

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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APRIL IS CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH, HONOR OUR ANCESTORS

Commanders Report

Remember the Called Division Convention Sunday March 30. Members should have gotten an E-mail for the topic. A SCV Membership card is required for entry. The meeting is The War Memorial Building in Jackson Mississippi (next to the Old Capitol). The meeting will convene at 10:00 AM. Members with questions should email Eddy Cresap at charlescresap33@att.net for info. The commander will mail out to the membership a report on the called convention.

Directions to Camp 1354 Meeting

From the red light on 61 south and Pemberton Blvd, go south about 0.4 miles and turn right onto Miller Street. Go about 0.1 miles and the DAV building is a metal building on the left. If you get to the campground you have gone too far. Go to our Web site for more directions. Thanks Bill.

Upcoming meetings

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings start at 7:00 pm. Our meeting location is 216 Miller Street in the Disabled American Veterans building. Visitors are always welcome. If you would like to present a program, please contact Commander Wayne McMaster at waynemcmasteris@gmail.com.

Below is the list of upcoming meetings and speakers.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
April 1, 2014	Glen Shows	Maintaining your Legacy
May 6, 2014	Tim Cupit	TBD

March Meeting

We welcomed Mike Madell, Supt of the park; Bess Averett, chairman of friends of the park; Allen Terrell, Ms Division Commander; and Glen Taylor Beauvoir Board of Trustees to our new meeting room. We also welcomed Past Camp Commander Wooten's son, William to the meeting.

New Meeting Location

March found us meeting in the Disabled American Veteran Building. Wayne has done a wonderful job of leading us into our new "warm" room. He and Joel Bailey worked hard in getting the room set up to support the first meeting. We discussed and continue to look for comfortable chairs. Adjutant Larry Holman is looking into cabinets and book shelves for our books and "stuff". Edward Campbell volunteered to arrange our state flags in the order they left the Union. The building is owned by The local chapter of Disabled Americans Veterans. This organization does not use the building and meets at the VFW. We have agreed to pay the building's utilities in exchange for using the building. It is heated and cooled, has bathroom facilities and has good parking available.

Brice's Cross Roads

Officials at Brice's Crossroads Battlefield near Baldwyn are asking for help in identifying the individuals responsible for damage to the battlefield area. In a news release, residents along Highway 370, CR 833, CR 2848 and CR 503 were asked to report anything they knew about the people "who are responsible for desecrating and destroying property on hallowed ground."

Off-road vehicles are being driven in a reckless manner on property where many men were killed during the Battle of Brice's Crossroads, the release said. The 1500-acre site, which is under the jurisdiction of county and state governments and the U.S. Department of Interior, has been preserved and serves as an interpretive site for the battle fought in 1864. A 150th anniversary observance is planned in June.

Anyone who has information regarding those responsible should call the Interpretive Center at (662) 365-3969.

Work Day

On a Friday, we gathered for a little fellowship and work at our meeting location. We moved the thermostat into the meeting room and hung a lot of our "stuff" on the wall. Our Library remains in boxes at this time.

A Little Local History by Sam Price

As we all know, when the Confederate Army retreated From Big Black River between Bovina and Edwards, Three Small Steam Boats that had being used as Barges were burned. This was in May 1863. They were "the Dot, The Charm and The Paul Jones". The site where they were burned is a short distance downstream from the Rail Road Bridge. The Paul Jones was the Boat that Mark Twain took his Maiden Trip as a Cub Pilot with Mr. Bixby from Cincinnati to New Orleans in about 1857. The Paul Jones later entered Confederate Service and the Three became trapped in the Big Black River as the Yankees maneuvered about.

Upcoming Conventions

2014 Division Reunion will be held June 6-8, 2014 in Corinth

See below for details

2014 SCV annual convention July 16-19 in North Charleston S.C.

see <http://www.scv2014.org/> for details

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

Invitation

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Brandon Camp Rankin Rough and Ready Camp 265 invites everyone to their meeting on the first Saturday of each month at Penn's of Brandon. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM

Picking and Grinning

Anyone in the Knoxville Tennessee area, ought to visit our member Charles Pittman and the Undiscovered String Band. They play every 4th Saturday from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at "Pick'in" & "Grin'in", Old Rush Strong School House, Leadmine Bend Road, Sharps Chapel, Tennessee, (30 miles N. of Knoxville on Norris Lake). Free Admission (No Booze) & Family FunY'all Come!"

