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A NEWS LETTER OF THE LT GENERAL JOHN C. PEMBERTON CAMP 1354 VICKSBURG MISSISSIPPI SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

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Commander Editor

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI Office of the Governor 8 PROCLAMATION WHEREAS, April is the month in which the Confederate States began and ended a fouryear struggle; and WHEREAS, on Confederate Memorial Day, we recognize those who served in the WHEREAS, April 25, 2016, 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 as: NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Brynat, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 as CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH in the State of Mississippi. IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have become set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed. DONE in the City of Jackson, on the tends day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortleth PHIL BRYANT GOVERNOR

Commander's Column

Hello Compatriot's

It is almost April. As you all know, this is a very important month for us in the SCV, April is Confederate Heritage Month. Please proudly fly your Confederate flag or flags from your flagpole at your home and take this opportunity to discuss why we have this observance every April. Speaking of observances, we will have our statewide Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony on April 22 at 2 P.M. at Soldier's Rest. This is of course, a very important year for us as we are hosting the state SCV and UDC observance this year. Please come to our April 4 meeting, it will be a business meeting to prepare for the statewide observance. Do not let the "Business meeting" keep you from coming. This is a very important event for the Camp, we are honored to host this event and we will require complete participation from all members. The Executive committee has already been working hard and meeting at least every two weeks to prepare for this, we need assistance from everyone. There will jobs for everyone from helping with parking to helping to set up tents, tables and chairs. Your attendance on April 4 will be important and at that time we will delegate certain duties and break down jobs by categories. If their is something in particular that you would like to help with, please let us know.

Please also keep in mind that this is a Memorial Service and we are asking everyone to dress appropriately. Traditional church attire if possible. Again, we are honored to be the Host Camp for this event and I cannot stress the importance of this event. Please come on April 4 for more details. We are also having a "dryrun" at the cemetery on Saturday April 8 just to make sure that everything is working correctly and that we are all on the same page. At our last meeting, it was brought up that it had been mentioned on the news about the possibility of replacing the statue of Jefferson Davis in Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol building with that of B.B.King. In reading the Clarion Ledger, I discovered that the idea was introduced by a REPUBLICAN legislator from Rankin County to replace one of ours with B.B. King. Each state sends statues of two famous people from that state to place in the Capitol. Our two are Jefferson Davis and James Z. George, who served on the Ms. Supreme Court and helped to write the 1890 Constitution. If I am not mistaken, Mr. George was also a Colonel in the Confederate army. The paper of course is promoting replacing the two and the Governor was quoted as saying that he would be open to discussing replacing George's statue. I feel that replacing one would be the start of eventually replacing both and that would be bad for our cause. I urge all of you to call or

email the Governor's office and urge him not to even discuss the possibility of replacing either statue. Florida has already voted to remove General Edmund Kirby Smith but cannot agree on who to replace him with. There are other Confederates from other states, such as Robert E. Lee, Alexander Stephens, Wade Hampton, Joe Wheeler and NC Wartime governor Zebulon Vance. April will be the time for increased Heritage attacks and we all need to be prepared to fight back. Forgive me for getting on my soapbox, but we all want to protect our Heritage. Hope to see you all on April 4 to discuss this further and to prepare for Confederate Memorial Day.

God Bless you all and God Bless the South Edward Campbell,

Commander

Upcoming meetings

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm. Our meeting location is 216 Miller Street in the Disabled American Veterans building. Our website contains direction to the meeting location. Visitors are always welcome. Bring a visitor to our next meeting. Thanks to Commander Edward for providing great programs. Below are the list of upcoming meetings and speakers. Commander Edward Campbell is looking for members to volunteer to present a program this year

| Date | Speaker | Topic |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| April 4 | Business meeting | Prepare for Memorial service |
| May 2 | Sam Price | Broomes and Zucks |
| June 6 | Sid Johnson | Raising of the Cairo |
| July | Summer break | Have a happy Fourth |
| August 1 | Mrs. Pat Parrish | TBA |
| Sept 5 | Brandon Beck | Three Great Moments in Confederate History |
| Oct 3 | TBA | TBA |
| Nov 7 | Grady Howell | Thanksgiving Day in Mississippi |
| December 5 | Story telling | Christmas Bash |
| January 2 | TBA | TBA |
| Jan. Lee Jackson | Brandon Beck | First Lee Jackson meeting |

Mississippi Division Convention 2020

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.

April meeting

The April meeting will finalize the plans for our April memorial service.

