

IN THE TRENCHES

A NEWSLETTER OF THE
LT. GENERAL JOHN C. PEMBERTON CAMP 1354
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Happy
New Year

Upcoming meetings

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm. Our meeting location is 216 Miller Street in the Disabled American Veterans building. Our website contains direction to the meeting location. Visitors are always welcome. If you would like to present a program, please contact Commander Edward Campbell at ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com
Below are the list of upcoming meetings and speakers:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
January 6, 2015	Edward Campbell	Robert E Lee
February 3	Josh Edwards	John Cashman CSA
March 3	Marion Roberson	J.S. Gage of the 11th MS

December Meeting

We gathered and had a real good night. The meeting was opened with prayer and our salutes and pledges. The opening prayer included a prayer for Jerry McWilliams and Sam Price. Wayne led his last meeting as Commander. The food was very good and the fellowship was a joy. After we ate Doctor McMillin presented the camp with a picture of Jefferson Davis done while he was Secretary or War. He then gave a shot talk about Jefferson and Joseph Davis in Warren County. Larry Holman and Eddy Cresap each gave a short talk on an ancestor. The theme of both presentations was "Telling a story that needs to be told". Thanks to Larry for the title. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

January Meeting, Lee Jackson Celebration

January is the birth month for General Lee and General Jackson. You will not hear much about this in the media. It is up to us as Sons of Confederate Veterans to spread the word about these two great Confederate gentleman. Start the month by attending our Lee Jackson celebration to arm yourself with information to broadcast. Bring your favorite finger food or desert for the celebration.

Update on Sam

Early in December, our compatriot and past camp commander Sam Price moved into the assisted living home, Belmont Gardens. This is on Wisconsin Ave. He is feeling well and his foot is healing. He looks forward to visitors. Sam plans to attend our January meeting. Please turn out to see him on his return.

New Officers for 2015

Congratulations are in order for the newly elected officers of our camp

Commander	Edward Campbell
First Lt	Eddy Cresap
2d Lt	Joel Bailey
Adjutant	Larry Holman
Chaplain	Brian Dabney
Sergeant at arms	Tom Dabney
Surgeon	Lamar McMillin

We need to all work together under the leadership of Commander Campbell to make this the best year ever. Give the new commander your thoughts for the upcoming year and even better volunteer to participate in the projects

March Meeting

The program for our March meeting will be done by descendants of J. S. Gage, 11th Mississippi Infantry. For a short review of J. S. Gage go to the October newsletter. The archived newsletters are on our website. This will be a do not miss!

The War in California

Rufus Henry Ingram first shows in history as a Confederate Captain with Quantrill's Raiders during the Lawrence Kansas Raid. It is thought he was General Price's liaison in Quantrill's organization. In 1863, Ingram met George Baker who was from San Jose, California while he was in Mexico. Southern California was a hot bed of Southern sympathizers and Baker was on the way east to join the Confederate Army. He complained to Ingram that the secessionists in California had no experienced leaders. Ingram was interested in going back to California with Baker to recruit soldiers for the Southern cause. In early 1864, Rufus Henry Ingram arrived in Santa Clara County with a Confederate commission as captain and organized about fifty local Knights of the Golden Circle and commanded them in what became known as Captain Ingram's Partisan Rangers.

These men rode through southern California robbing stage coaches of gold and silver to fund the Confederacy. On June 30, 1864, Ingram and his Partisan

Rangers committed what has become known as the Bullion Bend robbery. The men stopped two stage coaches 14 miles east of Placerville, California and got away with 40,000 dollars in silver. They gave the stage driver a receipt for the funds they “raised” for the Confederate Army.

During the pursuit, a deputy was killed during a shoot-out with the Rangers. Some of the rangers were captured late in August and the silver was recovered. After a trial in Placerville one man was hanged in 1865. Another was sentenced to twenty years of hard labor and the rest received a change in venue and were acquitted. After a failed bank robbery, Ingram returned to Missouri.

Changing the Name Against the Law

Our case against the University of Mississippi is still in the discovery stage. The Division Judge Advocate hopes to have a court date in 6 months or so.

