

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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Commander's Report

Hello Members and friends of the J.C. Pemberton Camp. Almost time for our February meeting. Our speaker for February will be Sister Paulinus Oakes. Sister Paulinus will speak on the Sisters of Mercy's role in the War of Northern Aggression and possibly the Scarlet Fever epidemics. I hope she will bring some of her books to sell, think you will enjoy reading it.

Joel Bailey has our deepest sympathy on his wife's passing, he is in our thoughts and prayers. Mary Nell said she would make some cookies and I could bring some coffee, feel free to bring something to eat if you wish. Some have told me they like to have the food, so will try to have snacks as long as y'all wish.

The speaker for the March meeting will be the Superintendent of the Vicksburg National Park, Mike Madell. The speaker for April meeting will be Glen Shows. We are looking for speakers for the rest of the year.

We do not have anything to report about the meeting at the VNMP last night, just a preliminary talk about a document they will come out with in about 3-4 months.

Guess all of you are enjoying this cool snap, see you next Tuesday,

Upcoming meetings

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held at the Southern Heritage Complex. Visitors are always welcome.

If you would like to present a program, please contact Commander Wayne McMaster at waynemcmasteris@gmail.com.

Below are the list of upcoming meetings and speakers.

Date	Speaker	Topic
Feb 4, 2014	Sister Paulinus Oakes	Sisters of Mercy work in Vicksburg during the war
March 4, 2014	Mike Madell, Superintendent Vicksburg Military Park	TBD
April 1, 2015	Glen Shows	TBD

He Has Passed Over the River

We mourn the passing of our compatriot Willard Lynn Haynes

October 12, 1956 - December 7, 2013. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

She Is With the Angels

Joel Bailey's wife Betty Jean passed away on January 19. Please be in prayer for Joel and his family members in their time of sorrow. Our camp has made a memorial donation to Beauvoir in her name.

January Meeting by Adjutant Larry Holman

Cmdr. Wayne McMaster called the camp meeting to order at 7 p.m. The pledges to the US, CSA and MS flags were recited. McMaster welcomed all to the Lee-Jackson celebration camp meeting and especially the ladies present. Each member brought various finger foods, and again Bill Fryer brought his spicy red beans and rice. Everyone enjoyed all. Guests were some member wives, Mr. and Mrs. John Barlow of Vicksburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Tim Cupit from Brandon, MS.

We first partook of the great food prepared and had good fellowship. The only order of business was that the minutes of the 3 Dec 2013 meeting were read by Adjutant Holman and approved unchanged unanimously. Holman then reported that the camp had 36 members as of 26 Dec 2013 and all those were in good standing. He also gave a financial report of the camp's 3 bank accounts. Holman indicated that he is working on updated the email list and was trying to reconcile with the active roster. An updated roster will be sent out to all camp members. This ended the formal business part of the meeting.

We next had a presentation by Lt. Cmdr. Eddy Cresap on the personal life and times of General Stonewall Jackson. Eddy touched on many tragedies early in his life and his faith in God throughout his life. Cmdr. McMaster then gave a presentation on the personal life of General Robert E. Lee. He also touched on his faith in God and how it influenced his decisions throughout his career. After these presentation, various members commented on additional information about both of these 2 great men.

Before ending the meeting, Lt. Cmdr. Cresap mentioned to the membership to consider possible ideas we might want to do for Heritage Month this year and come to the February meeting prepared to share. Cmdr. McMaster also mentioned for us to consider if we want to take part in the Vicksburg Spring Flea market in April 2014.

The camp adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting is 4 February 2014 at 7 p.m.

From Our Division Commander Allen Terrell

“I think the current state of this country is giving some a reason to look back at our struggle and the real reason we fought that second war for independence.”

What can our camp do to help the Sons of the South with this reflection?

Heritage Month

We will have a discussion about Confederate Heritage Month (April) at our February meeting, I thinking a normal meeting, a memorial service in soldiers rest and a 1/4 page ad in the Vicksburg paper promoting Southern heritage should be the start.

Upcoming events

S.D. Lee Institute Feb 7-8, 2014 in Chattanooga, TN

see <http://www.stephendleeinstitute.com/> for details

2014 Battle for Texas Hospital at Quitman Feb 21-22, 2014

2014 Confederate Heritage Month

2014 Division Reunion will be held June 6-8, 2014 in Corinth MS

2014 SCV annual convention July 16-19 in North Charleston S.C.

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 website and send Bill the info to add your ancestors.

