

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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Eddy Cresap

Commander
Editor

Upcoming meetings

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm. Our meeting location is 216 Miller Street in the Disabled American Veterans building. Our website contains direction to the meeting location. Visitors are always welcome. If you would like to present a program, please contact Commander Edward Campbell at ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com. Bring a visitor to our next meeting.

Below are the list of upcoming meetings and speakers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
May 5	Dr Beck	Van Dorn
June 2	Birthday Party	Jefferson Davis Birthday and business meeting preceding state convention
July 7	Eddy Cresap	Rape of Maryland

Heritage Month in Vicksburg

The John C. Pemberton Confederate Heritage month memorial service was held on Sunday April 26 at Soldiers Rest . A man from each state was chosen and a member spoke for him. We thank the UDC for their attendance, participation and support. Thanks to Joel Baily , Josh Edwards , Sam Price, Edward Campbell, Wayne McMaster, Brain Dabney. Thomas Dabney, Doctor McMillin, Eddy Cresap Dr Keulagan, Dr Landin, and Howard Thomas (taps player). It was a beautiful afternoon. Also a big thanks to the Vicksburg Post for coverage. There has been a mention of a scrap book of the event. Please bring all the presentations and any pictures to the next meeting.

Potential Upcoming Events to Consider as a Camp Event

These events are presented for discussion. The events could be done to put our name in front of the public

- Memorial day booth at Eagle lake May 23
- Fourth of July service for the Dead
- General Pemberton Birthday Aug 10
- Fall Flea market Oct 3

Southern Gentleman's Brown Bag Lunch Club

Like minded individuals gather every third Tue 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. No protocol, agenda, or speaker just good fellowship. This next event will be on May 19 at 1200 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 would also be welcome. SCV membership s not required

Lights

As most of you know, we are having problems with our florescent lights coming on in our meeting room. Wayne Joel and Eddy spent some time this month trying to determine the cause. We came to the conclusion that ballast was the most probable culprit. We went in search of ballast only to find out that replacement ballast were not available and even if they were, it was cheaper to change fixtures. We decided to start with four fixtures All four of our fixtures are replaced, thanks to Wayne, Paul McMaster, and Joel for finishing the job.

Poet' s Corner (Thanks Joel)

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

Chaplains Corner (Thanks Bryan)

For the Brethren:

In St. Matthew 7:15-21, our Lord spoke against the wickedness of false prophets who come disguised as members of the fold of Christ, but are inwardly nothing more than ravening wolves. The people to whom he was speaking knew about sheep and other livestock even if they did not tend them. They also knew about predatory animals such as wolves, bears and lions and they likely understood our Lord's analogy of false prophets being liken unto wolves clothed as a sheep. Given all that, many still refused to come to him and be healed spiritually and saved eternally. And why?

As you know, we receive information from a variety of sources. Since we often do not have the time— or the inclination— to learn about every field of endeavor, we tend to listen to persons who have acquired an expertise in those areas where we have not. Specialization is a hallmark of civilization. We do not all engage in the same business, trade or profession. Therefore, we rely on others to handle those tasks such as plumbers: to fix a broken pipe; lawyers: to take care of our legal problems; or doctors: to assist us back to health when we are ill; and so on et cetera.

Likewise, many Jews of the first century A.D. possessed a fair understanding of tenets of Judaism. But from the top of their social pyramid to the bottom, few possessed a spiritual understanding of their faith. The majority were content to embrace the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees who set aside the words of our Lord because much of what he taught conflicted with their man-made traditions (St. Matthew 15:1-3).

Imagine if you will, that you were living back at the time of our Lord's earthly ministry. Imagine also that you had heard him preach the Sermon on the Mount. And let us say that you came away from that event with questions about the points he had made. Where would you go to verify what he had said? You would likely have gone to the local synagogue where you would have sought the advice of a rabbi, or a scribe or a Pharisee. But the answers you might receive from them would not be in line with our Lord's teachings. After all, those teachers of the law twisted what our Lord had said, or re-interpreted them to fit their skewed view of Judaism.

So you would have left the synagogue with, at best, only a partial understanding of our Lord's words, or, at worst, you would have missed their meaning entirely. The wolves in sheep's clothing do their best work while operating under that favorite of deceptive phrases: *Trust me*.