UNFURL THAT FLAG

The following information is from the Confederate Veteran March 1904. The gallant men of the Third Consolidated Tennessee Regiment had stood manfully at their post of duty from Belmont to Bentonville, and even as the end came near were still ready for the continued struggle. After the surrender at Greensboro, North Carolina, the brave men from Tennessee started their long march home. On their route home as they approached Asheville, North Carolina, the men thought of the citizens of Asheville. They remembered the loyalty of the citizens, the attachment her people had for the cause, and the sacrifice and valor illustrated by her sons, from Manassas to Appomattox. It occurred to the Tennessee soldiers that the people of Asheville would like to see once more a body of soldiers marching under the loved flag of the South. As the column approached the city, the order was given to "Unfurl the flag" The soldiers would let Asheville's mothers and daughters see the battle flag waving once again over the sons of Tennessee. After the order was given the marching column underwent a transformation. Every man fell into line, firm, soldierly. Their listless look were gone, their languid eye now flashed again with patriotic flame. Their heads just bowed were now proudly held erect, and the warriors hearkened as the orders came. The ensign held the Confederate colors high with the color guards posted around it. The musicians took their places at the head of the column and struck up a Southern air as they entered the city. From every door and window waved a kerchief as the inmates of the homes thought of unburied sons or brothers upon the fields of Virginia. Along

the entire fence of the academic grounds the young girls stood, admiring the approaching line. As the battalion approached and reached the line of girls, the nearest said: "Let me touch that flag." She caught it and kissed it, and the next did likewise. As the ensign passed every girl, with head bowed and with tears in their eyes, paid this tribute of love and sympathy to the flag borne by the Confederates. That last unfurling was remembered as the men from Tennessee went westward thinking of their homes and families.

