

IN THE TRENCHES

A NEWS LETTER OF THE
LT GENERAL JOHN C. PEMBERTON CAMP 1354
VICKSBURG MISSISSIPPI
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

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Eddy Cresap

Commander
Editor

"Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance. Our cause was so just, so sacred, that had I known all that has come to pass, had I known what was to be inflicted upon me, all that my country was to suffer, all that our posterity was to endure, I would do it all over again."

Jefferson Davis

Commander's Column

Dear Compatriot's

Christmas is almost here and by the time you receive this column, it will be over for another year. I pray God's blessings on all of you for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May we keep the Spirit of Christmas and gift of God, his Son our Lord, in our hearts each and every day of the Year. In this month's column, you will be challenged to recruit and bring into our Camp, one new member. I wish to echo this, our membership could double if every member would help to recruit one new member. Please target someone to bring to the next meeting and give that person info. on our organization. In the New Year, we need to all be aware of attempts to change our Heritage, especially with the upcoming Mississippi Bicentennial and the New Bicentennial Flag. Please contact your Legislators and pin them down on their position and let them know your position on any attempt to change the state flag. Our next meeting will be on January 3, I will be giving a short talk on Stonewall Jackson. January is of course, the birthday month of two great Southerners and Americans, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. Please make plans to attend our Lee-Jackson Dinner at Goldie's Restaurant on Saturday January 14 at 6 P.M. Ron Kennedy of the famous Kennedy Brothers will be our speaker and you are in for a very challenging talk. Please make plans to attend. I will be sending reminders out by the 1st of January, I will need a headcount to give a number to Goldie's. You may let me know by email if you are attending. We have a lot to look forward to in the New Year. In April, we will be hosting the statewide Confederate Memorial Day and we will need help from everyone in the Camp in order to make this a success. We will begin making plans at the January 3 meeting. Please attend if you can.

God Bless all of you and Merry Christmas.

Edward Campbell , Commander.

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. Bring a visitor to our next meeting. Thanks to Commander Edward for providing great programs. Below are the list of upcoming meetings and speakers. Commander Edward Campbell is looking for members to volunteer to present a program next year

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
January 3, 2017	Jackson tribute	Edward Campbell
January 14	Ron Kennedy	"If I had known"--Lee and the South Post-Appomattox.
February 7	Rickey Pittman	"Bard of the South".
March 7	Doctor McMillin	History of his House
April 4	Business meeting	

December Meeting

Our Christmas Bash was opened with a prayer, pledges and salutes. The food table was tasty and the stories were delightful. Thanks to all who brought goodies. Mr. John Elfer submitted his application for membership and was voted into our camp. If you know John give him a big congratulation. Our organization's continued existence and the ability to meet our charge in the future is contingent on bringing in new members. If every one brought in one new member, we would double our membership in a year. Everyone should identify one man to target for membership in 2017. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

UNFURL THAT FLAG

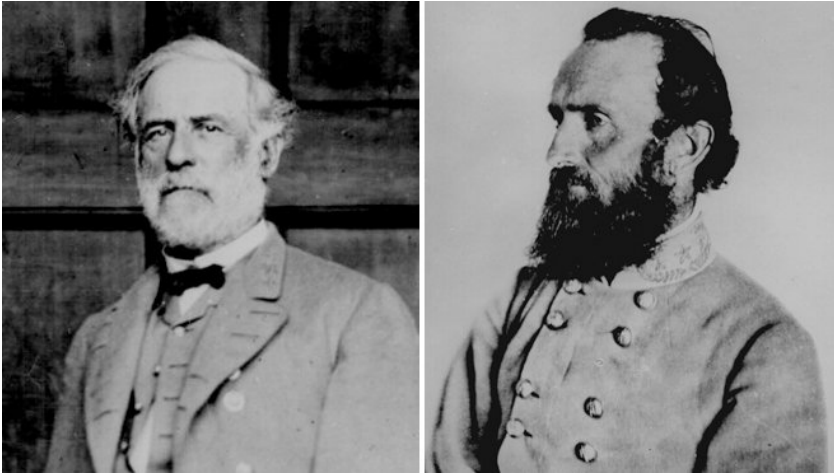
The following information is from the Confederate Veteran March 1904. The gallant men of the Third Consolidated Tennessee Regiment had stood manfully at their post of duty from Belmont to Bentonville, and even as the end came near were still ready for the continued struggle. After the surrender at Greensboro, 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 was 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.