March Meeting

Thanks to Mark little for pic

After our rituals, the camp discussed our April Confederate Memorial Day service. Doctor McMillin provided our program, "A Crushing Blow During The Great War To Abolish Southern Independence (The Great War). Conor Bond the Deputy of Promotions as a member of the National Heritage Committee visited our meeting. Joel Landford and Mark Little joined us and are interested in joining our camp. If you know these gentlemen urge them to complete their applications. The 2017 officers were installed



Follow up to Captain Ridley

Thanks to Charles Pittman

I am very proud that Captain Ridley is one of my Confederate Ancestors. He was my GG Grandmother America Louisa Ridley Horton's First Cousin. Captain Ridley's Father, Henry Ridley, was a Brother to my GGG Grandfather Thomas Ridley. They all came from Nashville, Tennessee to Mississippi in the early 1800's. Captain Ridley was also the Nephew to Captain John Sharp, Commander of the Mississippi Rifles during the Mexican War of the 1840's. Capt. Sharp Married Sarah Vincent Ridley in 1825 in Nashville and then established his Plantation, Cedar Grove, in Yazoo County, MS at Benton, MS. His wife, Sarah Vincent Ridley, was a sister to Captain Ridley's Father Henry and my GGG Grandfather Thomas Ridley.

A Sad day for the South

The city of New Orleans is poised to move quickly on removing monuments one day after a federal appeals court cleared the way for the removal of the monuments of Jeff Davis, Robert E. Lee and P.G.T. Beauregard. A Taliban like action that is destroying history.

Thoughts On Our Flags On Confederate Flag day

- The First national Flag flies in memory of the courage it took to establish an independent nation and defend that nation against the invasion of a foreign army
- The Second Nation Flag flies in memory of Stonewall whose coffin it draped
- The Third National Flag, Present National Flag flies in memory of our nation that never surrendered and lives in our heart.
- Battle flags of all regiments fly in memory of the men who fought, suffered and died under the flags of their regiments defending their homes, families and nation against a brutal invader. These include but are not limited to many versions of the ANV battle flag, the AOT battle flag, the Bonnie Blue flag, The Hardee pattern (Claiborne's flag), the Polk flag, the Magnolia flag and may others.

I fly the third National at my house 24 X 7



Gettysburg address

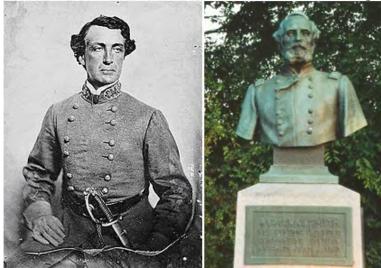
Who was fighting for a "government of the people, by the people, and for the people", Yankees who invaded a sovereign country or the men defending their homes and families?

Fort Sumter

A lot is discussed about Fort Sumter in the Charleston Harbor. For me this says it all. A foreign government (United States of America) was holding a fort (military presence) with in the boundary of a sovereign country (Confederate States of America). This facility was situated with the potential to block commerce into the sovereign country (C. S. A.) and could have been used to collect tribute in the guise of tariffs for their foreign country (USA) from the incoming commerce. This activity was promised by Lincoln's inauguration address. The foreign government (USA) would not turn over the facility to the sovereign country in which it was situated. and turned down an offer to "sell" the property. Instead they launched a fleet to reinforce the fort, an act of war.

Martin Luther Smith

Thanks to Sam Price for initial info and and Jeff Cartwright for picture assistance



General Smith was born on Sept 9, 1819 in New York. He was appointed to West Point from New York and graduated 16th in his class in 1856. His first assignment was to survey and draw maps in Florida where he met and married a Georgia southern bell which sealed his future. During the Mexican war, he distinguished himself as a military engineers. As the Southern States left the union, Smith resigned his commission in the US army and offered his skills to the Confederate army. He was initially assigned to the Confederate engineers and in February 1862 was appointed colonel of the 21st Louisiana infantry. While serving with this infantry regiment, he also helped plan the defenses of New Orleans. In April 1862, Smith was promoted to Brigadier General and transferred back to the engineers where he took charge of constructing the Vicksburg defenses and served as garrison commander of the city. During the siege, he lead a division in Forney's division in Pemberton's army at Vicksburg. After the Vicksburg surrounded, he stayed in the city as a prisoner and was in charge of the Confederate prisoners left behind when Pemberton led the army out of Vicksburg.. After his exchange in early 1864, he served as chief engineer for the Army of Northern Virginia. He was then assigned as chief engineer for the AOT.. After the Bell's Tennessee campaign, he prepared the defenses of Mobile where he remained until the city fell to the Yankees. After the fall of Mobile, he went home to Georgia where he surrendered in May 1865. After the war, he moved to Savannah and worked as a civil engineer and died in 1865. He is buried in Oconee cemetery in Athens Alabama His bust stands surveying his Vicksburg defenses in the Vicksburg National park.

