

IN THE TRENCHES

A NEWS LETTER OF THE
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"I did not come here for the purpose of
surrendering my command."

Nathan Bedford Forrest as he left Fort Donelson before it's surrender



art work by John Paul Strain

Commander's Column

Dear Compatriots:

It is already February -- the year is moving on. I would like to invite you all to attend our next meeting, Tuesday February 7. Our speaker will be Mr. Ricky Pittman. Known as the "Bard of the South", he is an author/folksinger/storyteller from Monroe, LA. His topic will be "Songs and Stories of the Confederacy". I know we are in for a treat. Please come and bring a friend.

We had an excellent Lee-Jackson Dinner on January 14. Ron Kennedy was great as always. Hopefully our Lee-Jackson Dinner will become an annual event for the camp. Our next big event is the statewide Confederate Memorial Day observance at Soldier's Rest on April 22. It is quite an honor for the Pemberton Camp to host this event and we will need camp-wide participation. We will be making plans at our meetings and Brown Bag gatherings. Please be prepared to help us with this important event. Our enemies are at it again -- several bills regarding changing the State flag have been introduced into the State House of Representatives. As soon as we have more details, we will let you know what our plan of action is.

Hope to see all of you on February 7.

God Bless all of you and God Bless the South.

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 this year

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Speaker</i> | <i>Topic</i> |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| February 7 | Rickey Pittman | "Bard of the South". |
| March 7 | Doctor McMillin | "A Crushing Blow" |
| April 4 | Business meeting | |
| May 2 | Sam Price | Broomes and Zucks |
| June 6 | Sid Johnson | Raising of the Cairo |

January meeting

Our January meeting was opened with a prayer, pledges and salutes. Commander Campbell presented a short program on General Jackson. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

March Meeting

At our March meeting, Doctor McMillin will provide our program, " A Crushing Blow During The Great War To Abolish Southern Independence (The Great War). His talks are always well researched and very well presented.

Mississippi Division E Council

The next Mississippi Division Executive Council meeting will be held Saturday, February 25th at the American Legion Post #89 in Decatur , Mississippi starting 10:00 a.m. The address is 14051 HWY 15, Decatur, MS 39327. The deadline to be put on the agenda will be Wednesday, February 23rd at noon. Please e-mail Michael Wooten: pfr72@aol.com or Commander Foley: msdivcommanderlou@gmail.com any items to be placed on the agenda

Let Us Honor Wayne



At our Lee Jackson Banquet Past Division Commander Wayne McMaster was given a standing ovation. In my earliest days in the SCV, I met Wayne McMaster. From then until now, I have worked with him and have served under him. He has done more for our camp, the division, the confederation than I could describe here. He has worked tirelessly in honoring our Confederate dead in Vicksburg City Cemetery. We all need to let Past Division commander Wayne McMaster know that we appreciate his efforts both past and present.

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 ways 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.

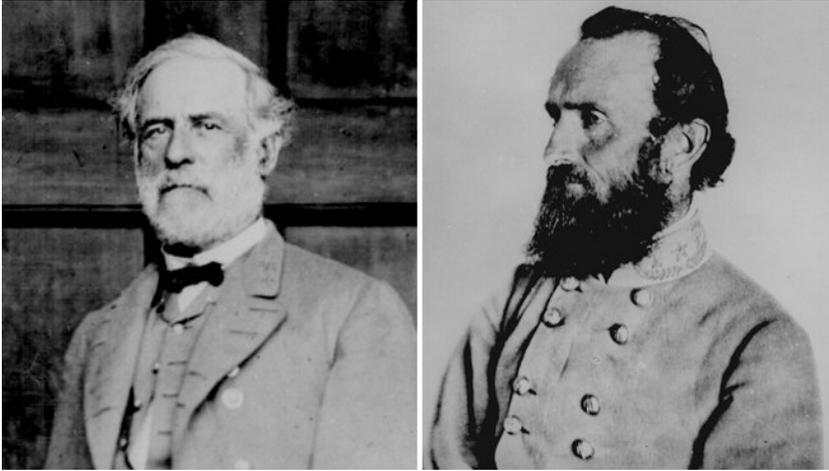
Flag Bills in Mississippi House

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have been informed that over the weekend the House of Representatives .introduced 14 new bills to change our State Flag. HB 1270 - HB 1284 They range from changing flag to bonnie blue, magnolia, bicentennial to all out redesigning completely. I'm not sure what we can do but maybe email our Representatives