Bicentennial flag



The haters of our heritage never give up. After a failure they not only double down on that strategy but develop a new and innovative way to destroy the symbols of our heritage. A case study of this strategy is the war against our flag of the great state of Mississippi . You all know the efforts of the past to force removal of our present state flag. Popular votes, court cases, arm twisting of legislatures and proposed constitutional amendments' are some examples that have so far failed. These efforts have all been opposed by the majority of the people of the state but a very vocal minority continue to carry the fight against our heritage. Their lack of victories has left, our left leaning cities and universities to lower our beautiful state flag. Now as a very important event to our state, the bicentennial of our statehood, will come a new effort to change our state flag. They have devised a flag to celebrate the bicentennial. This flag will fill the empty flag poles around the state. There will be resolutions celebrating our bicentennial and the flag developed to celebrate the occasion. Along with this fell good movement, there will be a continued effort to change our state flag in the legislature. One of the "hate the flag" strategies is to over the year of our bicentennial to gather momentum to have this flag to replace our current flag. My position is as always no compromise no surrender. Contact your representative and Senator in Jackson and voice your opinion on our state flag. The speaker of the house will continue his effort to erase our proud heritage.

Lee Jackson 2017



The John C Pemberton camp is hosting our annual Lee Jackson Banquet. at Goldies Trail BBQ on January 14th 2017 at 6:00 PM. Commander Campbell has announced that prominent southern author Ron Kennedy will be our speaker. We will eat Southern BBQ off of a buffet. No pre paid ticket is required, just pay after the meal. Commander Campbell needs a headcount a couple of days in advance so there will be enough food on the table. Hope you can attend. Goldies is on the South frontage road in Vicksburg.

January 9, 1861



On January 9, 1861, the state of Mississippi left the union and raised the Bonnie Blue Flag.

Broken



On the way to work this month, I noticed the broken sign. Those who have not seen this, it is about a mile south of Yokena on the right side of Highway 61. I have no idea when, why, or how it was broken, Archives and history has been contacted for how to proceed.. The department has no funds to replace broken signs. MDOT has been contacted and appears to have no interest in replacing the marker. The Governor and Senator Hopson have been contacted for assistance. Senator Hopson has responded that he will try to help.

What Did they Say

"I enlisted with the hope and desire of rendering aid to the great and glorious cause of Southern independence, prompted by principle, religiously believing that the time had arrived when we were justifiable in resisting Northern aggression, and even at the expense of this once unparalleled Republic. As for my part, I don't want to survive a subjugation of my country." --Col. John Goodner, 7th Tennessee

New Year's Resolution

How can I continue to meet the charge given to me by General Steven D Lee and encourage others to take up the charge

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Confederate Memorial Month Service

Thanks to Bryan for the picture



The John C. Pemberton Camp has been asked by the Mississippi Division and we have accepted the offer to host the 2017 Mississippi Division Confederate Month Memorial Service. The service will be held on Saturday April 23 2017 at Soldiers Rest. The service will also be for the newly installed Coopers Well dead.

2017 Plans For Our Camp

If you have something in your mind you would like the camp to do in 2017, please email me (charlescresap33@att.net) and I will pass it on to Commander Edward.

Newsletter,

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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, Please forward the article to me (charlescresap33@att.net) and I will place it in the next newsletter.

Honor Your Ancestor

I challenge every one to prepare a short presentation about your Confederate ancestor to present at a camp meeting. If your presentation is about 5 minutes, we will have a spot on the agenda every month for a short presentation. Contact Eddy to be placed on the agenda. If your presentation is longer, contact Edward to make your presentation as one of our camp programs. Also if you have a picture of your ancestor, bring a copy to put on our Wall of Honor. Commander Campbell has added a picture of one of his ancestors to our Wall of honor.

Southern Gentleman's Brown Bag Lunch Club

Like minded individuals gather every third Tuesday of the month for a Brown bag lunch and pleasant conversation. You pick what is in your brown bag for lunch and what you want to talk about. There is no protocol, agenda, or speaker just good fellowship. This next event will be on January 17th at high noon at 216 Miller Street in the Disabled Veterans Building. The John C. Pemberton Sons of Confederate Veterans will be the host for the luncheon. Ladies are welcome. SCV memberships is not required. This is one of the high points of my month.

Vicksburg "War to Prevent Southern Independence" (Civil War) Roundtable

A round table has been organized in Vicksburg. The group meets on the third Monday of each month . They meet in the Baer house at 7:00 PM. The Baer house is located at 1117 Grove street.