Third Brigade Picnic

The Picnic will be held at the Grand Gulf State Park, Port Gibson on May 17th from 10:00 to 2:00. Bring a covered dish and meet with other brigade members.

Poets Corner



Painting by Jerry McWilliams

Beauvoir
(Beautiful to View)
by Joel T. Bailey

Beauvoir, beautiful to view
Beneath the old oak trees
A reminder of the past
And holder of many memories

It stands quiet and stately
And faces out toward the sea
It seems to say to everyone
Please come and visit me

It has been many things
Down through the years
It has heard a child's laughter
And felt a soldier's tears

It was Jefferson Davis's home
The President of the Confederacy
And it was for this reason
It earned a place in history

It was damaged by storms
But arose again like new
And still lives up to its name
Beauvoir, beautiful to view



Confederate Catechism

A new set of questions and answers will be posted each month. It is very important to arm ourselves with facts as the generation who lived it understood it. The following was written by Lyon Gardiner Tyler who *was the son of President John Tyler and First Lady Julia Gardiner Tyler, born in Virginia. He graduated in 1875 at the University of Virginia. From 1888 to 1919, he served as the seventeenth president of the College of William and Mary (W&M), and is widely credited for restoring the college's financial condition following the deterioration which took place in the wake of the American Civil War.*

2. Was slavery the cause of secession or the war?

No. Slavery existed previous to the Constitution, and the Union was formed in spite of it. Both from the standpoint of the Constitution and sound statesmanship, it was not slavery, but the vindictive, intemperate anti-slavery movement that was at the bottom of all the troubles.

3. Was the extension of slavery the purpose of secession?

No. When South Carolina seceded, she had no certainty that any other Southern state would follow her example. By her act she absolutely shut herself out from the territories and thereby limited rather than extended slavery. The same may be said of the other seceding states who joined her.

4. Was Secession the cause of the war?

No. Secession is a mere civil process having non necessary connection with war. Norway seceded from Sweden, and there was no war. The attempted linking of slavery and secession with war is merely an effort to obscure the issue – “a red herring drawn across the trail.” Secession was based (1) upon the natural right of self-government, (2) upon the reservation to the States in the Constitution of all powers not expressly granted to the Federal government. Secession was such a power, being expressly excepted in the ratifications of the Constitution by Virginia, Rhode Island and New York. (3) Upon the right of the principal to recall the powers vested in the agent; and upon (4) the inherent nature of all partnerships, which carries with them the right of withdrawal. The States were partners in the Union, and no partnership is irrevocable. The perpetuity spoken of in the Preamble to the Constitution was the expression merely of a hope and wish. No rights of whatever could exist without the right of secession.

5. What then was the cause of the war?

The cause of the war was (1) the rejection of the right of secession by Lincoln, and (2) the denial of self-government to 8,000,000 people occupying a territory half the size of Europe. Lincoln himself said of these people that they possessed as much moral sense and as much devotion to law and order as “any other civilized and patriotic people.” Without consulting Congress, Lincoln sent great armies to the South, and it was the war of a President elected by a minority of the people of the North. In the World War, Woodrow Wilson declared that “No people must be forced under sovereignty under which it does not choose to live.” When in 1903, Panama seceded from Colombia, the United States sided with Panama against Colombia in support of Panama’s right to self-government.

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. Thanks to Commander McMaster, Chaplain Bryan Dabney, our Camp Poet and 2d Lt Commander Joel Bailey, our artist in residence Jerry McWilliams and adjutant Larry Holman for their input to the newsletter.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM
119TH REUNION – MISSISSIPPI DIVISION, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
AND 20TH REUNION – MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY, ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE
Corinth, Mississippi – June 6-8, 2014
Hosted by the Colonel William P. Rogers Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #321

SCV MEMBER'S NAME: _____
 TITLE: _____ SCV CAMP & NUMBER _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 PHONE #: (H) _____ (C) _____ EMAIL _____
 SPOUSE'S NAME (for badge): _____
 OCR MEMBER'S NAME: _____
 OCR CHAPTER NAME AND NUMBER _____
 GUEST NAME: _____

All registered SCV members will receive a name badge, a convention medal, a program, and a bag of goodies. Those registering at the door will receive the same as long as supplies last.