Now consider our organization and its purpose. We are supposed to be the protectors and defenders of the Confederate soldier's good name and the cause for which he fought. Also, think about how our enemies in media,

politics and academia have not only assaulted our ancestors but us as well. They have worked to remove monuments, plaques, statues and flags from the public sphere so that they won't be offended by these markers. They tell us that our monuments, flags and plaques are harmful and hurtful to them and others. They say it brings back memories of slavery. Some claim they are outraged that anyone would attempt to defend what they term "the indefensible"— the cause of Southern independence— though they tend to shy away from using that terminology as they prefer to refer to the conflict as "The Civil War" (which keeps the focus away from the South's real purpose in seceding and puts the monkey on the South for causing a war which resulted in hundreds of thousands dead and wounded as well as substantial increase in the national debt). They have also attempted to cover up the real reasons for the war: secession, high tariffs, and the threats of physical violence by Northern abolitionists.

As the wolves in sheep's clothing confronted our Lord on a variety of subjects such as paying tribute money to Caesar (St. Matthew 22:15-21); healing on the Sabbath day (St. Matthew 12:10-13); labeling him an agent of the devil because he cast out devils (St. Matthew 12:22-30); expelled a man from a synagogue who had been born blind and was given his sight by our Lord (St. John 9:1-41); they also sought to condemn him via false witnesses (St. Mark 14:55-59). The wolves in sheep's clothing love to pretend that they are of God all the while working for their father the devil— the notorious father of lies and a murderer from the beginning (St. John 8:44). Likewise, in defense of our Confederate heritage, many of you have witnessed similar tactics that have been used by our opponents. For instance, they will twist the plain meaning of words in their attacks on our heritage. When we say that our ancestors were fighting to preserve their freedoms and liberties, they say that our ancestor were fighting for the freedom to continue owning slaves.

Never mind that the war was over the right of states to withdraw from the Union and not slavery. Slavery was not an initial war aim by the North but an afterthought. When we say that our ancestors were fighting for their homes and hearths, they say we were fighting to break up the Union. Hear Abe Lincoln's own words on this subject: "I hold that in the contemplation of universal law, the union of these states is perpetual...Perpetuity is implied...if not expressed in the fundamental law of all national governments. It is safe to assert that no government proper ever had a provision in its organic law for its own termination... It was formed in fact by the articles of association in 1774... matured... by the Declaration of Independence... and expressly plighted and engaged that it should be

perpetual by the Articles of Confederation in 1778; and finally, in 1787, one of the declared objects for ordaining and establishing the Constitution was to ‘form a more perfect Union...It follows from these views that no state, upon its own mere motion, can lawfully get out of the Union; that resolves and ordinances to that effect are legally void; and that acts of violence within any state or states against the authority of the United States are insurrectionary or revolutionary...’ Edgar Lee Masters offered the following rebuttal to what Lincoln had stated when he wrote: “What universal law was or is implied[?]...he urged the fact that no government ever provided for its own termination as proof of the false conclusion that no government was terminable. [The same] could have been said of the Union under the Articles of Confederation... so. [In referencing ‘the Union’ rather than ‘a Union’ Lincoln] wanted to convey the idea that the same union had passed from government to government under the various instruments which the fathers had adopted. The same mystical paraclete was always around ready to enter whatever new organic law the fathers established... As to words, however, he did not regard their accepted meaning... [No permanent or perpetual union was created in 1774 by the colonies owing to the dissolution of the First Continental Congress.] Words like permanent, perpetual, indissoluble are use by men who well know that time and circumstances make all things impermanent and transitory... With the adoption of the Declaration [of Independence], the colonies became states... By treaty [in 1783, Great Britain recognized them] ‘to be free, sovereign and independent states’... [The Second Continental Congress which had approved the Declaration of Independence] formulated the Articles of Confederation...in 1777...These were articles of ‘confederation and perpetual union’ between the states. [Nevertheless, these states remained, according the Constitutional historian, George Tichnor Curtis] ‘... free, sovereign, political communities, each possessing within itself all the powers of legislation and government over its citizens which any political society can possess.’ [T]he second article of [the Articles]...provided [that] ‘each state retains its sovereignty, freedom and independence, and every power, jurisdiction and right which is not by this confederation expressly delegated to the United States, in congress assembled.’ And finally, [Article XIII]...read: ‘The Articles of this confederation shall be inviolably observed by every state, and the union shall be perpetual.’ [While Lincoln referred to this provision to support his notion of the lack of organic law to facilitate its] termination...yet this union was dissolved...” One could rightly state that Abe Lincoln was, to use the words of St. Paul, holding *the truth in unrighteousness* (Romans 1:18). He had twisted the meaning of the