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Officers For 2014

Commander	Wayne McMaster
First Lt Commander	Eddy Cresap
Second Lt Commander	Joel Bailey
Adjutant	Larry Holman
Chaplain	Bryan Dabney
Quartermaster	Tom Dabney
Historian	Sam Price & Larry Holman

Poet's Corner

A Soldier's Letter Home

By: Joel T. Bailey

Dear Mom

I'm sorry I haven't written more
But things been really bad
And we've tried to get a little sleep
In the free time we've had

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

I heard some of the fellows saying
That we're headed for Tennessee
A passel of Yankees are up ahead
And what a fight it's gonna be

Mom you remember Jimmy Jones
Who lived across the way
I know it's hard but tell his folks
That he was killed yesterday

I know this letter ain't very long
But right now it's the best I can do
I hope if we make it to Nashville
I can somehow 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

Battle Flag Resolution From 2010 SCV Reunion

Resolution adopted at the Anderson Convention offered by Charles Kelly Barrow,
Cmdr, Army of Tennessee, SCV

WHEREAS, the approach of the Sesquicentennial will be a time to educate not only the people of these United States but of the world; and

WHEREAS, the most recognized symbol of the Confederate States is the Battle Flag, a flag each of us hold dear; and

WHEREAS, the use of the Confederate Battle Flag by extremist political groups and individuals who seek to clothe themselves in respectability by misappropriating the banner under which our southern ancestors fought for a Just Cause which is as noble as much latter day is ignoble; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans are the true inheritors of legacy and symbols for which the Confederate Veterans fought and died; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans does denounce the use of the Confederate Battle Flag and any other Confederate symbol by any hate group and/or the Ku Klux Klan as the desecration of a symbol to which any hate group and/or the Ku Klux Klan has no claim; and

WHEREAS, the misuse of the Confederate Battle Flag by any extremist group or individual espousing political extremism and/or racial superiority degrades the Confederate Battle Flag and maligns the noble purpose of our ancestors who fought against extreme odds for what they knew was just, right, and constitutional; and

WHEREAS, the misuse of other flags and symbols of the Confederate States of America and the Confederate States Army, Navy, and Marines is similarly degrading,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans in General Convention assembled in Anderson, South Carolina, does hereby condemn in the strongest terms possible the use of the Confederate Battle Flag or any other flag symbol, seal, title or name bearing any relationship whatsoever to the Confederate States of America or the armed forces of that Government by any such extremist group or individual, of whatever name or designation by which know, and

LET IT BE FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans in General Convention assembled, does hereby condemn in the strongest terms possible the inappropriate use of the Confederate Battle Flag or any other flag, seal, title or name bearing any relationship whatsoever to the Confederate States of America or the armed forces of that Government of the Confederate States of America by individuals or groups of individuals, organized or unorganized, who espouse political extremism or racial superiority and that this resolution shall be made known to all media outlets now and throughout the years of the Sesquicentennial and it shall be made patent and entered into the permanent records and archives of the General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans at Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee

Chaplain's Corner

For the Brethren:

In Romans 15, we are told by the apostle Paul that ...whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope (v.4). God did not intend for us to have a blind faith, or to languish in anxious anticipation for some nebulous response from a mystic, an augur or an oracle. He gave us his word written so that we might know the truth in the plain language of the Holy Bible, and be transformed by the workings of the Holy Ghost. As we are vessels for the Holy Spirit, they likewise are vessels for the evil one and his minions. As born-again believers we have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit who extends to each of us the peace of God. Via our Christian witness and walk, we are to proclaim that peace to those about us. But the forces of darkness, who control and manipulate the unregenerate, desire not the peace of God. That is what makes our duty as witnesses and ambassadors for Christ, so difficult. Our foes are strong. They are implacable. They are without remorse. They have no need of rest, to eat, or to take a holiday. They cannot ever have the peace of God and they reject any notion of such for those who have been taken captive at their will (II St. Timothy 2:26). They possess a hellish hatred of the Almighty and they impart the same to their earthly charges. And so we should not be surprised that our witness may spark a nasty outburst from those who are firmly in the grip of evil.

We Christians have confidence in God's word written as it tells us of the great victory that Christ has won over the world, the flesh and the devil. We also share in that victory. Per his triumph, we have been given a peace which truly passeth all understanding. And because of our Lord's victory, we have the blessed assurance that he will do for his own as he has promised within the pages of the Holy Scriptures. We must live in acceptance of that saving faith which is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). Our duty as Christians is to lift the veil of spiritual blindness from those of the unsaved as the Lord so permits. We may not always succeed, but that does not mean that we have failed. Nevertheless, God knows. God is sovereign. And so we ought not to grade ourselves too harshly by measuring our successes or failures based solely upon mere numbers of persons who seem to respond favorably to our witness versus those who do not. God's word will sustain us and comfort us in all our divinely appointed tasks. The Holy Bible provides God's assurance of salvation to all who believe on Jesus Christ. We have the comfort of knowing that when we die, we will not be lost for eternity, but will be brought into God's heavenly kingdom. We have confidence that Christ—who has gone into heaven before us—has prepared a place for us there. And in our comfort and confidence, we ought to go forward every day proclaiming the good news of the Godhead to those around us. Let us pray:

Thou Lord God, who through thy divine Spirit didst give thy word to the prophets and apostles; instill within thy people the desire to read thy most holy word and to inwardly digest the same; that being so filled, they might ever be confident in their life and witness; for this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.