

IN THE TRENCHES

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“Every man should endeavor to understand the meaning of subjugation before it is too late... It means the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern schoolteachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the war; will be impressed by the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit objects for derision... It is said slavery is all we are fighting for, and if we give it up we give up all. Even if this were true, which we deny, slavery is not all our enemies are fighting for. It is merely the pretense to establish sectional superiority and a more centralized form of government, and to deprive us of our rights and liberties.”

Maj. General Patrick R. Cleburne, CSA, January 1864

Commander's Column

Dear Compatriot's:

It is almost Springtime and the very important month of April will be here before you know it. We are hosting the statewide Confederate Memorial Day observance on April 22 and we need help and participation from almost everyone in the Camp. This is quite an honor for our Camp and it can also be used as a Recruiting tool for us. We will have dignitaries from all Confederate groups from all over the state come to Vicksburg for this special day. We will need assistance with parking, setting up and taking down and many other things. Our April meeting will be a business meeting devoted to this event. On March 7, we will have a very interesting program from Dr. McMillan entitled, " A Crushing Blow". Dr. McMillan's programs are always very well researched and I know that you will receive some very interesting information. Please come on March 7 and bring a friend. Our numbers are growing and we need everyone in our Camp to come to the meetings and help tell others about our organization. As you know, our enemies are at it again. It is a crying shame what they are trying to do to our great Southern hero, General Lee. The City council of Charlottesville, Va. has voted to change the name of Lee Park and to remove a statue of the General from the Park. This is in direct violation of state law, which protects monuments in the state of Virginia. This shows, as the 24-hour news shows every day, that the enemy has no regard for the rule of law or for the will of the people. Again, as in other states, including our own, ground zero for the enemy is the home of the state University, which should be the center for critical thinking of all viewpoints. Unfortunately, it just shows how few "educated" people really know their history. General Lee is a great man who is a positive role-model for all Americans, North and South. This all started in Charlottesville with a 15 year old student, in Middle school, who was offended by the statue. God help us. Let's all be aware of Heritage violations all over the country and do what we can to express our opinion but, like General Lee, to always express ourselves as Southern Gentlemen and not to stoop to the level of our enemies. Hope everyone has had a great February, see you in March.

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>
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
July	Summer break	
August	Mrs Pat Parrish	TBA

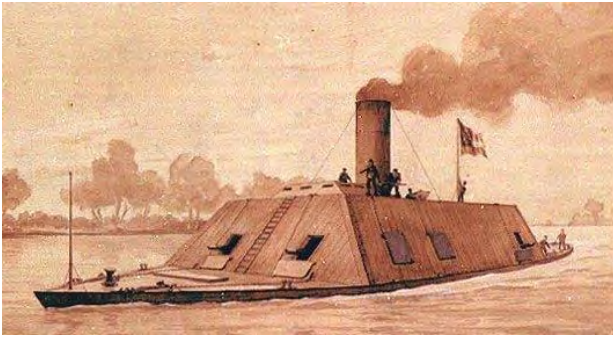
Mississippi Division Convention

Our camp has volunteered to host the 2020 Division. This is an event that will require support from all our members. Standby for more information.

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.

