

IN THE TRENCHES

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We have but one flag, one country; let us stand together. We may differ in color, but not in sentiment. Many things have been said about me which are wrong, and which white and black persons here, who stood by me through the war, can contradict.

Commander's Column

Dear Compatriots,

It is hard to believe that Christmas 2017 is now History and that we are facing a new year. Christmas is my favorite Holiday by far, largely because of what it stands for if you are a Christian. Emmanuel, God With Us, the fact that God came to earth to Save us as the song says, "from Satan's power When we were gone astray". That fact really is Comforting and Joyful. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 2, and the speaker will be our own Thomas Dabney who will speak on the topic of "Politically Incorrect papers, A defense of the flag of Mississippi." Please come to this informative meeting and bring a friend. I also will be in need of speakers beginning in the month of June, so if you know of anyone or if you would like to do a program, please let us know. I am sure that all of you have topics that you would be interested in talking about.

We are all saddened and discouraged by the recent events in Memphis, just before Christmas. The issue with Confederate monuments has not gone away just because it is not mentioned in the news media much anymore. Many of these are, like Memphis, being done in a sneaky, underhanded way quickly and at night to avoid any confrontation. We must make our voices known, but always in a Christian and Gentlemanly way. Please remember that you are representing men such as Lee, Jackson, Davis and Forrest and always voice your opposition but in the proper way. We are also winning battles and we must never get discouraged or give up the fight. I urge all of you to Pray for the Confederacy's vindication, as I pray for it every night. It will come one day.

Please remember our Lee-Jackson Dinner on January 20. We are selling tickets and I will again be selling them at the Jan. 2 meeting. You can also call me or contact me by mail for the tickets. If writing a check, please make it out to John C. Pemberton Camp, 1354, SCV. Don't forget our change of venue for the Lee-Jackson Dinner, it will be at Toney's this year. I am as always asking everyone to dress in Traditional Church attire.

The Speaker for our Banquet will be Historian Brandon Beck from Columbus, who will speak on "Lee and Jackson's first meeting".

God Bless each of you and I hope that you all have a very Happy New Year.

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 2 papers: A	Thomas Dabney	"Politically Incorrect defense of the state flag "
Jan 20 Lee Jackson	Brandon Beck	First Lee Jackson meeting
Feb 6	Sam Price	Ancestors at Vicksburg siege
March 6	Doctor Walter Johnson	Confederate Monuments
April 3	Marc Thompson	

Christmas Bash

The food was awesome as was the fellowship. The stories included a recap of Joel Baileys trip to Gettysburg, Eddy's story of a slave left to guard the plantation and Missus of the plantation, Edwards's explanation of the song the 12 days of Christmas, and a story by Doctor McMillin story ending with the Forrest final speech to his troops that told them to go home and become good citizens

Lee Jackson

For this year's Lee Jackson, we will pre-sell tickets. You must buy a ticket ahead of time. The price is based on what you order and it includes the entree, vegetables, drink and tip.

- Grilled Chicken \$21
- Fried Catfish \$24
- Friend Shrimp \$29
- Ribeye \$36

Wives and children are invited to attend.

We will sell tickets at the January meetings and then set a deadline of Monday Jan. 15.

Upcoming Events

Lee Jackson	January 20
Confederate Memorial day	April
Spring Flea market	April 14

Spring flea market

We have a reserved spot for the 2018 Flea Market. The tentative date is April 14. We will need participation as always so I am asking all of you to please be available to help out that day if possible. We will be selling items as well as getting the petitions' signed.

CSS Arkansas

At our December meeting a resolution was passed, to pursue funding for the Stone memorializing the men on the CSA Arkansas that died in defense of fortress Vicksburg .

The item will be on the agenda at our January meeting. Research has shown there are the 23 who were killed aboard the CSS Arkansas and are buried at Cedar Hill. None of the men have headstones or markers and with the struggle from the VA they probably never will.

So we have designed a memorial for them all to be placed on a single VA style marker (the pattern of Douglas the Camel) and I just got the price. I am hoping we can do this amongst our Camp Members (I would like for this to be our project), right now the total cost is at \$800.00. The blank marker is \$350.00 and to add the design to it costs \$450.00.

I know its the Holiday's and everyone has their expenses but maybe at the first of the year we can get the ball rolling, we can even do it in 2 parts if its easier, I need the blank marker in hand first. I'm not sure if I will make the next brown bag or Dec. meeting so if I don't someone please bring this up and lets talk about it, if you would like to see the design I can bring it to show you also. We have been working on this for about 6 months and was glad to hear it could be done at a reasonable price.

Thank you

The Terrible Truth about Lincoln and The Confederate War

The Gettysburg Address, the most famous speech in American history, is an absurd piece of war rhetoric and a poetry of lies. We were not “engaged in a great Civil War, to see whether that nation, or any nation so conceived, can long endure.” The South was engaged in a War of Independence from a tyrannical North, and after having legally seceded, wished only “to be let alone.” The North was engaged in a war of empire, to keep the South involuntarily under its yoke. Government “of the people, by the people and for the people” would not have “perished from the earth” had the North lost the war; on the contrary, it perished in the United States when the North won the war; for, freely representative government, by consent of the governed, is exactly what the South was fighting for and exactly what Lincoln’s military victory destroyed.

