

IN THE TRENCHES

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Our country was invaded by armed men intent on the coercion and conquest. We met them on the threshold and beat them and drove them back as long as we had anything to eat or strength to fight with. We could do no more, we could do no less and history, our children and even many of our former enemies, now applaud our conduct. •
Confederate Veteran

Commander's Column

Dear Compatriot's

I hope that all of you will have a great 2016. The flag rally was great and very well attended with little opposition. I would like for all of you to stay informed and to be alert to any Heritage Violations all across the South and indeed, the Country. Our Feb. 2 meeting will be our own Sam Price, who will be speaking about the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou. We have great programs lined up for March, April and May. I am also going to be speaking to some of you about getting involved and taking an office for the Camp later in the year. We have an excellent group of new members and our numbers are growing every month. A great problem to have. Please circulate the petitions as much as you can. Brian Skipworth is our County Coordinator for the Petitions and he is ready to submit some to the Circuit Clerk's office. When circulating them, please make sure that they are filled out completely and in Blue Ink. Remember that they are legal documents. Some of our upcoming speakers are Larry Holman for March, Larry McCluney of Greenwood, the Army of Tennessee Commander in April and Donnie Kennedy, author of many books about the South, in May..

Upcoming events include Confederate Memorial Day in April and the Spring Flea Market on April 23.

See you all on Feb. 2.

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.

Below are the list of upcoming meetings and speakers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
February 2	Sam Price	Chickasaw Bayou part 2
March 1	Larry Holman	POW part 2
April 5	Larry McClunney	General Beauregard
May 3	Donnie Kennedy	TBA

January Meeting

The meeting was started with prayer, pledges and salutes. We welcomed to the meeting Thomas Dabney who was on Christmas break from Delta State. Doctor McMillin gave a very interesting presentation on the origins of Kuhn Memorial Hospital and the house across the street from it, the Fleckenstine / Cucaro grocery / house. The story centered on the experience of the children of the family watching from the porch the Confederates reinterring the city after the battle at the Big Black and the Yankees entering the city after the surrender. We discussed methods we can use to educate the public on the true history of the South The meeting was closed with prayer.

2016 Lee Jackson (thanks to Larry Holman)

On Saturday, January 16 the John C Pemberton camp hosted our Lee-Jackson Dinner at Goldie's The Lee-Jackson dinner was a huge success. We had 32 present with a mix of SCV and UDC members. Historian Grady Howell gave an informative and moving tribute to both Lee and Jackson. Camp member Charlie Pittman and his wife came down from eastern TN and he honored us with his rendition of Charlie Pride's "Roll on Mississippi" and followed that up with leading us all in "Dixie." Oh by the way the BBQ was great too.

Petitions

If you have not turned in any State Flag Petitions bring them to the February meeting so they can be turned in and counted. This is our strategy to protect our state flag for "ever".

What Did They Say

“...We must forevermore do honor to our heroic dead. We must forevermore cherish the sacred memories of those four terrible but glorious years of unequal strife. We must forevermore consecrate in our hearts our old battle flag of the Southern Cross – not now as a political symbol, but as the consecrated emblem of an heroic epoch. The people that forgets its heroic dead is already dying at the heart, and we believe we shall be truer and better citizens of the United States if we are true to our past.”

Confederate Veteran Rev. Randolph Harrison McKim

They do not understand, We will never forget

Around 160 years ago our ancestors were citizens of the states that comprised the Confederate States of America. This country was a newly formed sovereign nation formed on the visions of the United States founding fathers. Our Confederate ancestors parents and grandparents had fought in the first American Revolutions and had been a driving force in the establishment of their country and the transition into its constitutional government . All these men and women wanted was to live in peace. Instead a bully nation invaded their peaceful sovereign nations. This invading Yankee herd waged war by raping the women, stealing their crops and animals, starving the population, looting their heirlooms, burning their homes, defying their altars , and scorching their earth. All this done to maintain control over their cash cow and to usurp and centralize government control. Slowly and with little to no help from the Yankees, the South has overcome this utter destructions. Now the Marxist want to remove the memory of the men and women who endured this war and the so called "reconstruction".

Yes I am angry.

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 learn how to use it to our advantage in educating the uninformed on the true history of our cause.

Southern Gentleman's Brown Bag Lunch Club

Like minded individuals gather every third Tue 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. No protocol, agenda, or speaker just good fellowship. This next event will be on February 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.