words and intentions of the Founders, and what is so sad is that so many people then— and now— believed him without examining the facts for themselves. Also , upon those occasions when we display the symbols of our Confederate heritage, our opponents will cry foul. They use words like “offensive”, “hateful”, “intolerant” and the biggest and best code word of them all, “Racist” when we show our flags, decorate our memorials, or join together as brothers in the cause of preserving the memory of what our ancestors fought for. We can offer all the counter arguments we wish, but it will be to no avail as they are not going to show us any respect or even “tolerance” for our point of view. They do, however, expect us to just “throw in the towel” as it were, and give in. In Scripture we are told that our Lord was so frustrated by the lack of faith among his people that he once asked his disciples, *Will ye also go away* (St. John 6:67)? Our opponents would like us to do just that— go away and forget the cause for which our ancestors suffered and died. So beware my brothers. Be not deceived. Avoid the all-inclusive, big tent of political correctness if you want to have the memory of what our ancestors fought for perpetuated in the positive. The world in which we are living today is in a state of decay. Everything around us seems to be coming apart. If we remember the sacrifice of our forebears in both the Revolutionary War and the War for Southern Independence, we can grab hold to something that was solidly based upon godly principles. Nothing is perfect in this life and there were and are deficiencies in even the best of human intentions and designs. Nevertheless, that is no reason not to pursue the good and reject the evil. So as a pastor, I urge you to keep the faith in Christ Jesus and as a fellow son of Confederate soldiers, I also urge you to keep a hold on the good things for which our ancestors fought and keep our flags flying.

Let us pray,

Father we beseech thee to give us, by means of thy good Spirit, eyes to see thy truth and ears to hear the same; that we, being so empowered, might see through the disguise of those ravening wolves whom Satan would send among us and avoid the snares of their false teachings; for this we ask in the name of Jesus

Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Confederate Birthdays in May

Some Southern leaders' legacy's are greater than others. Some are loved for their service and some are scorned for their losses, but all served to the best of their abilities given the resources they were provided with their particular skill set.

- P. G. T. Beauregard May 28 1818
- Edmond Kirby Smith May 16, 1824
- William Fitzhugh Lee May 31 1837
- Dabney Herndon Maury May 21 1822

Dabney Maury



Dabney was born in Fredericksburg Va. His father was a Naval officer who died of yellow fever in the West Indies when Dabney was two years old. After the death of his father, He was raised by his uncle Matthew Fontine Maury. Dabney graduated from the University of Virginia and West Point. He served in the Mexican war where he was wounded and almost lost his arm . Following the Mexican War , he was an instructor at West Point, had various field duty post, commanded the US cavalry school and was the author of a text on Tactics for Mounted rifles. While on duty in the New Mexico, he heard of the firing on Fort Sumter, resigned his commission and entered Confederate service. He fought at the battle of Pea Ridge and led a division at the second battle of Corinth. After Corinth, He was promoted to Major General and was sent to Vicksburg. where he served as a Division Commander from January 20 - April 18 1863. Before the siege, he was sent to command the Department of the Gulf. After the war he organized the Southern Historical papers. Above is a picture of his bust in the Vicksburg park near stop # 12

John C. Pemberton Camp Website New Addition

Send a copy of your Confederate ancestor's picture to add to the "Wall of Honor" on our web site

Go to <http://scv-camp-1354.com/> to view our website. Thanks to our Webmaster Bill Fryer. Bill is creating a "Wall of Honor" for our ancestors. Check it out on the web site and add your ancestor. Also find directions to our meeting location

Newsletter

If anyone has read a good book, visited an interesting place, would like to post a bio of their Confederate ancestor, or just has a thought they would like to share with the membership, forward the article to me (charlescresap33@att.net) and I will place it in the next newsletter. Also if you have any ideas for making the newsletter better serve you, please let me know

Commander Candidate

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March 31, 2015

Dear Compatriots,

I am formally announcing my candidacy in writing for Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander. It has been a honor and privilege to serve as your Division Lieutenant Commander. The trust and confidence in me has been appreciated. I am a true Son of the South and will fight until the end for our Southern Heritage during these Politically Correct Times. I am a Life Time Member of the Mississippi Division (membership for 19 years), proud member of the Mississippi Mechanized Calvary since 2004 and have served in various positions on the Camp, Brigade and Division levels and received Division and National awards through my service with the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I also an Army Veteran and served during Viet Nam and currently serving as Post Commander of the Newton County American Legion Post #89 and standing chairman of the Mississippi Veterans Cemetery for the Mississippi Department of the American Legion and retiree of the Mississippi Employment Security Commission of 28 years. I would like to add that I am a graduate of the University of Mississippi way before " The Bear". In closing, I would appreciate your support and consideration in forwarding our Stephen D. Lee Command and seeing our Mississippi Division as not divided but as a whole.