CSS Arkansas



The Confederate Iron clad CSS Arkansas had her keel laid in Memphis in October 1861. To prevent her capture with the eminent fall of Memphis, the boat was moved to Greenwood Mississippi on the Yazoo river. Staying in Memphis was her sister ship, CSS Tennessee ,that was not complete enough to float down the river and was burned to avoid capture, In May 1862, Captain Isaac Brown of the Confederate navy was sent to assume command and oversee completion of the iron clad Arkansas. Upon his arrival, he found the project in shambles and he had the boat towed to Yazoo city for completion. Before total completion of the work, It lacked armour around her stern and pilot house, the boat had to leave Yazoo city due to lowering river levels. Brown filled out his crew with sailors from vessels on the river and 60 Missouri troops who were used to man the guns. She was ordered to go to Mobile to lift the blockade destroying any Yankee vessel she may encounter. On the trip down river about 15 miles from Yazoo city, it was found that steam leaks from the boiler had rendered the powder for it's guns useless and the Arkansas landed in a spot on the Yazoo river and dried her powder. As Brown and the Arkansas proceeded, he encountered a large federal fleet. On July 15, 1862, The Arkansas engaged the iron clad Carondelet, the wooden gunboat Tyler and the Ram Queen of the West. After the engagement, The Arkansas arrived safely and docked at Vicksburg. That night the Federal Fleet ran the Vicksburg batteries and attempted to disable the Arkansas as they passed the city. . In these actions, the crew of the Arkansas had **12 men killed** and 18 wounded. After Yankee ship were repaired near Vicksburg, the Yankee fleet felt threaten by the presence of the Arkansas and again tried to destroy the Arkansas as she was moored. On the morning of 22 July, The USS Essex , Queen of the West and Sumter mounted an unsuccessful attempt to destroy the Arkansas. The defense of the Arkansas was aided by the Vicksburg river batteries. In this action, the Arkansas had **six killed** and six wounded. After this engagement, it was decided to take the Yankee fleet away from Vicksburg and back to New Orleans. This decision was made based on lack of Infantry which was

needed to capture the city, sickness among his crews, lowering river level which challenged his deep draft vessels, and the presences of the Arkansas. After the Yankee fleet left, Brown took the CSS Arkansas to Helena Ark to monitor the river north of Vicksburg where with the Federal fleet gone, Captain Brown took leave and went to Grenada Mississippi. Before leaving, he advised General Van Dorn who was in charge of the area that the boats engines needed repair and were unreliable. This info was also given to his executive officer Lt Stevens and Stephens was ordered not to move the boat until Brown's return. While Brown was on leave, as part of a plan to attack Union positions in Baton Rouge, Stevens was ordered by Van Dorn to get underway to assist General Breckinridge's attack of Baton Rouge. Stephens attempted to stay as ordered by Brown but was ordered to get underway. Just as Brown expected, the engines failed several times on the way to Baton Rouge and as she was preparing for a battle with the Essex on 6 Aug the engines failed again. The Arkansas, with no power, drifted to the shore where Stevens prepared to destroy the vessel and abandon ship. The ship was set afire and drifted among the federal ships where about noon she blew up. The boat now rest under a levee about 10 mile north of Baton Rouge.

21 men are said to be buried off of the Arkansas in Vicksburg. The Arkansas unloaded these dead patriots off on 2 different dates and the assumption is they were buried somewhere in Cedar Hill. The John C Pemberton camp is evaluating a project to place memorial stones to these men (thanks Bryan) . Below is a plaque dedicated to the Arkansas on the waterfront in Vicksburg.



AHC and the fairy tale

While going in and out of the living room working on a project, the TV was on AHC which was showing their series on The War to Prevent Southern Independence (of course they called it the C word) . Maybe I did not catch the context of the statements below but I am sure I heard the following which is fiction and part of a fairy tale to ensure everyone knows how bad the Confederates were:

- Lee's invasion of Maryland was the first time the United States had been invaded. How about the war with England that we call the war of 1812
- A Confederate victory in the war would have been the end of the Union. Only if they went bankrupt with the loss of their Southern cash cow
- And the tired lie that Lincoln freed all the slaves with the Emancipation Proclamation. Those who believe this have never read it

One thing they did get right and I was amazed, They spent a good amount of time talking about the "bait and switch" that Lincoln pulled on the Northern troops. We are fighting keep the Union intact. Oh not now we are fighting to free the slaves. But even with this, never forgetting how bad the South was.

Bicentennial Flag



Say yes

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.



Just say NO, no compromise no surrender

Rewrite History

“It was necessary to put the South at a moral disadvantage by transforming the contest from a war waged against states fighting for their independence into a war waged against states fighting for the maintenance and extension of slavery...and the world, it might be hoped, would see it as a moral war, not a political; and the sympathy of nations would begin to run for the North, not for the South.”

Woodrow Wilson, “A History of The American People”, page 231

Flag Bills in Mississippi House

In this secession 14 bills were introduced to the Mississippi House of Representatives .to change our State Flag. HB 1270 - HB 1284
They range from changing flag to bonnie blue, magnolia, bicentennial to all out redesigning completely. All of these bills have died in Committee. It also appears the bill to require Universities to fly the State flag has also died.