Bryan Skipworth First Lt Commander John C Pemberton 1354

Lee Jackson 2017



Thanks to Jeff for the pic

The John C Pemberton camp hosted our annual Lee Jackson Banquet. at Goldies Trail BBQ on January 14th, 2017. The banquet was opened with a prayer, salutes, pledges, and the Steven D Lee charge. Prominent southern author Ron Kennedy was the speaker. His talk was both informative and engaging. The presentation centered around General Lee's Post war statement to Governor Stockdale " Governor, if I had foreseen the use those people designed to make of their victory, there would have been no surrender at Appomattox Courthouse; no sir, not by me. Had I foreseen these results of subjugation, I would have preferred to die at Appomattox with my brave men, my sword in my right hand. "

His talked walked us through the South's challenges both during and after reconstruction even to the present day. He challenged us all to understand the principle that our Confederate ancestors fought for was the liberty that their founding father ancestors had fought for and the country they established. He closed with a plea to understand that even to day we are challenged with this same fight. Jefferson Davis said "The principle for

which we contend is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at another time and in another form." Commander Campbell read the poem "The sword of Robert E Lee" by Father Abram Joseph Ryan the "Poet-Priest of the South". The banquet was closed with Lee and Jackson's favorite hymn "How Great a Foundation", "Dixie" and a closing prayer

New Members



thanks to Larry for the pic

At our Lee Jackson banquet, membership certificates were presented to Chad Couth, Jim Smith, and Charles Brasfield. Above they are shown with camp commander Edward Campbell. Congratulations men. New members are the life of our organization.

What Did They Say

"The fact that one army was fighting for union and the other for disunion is a political expression; the actual fact on the battlefield, in the face of cannon and musket, was that the Federal troops came as invaders, and the Southern troops stood as defenders of their homes, and further than this we need not go." Confederate General P. G. T. Beauregard.

What Is In A Name

The war of 1861 was not a civil war. A civil war is a conflict between two or more factions trying to take over a government. In 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis was no more interested in taking over Washington than George Washington was interested in taking over England in 1776. Like Washington, Davis was seeking independence. Therefore, the war of 1861 should be called the "War for Southern Independence." The more bitter southerner might call it the "War of Northern Aggression." Another name for the conflict is "The War to Prevent Southern Independence" as espoused by our own Doctor McMillin. One thing is for sure, the war was not fought in order for the Confederacy to take over the government in Washington (no civil war). Nor was it a war fought between States, it was a war fought between two independent nations after the Northern government invaded its southern neighbor. Misnaming this war is a subtle way to influence the understanding of cause of the war .

Forrest

Prior to Forrest's salvation his wife prayed continually for God's mercy and grace to fall upon him. On the evening of November 14, 1875, Forrest surprisingly attended the Sunday night service with his wife, Mary Ann. The pastor, George T. Stainback, preached that night on the house built on sand. At the end of the service, Forrest stopped at the church door and waited for the pastor to come out and bid a customary farewell to the congregation. Stainback later recalled, "He took my arm, and we passed the pavement below." At the sidewalk, Forrest suddenly leaned against the wall and his eyes filled with tears. "Sir, your sermon has removed the last prop from under me," he said, "I am the fool that built on the sand, I am a poor miserable sinner."

He looked "all shaken", recalled Stainback, who recommended that he study Psalm 51 to find spiritual relief. The next evening the minister visited him for a talk and prayer and after the latter, Forrest rose from his knees and "felt satisfied." "All is right, I put my trust in the Redeemer." The next Sunday, Forrest joined his wife's church and was a dedicated Christian for the rest of his life.

GENERAL JOHN BELL HOOD'S REPLY TO ACCUSATIONS MADE BY SHERMAN



Regardless of what you may think about General Hood, he got this right.

You charge my country with daring and badgering you to battle. The truth is we sent commission to you, respectfully offering a peaceful separation, before the first gun was fired on either side.

You say we insulted your flag. The truth is we fired upon it, and those who fought under it, when you came to our doors upon the mission of subjugation.