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV before May 23, 2014 \$30.00 AT THE REUNION \$35.00 QTY _____ \$ _____
OCR before May 23, 2014 \$10.00 AT THE REUNION \$15.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Ancestor Memorial: EACH MEMORIAL IS \$10.00 _____ \$ _____
 (Please print or type each memorial on a separate page and submit them with this form.)

Program Ads: \$100 for a full page; \$50 for half a page; \$25 for a quarter page; \$15 for a business card size ad
 (Please submit ad information on a separate page before May 2.)

Banquet—\$30.00 per adult plate QTY _____ \$ _____
\$15.00 per child plate (12 and under) QTY _____ \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Make checks Payable to the Col. William P. Rogers SCV Camp #321
MAIL TO: Larry Mangus - 56 CR 615 - Corinth, MS 38834

HISTORICAL BUS TOURS – NO COST – RESERVATIONS APPRECIATED

Please sign up for those you wish to participate in:

- _____ **Friday Early Bird Tour** – June 6th, 1:00 p.m. – Tour of Davis Bridge battlefield
- _____ **Saturday Tour** – June 7th, 1:30 p.m. – Tour of Corinth battlefield sites
- Sunday on Your Own Tours** – June 8th – Shiloh National and/or Brice's Crossroads National Battlefields

CONTACT INFORMATION

Larry Mangus - lmangus1941@gmail.com or (H) 662-287-0766 (C) 662-872-9180

Hotel Information: Holiday Inn Express is the **headquarters hotel**.
Holiday Inn Express 2106 Hwy. 72W (662-287-1407) – SCV Rate \$89 if booked before May 23
Hampton Inn: 2107 Hwy. 72W (662-286-5949) – SCV Rate \$89 if booked before May 23

2014 Mississippi Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans State Meeting
Corinth Mississippi, June 6-8 2014
Information

Compatriots!

The Colonel William P. Rogers Camp is honored to host the 2014 State Convention. The following is some additional information that may be helpful to you. The registration forms are available at this site - battleofcorinth.com.

Motels

Headquarters Motel – Holiday Inn Express is located at the junction of Routes 45 & 72, the Hampton Inn is across the street. The SCV rate of \$89 a night is good if rooms are booked before May 23, 2014. The price is the same at both motels.

Historical Tours:

1. We are offering an early bird tour of the Davis Bridge Battlefield on Friday June 6, at 1:00 pm. The tour will be led by NPS Ranger Tom Parson the leading expert on the battle. This is a pristine site that is seldom seen by visitors. A real treat!

2. On Saturday afternoon we will offer a bus tour of the many battlefield sites in Corinth- (Limited to 55 persons). A driving/walking tour will also be available for those who want to do it on their own.

We do need to know the number of persons wanting to go on these tours so we can provide guides and buses so please indicate your interest on the Registration Form.

3. On Sunday we recommend a tour of nearby Shiloh and the Brice's Crossroads Battlefields.

For the Ladies:

Corinth has a number of very interesting shops with many different choices. On Saturday morning from 8:00 am to approximately 3:00 pm there will be Corinth's monthly "Green Market" where local persons sell their Arts and Crafts and homemade items like jellies, pickles, baked goods, clothes, and jewelry. No trip to Corinth would be complete without a trip to Borroum's Drugstore (opened in 1865) for an old fashion ice cream treat and a "Slugburger." Directions will be provided.

Friday Evening Reception:

Our Friday night opening reception will be held at the Corinth Civil War Interpretive Center. It is a wonderful building on the Corinth Battlefield with great exhibits on the Battle of Shiloh and the Battle of Corinth.

We look forward to having you in Corinth where history comes alive!

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!