Bicentennial Flag



The haters of our heritage never give up. After a failure, they not only double down on that strategy but develop a new and innovative ways to destroy the symbols of our heritage. A case study of this strategy is the war against our flag of the great state of Mississippi. You all know the efforts of the past to force removal of our present state flag. Popular votes, court cases, arm twisting of legislatures and proposed constitutional amendments are all. examples that have so far failed. These efforts have all been opposed by the majority of the people of the state but a very vocal minority continue to carry the fight against our heritage. Their lack of victories has left, our left leaning cities and universities to lower our beautiful state flag. Now with a very important event to our state, the bicentennial of our statehood, will come a new effort to change our state flag, a flag to celebrate the bicentennial. This flag will fill the empty flag poles around the state and there will be resolutions celebrating our bicentennial and the flag developed to celebrate the occasion. Along with this fell good movement, there will be a continued effort to change our state flag in the legislature. One of the "hate the flag" strategies is to over the year of our bicentennial to gather momentum to have this flag to replace our current flag. My position is as always no compromise no surrender. Contact your Representative and Senator in Jackson and voice your opinion on our state flag. The speaker of the house will continue his effort to erase our proud heritage.

Flag Bills in Mississippi House

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

Forrest at Shiloh



Shiloh, Tennessee, April 1862, Fallen Timbers

While no official report of this part of the battle of Shiloh exists, Forrest's authorized biography notes that he was at the head of a charge against Sherman on the final day. A zealous cavalryman, Forrest so outdistanced the rest of the Confederate attackers that he found himself surrounded by Union troops. Although wounded, he was able to haul a rather small Yank onto the rear of his saddle and hold him there for protection while shooting his way out of the fray!

43rd MS Infantry

Thanks to Jim Huffman. After 25 years of research, "The Camel Regiment: A History of the Bloody 43rd MS Infantry, CSA," will be published beginning about May 1, 2017, by Pelican Publishing Company of Gretna, LA. Just go to www.pelicanpub.com and search for "camel." The 43rd Mississippi Infantry of the Confederate States of America is the only regiment to have used a camel militarily east of the Mississippi. Referred to as the Camel Regiment, it was organized in 1862 and surrendered in 1865. Using a variety of resources, the author provides a roster of the regiment along with detailed information on the formation, battles, and controversies surrounding the men. This book documents the regiment's tie to their camel from the acquisition of the African dromedary Old Douglas to carry baggage and musical instruments through his death at Vicksburg and the fate of his fellow soldiers. The book provides an entertaining historical narrative of this little-known chapter in American history. Remember and visit the Douglas stone in Cedar Hill.

Mississippi Division 2017 Annual Convention

The University Greys camp 1803 and Calhoun Avengers Oxford, Ms are hosting the 2017 Mississippi Division convention on June 9-11 If you plan to attend representing our camp, contact Commander Campbell or Larry Holman for registration and credentials. In preparation for the Division annual convention, Camp members will receive the proposed amendments to our bylaws and officer announcements under separate cover. This info is in advance of the camp's Executive council's recommendation for our camps vote

Confederate Memorial Month Service

Thanks to Bryan for the picture



The John C. Pemberton Camp is hosting 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 Standby for information about a "run through" to ensure we are ready to host the event. This would be a great opportunity to get your "friend" to an event. See the Mississippi proclamation signed by Governor Bryant in the "mast" of the newsletter. Thanks Governor

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.

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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 18th 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)

JUST AN OLD SOLDIER

by: Joel T. Bailey

He was just an old soldier
Whose time had come and gone
Once surrounded by thousands
But he died sick and alone

He had loved to tell his stories About when he wore the gray Then no one listened anymore To the things he had to say

He'd sit on a dusty street corner And watch the people walk by He'd think back on the old days And wipe a tear from his eye

Now his life on earth is over And he'll be missed by very few For he was just an old soldier That no one really knew

Having left only an old rebel flag Still flying in a Southern breeze He has now crossed over the river To rest in the shade of the trees

Chaplains Corner Thanks Bryan

For the Brethren

The last two statements of our Lord are very plain and simple. He said, It Is Finished and then he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit. These set forth for all Christians the new nature of things in this world and in the heavens. For it was with those words that our Lord completed his great work of redemption by opening unto all who believed on him the gates of everlasting life in God's kingdom.