You say we seized upon your forts and arsenals, and made prisoners of the garrisons sent to protect us against negroes and Indians. The truth is we, by force of arms, drove out insolent intruders and took possession of our own forts and arsenals, to resist your claims to dominion over masters, slaves, and Indians, all of whom are to this day, with unanimity unexampled in the history of the world, warring against your attempts to become their masters.

You say that we tried to force Missouri and Kentucky into rebellion in spite of themselves. The truth is, my Government, from the beginning of this struggle to this hour, has again and again offered, before the whole world, to leave it to the unbiased will of these States, and all others, to determine for themselves whether they will cast their destiny with your Government or ours; and your Government has resisted this fundamental principle of free

institutions with the bayonet, and labors daily, by force and fraud, to fasten its hateful tyranny upon the unfortunate freemen of these States.

You say we falsified the vote of Louisiana. The truth is, Louisiana not only separated herself from your Government by nearly unanimous vote of her people, but has vindicated the act upon every battlefield from Gettysburg to the Sabine, and has exhibited an heroic devotion to her decision which challenges the admiration and respect of every man capable of feeling sympathy for the oppressed or admiration for heroic valor.

You say that we turned loose pirates to plunder your unarmed ships. The truth is, when you robbed us of our part of the navy, we built and bought a few vessels, hoisted the flag of our country, and swept the seas, in defiance of your navy, around the whole circumference of the globe.

You say we have expelled Union families by thousands. The truth is, not a single family has been expelled from the Confederate States, that I am aware of; but, on the contrary, the moderation of our Government toward traitors has been a fruitful theme of denunciation by its enemies and well-meaning friends of our cause.

You say my government, by acts of Congress, has confiscated ~all debts due Northern men for goods sold and delivered. The truth is, our Congress gave due and ample time to your merchants and traders to depart from our shores with their ships, goods, and effects, and only sequestered the property of our enemies in retaliation for their acts of declaring us traitors, and confiscating our property wherever their power extended, either in their country or our own.

Such are your accusations, and such are the facts known of all men to be true.

Davis notified



On the Vicksburg flood wall is a reminder of a story we should never forget. The facts of this story are taken from "Brierfield Plantation Home of Jefferson Davis" by Frank Edgar Everett

Jefferson Davis's life as a United States Senator from the state of Mississippi was consumed in 1860 with the disintegration of the Democratic party and the rise of the new Republican party. After Lincoln's victory in November, Davis was involved in trying to preserve the fragile union that he spent a lifetime serving. In spite of all the actions to save the union, on December 20, 1860, South Carolina left the union with Davis's home state, Mississippi, following on January 9, 1861. After he received the notice of Mississippi's secession, he withdrew from the senate on January 21 making his famous farewell address. After withdrawing from the senate, Davis and his wife Varina stayed in D. C. for about a week and then started the five day journey back home. Upon returning to Mississippi, he was commissioned General of Mississippi volunteers, a post he thought fitted his skill sets and desires. They stayed in Jackson for a week while Davis prepared his state for the war he felt was eminent. After this preparation, he and Varina left for their plantation south of Vicksburg on Davis Bend in Warren County, Brierfield. This was to be Varina and his family's sanctuary while he was tending to matters of war. Jefferson and Varina had been at Brierfield for only a few days when on the afternoon of February 10 a rider appeared at the plantation notifying Davis that he had been elected President of the Confederacy. As the Rider approached, Jefferson and his wife were alone in their garden pruning their prize rose bush "The glory of France". The rose bush had been brought from "The Brier" in Natchez following their honeymoon. When the messenger came, Varina said of the event in her memoirs that as he read the message he looked so grieved that I feared some evil had befallen our family. After a few minutes of painful silence, he told me the subject of the telegram, as a man might speak of a sentence of death. He neither wanted nor expected the position but Davis saw his duty,

forgot his desires and did not hesitate or waiver. He promptly decided to accept the unwanted task, arose from his rose garden, and dispatched his reply by the messenger. Varina started packing his things immediately and on the next morning, he left for Montgomery, Alabama. He left the Brierfield on horse back with Issiah Montgomery to meet the River boat Natchez boat down stream several miles because the Brierfield landing would not accommodate the Natchez. As the riverboat approached the rendezvous, they rowed out to an island to meet the Natchez. when he was aboard. the Natchez, the steamboat let out a blast, The family at Breirfield heard the blast and knew the signal signaled he was on board bound for his destiny. Varina then turned to packing the family so they could join Jefferson Davis in Montgomery, As she prepared the family for the move, she also packed up the family valuables and library to be sent inland to another Davis plantation home between Bolton and Raymond. President Davis was inaugurated on February 18 and the rest as they say is history. The historical marker that commemorates Brierfield and his brothers plantation Hurricane is located about a mile south of Yokena on the right of way of highway 61. The location of Briefierd is on what is now Davis Island which is several mile west of the marker Davis Bend was changed to Davis Island as the Mississippi River changed course in March of 1867. This marker was broken with no plans for replacement.

