

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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We only want to be left alone

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Commander's Column

The first month of 2018 is almost History and what a month it has been. Robin and I have both been sick and are recovering from "The Crud". It has been a hectic month for us with the cold weather, plumbing problems and a new Washing machine but God has been faithful and has gotten us through it. I look back on last week's Lee-Jackson Dinner and I think how proud I am of our Camp and want to thank everyone who came and helped to make it a success. If you were unable to attend this year, we plan to make it an annual event so please consider putting it on your calendar for next January.

Our Speaker for the event, Brandon Beck, gave an outstanding talk on "The 1st meeting of Lee and Jackson". He spoke very highly of our Camp and said to just "Name the time" for him to return and speak to us again. He will be the Keynote speaker at the Statewide Confederate Memorial Day Observance at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus. This will be on April 28 and it is open to all SCV members if you are able to make the trip.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 6 with our own Eddy Cresap speaking. I know that he will give a great talk. I would like to thank Eddy for doing the program on short notice, after Sam Price decided that he was not able to do it.

Please keep our Mr. Sam in your prayers as he continues to recover from pneumonia and is also struggling with other health issues. If you are able to pay him a visit, he would love it. Please also pray for Eddy as he faces knee surgery on Tuesday, one week before his talk. We pray for his speedy recovery. Please come and bring a friend.

Now that the Holidays are over, please take several petitions and start circulating them around town. We will need to get organized and start doing all that we can do to get the petitions signed and turned in before the October deadline. This is an important issue and will require assistance from as many as can help. Please keep several later events in mind, particularly our Spring Flea Market on April 14 and our Confederate Memorial Day Observance later that month.

We have a lot going on and now is the time to be feeling out your friends and inviting them to attend our Camp meeting. The more members we have, the more we can do in the community and the more hands we will have to help out. The Cause will never die as long as we believe in it and as long as we Pray for God's guidance and wisdom. Please also continue to pray for Vindication for the Confederacy and her heroes.

God Bless and Deo Vindice,
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> |
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| Feb 6 | Eddy Cresap | TDB |
| March 6 | Doctor Walter Johnson | Confederate Monuments |
| April 3 | Marc Thompson | |
| May 8 | Doctor McMillin | What you were taught in school |
| November 4 | Charles Pittman | Southern Music Captain Ridley |

Executive Council Meeting

The commander is arranging an E council meeting to cover upcoming items as time allows including:

- Coopers well dedication
- April Memorial service
- 2018 convention
- Memorial stone for CSS Arkansas
- Spring flea market.
- Support for meeting building

Lee Jackson

Our Lee Jackson banquet on Sat Jan 20 was a tremendous success. Tony's provided a great atmosphere, great food and superior service. The fellowship for all that attended was awesome. The program provided by Brandon Beck was phenomenal. Thanks to all that attended and thanks to Commander Campbell for arranging the banquet.

January meeting

Our normal meeting had to be delayed for a week due to cold temps and lack of heating. Thanks to Wayne for facilitating the heat fix. Thomas Dabney gave us an in sight into his research on why the state flag was removed but needed to continue to fly over Delta State campus. Delta State's administration used normal half truths and Marist tactics to get the flag removed

Upcoming Events

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| Confederate Memorial day | April 28 |
| Spring Flea market | April 14 |

Spring flea market

We have a reserved spot for the 2018 Flea Market. The 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.

Why

As haters of our heritage continue to desecrates our monuments and break the law, why are they not arrested, charged, and pay the price for their felonies.

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 Feb 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.

