

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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Commanders Column

I hope that all of you will come to the March meeting and bring a friend.

New members will be the lifeblood of our camp.

Over the next few months, we have some great meetings planned.

Edward

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April is the month in which the Confederate States began and ended a four-year struggle; and

WHEREAS, on Confederate Memorial Day, we recognize those who served in the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, April 27, 2015, is set aside as Confederate Memorial Day to honor those who served in the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Americans to reflect upon our nation's past, to gain insight from our mistakes and successes, and to come to a full understanding that the lessons learned yesterday and today will carry us through tomorrow if we carefully and earnestly strive to understand and appreciate our heritage and our opportunities which lie before us:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of April 2015 as

CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-ninth.



PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

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. If you would like to present a program, please contact Commander Edward Campbell at ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com. 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>
March 3	Marion Roberson	J.S. Gage of the 11th Ms.
April 7	Thomas Watts	The Hinds Family
May 5	Dr Beck	TBD
June 2	Birthday Party	Jefferson Davis Birthday and business meeting preceding state convention
July 7	Eddy Cresap	Rape of Maryland

February Meeting

Commander Campbell opened our meeting with prayer, pledges, salutes and Charge. Wayne McMaster gave us "This day in history". The Resolution for the death of Major Armstrong was read and Doctor McMillin reported on his Memorial Service. We have been invited to a Memorial Day celebration at Eagle Lake on May 23, more to come. Our speaker Josh Edwards gave us a look into the life of John Cashman. Without the siege there would be no Vicksburg Evening Post. Before the war, Mr. Cashman worked in the newspaper business in Jackson Ms. As the war started he joined the 1st Mississippi light artillery. He was inside the siege lines at Vicksburg with his unit and lost an eye. After the war, he returned to Vicksburg to start a newspaper whose purpose was to drive the Carpet Baggers back home. When this effort succeeded, he worked for several other papers in Vicksburg. These were morning papers and Cashman had to work at night by candle light to get the paper ready for the morning. This was causing his remaining eye to fail so he started an evening paper, the Vicksburg Post. Doctor McMillin reported he has found the cannon that sat in his yard during the siege. Eddy Cresap proposed a camp project to place a headstone in the lot where General Green was buried

History Lost

It is black history month. I have not heard about brave Black Confederate soldiers or the slaves left behind to protect the hearth , home and the ladies left behind. My mother told a story about a family buried in the cemetery of our family home church, Trinity UMC in Nutbush Tennessee. As the master and sons went to war he left a slave behind with a very specific job. To protect his wife in his absence. He slept at the foot of the wife's bed for the time his master was gone to war. On his death he was laid to rest at the foot of the woman he protected during the war. The slaves grave is decorated as a Confederate soldier during decoration day.

Patriot Wall

We have a mounted a cork board on the wall of our meeting room. We would like to mount a picture of the patriot you joined the SCV under or any other Confederate family veteran on this board. You can bring a picture to the meeting or e mail it to me at chaerlescresap33@att.net. I will print out and post your ancestor. If you need help scanning your picture for printing and posting also contact me and we will work through the technology needed.

Heritage Month in Vicksburg

We have tentatively scheduled the John C. Pemberton Confederate Heritage month memorial service for Sunday April 26 to be held in Soldiers Rest. We usually start the event after church services about 2:00. We will discuss details at our March meeting. If you have any ideas for the service or other ideas for Heritage month please share them at our February meeting

Freezing For the Cause

reflecting on this week's weather. From my memory, the battle of Nashville in 1865 was preceded by a couple of weeks of "siege" lines "around" the city of Nashville. During this time a severe winter storm hit the Nashville area. Many Confederates were without tents, blanket, coats and shoes, Many froze to death at gthier assigned post. What courage and resolve! You think they were thinking about saving the institude of slavery with their last frozen breath.