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 22, 2017 at Soldiers Rest. The service is scheduled to start at 2:00 PM

Confederate Submarine, the Hunley



On February 17, 1864, The Confederate submarine *Hunley* attacked and sank the USS *Housatonic*, which had been on Union blockade-duty in Charleston's outer harbor. Soon afterwards, the *Hunley* sank, killing all eight of her third crew. They all are still on eternal patrol

I have seen the hatches close me in the submarine

I have heard the Claxton sound

I have heard the announcement "dive dive dive"

I have gone below the surface of the sea

I have prayed to God to deliver me back to my family

This experience forges a bond not only to those that you have trusted your life to, but all those who went before you and those who go after you

Eddy Cresap EM1 (SS)

On February 17 please remember the brave men of the Hunley.

They knew the danger but volunteered anyway to drive a barbarian invader from their home.

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.

Let the Band Play Dixie

let the band play real Dixie, let the state flag fly, honor the university greys, return the name confederate avenue, take down any "explanation" of the confederate monument, protect the stain glass window in Ventress hall, and protect the Confederate cemetery. Ole Miss could project a heritage of honor and devotion to duty, instead their heritage is a "hotty toddy" cheer. How very sad. The eyes of the University Greys look down upon their university of Mississippi with disgust and distain.

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.

In Memory

In memory of the death of Sgt John C Hollaway 7th Tennessee Calvary . CSA who died on January 25, 1864 at the hell hole called Camp Douglas of small pox. He left his home to fight the invading horde and died far from his family . May he and those others who died in Yankee hell holes never be forgotten

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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 February 21st 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.

Poet' s Corner (Thanks Joel)

A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

by: Joel T. Bailey

He left home six months ago
But it seems like a year or more
He can still see his mother
Waving from the cabin door

A cold driving rain is falling
Mud is more than ankle deep
He's wet, cold and lonely
But just to tired to weep

Today was a hard fought battle
Many friends fell by his side
Tomorrow there'll be another
No time to morn those who died

It's not at all like he imagined
Nothing about this war is fun
He prays he'll still be alive
When all the fighting is done

He never gave much thought
Whether the war is wrong or right
He knows his love for the South
Is the reason he chose to fight

Chaplains Corner Thanks Bryan

For the Brethren

The apostle Paul warned his pupil that in the last days, evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived (II St. Timothy 3:13). He spoke of no revival prior to the return of Christ. He spoke of no paradise of progress for humanity. We cannot hope to succeed in fighting the good fight of faith if we are in denial about the presence and power of evil not only in individual mortals, but in the various institutions of government which have been and are now in place across the world.

From its inception, human government has been twisted by Satan to serve his purposes. Even our Lord was tempted with the power to control the nations and empires of the world when Satan said: All this power will I give thee and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine (St. Luke 4:6-7). The Devil's message to our Lord was not unknown to him. The Bible tells us rather plainly that the Devil had gained control over this sphere after the fall of man in the Garden. And because he has possession, Satan exerts his influence over those whose hearts lust after power, wealth, and fame. So through his placement of such persons within the various governments across the globe, the Devil has created a willing cadre of elite followers who will do literally anything to retain their offices. Clearly, said individuals are not born again in name of our Lord. And because they do not possess the Holy Ghost, they are powerless to resist the Devil's will and suggestion unless a holy God preempts him. The apostle Peter once noted in his second epistle that, The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished (2:9). Evil people everywhere should cringe at that passage. God knows who they are and has reserved for them a place in the fires of perdition. Nevertheless, the wicked and the unrepentant are not bothered by God's word while they remain in the precincts of this life. Only afterwards will they discover, to their eternal sorrow, the absolute truth of what God had set forth before them in his word written. The Rev. E.M. Bounds once noted concerning human governments that, "Satan seizes and directs all the mighty forces of this world! War is seized ... and is no longer the patriot's struggle for freedom or the defense of home and native land. Instead, it becomes the tool of despotism; it crushes liberty and enslaves freedom. War carries on a campaign of lust, rape, cruelty, desolation, and death ..Money ... is diverted by Satan for selfish and unholy purposes ... Men become illustrious and esteemed ... when they are money-getters and money-keepers. Education ... becomes a source of pride and ungodly power ... Under the guise of