Some have asked, "Why did he have to die?" The simple Bible answer is best. Our Lord's death was required because without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin for as it is written, And almost all things are by law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission (Hebrews 9:22). The children of Israel offered sacrifices every year (Hebrews 10:3) and this they had continually done since the time of Moses. Even God slew animals to provide coverings for Adam and Eve prior to their expulsion from the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:21). God knew that mankind would need a better form of redemption than simply the temporary offerings of the blood of bulls and goats. He knew that the only complete satisfaction for sin would be the blood of a sacrifice which he alone could provide (Hebrews 9:11-22).

St. Paul noted in his epistle to the Ephesians that, In [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace (1:7). Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (I St. Timothy 1:15). Jesus Christ has paid in full the price of our sins by his single act of propitiation on the cross (Hebrews 9:24-28; I St. John 2:1-2). If one understands the necessity of our Lord's sacrifice, then such a one will see the need for that redemption which naturally flows from such a sacrifice. And so it follows that all who would come to Christ must first recognize their need for his saving grace.

After completing his work of atonement on the cross, our Lord then commended his spirit into the hands of the Father. When we became Christians, we commended our spirits, souls and bodies to God in his service. We were regenerated by the power of the Holy Ghost. We became new creatures in Christ. We realized that God had removed our sins from us and that we no longer had to carry them around to our detriment. Taking your sins to the foot of the cross and leaving them is the ideal thing for a Christian to do. God will forgive them, and they will be remembered no more against you. Those whom we have harmed in some way may remember every slight, every harm, every deed; but God will not if and only

if we confess them in all sincerity and humility before his throne of grace in the name of our Lord and Saviour.

The life and ministry of our Lord has provided us with an insight into the desires of God for all who would believe and confess his name before men. Still, it was his sacrifice that certified what he had taught. When our Lord said, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosever liveth and believeth in me shall never die... (St. John 11:2526), he revealed via his own resurrection that he possessed the power of God to raise the dead: giving them eternal life in his name. And such is the essence of the blessed hope of all believers.

The proclaiming of the euanggelion or "good news" was and remains the duty of every Christian. Our lives should reveal to others that we do indeed have this finished work of Christ within us. If we have been reborn of the Holy Ghost, we will love God from our hearts. For such a love proves without a doubt that we are vessels of the God's most holy Spirit, and that we have received his free gift of grace.

As we remember the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ on that rude cross, let us also remember his mistreatment at the hands of his fellow countrymen. No matter how troubling, we ought to remember his scourging, the print of each nail, his agony and humiliation on that cross and his words of forgiveness and comfort to everyone about him: to the Romans who crucified him, and the people who called for his crucifixion, to the thief on the cross next to him who asked for his grace. Yes, we should remember these things because we have been saved by this single atoning act. We realize that he took every stroke of that whip, every hammer stroke on the nails in his hands and feet, every curse and derisive word that was hurled at him, yes, all of them he bore which rightly belong to each of us.

As we approach Holy Week and Easter, let us remember our duty to God to properly communicate his word to others that they might come to embrace him as their Saviour and Lord.

Let us pray, Father, as we reflect on what thy Son endured that day on the cross, let us also come to the foot thereof, laying aside every weight of sin that we might be freed from them by the power of his shed blood; indeed, let his blood be upon us and wash us so that we might have redemption, and that through the same thou wouldest grant us an abundant life, serving thee without fear; for this we beg in the name of him who was made sin for us, even thine only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cooper's Well Stones come to Vicksburg May 28th

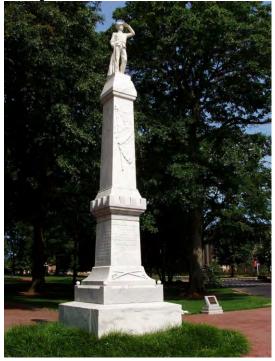


The Pemberton Camp has coordinated with others in the third brigade to set an initial 47 stones in one of the lots we control in Cedar Hill. Thanks to Trent Lewis for being the sparkplug for this effort, Wayne McMaster for being the camp's point man in setting up this effort and Bryan Skipworth for repairing 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) The last stones have been delivered and are set. 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:

<u>shttp://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~taleese/soldiers_rest_vicks</u>
<u>burg/cooper_wells/cooper_wells.htm</u>

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 division continues to pursue these matters in court. 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 April

| Lt General Simmon Bolivar Buckner | 1 April 1823 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Lt General Leonidas Polk | 10 April 1806 |
| Major General Charles William Field | 6 April 1828 |
| Major General Edward Johnson | 16 April 1816 |
| Major General David Rumph Jones | 5 April 1825 |
| Major General Edward Cary Wathall | 4 April 1831 |
| Major General Ambrose Ransom Wright | 26 April 1826 |

General Leonidas Polk



A sword over the Gown

General Polk was born in Raleigh North Carolina, the son of a revolutionary War veteran. He attended West Point where he graduated eighth out of a class of 38 in 1827. While at West Point, he joined the Episcopal church which would change his life. 6 Years later he resigned his commission and entered the Virginia Theological seminary. In 1832, he and his family moved to Maury county Tennessee where he was the priest at Columbia Tennessee. In 1841, he was elected the Bishop of Louisiana. He was the leading founder of the University of the South at Sewanee with a vision of a school that would become a national University located in the South that

would rival oxford University in England. When the war began, Polk took the Louisiana Convention out of the United States Episcopal church and then offered his services to an old West Point friend Jefferson Davis. Polk was given a commission as Major General and given command of the Confederate Armies defending the Northern Border of the Confederacy in Tennessee until relived by Albert Sidney Johnson. He lead a corp of the Army of Mississippi at the battle of Shiloh and the battle of Perryville. He was promoted to Lt General and continued to command a corp in the Army of Tennessee fighting at Stone River and Chickamauga. For a short time, He and his corp were sent to the western theater but rejoined the Army of Tennessee during the Atlanta campaign. On June 4, 1864 while scouting enemy positions near Marietta Georgia, he was killed by artillery fire. He was buried in Augusta Georgia where there is a monument at Saint Paul's church. In 1945 his remains were reinterred at Christ Church in New Orleans. Fort Polk in Louisiana is named for him. Last year the above portrait Of Sewanee's founder was moved from a position of honour to the University of the South's Archives.

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.

Confederate Memorial Services

- Saturday April 1st Crystal Springs Southern Rights Camp will hold their Confederate Memorial Service at 10am at the Old Crystal Springs Cemetery in Crystal Springs. All Confederate impressionist are asked to be there by 9am.
- Saturday April 8th the Miss. College Rifles Camp of Clinton will hold there Confederate Memorial Service at 2pm at the Clinton City Cemetery in Clinton. All Confederate Impressionist are urged to be there by 1pm.
- Saturday April 15th the Lowry Rifles Camp of Rankin County will hold their Confederate Memorial service at 10 a.m. at the Historic Brandon Cemetery in Brandon. All Confederate Impressionist are urged to be there by 9am. After the service everyone is invited to eat at Sonny's in Brandon. Keynote speaker: Cmdr. Louis Foley Music by Rob Millette and Tori Evans

Bugle by: Jim Hancock

Confederate Impressions by: Capt. Charles Tucker and the Tishomingo Avengers

Cannon fire by: 3rd Company Washington Artillery

- Saturday April 22nd the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans hold their division memorial service at Soldiers Rest Cemetery in Vicksburg at 2 p.m.
- Sunday April 30th the Jeff Davis Camp of Jackson will hold their Confederate Memorial Service at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson.

Beauvoir



Remember, We, The Mississippi Division, own Beauvoir. We should visit and support this beautiful spot. This is the last home of the only President of the Confederate States of America.

Friends of Beauvoir

Beauvoir the Home of Jefferson Davis is Owned and Operated by the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Here is an Invitation to give the Past a Future!

Go to 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. The project is drawing near the end. It is projected the project will be complete by Fall Muster. By all reckoning there are 153 more spaces left in the archway

2017 Mississippi Reunion Officer Announcements

Commander of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

- Marc S. Allen
- Jeff Barnes

First Lt Commander

- David Wotten
- Conor Bond

Second Lt Commander

- Greg Stewart
- Carl Ford
- Harry Vincent

3rd Brigade Commander

• Trent Lewis

3d Brigade Councilman

• James Young

Beauvoir Board of Directors

- Mike Wooten
- Robert Bonner

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 |
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| 2018 | Franklin Tennessee |

Mobile Alabama

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