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A lot is made of General Forrest and his actions relative to Negroes. He is painted with the racist brush based on his occupation as a slave trader prior to the war, the action of his troops at Fort Pillow with the Yankee myth calling it a massacre, and his participation the Klan after the war. It appears we have collectedly accepted without apology his occupation prior to the war. It also appears that we defend the Fort Pillow accusation based on several reasons given to dispute the massacre, to distant Forrest from the actions, or to deal with the real facts of the action. The common defense of the Klan accusation is the one that I disagree with. Many Southerners go out of their way to distant Forrest from the Klan. There were no muster rolls or membership list for the organization so based on this there is no proof for either argument. There are some accusations that he founded the Klan which are obviously not true. The founding of the Klan is well documented and Forrest was not a part of it. The other accusations are that he held a leadership role, was a member, or advised the Klan. Forrest testified before Congress that all these accusation were not true. Reconstruction in the South were a tough time. After 4 long years of war and sacrifice the veterans returned home to find utter destruction. They found themselves under bayonet rule with no civil rights and no recourse under the law. To protect their rights many good men joined together to protect their families. Some of these organizations were called the Klan. Many of the atrocities attributed to the Klan were in fact done by the union league under the hoods of the Klan. Modern Yankee myths try to paint these good men protecting heir homes as terrorist akin to present day Islamic terrorist. I believe it is possible that Forrest told a "Lie " to the Congress. One of his war tactics included lying to his enemy. If in fact he was a member or supporter of the Klan I have no issue with the position. Disclaimer, This is only my (eddy cresp) opinion. In no way do I support the Klan or other related hate groups of today.

OFFICIAL U.S. POLICY ON CONFEDERATE POW's

Preamble to H.R. 97 passed by both Houses (Senate and House of Representatives) on January 26 1865.

"Rebel prisoners in our hands are to be subjected to a treatment finding its parallels only in the conduct of savage tribes and resulting in the death of multitudes by the slow but designed process of starvation and by mortal diseases occasioned by insufficient and unhealthy food and wanton exposure of their persons to the inclemency of the weather."

How many of our ancestors died in Yankee hell holes maintained as described above. I did. I remember John Holloway, sergeant 7th Tennessee Calvary CSA. Holloway was captured near Brownsville Tennessee and sent to the Yankee prison camp, Camp Douglas. There he died of smallpox in Jan 1865.

The Confederate Flying Machine

You have probably never heard of Dr. Finley Hunt, but if his invention had worked he'd probably be as famous as any of history's great inventors. Halfway through the war, Dr. Hunt wrote a letter to Confederate president Jefferson Davis. He had a very special suggestion: He could turn the tide of the war with a steam-powered military flying machine that could bomb the enemy from above—a truly groundbreaking idea at a time when the height of aerial technology was the hot air balloon. Hunt was a dentist by trade, and the Wright Brothers' first successful flight was still some time away, but Davis became excited about the idea and introduced Hunt to General Robert E. Lee, who put him in contact with the Chief of the Engineer Bureau for the Confederacy. They immediately started researching the idea.

At least on paper, Hunt's idea was a fairly good one. Sadly, his lack of engineering background proved to be a hindrance to the project, and the Engineer Bureau soon reported that the machine could not be built. Its whole concept might have been lost in the annals of history if its blueprints hadn't accidentally been found in a bookstore in 2011.

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.

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.

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

Newsletter

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, forward the article to me (charlescresap33@att.net) and I will place it in the next newsletter. Also if you have any ideas for making the newsletter better serve you, please let me know

Mississippi Division Memorial service

The Division Memorial Service will be held in Oxford, Mississippi at the Confederate Cemetery on the Ole Miss campus on April 25th. The time will be announced later. Sons of Confederate Veterans Past Commander-in-Chief Chuck McMichael will be our guest speaker at the Division Memorial Service So come on out and hear Chuck. His talks are always good and very motivational.

Poets Corner (Thanks Joel)

NEVER LET DIXIE FALL

by: Joel T. Bailey

*Once agin the South is on defense
Defending its history
Some people would like to rewrite
The truth of the Confederacy*

*The memories of our Southern heros
Are being destroyed today
Their legacies are being distorted
And our heritage taken away*

*Its said that our flag is a symbol
Of hate and bigotry
But its the proud banner for which
The South fought so bravely*

*The people should know the reasons
Why the war was fought
All the lies should be dispelled
And the truth be taught*

*We should be proud of our ancestors
They're patriots one and all
For them we should stand together
And never let Dixie fall*

DEO VINDICE

Chaplains Corner

For the Brethren:

Our message for today comes from the Old Testament book of Nahum. As a rule, this is not a book that is well-known to many Christians because of its length and subject matter. And so it is usually passed over in favor of the more popular books of prophecy. In actuality, Nahum's prophecy is a follow-on to Jonah's by some 150 years. Both men were given to preach about Nineveh: a notorious middle eastern city that was located on the banks of the Tigris River in what is now northern Iraq. But where Jonah's message concerned God's mercy and acceptance of a penitent sinner; Nahum message was about God's judgment on Nineveh as it had returned to its former ways of sin and wickedness. Now, you won't hear any voices rising in support of the Assyrians as they were considered to be a menace to the nations in Southwest Asia. By all accounts, they were generally loathed by their neighbors and Nahum's message of their coming destruction would have been welcomed by all including the Jews, so just a bit of background might be useful at the juncture. The Assyrians were a Semitic people who began to conquer the region of Mesopotamia during the 9th century B.C. They were believed to have been the first people to organize their armies into units much like our modern division which contained specialized units. They were also believed to have been the first people to have practiced the art of psychological warfare via their use of terror and mayhem to induce their intended victims to surrender without a fight. The Assyrian king, Ashurnasirpal had the following account recorded which described his gruesome tactics: "I flayed all the chief men... I covered the pillar with their skins... some I impaled... on stakes... I burned [them] with fire... I took living captives... I [mutilated them]... the city I destroyed, I devastated." As Professor Thomas Africa once noted in his work, *The Ancient World*, p. 44, "Such spectacles produced an immediate effect: but Ashurnasirpal had established a precedent in ferocity that obliged his successors to continue atrocities which only made their victims lust for revenge. The frightful Assyrians continually faced rebellions." So, yes, there was a popular sentiment in the Fertile Crescent from the 9th century B.C. onward until the end of the 7th century B.C. that the Assyrian Empire ought to "dry up and blow away." When Jonah preached at Nineveh, the Assyrian Empire had come on the world stage as a force to be reckoned with. But the fact that the king right down to the lowest subject in that great city repented at his preaching is a testimony to the power of God's word presented by his appointed — but less than willing — witness. Jonah was angry that God's word had such an effect on that city. Still, God's mercy was extended to a

Gentile people upon their heart-felt recognition of their sins and their sorrow over them before God. But for Nahum, the message was not one of a calling to repentance but to destruction. Notice the opening words of the first chapter, *The burden of Nineveh...* for anytime God uses this phraseology, it is to call one's attention to an approaching terrible and unavoidable judgment. Nineveh's burden was its heavy load of sins for which God would hold them accountable. As God had been gracious to spare them in Jonah's time on account of their repentance, nevertheless by the time of Nahum, they had forged an even greater chain of wickedness (to use a Charles Dickens' expression from his *Christmas Carol*). Consider also verse 2, *God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.* Notice the repetition in this verse. Normally stating such only once in a chapter or book is sufficient, but when the message is immediately repeated, it compounds the notion above the norm. He is God and there is no other. He hears and sees everything. Every evil, every idle word, every wicked thought, every wicked glance of the eye. Every lying word and false teaching, God has seen and heard it all. And so every tear, every unkindness, every broken heart, and every physical violation will be on record with him. Therefore, true vengeance belongs to him. He will punish evildoers and avenge those of his own who have been victimized by the wicked. In verse 3, we learn that God is *slow to anger*, and that he *will not at all acquit the wicked*. The Assyrians had butchered and plundered their way across Mesopotamia even as far as Egypt to the west. They had carted away most of the inhabitants of the northern kingdom of Israel, and had attempted to conquer the kingdom of Judah. God preserved the southern kingdom because they at least had a few righteous kings where the northern kingdom had none. Still, God knows how to reserve the wicked for the day of judgment and to deliver his own out of their snare if it be agreeable to his will and purpose. His reservation of the wicked for judgment speaks of God's righteous nature. His judgment will come upon all who have sinned without due consideration for its consequences, and who have not attained the means of salvation. For such there will be neither pity nor lessening of his verdict (II St. Peter 2:9). And so Nineveh fell to a coalition of Medes, Persians and Chaldeans in 612 B.C. which the prophet Nahum (3:18-19) prophesied ahead of time saying, *Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them. There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit [rumour] of thee shall*

clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually? Returning to Nahum chapter 1, we find in verse 7 that *The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.* This is a common theme in both testaments of the Bible. God is indeed good and will be a place of refuge for those who trust in him (see Psalm 46:1-11). Our Lord has gone before us into heaven to prepare a place for us (St. John 14:2-3), and until he comes again, we are expected to abide in his word. We are to trust him who is our strength, shield and sure defense as we pass through troublesome times of this mortal life. As one friend of mine has said, “We are either entering a storm, in the midst of it or passing out of it and headed toward another one.” We have not been promised an easy journey only that with God’s guiding Spirit, we will have the comfort of his presence as we go along and that we will ultimately arrive in the safe harbor of his kingdom. And so the lesson for us is this: God will remember the evil of the wicked and will eventually bring his judgment upon them; but for us, his servants, he will be a strong hold, a mighty fortress preserving us as he has promised in his word. May God lead you to himself and preserve your whole spirit, soul and body unto the day of his glorious appearing.

