

IN THE TRENCHES

APRIL 2018

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: THE MONTHLY MEETING TIME HAS CHANGED TO 6:00PM BEGINNING WITH OUR MEETING ON APRIL 3, 2018

FROM THE COMMANDER

Edward Campbell

It is almost April, one of the most important months in Confederate History. Hopefully, we will have a Confederate Heritage Month signed by the Governor soon. This will be a busy month for us. April 14 will be our Spring Flea Market and we need volunteers to help. Please give about an hour of your time to help us man the booth on Saturday April 14. Please also pray for good weather. This will be the best opportunity yet that we have to get signatures on our petition. The following Saturday, April 21, we will have our annual Confederate Memorial Day observance at Soldier's Rest at 2 P.M. We need more volunteers to help present a

short talk on one of the soldiers that are buried there. Bryan Skipworth has worked hard on research dealing with soldiers buried at the cemetery and we need men to step up to the plate and help out. It will require a short 3 minute talk about one of the soldiers who took part in the siege. Please consider helping us out on this important project. If you can help, please see Bryan at the next meeting. Since this is a memorial service, I encourage everyone to dress up just a little for the Observance.

April 28 will be our statewide Memorial Day observance at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus. If you are planning on going, you need to make a motel

reservation ASAP due to a "Bulldog Baseball" weekend that will fill up most hotels in Columbus and Starkville.

Our next meeting is April 3 starting at our new time of 6 P.M. Our speaker will be Marc Thompson, 1st Lt. Commander of the DeSoto County SCV Camp. I have heard Marc speak several times and his talks are always interesting with a great deal of research. He will be speaking on "Taxes and Tariffs". Please come and bring a friend and don't forget about the new time.

I wish all of you a very Happy Easter. Please remember the "Reason for the Season", new life in our Savior, Jesus Christ.



*John Clifford Pemberton
Lt. General, CSA.*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- 2018 Division Convention June 8-10 at Beauvoir
- MS Division Memorial Day - April 28th at 2:00 PM, Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, MS
- Third Brigade Memorial Service - April 21st at 10:00 AM, Raymond Cemetery, Raymond, MS
- Spring Flea Market - April 14th, Old Courthouse Museum, Vicksburg, MS

FOR THE BRETHREN

Rev. Bryan Dabney

Historian Charles Adams in his work *When in the course of Human Events* (p. 221) observed that, "War is sometimes called the final arbiter of disputes among nations, even though it creates uncivilized chaos

and butchery unrestrained by law. No one has ever suggested that applying the principles of military might—slaughter and devastation—actually means that justice has prevailed. What does prevail is the better army or navy, justice often by the bully. Lawful

ideals and principles quickly fade from view as armies take to the field and clash. At that point the combatants start to manufacture reasons for the conflict. And when no good reason can be found, a bad one will do. Facts become distorted, history perverted, and the



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main reasons for almost all wars— territory, resources, and power— are usually masked over with some sort of moral or social objective.”

In Mississippi, April is the month in which we honor our forebears who served in the Confederate Army. As the church year has Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, the Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity, we have but one season the whole year long and it begins afresh with Confederate Memorial Day. The Bible commands us to love our parents and by extension, our forefathers and mothers. As the children of Israel were to be mindful at Passover of the suffering of their ancestors in ancient Egypt, so too ought we to reflect on the suffering and sacrifice which our ancestors experienced during the War to prevent Southern Independence.

Think on the charge we read at every SCV meeting. It was given to us by General Stephen D. Lee who reminded his listeners then— and us as well— that they were supposed to tell the truth about what they fought for. As noted in Charles Adams’ quote, “Facts become distorted, history perverted, and the main reasons for almost all wars— territory, resources, and power— are usually masked over with some sort of moral or social objective.” The Bible commands us to bear not a false witness. What good are lies and distortions to our

cause? Do they prop us up? Are we leaning on deception? If we are, we will fall. President Davis once said, “Truth may be crushed to the earth but crushed or not, truth is still truth.” He no doubt suffered greatly for the principle of secession. The failure of our armies was not proof that the cause for which they fought was in error. Military failure came because the South did not have the resources to continue.