Shiloh



Above the UDC monument at Shiloh

On April 6th and 7th, Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnson led his army of brave Confederate men in a surprise attack on the Yankee invaders camped at Pittsburg landing. Many of these brave soldiers had never seen combat and some took the field with ancient or no weapons driving the invaders back to the Tennessee river. The Confederate attack was stopped near the end of the first day under the command of General Beauregard. During first fateful day, Johnson while leading his brave troops from the front was wounded and died. During the night the invaders were reinforced and with these fresh troops they drove the gray line back. My great grandfather Nelson Adair Cresap of the 47th Tennessee along with many brave southern men saw the "elephant" for the first time on that fateful day. Never forget the sacrifice of the Brave Confederate soldiers.

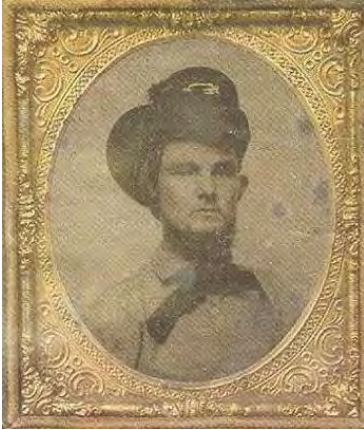
Mississippi at Shiloh



above Mississippi Monument at Shiloh

On October 10, 2015, the monument, pictured above, was unveiled in Rhea Field. On April 6th 1862 The brave Confederates of the 6th Mississippi charged across the northern end of the Rhea farmstead, engaging the Yankee invaders . On that fateful day the 6th suffered 70% losses, most of them in Rhea Field, At the end of the first day's fighting, the 6th mustered only 60 men, and even after they returned to Corinth, numbered only 100. Many of the men who charged into Rhea Field behind the "Bloody Sixth's" battle flag remain there, in one of the numerous mass grave burial trenches that dot the battlefield.

Remember the University Grays



The vast majority of the students and 'faculty' at Ole Miss are unaware that Jeremiah Gage was given the chance to write to his mother literally on his death bed. "Jere" had been badly wounded in the hip at Gaines Mill, but limped to Gettysburg to meet his destiny. This is the description of Jeremiah's wound from the doctor that attended him on the field:

"The first to arrive borne on a litter was a princely fellow and favored son of the Eleventh Mississippi. I saw in an instant a condition of terrible shock. ...He pointed to his left arm. I quickly exposed it and found that a cannon ball had nearly torn it away between the elbow and the shoulder. I made some encouraging remark when he smiled and said: 'Why, doctor, that is nothing. Here is where I am really hurt', and laid back the blanket and exposed the lower abdomen torn from left to right by a cannon shot, largely carrying away the bladder, much intestine, and a third of the right half of the pelvis....Through his deathly pallor I could detect a sunburned blonde, who in health would show a strong a ruddy countenance....Deferentially polite there was something singularly self-confident and manly about him..Without the slightest change of voice he asked, 'Doctor how long have I to live?' 'A very few hours,' I replied. 'Doctor I am in great agony; let me die easy'...I called for...a two ounce bottle of black drop, a concentrated solution of opium...but before his hand could reach it ...I asked , 'Have you no message to leave?' It startled him , and in a low moaning wail, he cried, 'My mother, O my darling mother how could I have forgotten you? Quick, I want to write...' Jeremiah wrote to his mother and died like a man, his last thoughts of his family and fiancée'. He gave a toast with the medicine he received to the Confederacy and victory. His only regret was that his mother and sisters were robbed of his worth to them. Jeremiah's father had passed away previously leaving Jeremiah the "man of the family". Jeremiah, their protector and future provider, was gone.