Christian learning, education becomes the most powerful ally to Satan by unsettling faith in God's Word and opening a wide door of skepticism in the temple of God." Dr. Merrill Unger detailed for us the magnitude of the satanic nature of government when he wrote, "Not only is Satan the directing head of [this] world system, but according to Scripture, the system itself is wholly evil ... [it] is characterized by pride, lust and war ... [it] presents a perpetual peril to the child of God ... [Satan] is the god of this age, the head of a powerful world system, and through human governments is the director of the affairs of unregenerate men, albeit unknown to them..." Just as evil King Ahab and his conniving wife Jezebel maligned and then condemned Naboth so they could take his vineyard; likewise governments today, under the leadership of Satan, conjure up ways to take the wealth of their people through theft, deceit, and every sort of craft imaginable. Brandon Smith once observed that, "Big government is not a 'necessary evil'. It is just evil. Like the ring of Sauron, it lures in the weak with promises of power, but this power is a ruse. Each side of our false left/right paradigm, Democrat and Republican, thinks that if only THEY were the bearers of the ring they would 'finally use it for good'. But once in their possession, they are overtaken, overwhelmed, and corrupted by personal temptation..." Clearly those who seek power, wealth and fame when faced with such an offering by Satan will not say as our Lord did: Get thee hence, but will rather offer to kneel and even kiss the ring of the evil one in order to get what they desire. While God is sovereign over his creation, the Devil has a limited scope of authority for now until our Lord returns to cast him out. Look at Revelation chapters 21 and 22. We who are born again of the Holy Spirit will inherit a kingdom unlike anything this world has seen since before the fall of man in the Garden. For it is that kingdom which God has prepared for all who truly love him and seek his will. But for the moment, the plan of God is to let evil run its course until the glorious appearing of our Saviour. So what should we be doing now? We should be working to spread the good news of God's grace to all who will listen. We ought to be working to preserve the good things about our governments and our countries which the Lord has extended to us. We ought to follow the prescription of the Founders in their dealings with our "Mother Country". Where peaceful resistance to tyranny can win the day, then we ought to stay on that path. But there may come a time when words will fail us. It is at that point we ought to remember the words of our Declaration of Independence which I have amended for our use: "But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce [us] under absolute Despotism, it is [our] right, it is [our] duty to

throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for [our] future security.” The Bible says in Romans 13:1, Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Our higher power is not a man or group of men but the Constitution of the United States. Wisdom would indeed counsel us to consider the words of the “Serenity Prayer” as we can only make changes by the will and power of our God. If he be for us, who can be against us? If he be against us, what could we do to stay his hand? It is clear from Scripture that we should be busy — occupied — until the return of our Lord and King. Jesus the Messiah is coming back. Our duty then is to live following his commandments and continue to stand for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints (St. Jude 3). Wicked governments and evil rulers will increase culminating in the worst of them all, the Antichrist and his wicked governmental system. We know that he is coming, but we know from Scripture that he will not endure for, in the words of Martin Luther, “. . . lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.” So then keep to the true faith. Read your bibles and follow God’s word for they are the words of life. The institutions of today, and the people who fill them, are transitory and temporary. Consider that last point in light of the words of the poem Ozymandias by Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822): I met a traveler from an antique land Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand, Half sunk, a shattered visage lies, whose frown, And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command, Tell that its sculptor well those passions read Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things, The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed; And on the pedestal these words appear: “My name is Ozymandias, king of kings: Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!” Nothing beside remains. Round the decay Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare The lone and level sands stretch far away. Such aptly describes the coming end of all human government. St. Peter tells us that the world and every thing upon it shall one day be burned off by the word of God. As the apostle noted, But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night: in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness ... (II St. Peter 3:10-11). God has promised us a glorious and everlasting home in the New Jerusalem in which righteousness dwells. He has a mansion for each of us — a place of indescribable beauty and comfort beyond our understanding. He is coming back that we might have life, and have it in abundance. If you have not

committed yourself to Christ, do not reject his calling and his free gift. Accept it and live, and then tell others that they too might do likewise. The greatest and best government is that of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. Embrace him today, and then go and communicate the same to others.