When one studies history, one will come across accounts of evil triumphing over good. A good example from Scripture would be that of Job. Here is a story of a man who was considered righteous in his generation. He was blessed of God and yet he was ruined by Satan. Even Job wondered at his predicament. Both his wife and his friends challenged his integrity. In the end, it was God who rebuked Job’s misguided detractors and restored to Job seven-fold more than what he had lost.

The defense and demise of the Byzantines at Constantinople in 1453 is also a good example for us. Here was a Christian empire that had been reduced to a mere fragment of its former glory. Here was a people doing all they could to resist becoming servants of the Sultan Mehmet II, and still went down in defeat against the sultan’s mighty host. Does their failure invalidate Christianity?

The Boers of South Africa fought the British takeover of that region for nearly four years before being overpowered by their adversary. The courage and bravery which they exhibited in their cause was astonishing given what they were up against. Nevertheless, they fought for home and hearth, just as our ancestors did in a losing effort. Does their loss render their cause unjust?

The 300 Spartans stood in the pass of Thermopylae knowing that it was only a matter of time before the Persian army would overrun their position. They stood so that others would have a chance to build an army suitable to the task of defeating the great Persian host of Xerxes. The inscription on their monument reads, “Go tell the Spartans, passerby, that here obedient to their laws we lie.” Did their failure to the Persians invalidate Greek independence?

Our Confederate ancestors fought, and in many instances died, defending their homeland much as the Byzantines, the Spartans and the Boers had done. Our Lord said, Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends (St. John 15:13). Truly, our forebears sacrificed much— and in some cases, everything— in their efforts to give us the gift of liberty as a free and separate people. It is not a sacrifice we ought to ignore or consider of no conse-

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quence. Consider the words of the philosopher Nicolas Davila who said, "Truth is in history, but history is not the truth." As our Lord reminded his listeners to watch out for the false teachers and false prophets who came as wolves in sheep's clothing, so too ought we to watch out for those who would tell us to furl our flags and forget the deeds of our Confederate ancestors.

And so as we enter the month of April, let us honor the memory of our forebears and reflect on the cause for which they fought. Let us not forget or regard as unimportant their sacrifice even in a losing effort because the principles of liberty and limited self-government still matter. Therefore keep their torch lit and the flag of the Confederacy ever flying.

Let us pray,

Father, as we reflect on those things for which our Confederate ancestors fought, accept our prayers of gratitude for their sacrifice; and help us also to live as patriotic citizens of this republic: that we being mindful of the good that we still possess, will seek to preserve the memory of our ancestors and their cause; and this we ask in the name of him who came to set us free from sin and death, even thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

The statewide observance of Confederate Memorial Day will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at 11 A.M. at the historic Friendship Cemetery in Columbus, MS.

This year's event is sponsored by the Stephen D. Lee Caledonia Rifles Camp #2140, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Stephen D. Lee Chapter #34, United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Parking at the cemetery is limited so a shuttle will be provided from the Ryan's restaurant, 1201 Highway 45 North, with the last bus leaving promptly at 10:30 A.M. Dr. Brandon Beck, adjunct professor of History at East Mississippi Community College, will speak on the historical significance of the event, which took place for the first time at Friendship Cemetery on April 25, 1866.

A wreath-laying ceremony will be held at the grave of General Stephen D. Lee by the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Order of the Confederate Rose.

The public is invited to attend and afterwards all are welcome to join together for lunch at Ryan's with everyone being responsible for their own meal. For further information, please contact Mrs. Eliza Shizak at eshizak@yahoo.com or 662-574-7677.

Due to a baseball event at Mississippi State, area hotels are filling up fast. If you plan to attend the statewide Confederate Memorial Day celebration, it is highly recommended that you make hotel reservations as soon as possible.

A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER

by: Joel T. Bailey

He left home six months ago
But it seems like a year or more
He can still see his mother
Waving from the cabin door

A cold driving rain is falling
Mud is more than ankle deep
He's wet, cold and lonely
But just to tired to weep

Today was a hard fought battle
Many friends fell by his side
Tomorrow there'll be another
No time to morn those who died

It's not at all like he imagined
Nothing about this war is fun
He prays he'll still be alive
When all the fighting is done

He never gave much thought
Whether the war is wrong or right
He knows his love for the South
Is the reason he chose to fight

CSS ARKANSAS

At our December meeting a resolution was passed, to pursue funding for the Stone memorializing the twenty three men of the CSS Arkansas that died in defense of fortress Vicksburg. These men were taken off of the boat and buried in Vicksburg. They do not have stones.