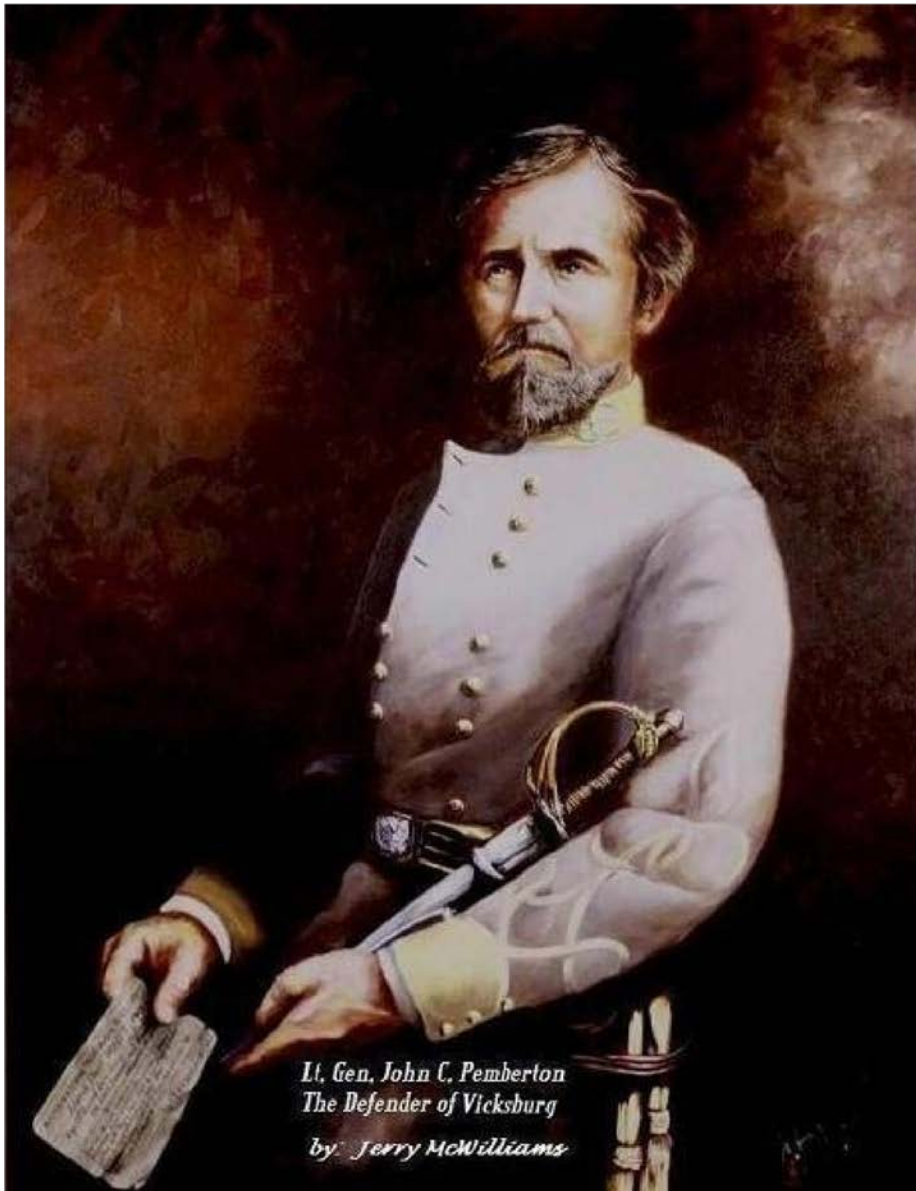
Newsletter

If anyone has read a good book, visited an interesting place, would like to post a bio of their Confederate ancestor, or just has a thought they would like to share with the membership, forward the article to me (charlescresap33@att.net) and I will place it in the next newsletter. Also if you have any ideas for making the newsletter better serve you, please let me know

Flag Restoration

In many cases the old veteran's battle flags are our last physical link to their valor. Many of their flags are in possession of the State of Mississippi Archives and History. There they are rotting away to dust. It is up to us as decedents of these brave men to preserve their battle flags for our descendants to see. There are three funding activities. Direct donations, SCV car tags, and sale of coffee cups. Our camp has a supply of coffee cups.

Poets Corner



JOHN C. PEMBERTON A CAREER SOLDIER

*Born in Pennsylvania in 1811
He entered West Point in 1831
He graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant
Assigned to the 4th Artillery*

*In Florida against the Seminoles
Was the first action he would
He participated in the fighting
At the Battle of Locha-Hatchee*

*In the Mexican-American war
Again he showed his bravery
There he was promoted to major
For his conduct and gallantry*

*When the civil war started
He chose to join the Confederacy
And it was the siege of Vicksburg
That put his name in history*

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John C. Pemberton Camp Website

Go to <http://scv-camp-1354.com/> to view our website. Thanks to our Webmaster Bill Fryer. Bill is creating a "Wall of Honor" for our ancestors. Check it out on the web site and add your ancestor. Also find directions to our meeting location

Gone With the Wind



The 1960 edition of the Sugar Bowl featured the 2nd ranked [Ole Miss Rebels](#), and the third ranked [LSU Tigers](#). Ole Miss 21 LSU 0

Chaplains Corner

For the Brethren:

In St. Luke's gospel account (2:1-14) we are told of shepherds being startled by an angel's appearance and were amazed by his message. These were not rich men. These were not learned scholars of the law. Shepherds were generally thought of as being part of the underclass of Jewish society. So it begs the question: Why did God send his messenger to those lowly shepherds? Our answer can be found in God's message to the prophet Isaiah:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways (55:8).

While these men were regarded as the dregs of their society, we should understand from Scripture that God often chooses the least of persons to carry out his will.

And so it was fitting for God to send his angel to these men as a token of his intention to have his Christ enter our world to serve in a similar capacity: the shepherd of men's souls (St. John 10:1-16; I St. Peter 2:21-25).