Let us pray,

Father, make of us vessels fit for thy use via the power of the Holy Ghost; that being so conformed to thy will, we would carry to others the truth of thy word written; and this we ask in the name of thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Another Name Change

Balancing heritage with changing times, YMCA Blue Ridge Assembly near Asheville North Carolina has changed the name of its iconic Robert E. Lee Hall to a name derived from the word its founder uttered when he first saw this forested acreage near Black Mountain over a century ago.

In October, YMCA Blue Ridge's board voted to change the name of Lee Hall to Eureka Hall. The decision weighed the "almost hallowed ground" that Lee Hall occupies in the assembly's history against "the realization that the world is changing," said Kurt Eckel, Blue Ridge's president and CEO.

"Heritage is very, very important, and preserving that heritage is important," Eckel said. But changing the name of the hall "is about who we are as an organization. And if a name on a building makes some we serve feel less than welcome, then taking the name down is the right thing to do. That was the board's decision."

I am so offended

Texas Division License Plate

Texas Division License Plate to be argued before the Supreme Court of the United States! Mark your calendars for Monday, March 23, 2015 when the State of Texas will be the first to offer oral arguments to the SCOTUS, trying to restrict the free speech rights of ALL Americans by declaring "offensive speech and symbols" like the Confederate Battle flag cannot constitutionally appear on State issued custom license plates because that would constitute "government sponsored" speech. The SLRC is fighting this concept tooth & nail and invite you to join us in the struggle! Support www.slrc-csa.org

VICTORY IN ARKANSAS

On Wednesday, January 28th, 2015, the people of Arkansas witnessed a major victory in the struggle for heritage rights, common sense, and genuine brotherhood. At the State Capitol in Little Rock, the House State Agencies and Government Affairs Committee rejected a proposal that would have removed Robert E. Lee from the State Holiday which jointly celebrates the lives of General Lee and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. According to news reports, "opponents of the measure packed the committee hearing room." The Arkansas Division of the S.C.V. was prominent in the opposition to this divisive piece of political correctness, and should be congratulated by all for their forthright actions. John Crain, an attorney from Mountain Home, said that removing General Lee from the holiday would mean that, "my ancestry and my heritage is not worth honoring. I think Martin Luther King, if he were here today standing beside me, would tell you, 'Why can't we celebrate a birthday of two men, one of color and a white man? Surely we've progressed that far in our race relations'." This victory for all Americans is surely to confuse and anger the apostles of sanctimonious division and "identity politics". The national media, ever committed to generating heat rather than light, will belittle us once again as racist troglodytes, and "demand a recount". But if we stand firm, and make our case sincerely, always taking the sensible high road, we will begin to make headway nationally as more people see that the "hate" in this debate is coming from those who wish to eliminate every vestige of our Confederate heritage. I once had the privilege of spending a few days aboard the U.S.S. Coral Sea, one of our nation's most honored aircraft carriers. I was curious about the old question, "How long does it take to turn an aircraft carrier around?" The Captain explained that it depended on any number of circumstances; the speed of the ship, the seas and the weather, the preparation of the deck and the readiness of the crew. "But the simple answer is," he smiled, "that with every crewman working together, it doesn't take as long as you think." With all of us working together in the concentrated effort to turn around the massive attack against us, it will take time, perhaps years. But it will not take as long as we think. And like the men on that great ship, it is our duty.