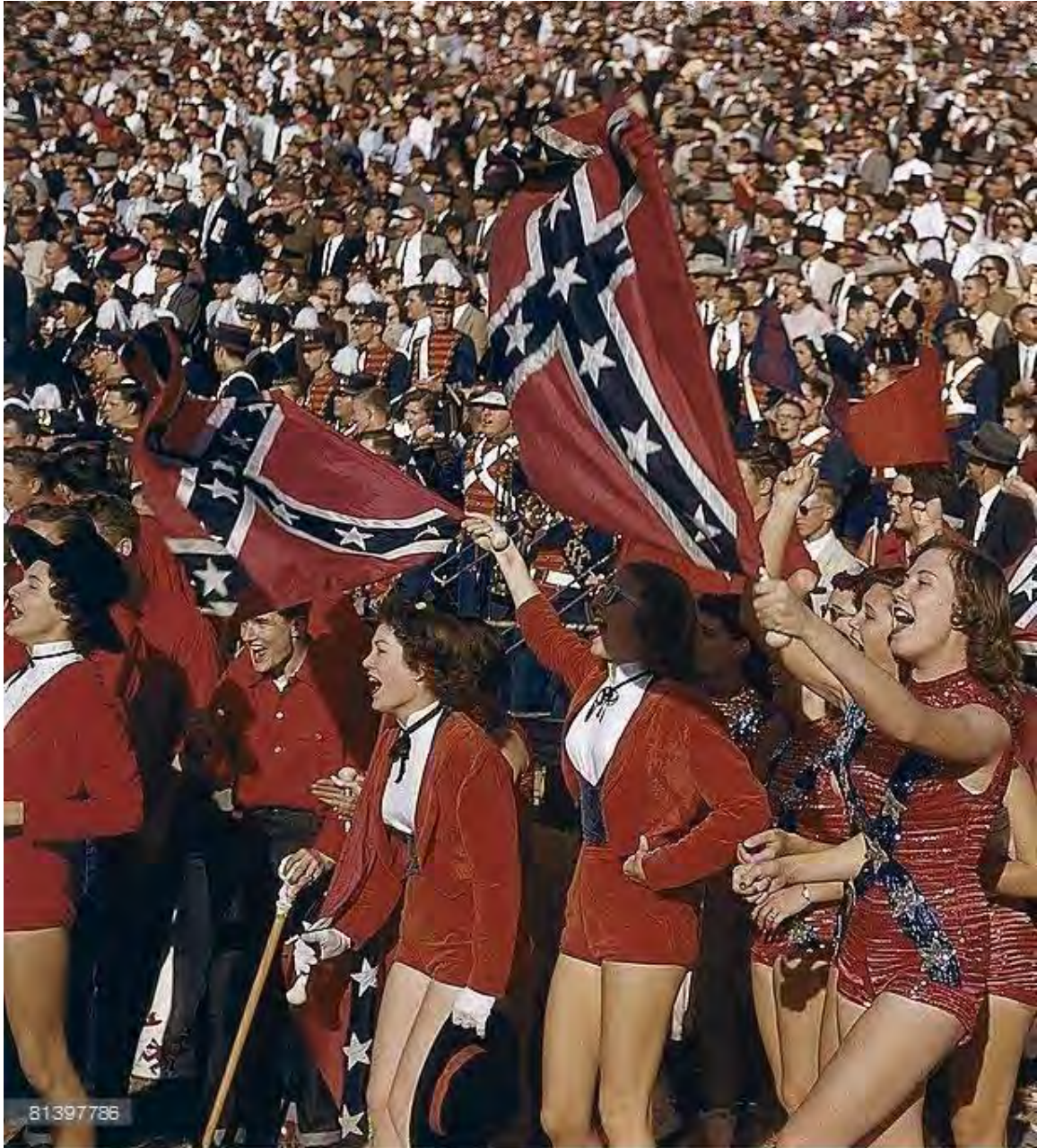
We need to get the ball rolling, we can even do it in 2 parts if its easier, I need the blank marker in hand first. We have been working on this for about 6 months and was glad to hear it could be done at a reasonable price.

Thank you

A Time Gone With The Wind

Cotton bowl 1956 TCU against the rebels

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Chaplin corner

For the Brethren

This Chaplain's Corner is devoted to wisdom from Christian pastors and teachers from across the ages.

Faith must be the result of conviction and should not be imposed by force.

Heretics are to overcome by arguments, not by arms. St. Bernard of Clairvaux– 12 century French theologian and scholar. th

Through repentance and faith, Jesus Christ becomes our Lord and Saviour... His righteousness covers us. Instead of having to stand in tattered rags of our own works, we can stand completely clothed in his righteousness... The only way to prepare for judgment, then, is to have the coming Judge as your present Saviour. If you refuse, you will meet him as Judge and will have no hope of salvation. If you accept him as Saviour... you will not have to fear him as judge then. You will find there is 'no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus' (Rom. 8:1). Roger Ellsworth– 20 and 21 century American Baptist pastor and author.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Philippians 4:13. God's principles for a happy home, as stated in the Bible, are the blueprints for a loving family. Take Christ out of these homes, and many of them would fall apart. Many marriages have been healed by a commitment to Christ first and to each other second... Take away Christ and you would have, without opposition or restraint, the accelerated decline of the American family. Dr. D. James Kennedy– 20 and 21 century American Presbyterian pastor, th st teacher and author.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Psalm 46:10-11

The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29

A wicked man sins, not only without regret, but with delight. A fool walks by no rule [and] acts with no sincerity or steadfastness. But a man, the eyes of whose understanding are enlightened by the Spirit, lives a sober, orderly, regular life and studies in everything to conform himself to the will of God; this is a constant pleasure and joy to him. The Rev. Matthew Henry – 17 and 18 century English pastor and author. th th

Could you weigh the least sin in the scales of eternity, you would fly from it as from a serpent, and abhor the least appearance of evil. Look upon all sin as that which crucified the Saviour, and you will see it to be "exceeding sinful." The Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon– 19 century English pastor and author.

The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.
Lamentations 3:24

Science brings man nearer to God...The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator. Louis Pasteur– 19 century French chemist and microbiologist. th

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
St. John 1:14.