Condition

Beauvoir, A Mississippi Historic Landmark and a National Historic Landmark, was severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005. Five of seven buildings on the site were destroyed and the remaining two were damaged, including the house.

Mission

Beauvoir, a Mississippi Historical Landmark and a National Historic Landmark, is dedicated to preserving and interpreting the legacy of American hero and Confederate President, Jefferson Davis and the Southern soldier. Thousands of visitors from throughout the nation and the world annually toured the buildings and landscaped grounds of the historic seaside estate.

Collections

Besides its magnificent antebellum buildings, Beauvoir maintained a large collection of items belonging to the Davis family including furniture, art, textiles, and archival materials. The institution also housed a substantial collection of militaria, including several thousand pieces from the collection of Dr. Francis Lord. Most of those items were damaged.

Recovery

Beauvoir's emphasis has been on restoring the damaged house. However, there are thousands of items in need of conservation and repair. The task is overwhelming.

Importance of Membership

Annual membership in the Friends of Beauvoir is more important now than ever before. At this time, we can offer to your membership such benefits as free year-round admission, 10% discount for Gift Shop purchases, the occasional newsletter, and the tremendous pride of knowing that you helped Beauvoir to recover and continue its mission. Membership in Friends of Beauvoir provides the core support to help keep Beauvoir going. Therefore, won't you please help?

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Membership

Annual membership in the Friends of Beauvoir is available to any individual who has an interest in preserving history for future generations. The categories and benefits of membership are listed below:

General Membership

Individual.....\$25.00
Family.....\$50.00
Patron.....\$100.00-\$249.99
Sustaining....\$250.00-\$499.00
Benefactor....\$500.00-\$999.00
Sponsor.....\$1000.00-\$4999.00
President's Cabinet.....\$5000.00+
Corporate Membership..\$500.00+

Friends of Vicksburg Battlefield

One of the questions I asked at our March meeting to Superintendent Mike Maddell was "Why is the Gettysburg Park Museum so large" The answer was, it all came from money from the friends of Gettysburg Battlefield. The friends of Vicksburg National Park has been established and is seeking membership.

Go to <http://www.friendsofvicksburg.org/> for information

Beauvoir Period Photography

Beauvoir will be offering visitors the opportunity to pose in period clothing with typical props, and appropriate backdrops. All sizes of clothing are needed and any cool prop will be part of the items they can pose with. We think we can price the photo around \$15.00 and develop it on site using a camera phone and standard color printer on tan paper for the aged look. If anyone has items useful for this purpose we will certainly appreciate them and one more added income stream will help.

The items can be shipped to :

Beauvoir
2244 Beach Street
Biloxi, Mississippi 39531
Greg Stewart Administrator

Confederate Impressionist Needed!!!!

CALL: 228 234-0220. if you are interested!!!!

In an effort to provide a constant authentic period experience to our visitors we NEED re-enactors to camp on the grounds or set up during the day. Any day is fine, we are open every day. The only stipulation we really have is that the re-enactor(s) be willing to engage with the visitors at least part of the time. Ideally, a campsite (whether slept in overnight or not) visible from the highway would be expected to create the draw. An actual sleeping arrangement in the usual quarters would be fine. As we pivot away from the glamour and glitz of the past two years and back to a program focused on education and things families want to see we have to ask our friends now to consider camping with us for our common goal.

Greg Stewart

2244 Beach Blvd.

Biloxi, Mississippi 39531

I am in the office but probably the best way to reach me, besides email, is my cell 228 234-0220

CS Memorial Service Invitation

The Gainesville Volunteers sincerely invite you to support our Memorial Service for ten Confederate Veterans buried at the McNeill Cemetery, McNeill, Pearl River County, Mississippi. Date: Saturday, April 19, 2014 Time: 2 PM (Re-enactors asked to be there by 1 PM to practice and help set up!) Place: McNeill Baptist Church Cemetery, McNeill, MS

DIRECTIONS: From I-59, take Exit 15 and head west on McNeill-Steephollow Road for appr. 1.5 miles, until you intersect with US Hwy. 11. Turn south (left) onto Hwy. 11 and proceed for appr. 2000 feet. Turn right onto Cemetery Road and proceed for appr. 1000 feet. Look for the First Baptist Church of McNeill on your left. The cemetery is a large one, and is immediately behind the church. We know that Confederate Heritage Month is very busy, but we hope that you can come out and lend us hand. There is the potential for a large turnout, as six of the veterans in this cemetery are Spiers/Spears, and that family is numerous in Pearl River County! The Seven Stars Artillery will be present, too.