University of Southern Mississippi SMTTT

Thanks to Rick Forte for information for this article

I spend a lot of time talking about Ole Miss and their shunning of our Southern heritage. Who remembers The Southern of Southern Mississippi's history? Do not forget that after our very own Doctor McCain left Southern, they quickly left their Southern Heritage behind. In the early days of the 1940's, the athletic teams of the college were called "Confederates". In 1941 the teams name were changed to "Southerners" and in 1953, the mascot became General Nat (General Nathan Bedford Forrest), riding his horse known as the Son of Dixie up and down the football side lines. It was a great honor to be elected as General Nat and the annuals of that time have pictures of General Nat and his horse. In 1971 the mascot was changed and in 1972 the university changed the team names from Southerners to Golden Eagles. They shed their southern heritage early. Today they do not fly the flag of the State of Mississippi. Yet another heritage lost. Thanks to those who flag this University weekly.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BLACK CONFEDERATE HERITAGE

"There are at the present moment, many colored men in the Confederate Army doing duty...as real soldiers, having muskets on their shoulders and bullets in their pockets...." Frederick Douglas, former slave & abolitionist (Fall, 1861)

Captain Ridley



Story taken from the vintage Confederate Veteran Thanks to John Kleinman for the link to the story

Samuel Jones Ridley was a native of Davison county Tennessee and a successful planter in Madison County Mississippi. On March 22, 1862 when the first regiment of light artillery was organized, he was elected unanimously as the captain of Company A which contained an eight gun battery and 230 brave Confederate soldiers. At his enlistment he was forty years old, with a dark complexion, grey eyed, and six foot three and was characterized as a true Southern Gentleman. Due to his leadership characteristics, the members of his battery loved their commander.. He was killed at the battle of Bakers Creek while he was personally directing the firing of his guns, He had remained on the field with his guns after his infantry support had withdrawn. His name and memory was cherished by every member of his battery until they were ordered to meet him in eternal life. The following was taken from this Confederate Medal of Honor citation "Riding hard to bring the last reserves to the field after the Confederate line had been broken on the far left, Captain Ridley personally guided the two guns of his battery to a position where they could enfilade the advance of the enemy. Although badly outnumbered, Captain Ridley directed and maintained a heavy fire into the attacking enemy line, thwarting the momentum of the assault that threatened to envelop the Confederate left flank. Seeing all infantry support driven from the field and realizing that many of his men lay killed or wounded, Captain Ridley nevertheless joined the survivors of one gun crew to keep the cannon firing. Ignoring his own safety despite horrific casualties and realizing that his own position was in danger of being overrun, he continued to serve the gun until he alone stood at the cannon's mouth. When last seen alive, he was still at his post, dealing destruction to the enemy and unwilling unto death to yield his ground."

After hearing of the ill-fated battle and of his master's fate, Ridley's servant went in search of his body. After finding him in the rubble, he buried him near the site where he fell. A few months later, the same faithful servant returned and exhumed the body and re-interred him in eternal rest in McMahan cemetery, Gluckstadt, Madison County Mississippi
We should also remember and honor these brave soldiers who sacrificed all defending their homes and families from a brutal foreign invader

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

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.

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.

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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.

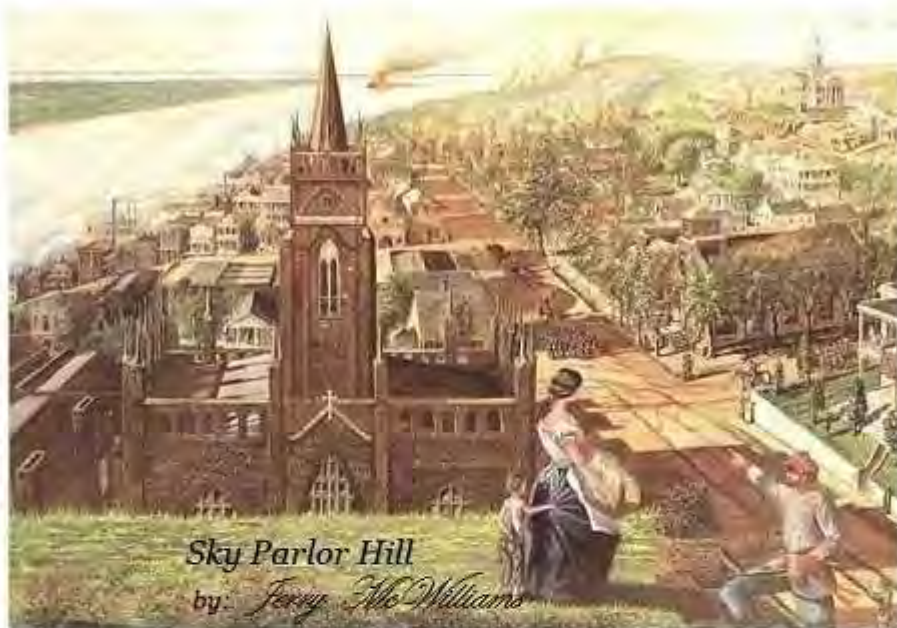
Southern Gentleman's Brown Bag Lunch Club