Let us pray,

O most holy and gracious God, whose hand no being either natural or supernatural can turn aside, give us such a filling of thy Spirit, that we would live in obedience to thy will, and do those things which thou hast given us to perform in thy service; for these things we ask in the name of our Lord and King, even 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 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. 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 being planned Two of the three remaining stones have been delivered and Bryan has set them. With that said only one stone remains to be delivered. A plaque is being developed to be placed in the lot explaining these veteran's story. 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 law suit is progressing with a motion hearing rescheduled for March 7. 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"

THE CORWIN AMENDMENT: AND YET THEY INSIST THE WAR WAS ABOUT SLAVERY!

The Corwin Amendment would have made slavery permanently legal in America, if the South would not leave the Union. The following is the text of that amendment: "No amendment shall be made to the Constitution which will authorize or give to Congress the power to abolish or interfere, within any State, with the domestic institutions thereof, including that of persons held to labor or service by the laws of said State."

In his inaugural address, Lincoln stated: "I understand a proposed amendment to the Constitution has passed Congress, to the effect that the Federal Government shall never interfere with the domestic institutions of the States, including that of persons held to service. Holding such a provision to now be implied constitutional law, I have no objection to its being made express and irrevocable."

However, the Southern States declined to be "Tax Slaves" and treated as an Agricultural Colony of the Industrial North. The South was paying 75-85% of the cost of operating the Federal government via the tariff. Eighty to ninety percent of this tax money was being kept and spent in the North. Lincoln had promised the New England Industrialists that he would raise the tariff higher if elected and he did.

Confederate General 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

General Lewis Armistead



On a family trip that included Baltimore and Fort McHenry, I was walking into the fort and saw a monument. As always, I stopped to see who the figure on the monument was: George Armistead. I thought, I have heard this name. On my return home, I found that Confederate General Armistead was his nephew, patriots begat patriots.

Lewis was born into a Virginia family on February 18, 1817. This patriotic family had supplied five brothers to the war of 1812, including George's father and his uncle who commanded Fort McHenry.

Lewis attended West Point but resigned following an incident where he broke a plate over Jubal Early's head. After his West Point incident, his influential father managed to obtain his son a commission in the US army where he served in the Mexican war. After the Mexican war, he served in the west with a tragic family life. During this service, he lost two children and two wives. As Virginia left the union, Armistead was in San Diego California. Upon receiving word of his home state leaving the union, he left California to receive a commission as Colonel of the 57th Virginia infantry. With this new commission, he served in the Army of Northern Virginia at Seven Pines, Second Manassas, and Antietam. It is at Gettysburg that he is best known. At Gettysburg, Armistead and his brigade attacked in what has become known as Pickett's charge. He has been made immortal by paintings showing him leading his brigade waving his hat on his saber while leading the charge. He was mortally wounded as his brigade penetrated the stone wall at the angle. As he laid wounded, he entrusting a pocket watch to Union Captain Bingham to be delivered to the his family. He feared that his personal effects would be stolen by Union soldiers, so he gave a Masonic sign to ask for help. Union Captain Brother Bingham then came to his aid. Some credit Armistead with the farthest Confederate penetration on that day also called by some as the High Water Mark of the Confederacy. During the charge, he received three wounds none of which was classified as mortal but he died in a union hospital two days latter from secondary causes. He is buried at Old Saint Paul's Cemetery in Baltimore next to his uncle who had commanded Fort McHenry

Follow Up to Farthest Penetration

One of the contested claims is who made the deepest penetration on the third day charge at Gettysburg that some call Pickett's charge. No matter who deserves this honor, it is a fact that all the men who made that fatal charge were heroes

Some credit North Carolina men with the deepest penetration

Some say General Armistead and his Virginia brigade made the deepest penetration

But we all know in Mississippi, the answer is the 11th Mississippi Infantry containing company A University Grays, Ole miss owes them.