State Flag

In the present clamor to remove all things Confederate, The fight to remove our state flag continues with a new battle front opening every day it seems. A new city follows suit with the heritage haters and removes our state's flag from a position of honor in city and county offices. It is like they have all drunk the same "Kool Aid" and have this vision that with out the battle flag as a part of our state flag all other problems will melt away. Some cities and counties in our great State have rebuked the haters and have voted to continue to fly our state 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 all 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 with a very important event to our state, the bicentennial of our statehood, will come a new effort to change our state flag, a flag to celebrate the bicentennial. This flag will fill the empty flag poles around the state and 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. The Clarion Ledger, in an attempt to fuel the fire decided to ask for proposed flag designs. Untold amounts of money flow into the flag fight from outside the state. The bulls eye is on us. Politicians at all levels are trying to "read the tea leaves" and come down on the side of winning their office in the next election. Let them know that is not a winning strategy. **Take the initiative and support 62.**

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.

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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.

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 Jan 16 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.

Cooper's Well Stones come to Vicksburg



The Pemberton Camp has coordinated with others in the third brigade to set an initial 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. The last stones have been delivered and are set. A plaque to be placed in the lot explaining these veteran's story has been delivered. A dedication is planned but at this time the date has not been set."

Thanks to all who were a part of this effort.

S.D. Lee Institute

The attacks on our Southern heritage are beyond all reason: emotion and insanity rage while facts, rationality, and logic are being driven from public discourse. It is the purpose of the Stephen D. Lee Institute to provide the antidote to these toxins by bringing together some of the best minds in the South to make the case for Dixie. We are pleased to announce the 2018 Stephen D. Lee Institute will be held February 17, 2018 in Shreveport, Louisiana. Our host hotel for the event is the Hilton Hotel Shreveport; the symposium will take place at the Shreveport Convention center, which is connected to the Hilton. We are once again putting together a very distinguished line-up of speakers, including...

- Marshall DeRosa - professor of American Constitutional Law and author of numerous books including *The Confederate Constitution of 1861: An Inquiry into American Constitutionalism*
- Ron Kennedy - noted trouble-maker and, along with his brother Don Kennedy, perhaps the most prolific author in the modern Southern movement. Among his many books are *The South was Right* and *Dixie Rising: Rules for Rebels* and many others
- Paul C. Graham - editor of Shotwell Publishing and author of *Confederaphobia!*
- Lee Bright - Two-term S.C. State Senator and renowned defender of Southern heritage
- Jeffery Addicott -- law professor and expert on terrorist tactics; author of *Radical Islam Why?: Confronting Jihad at Home & Abroad* among others
- Charles E. McMichael - Educator, Past SCV Commander-in-Chief and relentless defender of Southern heritage

Special Offer for Current SCV Members

Thanks to the support of the SCV General Executive Council, this year, in an effort to make the SDLI as accessible as possible, we are able to offer a special early registration discount for SCV members of just \$95. That's a \$30 savings off our regular registration fee of \$125.

This special \$95 registration fee is only available to current SCV members, and to take advantage of it you must register before January 17.

Registration Package

- Admission to all symposium programs including a special panel discussion with all of our distinguished speakers Saturday afternoon.
- Desert Reception Friday night at the hotel.
- Lunch Saturday

Registration Cost

\$95 for SCV members who register before January 17.

\$125 for SCV members after January 17

\$150 for non-members (the public is invited)

A limited number of scholarships are available for high-school seniors, college students, and high-school teachers.

To register for the event click here:

<http://www.stephendleeinstitute.com/events.html>

Our host hotel is the Hilton Shreveport, 104 Market St, Shreveport, LA 71101, [\(318\) 698-0900](tel:3186980900).

The Hilton is extending a special SDLI rate of \$107 (\$119 double-occupancy, plus applicable taxes). The SDLI rate includes free Wi-Fi and complimentary breakfast.

You can make a reservation online at the special SDLI rate by clicking here:

<https://aws.passkey.com/go/StephenDLeeInst>

Please note: to receive the special SDLI room rate, reservations must be made by January 26, 2018.

Questions may be directed to Chris Sullivan at SDLeeInfo@gmail.com or [\(864\)660-9188](tel:8646609188)

Confederate Flag Day- 3rd Annual

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is once again organizing Confederate Flag Day. The third of these events will be observed March 3, 2018. This has become a very popular event across the entire country. Each Division should be making their plans on how they are going to commemorate the event this year! Please send your information to me at the email on the website.

<http://csaflag.org/index.html>

Let's show the world that we are still here and still proud of our sacred banners!

Deo Vindice

Chuck McMichael- PCiC SCV

They Fell in Defense of Their Homes, That is the Context Did Karma Visit Ole Miss?



During the egg bowl last night, some of the commentators were saying that Ole Miss has lost itself, I would say, they as a university, have lost their moral compass. I would suggest rebuilding the identity of the university not on modeling Harvard, and not on identifying with the yankee fairy tale. I would suggest a concentration on character and devotion to duty. The greatest example for Ole Miss would be the students of the university marching off to protect their homes and families from a foreign invader. Quit trying to put context on the confederate monument, rename Confederate Av, let the band play real Dixie, allow the colonel to come back, wave the flags of our ancestors. Build your legacy on a firm foundation.

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 over 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.

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 www.visitbeauvoir.org for details

Bricks for Beauvoir



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, phase one is the pathway to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier. This is an on-going fundraiser for Beauvoir. Show your support for your ancestor and Beauvoir. "The Bricks for Beauvoir" Project was started by Larry McCluney, Past Commander of the Mississippi Division. The bricks that lead to the unknown is only the first phase of our brick program. We are coming to the end of that walk way (phase one). We are by no means ending our program. We hope to place brick pavers around the unknown. If anyone needs information on the Bricks they can contact: Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library (228) 388-4400

Upcoming Mississippi Division Reunion Locations

2018 Private Samuel A. Hughey camp 1452 Southaven, Ms

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

2020 John C Pemberton 1354 Vicksburg Ms

Upcoming National Conventions

2018 Franklin Tennessee

2019 Mobile Alabama

2020 Jacksonville, Florida.

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