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 April 25th 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)



Sky Parlor Hill

by: *Ferry McWilliams*

ON SKY PARLOR HILL

by: Joel T. Bailey

*A scenic place in Vicksburg
Was called Sky Parlor Hill
As the war went on below
Here it was peaceful and still*

*People stood on the hilltop
And gazed at the scenes in awe
They listened to the sounds
And marveled at what they saw*

*In the river the Cincinnati burned
Destroyed by a rebel gun
And on the right is the Court House
Standing stately in the sun*

*Flowers bloomed and birds sang
So people couldn't comprehend
That the peaceful life they knew
Would soon come to an end*

Chaplains Corner Thanks Bryan

For the Brethren

This edition of the Chaplain's Corner will be devoted to quotes from solid Bible-believing men who have worked to advance the gospel throughout the world and across the ages. It is my hope that they will be a blessing to each of you. *Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.* King Solomon (from Ecclesiastes 12:13) *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 the Divine (from his gospel account 1:14). *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.* St. Paul (from his epistle to the Ephesians 6:11). Now the Spirit shows forth the Word, and therefore the prophets announced the Son of God; and the Word utters the Spirit, and therefore is Himself the announcer of the prophets, and leads and draws man to the Father. This then is the order of the rule of our faith, and the foundation of the building, and the stability of our conversation [i.e. citizenship]: God, the Father, not made, not material, invisible; one God, the creator of all things: this is the first point of our faith. The second point is: The Word of God, Son of God, Christ Jesus our Lord, who was manifested to the prophets according to the form of their prophesying and according to the method of the dispensation of the Father: through whom all things were made; who also at the end of the times, to complete and gather up all things, was made man among men, visible and tangible, in order to abolish death and show forth life and produce a community of union between God and man. And the third point is: The Holy Spirit, through whom the prophets prophesied, and the fathers learned the things of God, and the righteous were led forth into the way of righteousness; and who in the end of the times was poured out in a new way upon mankind in all the earth, renewing man unto God Irenaeus– 2 century A._{nd} D. Bishop of Lugdunum (Lyons) (excerpted from his *The Demonstration of Apostolic Preaching*). I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess. Martin Luther– 16th century Reformation father, minister and author. Jesus declared the inevitable enmity of the world toward his followers... The love of the world is hostile to and destructive of the love of God. The two cannot coexist... Nothing is more explicit than this... Nothing is more offensive to God...Loving the world violates the most sacred relationship of the soul with God...Friendship with the world is heaven's greatest crime and God's greatest enemy. The Rev. E. M. Bounds– 19th and 20th century American theologian and author (Guide To Spiritual Warfare,