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. 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.

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.

Confederate Flag Day

Beauvoir will celebrate its annual Confederate Flag Day, March 4, 2017. March 4, 2017 marked when the First National Flag (Stars and Bars) was hoisted over the Confederate Capitol in Montgomery, Alabama. The Stars and Bars has and still flies over Beauvoir in recognition of the bill that was signed by Confederate President Jefferson Davis on March 4, 1865, creating the Third National Flag.

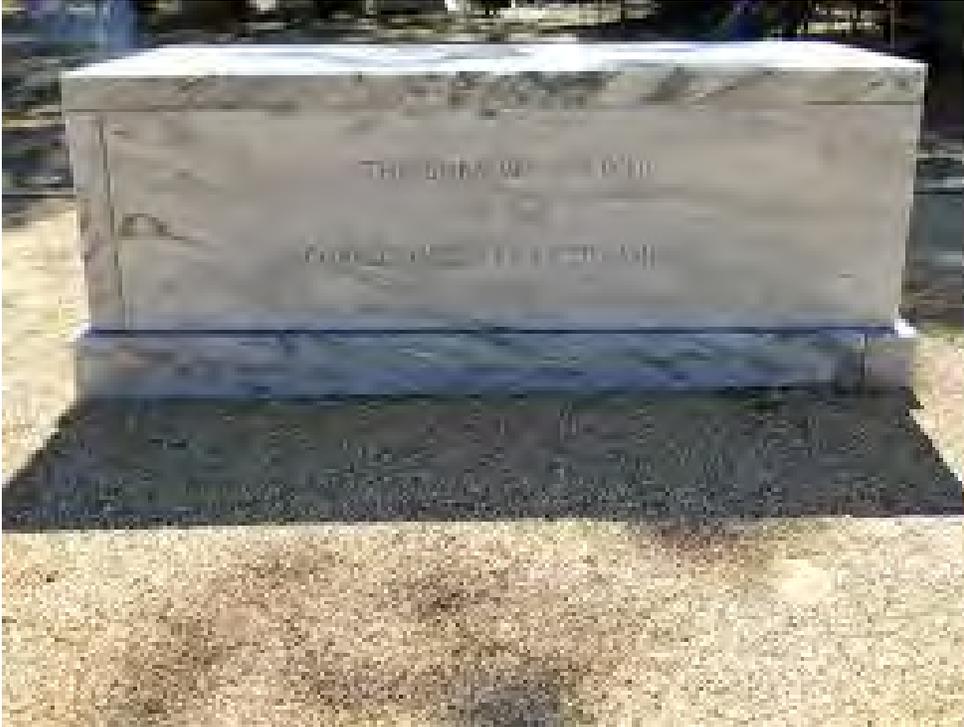
Friends of Beauvoir

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. June 9-11 2017. If you plan to attend, contact Edward Campbell or Larry Holman for your credentials and registration form.

2017 Mississippi Reunion Officer Announcements

Commander of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

- Marc S. Allen

First Lt Commander

- David Wotten

3rd Brigade Commander

- Trent Lewis

Beauvoir Board of Directors

- Mike Wooten

Announcement for Lt Commander

Gentlemen of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

I, David Wooten due hereby officially announce my candidacy for the position of First Lieutenant Commander, Mississippi Division.

I have been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans for over 20 years. I have served as Historian and Commander of the Brookhaven Light Artillery, Camp 235, and currently act as the Camp Adjutant. I served as Councilman of the 3rd Brigade, Mississippi Division and currently serve as 3rd Brigade Commander.

I am a firm believer in the Sons of Confederate Veterans and what we stand for. I also believe in this Division and what we could be. We have had our problems in the past but it is time for us to put aside petty differences and get back to honoring our ancestors and protecting the history of their duty, honor and sacrifice to establish an independent nation.

We are losing too many members for whatever reason. We must try to get as many of these men back in our ranks as possible. I propose to get this started by getting as many names and phone numbers of the lost members as possible and personally contact them to ask that they to rejoin our ranks. We must also work on recruiting new members. I would love to see some new, more detailed hand outs about our purpose to go with our application forms. I definitely would like to see our workshops restarted for training on

member retention, recruiting methods and camp Commander, Adjutant training.