During this season of Advent, we celebrate the coming of our Lord into the world. And via our participation in the Supper of our Lord, we also remember the sacrifice he made our behalf. And so we ought to examine ourselves— identifying our several sins and trespasses— and then ask God to forgive and cleanse us of

them all. Furthermore, it is fitting that in all our worship we offer up to God our prayers of thanksgiving and give him the glory for this gift of the Christ child— his only begotten Son— who came to seek and save the lost; who came that we might have life and have it more abundantly; who came to announce the coming of God’s kingdom to a world darkened by Lucifer’s lies; and who came to free those who had been imprisoned in the dungeon house of death and despair. And so it has been for two millennia; nevertheless unbelievers have continued to question the truth of his coming, his nature and his bona fides. They cannot accept him as Saviour and Lord because they have not the heart to believe in him (Acts 8:37). They have not the heart because they see no need to repent of their wicked natures— their fornications, their thefts, their murderous hearts, their greed, their jealousies, their covetousness, their sorceries and their idolatries (Revelation 9:20-21). They are thus heavily laden with their sins, and, sadly, are not willing to part with them. Just as the character of Jacob Marley in Dickens’ A Christmas Carol explained to Scrooge concerning the creation of his particular chain, the Devil has helped the unregenerate forge that very chain which will eventually sink them into perdition should they fail to repent and come clean in Christ Jesus. Their consciences have been seared rendering them unable feel the sting of their sins (I St. Timothy 4:2). And unless God gives them a spirit of repentance, they will not be able to discern what their end will be (II St. Timothy 2:25- 26). The Bible tells us that there is no acceptance of repentance beyond this life. As the apostle Paul has written, Now is the day of salvation (II Corinthians 6:2) and so it follows that now is the time to repent and turn unto Christ. Our Lord came into this world so that none would perish if they would but turn from their sins and trespasses and embrace him as Saviour and Lord (St. John 3:16-18). He came to break those chains of sin and death, and free us forever from Satan’s grasp. Isaiah the prophet penned the following description of the Messiah’s work on our behalf: The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound: to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD... (61:1-2a). While we cannot force others to accept the Saviour, we can witness to them. We can tell them of the goodness of our Lord and God and encourage them to join us in giving him the glory and praise he deserves for extending to us so wonderful a gift. Christian worship— in both the spoken word and in humble song— ought to reflect our love for God and our acceptance of his gift of grace. And it should reflect our willingness to figuratively go to Bethlehem and seek the presence of our Lord and Saviour. We can do that in

several ways, 1) by cheerfully being present every time the church door opens; 2) through our prayer time each day where we lay before God our cares and concerns for those around us as well as ourselves; and 3) through our reading of the scriptures as they tell us of God's expectations for us if we would but read and inwardly digest them. For everything written within the Holy Bible speaks of God's great glory and if we follow its teachings, it will be to our eternal good. And so from the beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelation, the plan of God for his own has been set forth in plain language. As St. Paul noted in his second epistle to St. Timothy, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (3:16-17). Since the beginning, God has provided mankind with the liberty of choice. As Moses encouraged the children of Israel, I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live (Deuteronomy 30:19). Nevertheless, God knew mankind would take this liberty and turn away, so he planned from before time to send the second person of the Trinity to take on mortal flesh and walk among us. He came to experience what we experience, to see all that we see and feel all that we feel. He came not only to witness our infirmities, but to face them as well. He came, he faced them, and in so doing he did not sin. He did not succumb as each of us has done in the past to the lures of the world, the flesh and the Devil. He gave himself for us and died that we might live with him forever if and only if, we accept him as Saviour and Lord and are obedient to his word and commandment. You cannot expect God to bless you and save you if you are not willing to be obedient to his word written. Several years ago, I found an apt description of the Bible which is as follows:

The Bible: God's Holy Book

This Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, the Christian's charter. Christ is its subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is given to you in life, will be opened in judgment, and remembered

forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy precepts. (Author Unknown)

So as we celebrate our Lord's first advent, let us give thanks to God for his wonderful gift to us: who came as that little babe in Bethlehem and will one day come again in power and great glory as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Let us pray,

O most gracious Father, long ago you promised through your holy prophets that the Messiah would come to save us from this body of sin and death; and, as we remember his humble birth, so help us also to watch for his coming again in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords; all which we ask in that name which is above every name, even Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

Mississippi Division Guardian Program

The Purpose of the program is to honor the memory of our Confederate ancestors and through its implementation will provide the preservation of their final resting places and will document for future generations their sacrifices. Any Mississippi Division camp member in good standing, who is at least 12 years of age and who has demonstrated his desire and ability to serve as a GUARDIAN may apply for the program. All compatriots are encouraged to participate in the program to honor our ancestors and to protect their final resting place.