pp. 62-63). There can be no higher ground of faith than the authority of God... Any truth, therefore, which is sustained by a well-authenticated revelation of God, or upon the actual dispensations of his providence, must be considered as fully established... It was thus that the sacred writers answered objections. It was enough for them that God asserted any truth, or actually exercised any prerogative. Any further vindication they deemed unnecessary. We should act on the same principle, and quietly submit to all that God says, and... does. The Rev. Dr. Charles Hodge— 19th century American theologian and author (*The Way of Life*, p. 72). If our lives are not in alignment with Scripture, then we are not living the faith as God has called us to do. The Rev. Jack Arnold— 21st century Anglican Orthodox priest. I standing vigilantly on the precipice of eternity speaking to people who this week could go over the edge whether they are ready to or not. I will be called to account for what I said there [in the pulpit]. That's what I mean by preaching. The Rev. John Piper— 20th and 21st century American minister and author. The way to heaven is as narrow as the Cross. Only those who are willing to humble themselves and acknowledge their sin and place their trust in the Son of God who died in their stead will ever enter the gates of heaven. The Rev. Dr. D. James Kennedy — 20th and 21st century American theologian, teacher and author (*Why I Believe*, p.69). The doctrine of Christ's death and resurrection is at the foundation of Christianity. Remove this foundation and the whole fabric falls, all our hopes for eternity at once. It is by holding this truth firmly that Christians are made to stand in a day of trial and kept faithful to God. The Rev. Matthew Henry — 17th and 18th century English pastor and author. When a man has lived a life of thoughtlessness and folly, I want something more than a few fair words and good wishes to satisfy me about his soul, when he comes to his deathbed...Until I see conversion, and faith in Christ, I cannot and dare not feel satisfied. I would be content with the least measure of repentance and faith...When we have carried you to your narrow bed, let us not have to hunt up stray words, and scraps of religion, in order to make out that you were a true believer...We may use the form of religion at your burial, and express charitable hopes. We may meet you at the churchyard gate and say, 'Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.' But this will not alter your condition! If you die without conversion to God— without repentance, and without faith— your funeral will only be the funeral of a lost soul; you had better never have been born. The Most Rev. J. C. Ryle— 19th century Anglican bishop and author (*Holiness*, pp. 240-241). . . . Beloved, let us give heed to ourselves with all diligence; when we are afflicted, let us give thanks; when we live in prosperity, let us be on our guard, becoming wise by the misfortunes of others; let us, by repentance and

compunction and continual confession, offer praise; and if in any way we transgress in this present life, putting away the sin, and with the utmost zeal cleansing away every stain from our soul, let us beseech God to make us all fit when we die, thus to depart that we may not be with the rich man, but that, enjoying with Lazarus a place in the patriarch's bosom, we may be filled with undying blessedness; which may it be the lot of us all to attain, through the grace and kindness of our Lord Jesus Christ, with whom to the Father, together with the Holy Spirit, be praise for ever and ever. Amen.

John Chrysostom – 4th century bishop at Constantinople (excerpt from his *III Discourse on the Rich man and Lazarus*). All things are safe in Jehovah's hands; what we entrust to the Lord will be secure, both now and in that day of days towards which we are hastening. The Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon – 19th century English pastor and author. Catholicity is to be judged not by places, not by numbers, but by doctrine. The Rev. David Samuel – 20th & 21st century Anglican theologian and author. Beware of antichrist; for unhappily a love of walls has seized you; unhappily the church of God which you venerate exists in houses and buildings; unhappily under these you find the name peace. Is it doubtful that in these antichrist will have his seat? Safer to me are the mountains and the woods. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers – 4th century A.D. French theologian. Death is not the end of our life, but only the moment of transcendence to a more spiritual existence that will no longer be restricted by the limits of our present physical and corruptible body... 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 – 20th and 21st century Canadian Christian author (*Journey Into Eternity*, pp. 44-45). 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 – 19th and 20th century Anglican theologian and author (*The Principles of Theology: An Introduction To The Thirty-Nine Articles*, p. 209).

Let us pray,

Dear Father in heaven, help u to live our lives in obedience to thy will, so that we might serve as effective witnesses for thee in this sin-darkened world; and this we ask in Christ's holy name. 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 (not with April Memorial service) 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

They Fell in Defense of Their Homes, That is the Context



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"

Confederate General Confederate Birthdays in March

General Braxton Bragg	23 March 1817
Lt General Wade Hampton	28 March 1818
Major General Matthew Butler	8 March 1836
Major General Thomas Churchill	10 March 1824
Major General Henry Clayton	7 March 1827
Major General George Crittenden	20 March 1812
Major General James Fagan	1 March 1828
Major General John Marmaduke	14 March 1813
Major General William Martin	25 March 1823
Major General William Whitting	22 March 1824
Major General Patrick Cleburne	17 March 1828