Contact: Jim Huffman, Adj., Gainesville Vols, 601.798.8208,

huffman1234@bellsouth.net

Chaplains Corner

For the Brethren:

St. John 20:1-10 tells the story of the resurrection that took place in garden tomb where our Lord was laid following his crucifixion. The Bible tells us that Mary Magdalene had come to the tomb to finish the preparation of our Lord's body for burial as the beginning of the Sabbath observance had precluded her final efforts on his behalf. There was likely concern in her heart over the removal of the great stone that had been set over the entrance, as well as the Roman guard that had been placed there by the governor. When she arrived, she found the stone rolled away and the body missing. She likely witnessed the Roman guard lying on the ground as if dead themselves (St. Matthew 28). In the other gospel accounts (St. Matthew 28; St. Mark 16; St. Luke 24), she was accompanied by two other women when she encountered an angel who commanded her to go and tell the disciples of our Lord's resurrection. Later, upon her return to the tomb, she met the risen Lord who comforted her. The disciples at first did not believe Mary and the other women; but when they pressed their message, Peter and John went to the place only to discover that what they had said was in fact true, and were astonished beyond reason. The guard force had departed, the tomb had indeed been opened, the linen cloth in which our Lord was wrapped for burial was lying separate from the cloth that had been placed over his head. What had transpired would forever mark that moment as the most important event in human history. There is an old spiritual which opens with the words, O happy day as it aptly describes the meaning of Easter for the faithful. And so this month we will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, whose propitiatory act on the cross at Calvary secured for all true believers everlasting life in God's kingdom. What a gift we were given when his tomb was opened. St. Paul noted in I Corinthians 15:20-22, But is now Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Indeed, before our coming to Christ, we were dead in our sins and trespasses (Ephesians 2:1). We were without hope (I Thessalonians 4:13). Then Christ Jesus came into the world to save that which was lost (St. Luke 19:10). He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly (St. John 10:10). The agony and the terrible treatment of our Lord had been foretold in both prophecy and in the psalms (Isaiah 52 and 53; Psalm 22). At Calvary, the price for our redemption was paid (Romans 6:23), the Messiah was cut off (Daniel 9:26), he descended into the depths of the earth, and returned bringing with him a multitude of souls and fulfilling the promise of redemption to those of faith under the old covenant (Ephesians 4:8-10). With his resurrection came departed saints who were also seen by many in Jerusalem (St. Matthew 27:52-53). Our Lord's appearance to those on the road to Emmaus; to the disciples that evening while they ate together in fear; and to Thomas some days hence; speaks volumes as to the reason for our Lord's coming into the world— to save sinners. Hear now the words of St. Paul, And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful,

putting me into the ministry; who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief (St. Timothy 1:12-15). St. Paul was once a devout Jew known as Saul of Tarsus who had sought to round up as many Christians as he could lay hands on. What a shock it was for him to learn that the very God he thought he was serving, he was in fact persecuting. What agony of spirit he must have felt. We know that St. Paul confessed his belief that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, and that he did indeed repent of his sins and trespasses. We also know that afterwards, he lived a new life of obedience: teaching others about God's mercy, grace and love which came through the meritorious life, death and resurrection of his only begotten Son. And so for Christians, the empty tomb has opened the way to a glorious life in the Kingdom of God for all who believe on his name and trust in his atoning work as the Messiah. The empty tomb is his witness and our hope. So then let us go forth in faith for we know that our Lord lives. Let us pray, Father, we thank you that the tomb which held the body of thy Son is an empty one; and give us of thy Spirit, hearts and minds dedicated to witnessing the same to others, that they too might come to know thee the only wise God; for this we ask in the name of him whom Death, Hell and the grave could not hold, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.