California Wants to Secede

When these separatist are asked about the comparison of the South leaving the union, the "secede California rep" said the difference is their motives are right. What were their "right reasons? They are unhappy with the newly elected president and believe that California gives more money to the federal government than it receives. Any of this sound familiar?

Poet' s Corner (Thanks Joel)

A REBEL SOLDIERS LETTER

Joel T. Bailey

Dear Mom

I'm sorry I haven't written lately
But things have been really bad
And we've tried to get some sleep
In what free time we've had

I wish I was back in Mississippi
Down at the old fishing hole
And I would like to trade this rifle
For my old cane fishing pole

We've been marching and fighting
It seems like for two solid days
And all the smoke in the air
Hangs over the land like a haze

I heard some of the fellows saying
That we're now up in Tennessee
And a lot of Yankees are up ahead
And what a fight it's gonna be

Mom you remember Jimmy Jones
Who lived just across the way
It will be hard but if you see his folks
Tell them he was killed yesterday

I know this letter ain't very long
But right now it's the best I can do
And I hope if we make it to Nashville
I can some how get it sent to you

Well the sun is going down now
And it's getting too dark to see
So I'll end by saying I love you Mom
And please don't worry about me

Your Son

Chaplains Corner Thanks Bryan

For the Brethren

As we have our annual Lee-Jackson Celebration coming up next month, I thought it might be nice to hear what others had to say about the Christian faith of these two notable sons of the South. Senator B. H. Hill of Georgia once said in a speech before the Southern Historical Society regarding General Lee, “When the future historian shall come to survey the character of Lee, he will find it rising like a huge mountain above the undulating plain of humanity, and he will lift his eyes high toward Heaven to catch its summit. He possessed every virtue of other great commanders without their vices. He was a foe without hate; a friend without treachery; a soldier without cruelty; a victor without oppression, and a victim without murmuring. He was a public officer without vices; a private citizen without wrong; a neighbor without reproach; a Christian without hypocrisy, and a man without guile. He was Caesar, without his ambition; Frederick, without his tyranny; Napoleon, without his selfishness, and Washington, without his reward. He was obedient to authority as a servant, and royal in authority as a true king. He was gentle... modest... in thought; watchful...in duty; submissive to law... and grand in battle...” Chaplain J. William Jones said of him, “When Chaplain Lacy told [General Lee] of the deep interest which the chaplains felt in his welfare, and their fervent prayers for him, tears swelled in his eyes and he confessed, ‘I sincerely thank you for that, and I can only say that I am nothing but a poor sinner, trusting in Christ alone, and that I need all the prayers you can offer for me.’” General Lee was a strong Christian who both read his Bible and prayed regularly. Throughout his life, he held the Godhead in reverence and sought to order his life by his precepts as set forth in Scripture. As for General Thomas J. Jackson, we have the testimony of Dr. Moses D. Hoge who said of him, “It was in the noon-tide of Jackson’s glory that he fell; but what a pall of darkness suddenly shrouded all the land in that hour. If any illustration were needed of the hold he had acquired on the hearts of our people, on the hearts of the good and brave and true throughout all the civilized world, it would be found in the universal lament which went up everywhere when it was announced that Jackson was dead— from the little girl at the Chandler house, who ‘wished that God would let her die in his stead, because then only her mother would cry; but if Jackson died, all the people of the country would cry’— from this humble child up to the Commander-in-Chief, who wept as only the strong and brave can weep.” General Francis H. Smith, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute also noted that, “The military career of General Jackson fill the most brilliant and momentous page in the history of our country, and in

the achievements of our arms, and he stands forth a colossal figure in this War for our independence. His country now returns him to us— not as he was when he left us. His spirit has gone to God, who gave it. His mutilated body comes back to us— to his home— to be laid by us in his tomb. Reverently and affectionately we will discharge this last solemn duty. And ‘Though his earthly sun has set, its light shall linger round us yet, bright— radiant— blest!’ Reverence the memory of such a man as General Jackson. Imitate his virtues, and here, over his lifeless remains, reverently dedicate your service and life, if need be, in defense of that cause so dear to his heart— the cause for which he fought and bled— the cause in which he died.” General Jackson was a Bible-believing Christian who encouraged his men to pray and to study the word of God for their eternal good. Over the course of his life, Thomas Jackson held firm to the word of God. Both of these men earned their reputations in the years preceding the War for Southern Independence. Their dedication to the Southern cause and their zeal earned them the respect of their soldiers and the people of the Confederate States as well. Their shared faith in the LORD was and remains an inspiration for all who would lead godly lives in Christ Jesus.