Brigadier General Hiram Granbury



General Granbury was born on March 1, 1831 in Copiah County Mississippi. His father was a Baptist Minister and as a youth, he attended Oakland College near Lorman Mississippi. After the war, the Oakland campus was sold to the state of Mississippi and became present day Alcorn University. After he moved to Waco Texas, he studied Law at Baylor University and was admitted to the bar. When Texas left the union, he organized the Waco guards and headed to Kentucky as their captain. In October 1861, he was elected major of the 7th Texas regiment. He was captured along with his regiment at the surrender of Fort Donelson. and was exchanged the following August. After his exchange, he was made Colonel of his regiment and with his regiment served with Joseph Johnson during the Vicksburg campaign. After the Vicksburg campaign as part of the Army of Tennessee, Granbury was wounded at Chickamauga and engaged in the siege of Chattanooga and the battle of Missionary ridge. During the retreat from Chattanooga, he led his brigade. and in February was promoted to Brigadier general. He led this brigade through the Atlanta campaign. At the battle of Franklin, General Granbury led his brigade in the fateful charge. During the charge he was killed along with 5 other Confederate Generals. 29 years after his death, his body was moved to Granbury Texas. Our frequent visitor to camp meetings and renowned artist, Jerry McWilliams, lives in the Granbury house.

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. At our June meeting we will discuss our camp's votes for items to be presented at the reunion.

2017 Mississippi Reunion Officer Announcements

Commander of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

- Marc S. Allen

First Lt Commander

- David Wotten

Second Lt Commander

- Greg Stewart

3rd Brigade Commander

- Trent Lewis

Beauvoir Board of Directors

- Mike Wooten

Second Lt Commander announcement

Gentlemen:

I am announcing my candidacy for the Division (Statewide) level office of 2nd Lt. Commander. Per the Division By-laws Article 19, Section 3, the 2nd Lt. Commander:

1. Performs the duties of the 1st Lt. Commander in his absence.
2. Assumes the position of the 1st Lt. Commandership in the event of the death, disability, removal or resignation of the 1st Lt. Commander until the next regular election.
3. Assists and aids the Brigade Commanders in the formation of new camps.

To qualify to run for this position, according to our Division By-laws, a candidate must be a member of good standing in his camp, and his camp must be in good standing with the Division. Those are the only requirements, the minimum, and I meet them. However, there are two other qualifications inherent with any Division level office: **a commitment of time** and a **constructive, positive set of goals**.

1. I have the time.

As a twenty year member of the Mississippi Division, and chartering member of the University Greys, my life's events have taken me to all reaches of the State for Division or heritage issues and matters. But in all those years we were still raising children at home and a commitment to a Division level office would have been unfair to our children, the office, or both. I am at a place where our children are grown, giving me the necessary time and energy to devote to a Statewide office for a full term.

2. I have specific goals that will strengthen the Mississippi Division.

A. If elected, I pledge to work closely with Brigade Commanders and their designees to form new camps and further pledge to assist in getting these new camps started off right with committed officers and a host of nearby Division members of already established, successful camps standing by with advice and support for the fledgling new camps.

B. I pledge also to do my utmost to encourage the new camps to develop relationships at the Division level, to strengthen the camp itself as well as the Division. Related to that, I will endeavor to introduce this new blood to the opportunities to ***Live the Charge*** through Division level participation in Division level committees that interest them AND re-engage our old "soldiers", too many of which were lost to long settled issues. ***I mean reconciliation.*** The periodic purges we have put ourselves through over the past 15 years have drained away resourceful and energetic help and discourage new men from joining our ranks. In fact, a manslaughter charge

in Mississippi gets you less time in the Wilderness than picking the wrong side in a Division (and sometimes Camp level) teapot tempest, not one of which yet has been remotely related to Stephen Dill Lee's Charge.

C. Lastly, if elected, as a Division level officer I will have a seat at the Executive Council where I hope to make the case for a basic By-Law Certification workshop to be eventually required for all members seeking Division level offices. I have a strong opinion that this will steer the Division away from trouble and avoid needless misunderstandings between compatriots that, ultimately, distract us from **The Charge**.

All of us agree that time and a constructive, positive set of goals are required beyond just the minimum requirements as set out in our By-laws for any Division level office. Two decades of service to the organization at both the National Level (Discipline Committee Chairman and Chief of Protocol) and in different appointed Division level committee assignments (By-laws, Resolutions, Legislative, Awards), and Division level appointments (Judge Advocate) give me the long view of the Mississippi Division and a unique sense of "pride in her history and achievements, and confidence in her future". This long view keeps me reserved at times, and not so loud, but the best decisions are made with the best information.

