Ruberl, in 1899, "The statue is eight feet six inches high. The pedestal is twelve feet high, which will be cut

in granite in Louisville, Ky., after my design. On this is a bronze panel with the ship '*Alabama*' and a descriptive plate with the words: 'Raphael Semmes, Commander C. S. Steamer *Alabama*, Rear Admiral C. S. Navy, Sailor, Patriot, Statesman, Scholar and Christian Gentleman.'"

The statue is a faithful reproduction. Mrs. Electra Semmes Colston, a daughter of the admiral, supplied the sculptor with many details to enable him to reproduce an accurate figure of her father.

On Sunday, June 25, 2000, members of the Raphael Semmes Camp 11, Mobile, Alabama, held a Rededication Ceremony of the Admiral Semmes Statue in Mobile, Alabama. The statue had originally been dedicated 100 years before on June 27, 1900.

Preceding information was taken from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, *Annual Book of Reports*.



The Mobile Convention Center displayed Welcome to the Sons of Confederate Veterans on their marquee for the Reunion's duration.



A Great Time had by ALL at the 2019 General SCV Reunion

The 2019 General Reunion began on Wednesday, 10 July 2019 with registration opening in the Riverview Hotel at 10:00am. Vendors were available by 12:00pm and offered many memorabilia items too numerous to name. The evening of the 10th, the Raphael Semmes Camp hosted a shrimp boil on the Battleship Alabama.

Thursday, July 11 festivities began with the SCV Prayer Breakfast at 6:30am, followed by more opportunities to register for the Reunion, and attend the Opening Ceremony at the Mobile Convention Center across the street from the host hotel. While the SCV members were attending the first business meeting, the ladies toured the Mardi Gras Museum. All attendees gathered in the Riverview, Bon Secour Bay room for the SCV Heritage Luncheon at 12:30pm. The

Kennedy Brothers gave a rousing appeal for the “Make Dixie Great Again” Confederate Legion Campaign.

The Semmes Camp arranged for a tour of the Fort McDermott Blakeley Battlefield in the afternoon.

Friday, July 12 continues the Reunion with Business Session #2, and the Awards Luncheon at noon. Here outstanding leaders of the SCV receive awards for their dedication, hard work and undying devotion to the cause for which the Confederate Flag stands.

The Semmes Camp arranges another superb tour to the Beauvoir in the afternoon, and a Memorial Service to fallen compatriots this past year at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception. The Cathedral is located a few blocks from the host hotel. And last but not least Past CIC Chuck McMichael hosts the annual Oratorical Contest at 8:00pm. The

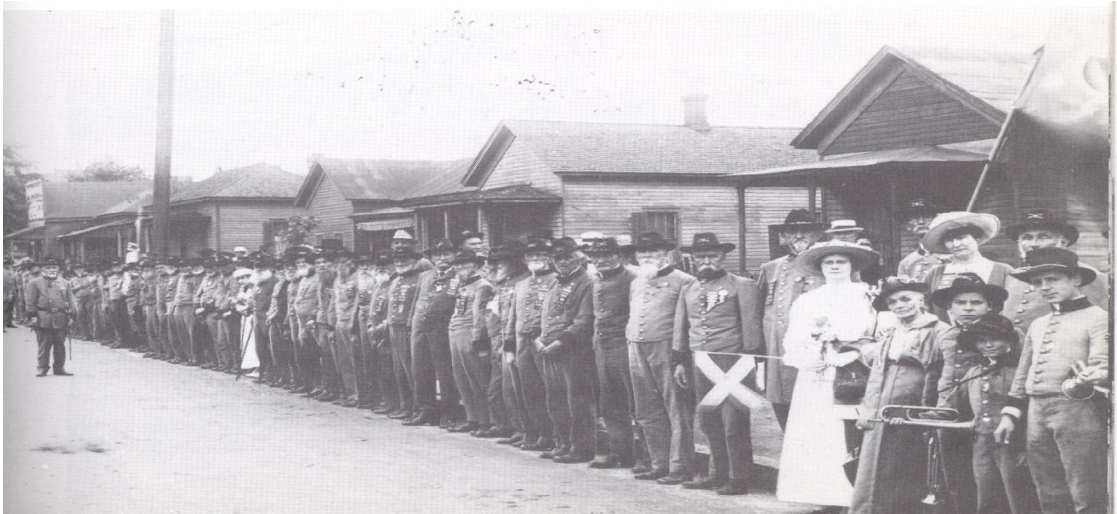
contest was a rousing success and entertainment extra ordinaire.

Saturday, July 13 finds the SCV compatriots attending another Business Session and Army Meetings. For those light on their feet, dance lesson's were at 3:30pm. The CIC's Reception was at 5:00pm, preparing for the Banquet and Grand Ball at 6:00pm. A Great Time was had by ALL at the 2019 General SCV Reunion. Thus ends the 2019 General SCV Reunion.

The 125th General Reunion will be in
Jacksonville, Florida, on
July 14-19, 2020

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The 2019 Annual Book of Reports,
 Commander-in-Chief History Committee,
 Charles McMichael, Chairman, page 17
 references the *Year Book & Minutes of the
 Thirty-First Annual Convention of the Sons of
 Confederate Veterans in the City of
 Birmingham, Ala., May 18-21, 1926.*

The Confederate Veterans met in Birmingham

for the fourth time in 1926. Earlier they had met
 in the city in 1894, 1908, and 1916. They are
 lined up for the parade just across from
 Woodrow Wilson Park, and some of their wives,
 daughters, sons, and grandsons are present. The
 veterans were becoming a “thin grey line” by
 1926. *Yesterday’s Birmingham*, Malcolm
 McMillan 1975.

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