Soldiers Rest Website

Thanks to Mrs. Anna. Go to Website

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

Here you will find a picture of the stones in soldiers rest arranged by state and a alphabetized listing of the soldiers. Also for some you will find a story of the Soldier. Mrs. Anna deserves a big thank you.

A Time gone with the wind

Does anyone know any of these ladies today?



You are the First Brigade

Jackson's farewell speech to the Stonewall Brigade. was brought to life in this scene from *God's and Generals*. But it actually wasn't fiction. He really did give a speech like this to his troops, and right afterward some staff officers assembled and wrote it down from memory. Here is the full version:

"I am not here to make a speech, but simply to say farewell. I first met you at Harper's Ferry in the commencement of this war, and I cannot take leave of you without giving expression to my admiration of your conduct from that day to this—whether on the march, in the bivouac, in the tented field, or on the bloody plains of Manassas, where you gained the well-deserved reputation of having decided the fate of the battle. Throughout the broad extent of country over which you have marched, by your respect for the rights and the property of citizens, you have shown that you were soldiers—not only to defend, but able and willing both to defend and protect. You have already gained a brilliant and deservedly high reputation throughout the army of the whole Confederacy, and I trust in the future, by your deeds on the field, and by the assistance of the same kind Providence who has heretofore favored our cause, you will gain more victories, and add additional lustre to the reputation you now enjoy. You have already gained a proud position in the future history of this our Second War for Independence; I shall look with great anxiety to your future movements, and I trust whenever I shall hear of the *First Brigade* on the field of battle, it will be of still nobler deeds achieved, and higher reputation won!

"In the Army of the Shenandoah you were the *First Brigade!* In the Army of the Potomac you were the *First Brigade!* In the second corps of the army you are the *First Brigade!* You are the *First Brigade* in the affections of your General; and I hope, by your future deeds and bearing, you will be handed down to posterity as the *First Brigade*, in this our **Second War of Independence**. Farewell!"

Lines On the Back Of a Confederate Note ~

Shortly after the Civil War ended, Major Sidney A. Jonas, late of General Stephen D. Lee's staff, made his way to Richmond, hoping from there he could find transportation to his home in Aberdeen, Mississippi. Although he and his companions were broke, the sympathetic owner of the Powhatan hotel gave the former Confederates lodging for the night.

Here is the poem that struck such a cord with the people of a dispirited and defeated South:

~ Lines on the Back of a Confederate Note~

Representing nothing on God's earth now, and naught in the waters below it, as the pledge of a nation that's dead and gone, keep it, dear friend, and show it.

Show it to those who will lend an ear to the tale that this trifle can tell, of Liberty born of the patriot's dream, of a storm-cradled nation that fell.

Too poor to possess the precious ores, and too much of a stranger to borrow, we issued to-day our promise to pay, and hoped to redeem on the morrow.

The days rolled by and weeks became years, but our coffers were empty still; coin was so rare that the treasury'd quake if a dollar should drop in the till.

But the faith that was in us was strong, indeed, and our poverty well we discerned, and this little check represented the pay that our suffering veterans earned.

We knew it had hardly a value in gold, yet as gold each soldier received it; it gazed in our eyes with a promise to pay, and each Southern patriot believed it.

But our boys thought little of price or of pay, or of bills that were overdue; we knew if it brought us our bread to-day, 'Twas the best our poor country could do.

Keep it, it tells all our history o'er, from the birth of our dream to its last; modest, and born of the Angel Hope, like our hope of success, it passed.

Source: Written by Major Sidney A. Jonas CSA

Poet' s Corner (Thanks Joel)

THE MEN IN GRAY

Joel T. Bailey

*The men in gray are marching
And it's such a sight to see
Men from all walks of life
Off to meet the enemy*

*With the Stars and bars flying
And thousands of rebel yells
The men in gray charges
Into musket and cannon shells*

*The weeks turn into months
And the victories now are few
The men in gray are wavering
Against the lines of yankee blue*

*After four long years of fighting
They were battle worn and sore
They had gave their very best
But now they could fight no more*

*General Grant is in Richmond
There to meet with General Lee
The men in gray had surrendered
It's the end of the Confederacy*

*The civil war is finally over
The men in gray now a memory
But they will live on forever
In the annals of history*

Chaplain's Corner Thanks Bryan

- For the Brethren

Genesis 25:29-34 presents a familiar story from the Old Testament regarding the paternal twins of Jacob and Esau who were the sons of Isaac and Rebekah. The former was favored by their mother and the latter was favored by their father. As Esau was birthed before Jacob, he was thus the elder and the son who was supposed to receive the blessing of his father as the heir of his estate. The Bible tells us that, Esau despised his birthright and with that in mind, let us return to Genesis 25 once again for the details.