Thank you for your consideration,

David Wooten, Commander 3rd Brigade Ms. Div. SCV

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

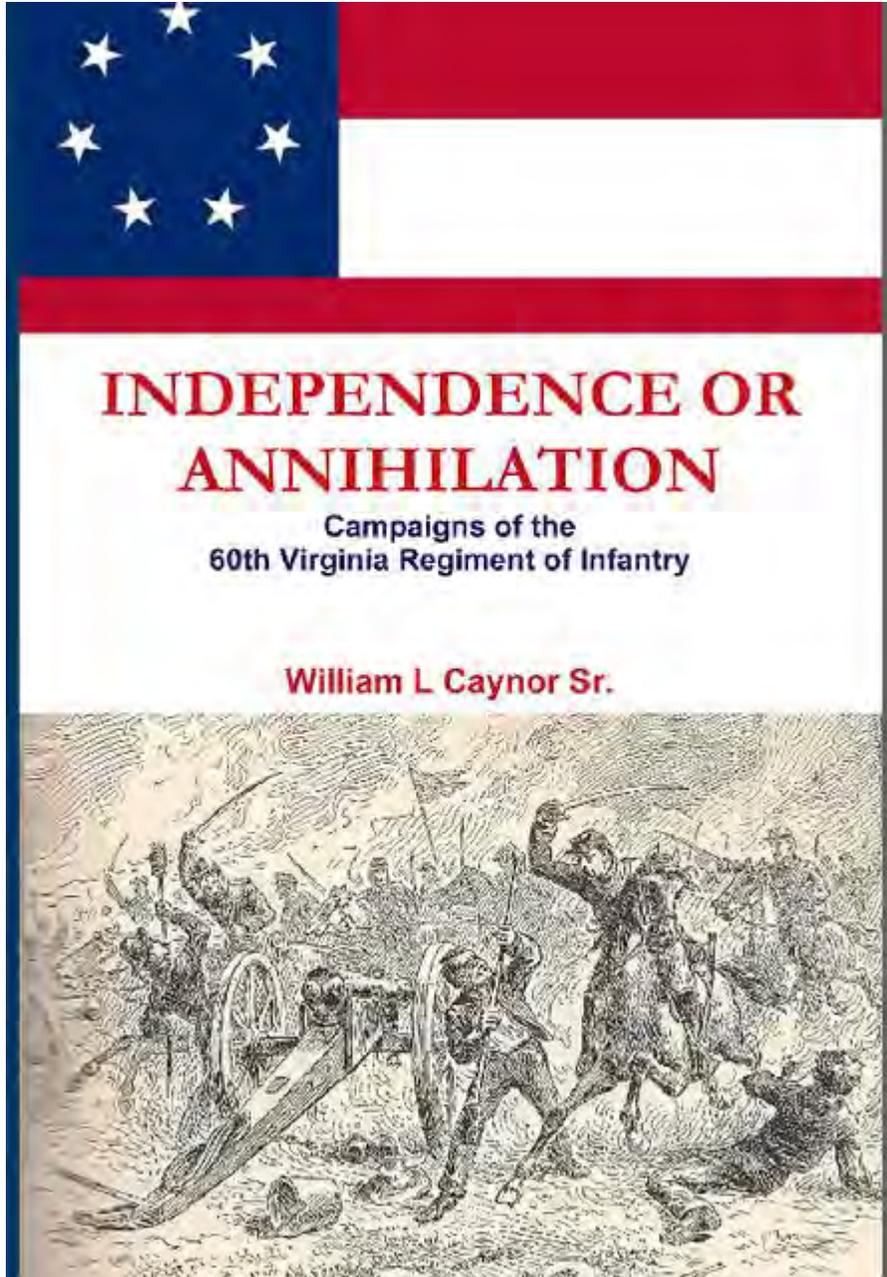
2017 Memphis Tennessee July 20-22 2017

2018 Franklin Tennessee

2019 Mobile Alabama

Independence or Annihilation

This book records why the men of the 60th Virginia fought to attain Virginia's independence. The motto of these patriots was Independence or Annihilation



This book is offered in Softback and Hardcover w/dust jacket; with 2,011 soldier's names and biographies; and 735 pages of storyline, statistics and countless photos and illustrations

Please go to <http://www.60thvirginiainfantr yregiment.com/> if you're interested in obtaining a copy.

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