I would sincerely appreciate your support in June, in Oxford, as we celebrate 122 years of meeting together as Mississippians to carry forward our great commission from Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, so aptly given to us by him in **THE CHARGE**.

YOS,
Greg Stewart

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

2020 tentative John C Pemberton 1354 Vicksburg Ms

Upcoming National Conventions

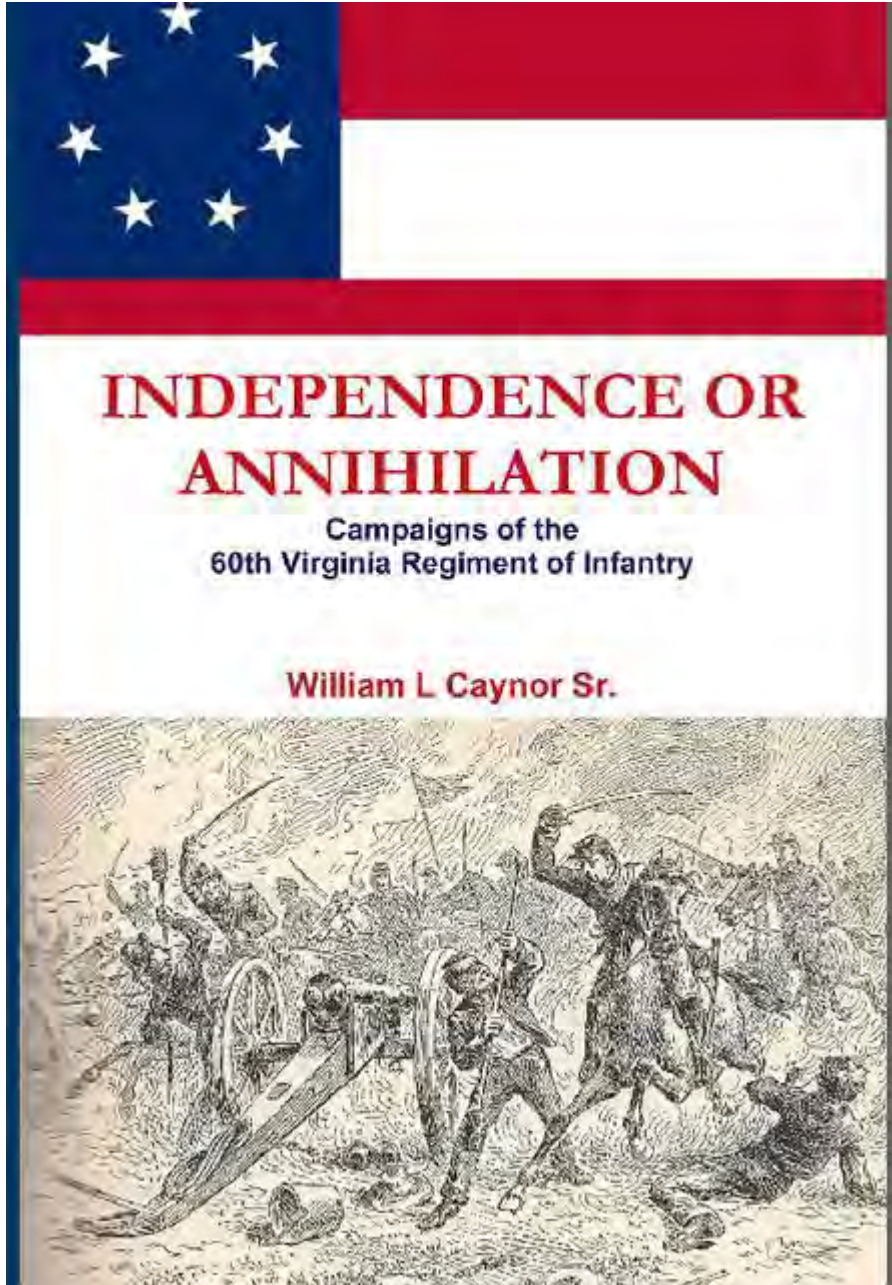
2017 Memphis Tennessee July 20-22 2017

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

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