In verse 29, we were told that Esau had been out hunting and had obviously not refreshed himself or taken a sustenance with him. As a result, he became faint. In verse 30, we are informed that his brother was a capable cook and had made a “mess” of beans or lentils herein referred to as pottage which he sod or had boiled in a vessel. Esau smelled the good savor of the dish and asked Jacob to feed him as he was weak from hunger. In verse 31, Jacob bargained with his brother saying, Sell me this day thy birthright. To which Esau responded in verse 32, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?

In verses 33 and 34 we find that Jacob had his brother swear that he would sell him his birthright for the pottage and afterward did eat. The Bible goes on to tell us that Esau finished eating and took no thought of what he had done. This carelessness for his birthright has marked Esau throughout the ages as a hater of his heritage and a refusenik with regard to his duty to himself and his parents. With this story in mind, let us consider those who have been, more or less, cut from the same cloth as Esau specifically with regard to heritage issues. During the period of time following the War To Prevent Southern Independence which has been generously been called “Reconstruction” (as if the South was ever broken to begin with), there were individuals in the South who joined the camp of the Radical Republicans. Operating behind a host of federal bayonets, the Radicals removed the existing Southern state governments and filled the various offices with their cronies and lackeys. Those persons who joined the Radicals in their efforts to reconstruct their states did so hoping to obtain some pecuniary or other benefits from their conquerors. Such persons were called “Scalawags.” This invective had been used by Southerners prior to the war to describe, “... filthy sheep, scaly pigs and other vile creatures” as noted by Francis Simkins and Charles Roland. It is fair to say that the majority of Southerners who had supported the Confederacy did not approve of what these Quislings (a term which the Norwegians use to label traitors) were doing. So it should not be surprising that those termed “Scalawags” were often treated

contemptuously by their fellow Southerners who did not cooperate with their occupiers. Today, we are faced with the same type of folks who would sell their ancestors down the river for the right price. To the nothing is sacred save that which the principles of political correctness will permit. Some are interested in removing the tension they see in society, even if it means giving up their societal and cultural inheritance. Others don't know their history and are not even willing to educate themselves apart from listening to some media personality who reads them selected news stories from a teleprompter. They may also be referred to as "low information voters" who base their beliefs on feelings rather than facts. And that brings us back to our Bible lesson from Genesis 25. For every Southerner who is as described may justly be called "an Esau." As Esau felt faint in doing what was right by his family because he did not properly take care of himself; so too might these Scalawags feel weary over the controversy between those who wish to preserve their Confederate heritage and those who wish to see it erased. They tend to view heritage issues as obstacles to better relations with minority groups as well as with those elements of the business community outside of their states. A fair number of persons who are in corporate and political leadership claim that they are "offended" by all things Confederate and do not want to see the Confederacy honored and remembered publically by private groups, or institutionally by our local and state governments. They may have even conditioned their offerings of investment in our states per the removal of flags, monuments, and memorials that commemorate the South's valiant struggle for independence. And because the Scalawag, the low information voter, the Quisling and the like have so little regard for their Confederate ancestors, often looking upon them in the light of history presented from the conqueror's perspective, such folks will sell their heritage for a bowl of beans and not a very tasty one at that. A thoughtful businessman once noted that in any deal, what each party gets is of paramount importance. Jacob got the better end of the deal with Esau because Esau was acting to satisfy his flesh and not his future. Scalawags and Quislings are hoping, mind you, hoping that they will receive some benefit in their bargain with those progressive spirits of our day. If they are successful, I doubt very seriously that they will profit from their folly. The progressives hate the South and its people— all of them, Scalawags included. Their only interest in disposing of our Confederate past is to change history so that future generations will not have a clue about why the war to subjugate the Southern States was fought. Truth be told, they will likely go after the American Revolution to recast its leaders and the principles they fought for after they have finished with the