Our camp has started a fund raising effort to sup-

port the setting of a memorial to these men. We took up donations and pledges at our February meeting. If you would like to donate or pledge support please contact Eddy Cresap at

charlescresap33@att.net for more information on setting up a pledge or making a donation.



COOPER'S WELL STONES COME TO VICKSBURG

The Pemberton Camp has coordinated with others in the third brigade to set an initial 47 stones in one of the lots we control in Cedar Hill. A special thank you goes out to 3rd Brigade Commander 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 stones represent the men who died at Mississippi Springs and were buried at Cooper's well. Unfortunately, the Cooper's Well location is on private property and not available for Confederate stone placement. These stones have laid on the ground for 15 years waiting for a home.

The last stones have been delivered and are set and a plaque explaining these veteran's story has been delivered. A memorial bench is sched-

uled to be purchased to place on the lot. A dedication is planned but at this time the date has not been set.



Cooper's Well Memorial Stones at Soldier's Rest
Cedar Hill Cemetery in Vicksburg, Mississippi

BEAUVIOR

Beauvoir, the historic post-war home of President Jefferson Davis, is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There are several ways that you can participate in the continued preservation of this beloved landmark located in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Friends of Beauvoir

For as little as \$25 annually, you can become a member of

the Friends of Beauvoir. Membership includes tour admission and a 10% discount at the Beauvoir gift shop.

Bricks for Beauvoir

Honor your Confederate ancestors while supporting Beauvoir. Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit, and company. The memorial bricks will be laid creating a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb

of the Unknown Confederate soldier.

For more information on these opportunities, please visit www.visitbeauvoir.org or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400

FEATURED CONFEDERATE

Cpl. Joseph Green Co. E. 42nd Miss Infantry



Joseph Green enlisted in the Confederate Army in Tippah County Mississippi as part of the 42nd Mississippi Infantry. The 42nd Infantry Regiment was organized at Oxford, Mississippi, in May, 1862, and in June moved to Virginia with about 750 officers and men. Its companies were recruited in the counties of Carroll, Coahoma, Tate, De Soto, Panola, Lafayette, Union,

Pontotoc, Marshall, Benton, and Tippah. For a time it served on garrison duty in the Department of Richmond, then was assigned to General J.R. Davis' Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia.

Corporal Green's widow, Iduma Caroline Green (Adair) resided in Tippah County Mississippi in the Dry Creek Community until her death on November 26, 1876.

He also had several brothers who served in and survived the war and returned to their homes in the Dry Creek community. Most of them are buried at the Old Paul's Chapel Cemetery which is located in the wilderness near the Tippah County – Prentiss County Border. Their son, John Henry Green, was born just before Corporal Green (then the rank of Private) left for the war. Later in life, John

Henry would state that he had no memory of his father. John Henry Green had numerous descendants, many of which still reside in the area straddling the Tippah County – Prentiss County line, or nearby in the Cities of Jumbertown and Booneville, Mississippi located in Prentiss County.



One of Joseph Green's brothers, Henry Reeves Green
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The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is a hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate veterans. It was formed in 1896 as the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans and serves to preserve the history and legacy of the Confederate soldier. There are ongoing programs at the local, state and national levels in the form of preservation work, marking Confederate soldiers' graves, historical re-enactments, scholarly publications, and regular meetings to discuss the military and political history of the War Between the States and the colorful and heroic men who fought it.

Membership is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces, and can be obtained through direct or collateral family lines which must be documented genealogically.

For more information, please visit www.scv.org

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Speaker is needed for our October meeting. If you are interested or know anyone who is, please contact Edward Campbell at ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com.

Spring Flea Market - April 14th, Old Courthouse Museum, Vicksburg, MS. The Spring Flea Market is coming up at the Old Courthouse in Vicksburg on April 14th. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, manning the booth, and tear down at the end of the day.

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

From the stirring speech delivered by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General of the United Confederate Veterans at the New Orleans, Louisiana UCV Convention of 1906.