Let us pray,

Father we thank you for the witnesses of Robert E. Lee and Thomas Jonathan Jackson; that we might look upon them as fit examples for us to follow as we travel this road of life; all of which we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Cooper's Well Stones come to Vicksburg May 28th



The Pemberton Camp has coordinated with others in the third brigade to set 47 stones in one of the lots we control in Cedar Hill. Thanks to Trent Lewis for being the sparkplug for this effort, Wayne McMaster for being the camp's point man in setting up this effort and Bryan Skipworth for repairing the broken stones and placing many stones in the ground. These men died at Mississippi Springs and were buried at Cooper's well. The Coopers Well location is not available for Confederate stone placement so these stones have laid on the ground for 15 years waiting for a home. On May 28th the stones were delivered to Cedar Hill. There was a 3d brigade work day on July 16 resulting in all stones being installed. A memorial service is planned in conjunction with our annual April Memorial Service There are three more stones to be delivered and set. Thanks to all who were a part of this effort. Go to:

http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~taleese/soldiers_rest_vicksburg/cooper_wells/cooper_wells.htm

for more info, thanks anna

Ole Miss Plaque



Ole Miss has installed a context plaque at the Confederate monument on campus. The Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans has revived a lawsuit against the University of Mississippi asking for a court order to remove the informational plaque placed near the Confederate monument. The complaint also ask for name of Confederate Drive to be reinstated. The monument needs no context as it's meaning is clear and etched in stone. Translated from the Greek inscription in memory of the University Grays: "Go, stranger, and to Sparta tell, that here, obeying her commands, we fell"

Confederate General Confederate Birthdays in January

General Robert E Lee	19 January 1807
Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury	14 January 1806
Lt General Thomas Jonathan Jackson	21 January 1824
Lt General James Longstreet	8 January 1821
Lt General Richard Taylor	27 January 1826

Lt General Richard Taylor



Richard Taylor was born on January 27, 1826. near Louisville Kentucky. His grandfather and namesake was a Virginian who served in the American revolution as an officer. He grew up on the American frontier as the son of an army officer, Zachary Taylor. Richard Taylor attended Harvard and Yale. His father served in the Mexican war where his son served as an aide de camp. When his father Zachary became the 12th president of the United States , Richard managed the family business in Jefferson county Mississippi and St Charles parish La. While in Louisiana, he married into a rich Creole family and entered politics. His sister Sara Knox married future president Jefferson Davis, his first wife. When the War to prevent Southern Independence started, Braxton Bragg ask him to assist him in Pensacola Florida. While drilling troops in Pensacola he was commissioned Colonel of the 9th La infantry. On the fields of Virginia, his regiment was eager to join the fight but arrived at Manassas Junction hours after the Confederate victory. In October 1861 Taylor was prompted to brigadier General and give command of a La brigade fighting under General Jackson in the Valley and then led his men in the peninsular campaign. Taylor was prompted to Major General (the youngest in the

army) and ordered to Louisiana to raise troops for the trans-Mississippi department. As Taylor was devising a plan to recapture Southern Louisiana including New Orleans, his commander Kirby Smith ordered Taylor to the western bank of the Mississippi river to try and assist in lifting the siege at Vicksburg. The effort did not provide the results they wanted and Taylor marched south to liberate New Orleans. When he learned Port Hudson had fallen, he withdrew his forces. In the Red River campaign in 1864, Taylor defeated the Yankee invaders. He was promoted to Lt General in April 64 and in the last days of the war Taylor was given command of the department of Alabama, Mississippi and east Louisiana. In this position, Lt General Richard Taylor surrendered his forces at Citronella Alabama. After the war, he found his home and property destroyed and moved to New Orleans until his wife's death in 1875. After his wife's death he and his daughter moved to Winchester Virginia where he worked on his memoirs " Destruction and Reconstruction. He died in New York City and was buried in Metairie La out side of New Orleans. I am proud that General Taylor and I have a common ancestor.