South. And the reason? If the progressives ever hope to successfully undermine our Constitution and the free republic created by the Founders, they can then herd the people like cattle into their “Novus Ordo Seclorum” without a shot being fired. The true history of the War to Prevent Southern Independence along with the American Revolution would be too much for progressives to overcome if it became widely accepted. Globalism contains the poison of servitude, but sovereign governments elected by free people is the antidote. So what will it be? Will you give in to the whinings of progressives much as Esau gave in to his fleshly desires at the expense of his heritage; or will you stand up for the truth as the great men of the Bible and in our history have done? We are not acting as Jacob the dissembler had done, because we are not tricking anyone out of anything. And we should understand from Scripture that Jacob did in fact regard the heritage of his father and mother as being of greater value and more highly prized than that of his brother. It is my prayer that you and I will remain faithful in keeping alive the memory of those who came before us and whose blood, sweat and tears we ought to honor and revere and that further, we will encourage our fellow citizens to do likewise.

Let us pray,

O holy Father, whose gift to us of Christian liberty is beyond comprehension; fill us with thy Spirit, that we might preserve the heritage left to us by our Confederate ancestors; and that should we feel faint in our struggle to keep alive the memory of their efforts, that you would by means of the Holy Ghost call us back from any compromise that will cause their memory and their principles to be made castaway; for this we ask the name of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Confederate Birthdays in February

General Albert Sidney Johnston 2 Feb 1803

General Joseph Eggleston Johnston 3 Feb 1807

Lt General Richard Stoddert Ewell 8 February 1817

Albert Sidney Johnston

The leaders of our fledging country were not young and impulsive. The leaders of the new nation were very mature and thoughtful in their decision to cast their lot with this new nation. Those who schooled in the art of war knew exactly what the score was. At the beginning of the War Albert Sidney Johnston was 57 years old and one of the most respected leaders in the United States Army. Johnston was born in 1803 in Kentucky. He attended Transylvania University and West Point with Jefferson Davis graduating from West Point in 1826. After serving 8 years, he resigned his commission to take care of his dying wife. After his wife's death, he moved to Texas. There he joined the Texas forces as a private and became a general in the army of the Republic of Texas and served as their Secretary of War. He fought in the Mexican War and afterward remained in the United States army until he resigned his commission when Texas seceded from the Union. From California, (where he was stationed) he began the long trek to Richmond to offer his services to the newly formed Confederate States of America. Upon accepting his commission he said, "We may be annihilated, but we cannot be conquered." As the second ranking general in the Southern army (the senior being Samuel Cooper who was the Adjutant General), he was given command of the western Theater of operation. He established a defensive position from Kentucky on the Mississippi river to the Appalachian mountains. In this effort he was undermanned and supplied. He retreated out of this defensive position and massed a massive Southern army at Corinth Mississippi. From here he launched a surprise attack on the Yankees at Shiloh. Leading from the front he was wounded in the leg and bled to death. He had dispatched his surgeon to take care of Yankee captured wounded soldiers. The first day at Shiloh was an overwhelming southern victory. Some say if Johnston had lived he would have continued the attack through the evening while the Southern forces had an advantage. Johnston has the notoriety of holding a General's rank in the armies of three countries. Johnston was initially buried in New Orleans. In 1866, a joint resolution of the Texas Legislature was passed to have his body moved and reinterred at the Texas State Cemetery in Austin. The re-interment occurred in 1867. Forty years later, the state appointed Elisabeth Ney to design a monument and sculpture of him to be erected at the gravesite. The Texas Historical Commission has erected a historical marker near the entrance of what was once Johnston's plantation. An adjacent marker was erected by the San Jacinto Chapter of the Daughters of The Republic of Texas and the Lee, Roberts, and Davis Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederate States of America. The University of Texas at Austin has recognized Johnston with a statue on the South Mall.

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. You will also find about three years of archived newsletters.

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.

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. They can not be allowed to defile our confederate ancestors. This act was clearly illegal and part of a larger strategy to "cleanse" the South. The first reconstruction was not completely successful. We are not gone! They are back again..

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.

Upcoming Mississippi Division Conventions

The 2016 Mississippi Convention will be Hosted by the Hattiesburg camp with the convention at Beauvoir. The date is June 10 - 12 . Contact Commander Campbell if you want to be part of our camp's delegation.

Upcoming National Conventions

2016 – Dallas/Ft. Worth Texas <http://scv2016.org/>

2017 – Memphis Tennessee

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