Ben Jones

Chief of Heritage Operations

Beauvoir Law Suit

Data taken from WLOX Feb 11, 2015

The suit pits Beauvoir's trustees against a foundation set up by a Jefferson Davis descendant, Bertram Hayes Davis. At the center of the fight are allegations of deceit, deception, schemes, and an unauthorized mission that trustees contend were done to the direct detriment of Beauvoir. The suit names the Beauvoir Foundation and four unnamed defendants in the case. According to the complaint, a non-profit corporation known as the Foundation of Beauvoir was formed in 2012 by Bertram Hayes Davis, the great grandson of Jefferson Davis, for the published and announced purposes of acting on behalf of and in the sole interests of Beauvoir. At that time, Bertram Hayes Davis was named director of Beauvoir by the Board of Trustees. The suit filed Friday, February 6 in Harrison County Circuit Court against the Beauvoir foundation alleges, among other things, breach of fiduciary duty and obligation, breach of loyalty, improper diversion and unauthorized conversion of funds in an effort to destabilize Beauvoir. According to the complaint, the Beauvoir Foundation failed to properly report and account for donations made and money received. Some of those donations, the suit alleges, were made at the Christmas at Beauvoir celebrations held in 2012 and 2013. The suit accuses the foundation of refusing to provide an accounting of funds to the Beauvoir Board of Trustees. Beauvoir contacted the Secretary of State, reported the circumstances and launched an investigation. The suit alleges that the investigation revealed that \$130,939.73 belonging to Beauvoir had been diverting from a bank account. The suit asks the court to order a full forensic accounting of all funds obtained by the foundation and to award Beauvoir an amount equal to, with appropriate interest, all money, funds and donations obtained by the foundation. According to the complaint, The Foundation's action had the potential to financially debilitate Beauvoir to the point where it would fail to exist as an independent entity and possibly be placed in the hands of state ownership and probably private ownership. Beauvoir claims the beachfront property where the historic home is located is estimated to be worth millions of dollars for private development

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.

Confederate Memorial Service at Beauvoir

Beauvoir's Annual Confederate Memorial Day will be held Saturday April 25, 2015 on the historic property of beautiful Beauvoir: The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library. There will be a potluck lunch on the grounds around noon. The program will begin at 2pm with a speaker to be named at a later date. We will have more work completed on the Bricks for Beauvoir Project to view. Anyone who would like to come dressed out in Confederate Uniform would be welcome to be a part of the Honor Guard. SCV & UDC Camps who wish to lay a wreath are welcome to do so. Anyone who would like to participate & take part can get with Beauvoir personnel & staff to make plans & accommodations. We have a hotel partner, Regency Hotel, in the Promenade that can give you a good deal on a very nice affordable hotel room.

The Fourth Brigade Johnston - White Picnic

The Fourth Brigade Picnic and memorial service will start at 10.30 am. at the Historic American Legion Post 89 on Saturday 03-28-2015. There will be a general meeting followed by a pot luck dinner at 11.45am . The memorial service will be at the Historic Newton Doolittle CSA Cemetery at 2.00 pm . There we will honor our Confederate Heroes by placing a Ms. Division SCV Memorial Bench at the Historic Cemetery.

120th Mississippi Division Convention

2015 Division will be in Columbus Ms hosted by the General William Barksdale Camp 1220 on June 5 - 7, 2015.

Upcoming National Conventions

2015 – Richmond Virginia July 15 - 19 2015

<http://www.jebstuartcamp.org/jebstuartcamp.org/2015reunion/> for details

2016 – Dallas/Ft. Worth Texas

2017 – Memphis Tennessee

Leadership conference

There will be a National Leadership Conference to be held on 14 March . It is being hosted by Ten Islands Camp 2678 at Janney Furnace. The address is: 145 Janney Drive, Ohatchee, Alabama. Start time will be 9:00 A.M and registration will open at 8:00 a.m." You can register via Camp 2678. Cost is \$20.00 per person in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Please pre-register by contacting Ms. Cindy White at 800-380-1896 ext. 209 or go to www.scv.org If you would like to mail a check please make checks payable to: Ten Islands Camp 2678C/O Vic Chandler, Adjutant P.O. Box 786 Ohatchee, Alabama 36271-0786 On the memo of your check please note "Leadership Conference. "Lodging: Hilton Garden Inn 280 Colonial Drive Oxford, Alabama 36203 The rate will be \$89.00 per night and up. You don't have to ask for a special discount. It is located at Exit 188 on Interstate 20.

Division Newsletter

At our Division Convention in June, a motion was made and passed to go electronic with the Jeff Davis Legion Newsletter. If you have not received your Jeff Davis Legion (Division Newsletter) for the fall 2014 issue please contact me.

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