The time of the sinner's opportunity for fleeing from God's wrath is exceedingly brief and limited. The sad and tragic thing is that so few realize it. The sinner sees little cause for alarm and fails to apprehend his imperative need of promptly accepting Christ as his Saviour. He imagines himself secure. He goes on in his sin, and because judgment against an evil work is not executed speedily he increases in his boldness against God. But God's ways are different [than] ours. There is no need for God to be in a hurry— all eternity is at His disposal... He knows the sinner, cannot escape Him... In due time every transgression and disobedience shall receive a just recompense of reward (Hebrews 2:2). Because there is wrath, beware lest He take thee away with His stroke (Job 36:18). Arthur W. Pink– 20 century English Bible pastor and author.

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. II St. Peter 2:9-10.

Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.
Jeremiah 10:2

While eternity is often thought of as something that will only exist after our life on earth is completed, the truth is that [it] exists right now and can be entered into by personal faith in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord. The moment we place our full trust and faith in the salvation offered to us by Jesus Christ through his atoning sacrifice on the cross, we enter into eternal life forever. Dr. Grant Jeffrey– 20 and 21 century Canadian Christian author. If the church proceed further to make any new articles of the faith, beside the Scripture, or direct not the form of life according to the same; then it is not the pillar of the truth, nor the church of Christ, but the synagogue of Satan, the temple of antichrist which both erreth itself, and bringeth into error as many as do follow it. The Most Rev. Thomas Cranmer– 16 century Anglican theologian, author.

There are only two religions in the world. One is that religion that wants to convince you that you are basically okay. The other is that religion that

wants to convince you that, if left to yourself, you are entirely lost. The first ... wants to tell you that, yes, there is God, but that all that he requires of you is that you should be a decent person. The other ... which is the religion of the Bible ... tells us that, yes, there is God and it does not deny that His followers are to be good. But it goes on to tell us that this ... holy God ... requires not just a general obedience to His LAW... it tells us that ... if any rescuing is going to get done, it is going to have to be done by God Himself. The Most Rev. Garth Neel – 21 century Anglican Orthodox bishop in st Canada.

Men must be governed by God, or they will be ruled by tyrants. William Penn– 17 century founder of the British colony of Pennsylvania. th That religion which is reluctant, or forced, whether by fear or by stress of conscience, is spurious... unless the service we render to God flows from the heart, it is no evidence that we are his children. The Rev. Dr. Charles Hodge– 19 century American theologian and author. th

We receive Christ Jesus by faith, and we are to walk in him by the same principle, and when this is fully [realized] and properly [emphasized] in relation both to Justification and Sanctification the outcome is liberty, joy and practical holiness, which answer fully to the New Testament requirement of the Christian life. The Rev. W. H. Griffith Thomas – 19 and 20 century Anglican theologian th th and author.

There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked. Isaiah 48:22. Satan knows biblical terminology. He is also a master in masquerading under the guise of divine power. Alleged miraculous cures or manifestations often are accomplished by doctrinal errors. Every believer should realize that Satan can use doctrinal errors to his advantage, but he cannot overcome the Christian's defenses in God's Holy Word! This is our bulwark against demon incursions. Dr. Merrill F. Unger– 20 century American theologian and scholar.

We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained. George Washington– American patriot, president and hero.

The Terrible Truth about Lincoln and The Confederate War

The checks and balances of powers, the separation of powers, the constitutional constraints so carefully and deliberately put into place by the Founding Fathers, had all been destroyed in Lincoln's first months. The Republic which the Founders gave us had been completely destroyed and a new nation-state was set up; one in which the free and sovereign States would afterward be only vassals and tributaries, slaves to an all-powerful, oppressive Federal government. This new nation-state is completely different in both nature and consequence to the original American Republic. One only has to look around today to see the end results and legacy of Lincoln's war, his destruction of freedom, and his institution of despotic, centralized governmental power and tyranny

History Modified

Thanks Doctor Lamar McMillin

Mrs. Baker was a 1954 fourth grade teacher at Little Rock Arkansas Pulaski Heights Elementary school and was an accommodating, inclusive lady who made history a fun subject. She taught us that the first battle of ironclad ships at Hampton Roads Virginia was between the Monitor and Merrimac as that is what was in the New England written and printed school books said. We assumed the history books printed the factual truth. In truth honest Abe was much better at spinning tales than he was at reporting the facts. There was no Confederate rebellion, no civil war and this great war was about abolishing the independence of the recently created nation, The Confederate States of America in 1861 and continues today

Show

Put on your calander the Mid-South Military History & Civil War Show that will be on March 3 and 4 at the Agricenter Showplace Arena in Memphis.

This will be the 51st edition which makes our event the oldest of its kind in the South and possibly the oldest in the nation.

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 Feb 20 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 .

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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