SAR

As our ancestors left the Union and marched off to defend their homeland from a vicious Yankee horde, they believed they were fighting a second American Revolution. Independence was their goal just as the fathers and grandfathers had fought for in the First American Revolution. The Joseph Warren Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold a meeting on January 5 at 6:00. The meeting will be at Goldies on the South frontage road. Eddy Cresap will provide the program, "A March to Boston"

March in Monroe for Mardi Gras

Want to help the Sons of Confederate Veterans reach close to 100,000 or more people? Make plans now to participate in the Monroe Louisiana Mardi Gras Parade - February 18, 2017 -- 6:00pm. I know this is around eight months away but start making plans now. We need to have the largest showing of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the parade that has ever been seen. Mark your calendars!

John C. Pemberton Camp Website

Go to <http://scv-camp-1354.com/> to view our website. Thanks to our Webmaster Bill Fryer. Bill has 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 You will also find about three years of archived newsletters

John C. Pemberton on Facebook

Thanks to Sid Johnson, Larry Holman and Jeff Cartwright, the John C. Pemberton camp has a facebook page. It looks real good, thanks guys. Now we have to continue using this social media page to our advantage in educating the uninformed on the true history of our cause. Ask your friends to checkout our page

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. Ask me about cups. You get the SCV specialty tags at the court house, just ask.

Third Brigade Lee Jackson

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Consider this as your special invention to attend the 3rd Brigade Lee/Jackson Banquette.

Where: Tangipahoa Baptist Church
7555 Thompson Road
Summit, MS 39666

When: January 21, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

It is old fashion POT LUCK or covered dish which ever you prefer. We have a special guest speaker and the band scheduled to play some good blue grass.

May God Bless,

Joe Abbott

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Beauvoir



Remember, We, The Mississippi Division, own Beauvoir. We should visit and support this beautiful spot. This is the last home of the only President of the Confederate States of America.

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.

2017 Mississippi Division Reunion

This is an election year for Mississippi Division officers. The reunion will be in Oxford Mississippi. The Annual Division Convention shall commence at 12 noon on the Friday following the 3rd of June (Jefferson Davis' birthday) unless otherwise ordered by the Division Convention or the Executive Council. This would put the 2017 meeting on the 9th of June in 2017.

2017 Mississippi Reunion Officer Announcements

Commander of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

- Marc S. Allen

3rd Brigade Commander

- Trent Lewis

Beauvoir Board of Directors

- Mike Wooten

Upcoming Mississippi Division Reunion Locations

2017 The University Greys camp 1803 and Calhoun Avengers Oxford, Ms

2018 Private Samuel A. Hughey camp 1452 Southaven, Ms

2019 The Rankin Rough and Ready's camp Brandon, Ms

Upcoming National Conventions

2017 Memphis Tennessee July 20-22 2017

2018 Franklin Tennessee

2019 Mobile Alabama

Forrest Park Court update 12-13-16

Chancery Court of Shelby County heard the Historic Parks case yesterday. The proceedings went quite well, but no decision is expected until at least January, 2017.

The plaintiff's (SCV) made the first presentation outlining our case against the Memphis City Council and our request for a Summary Judgment. We noted the 1899 Ordinance establishing Bedford Forrest Park and NO action having ever been made by the city or council to override this ordinance.

Confederate Park and Jefferson Davis Park were created by the former Memphis Park Commission.

We further made an examination of the City Charter and the Tennessee state Home Rule laws of 1949 & 1966 which apply to Memphis, noting that none of these permit a city/municipality to enact laws superior to the state law. In addition we pointed out the April 2000 city ordinance that modified the charter and abolished the Park Commission and transferred all park authority to the mayor and the division of park services, again pointing out that state law calls for a separation of the legislative function (city council) from the administrative (mayor), and that the council has no authority to rename a park under the purview of the mayor. Thus the council's resolution to rename the 3 historic parks is illegal, and especially so in the matter of Forrest Park which was created by ordinance and can only be changed by a like ordinance (not a resolution) – again noted in state case law.

The City argued heavily that their charter and Home Rule legislation gives them the authority to do whatever they want to. They also claimed that the (now former) mayor agreed with the resolution and introduced a statement from the ex-mayor. However, they offered NO proof that the mayor took any positive action to comply with any resolution.

At the conclusion the chancellor (judge) asked that each side submit a summary of their arguments by next week, and he would make a ruling after the first of the year (which could be late Jan or Feb, noting the lengthy time that most cases are decided).

I will keep you informed of any developments. Thank you for your support, and please continue to send donations and financial support to our cause to save these historic parks:

Forrest Camp 215 SCV, PO Box 11141, Memphis, TN 38111

A sincere Thank You for your support.

Lee Millar

N.B. Forrest Camp 215

Memphis

“Defending the Parks”

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