The guardian shall care for and protect the grave(s) of a Confederate Veteran, ensuring that the gravesite is kept clean and well maintained year round. He shall perform these duties personally unless he is physically unable because of health reasons. At no time shall these responsibilities be passed on to another without the approval of the GUARDIAN committee for the Alabama Division.

He will be responsible to appropriately mark the grave so it is designated as a final resting place of a Confederate Veteran. This can be by stone, plaque, Cross of Honor, etc.

He will also be responsible for replacing or repairing any marker that is worn, damaged or destroyed.

He shall personally visit the grave a minimum of two times a year to include Confederate Memorial Day or at least one week prior. He shall place a wreath or a small Confederate flag or both on the grave.

If you are interested in the program contact me at charlescresap33@att.net for an application and more details.

Friends of Beauvoir

Beauvoir the Home of Jefferson Davis is Owned and Operated by the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Here is an Invitation to give the Past a Future!

Go to http://www.beauvoir.org/Support_Beauvoir/index.html for details.

Bricks for Beauvoir

The plans are for a brick plaza around the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Each brick would cost \$50.00 and would have the name of a Confederate ancestor of members of the SCV who give to the effort. "The Bricks for Beauvoir" Project is spearheaded by Larry McCluney, Past Commander of the Mississippi Division. Thirteen columns, in a crescent, will represent the 13 States of the Confederacy and will fly the flag of each respective State. By purchasing an Ancestral Memorial Brick for just \$50.00 each, your money will go to rebuilding a national treasure. Each brick will be laid, memorializing your ancestor, in a plaza around the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier at Beauvoir.

Fourth Brigade Picnic

The Fourth Brigade Picnic will be Co-Sponsored by the Jefferson Davis Camp 1862 and the Lowry Rifles 1740. Start time will be 10:30 at the Historic Newton Doolittle C.S.A. Cemetery on Saturday March 28, 2015.

Memorial Service in Quitman

A Living History Encampment and Memorial Service will be held on February 28, 2015 in Quitman at Mary Carter Park with the Memorial Service at the Confederate Cemetery just outside the city limits. For more information, please contact Dianne Carlin at dianne.l.carlin@gmail.com or by calling 601-678-5382.

Lee Jackson at Summit

It is my pleasure to announce the 3rd Brigade Lee/Jackson Banquet to be held Jan 17, 2015. The guest speaker will be Mr. Tomas V Strain, Jr. Lt Commander in Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. For additional information please contact:

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120th Mississippi Division Convention

2015 Division will be in Columbus MS hosted by the General William Barksdale Camp 1220.

Upcoming National Conventions

2015 – Richmond

2016 – Dallas/Ft. Worth

2017 – Memphis

Stephen Dill Lee Institute

The **Stephen Dill Lee Institute** will be held Dallas, Texas at the Double Tree Hotel on February 6-7, 2015 and will be hosted by the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The overall topic will be THE REAL RESULTS OF 1865.

Please register on the website or contact Ms. Cindy White at 1-800-My Dixie. Hotel reservations can be made directly at the hotel or as specified on this website.

Please feel free to contact me at 804- 389- 3620 or visit our website at www.StephenDLeeInstitute.com for further information.

Division Newsletter

At our Division Convention in June, a motion was made and passed to go electronic with the Jeff Davis Legion Newsletter. Our method to distribute the “Legion” will be to notify the Camp Adjutants and/or Commanders when the Legion is posted on the Mississippi Division website. A link to the newsletter will be provided. It will be the duty of the Camp Adjutant to provide the link to their members. The Adjutant will have to print copies for members who do not have computers or access to the internet for mailing or handout. If the mailing of the “Legion” becomes too great a financial burden for a Camp, the Division will consider re-assuming the mailing of those copies.

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