Your Humble Servant,

Louis Preston Foley

First Lt Commander Candidate

Dear Friends and Brothers of the Mississippi Division,...

In the nine years that I have been a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, I can say that I have never met men more dedicated and focused on our Confederate heritage and the mandate we have in our hearts for the preservation of the memory and sacrifices of our ancestors than in the Mississippi Division.

It has been an honor for me to serve with you in various positions within the Division. I have held the positions of Camp Adjutant, and Commander of Stockdale's Rangers Camp 1681. I have served as 3rd Brigade Councilman and 3rd Brigade Commander, and at this time, and with great affection and reverence for our Cause, that I hereby announce my candidacy for the position of 1st Lieutenant Commander of the Mississippi Division.

Having retired from an extensive career in accounting, for the past year I have been tasked to examine the accounting procedures as well as the financial condition of Beauvoir on behalf of its shareholders, you the members of the Mississippi Division, and to report my findings on its financial management and stability. From my research to date, I have become deeply concerned about the continuing welfare of Beauvoir.

While Beauvoir is a corporation to itself, you must understand that the ultimate responsibility for Beauvoir rests solely with you, as members of the Mississippi Division, and in regard to preserving Beauvoir, in times of peril it is the Division's responsibility to take the necessary steps to insure the integrity and well-being of this venerable shrine to the memory of President Davis.

I believe that the combination of my experience, and my personal dedication to our organization, our Division, and to Beauvoir, will be a valuable asset as a part of the leadership of this Division that will be vital as we continue to devote ourselves to the preservation of our virtuous Confederate heritage and to Beauvoir.

I would consider it an honor of the highest magnitude to serve you as your next 1st Lieutenant Commander, and look forward to serving you personally, and our Mississippi Division as a whole.

With kindest personal regards to each of you,

Joe Abbott

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Please feel free to contact me by any of the above. I will be happy to answer your question.

First Lt Commander Candidate

Gentlemen:

It is my privilege to announce my candidacy for 1st Lt. Commander of the Mississippi Division SCV.

The Mississippi Division has the sacred obligation of fulfilling Lt. General Stephen D. Lee's "Charge". This our duty and we should do nothing less. We should be focused on working with our membership to make the Mississippi Division SCV the very best it can be.

I have been blessed to hold an SCV office since 1995. My service has been on the Camp, Brigade, Division, Army of Tennessee and now on the National level as Historian-in-Chief.

The duties of the 1st Lt. Commander are clearly spelled out in our Mississippi Division Bylaws. I know the expectations of the office and truly believe I have the experience, knowledge and ability to serve you best.

DEO VINDICE,

Chuck Bond

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Second Lt Commander Candidate

I would like to take this opportunity to declare my intent to serve a second term in the Mississippi Division as 2Lt. Commander. I have enjoyed serving in this capacity and pledge to consider our charge, and the betterment and preservation, of our organization in all decisions I am called upon to make.

Your vote and support is appreciated. Your obedient servant, I remain;

Mike Webb,

2 Lt. Cmndr Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans/

Candidate for Adjutant

Gentlemen,

After some consideration, I have decided to announce my candidacy for one last term as your Division Adjutant. At this time, I feel this is the best way I

can serve the members of the Mississippi Division and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I ask for your support in this endeavor.

Your Servant,

Dan A. McCaskill

Third Brigade Commander Candidate

"Good afternoon compatriots, I would like to announce my candidacy for 3rd Brigade command. I am currently the Adjutant for the Brookhaven Light Artillery, Camp 235 and have been a member in good standing for over 20 years. If elected I will do all in my power to lead the 3rd Brigade following the example of my father, former 3rd Brigade Commander Roy Wooten and our current Commander Mr. Joe Abbott. I am a firm believer in the purpose of the SCV to honor, remember and tell the world the truth of why our forefathers fought and died in the 2nd American Revolution. I am also a firm believer in the fact that Beauvoir is a treasure that must be maintained and protected by our division.

A Happy Easter and thanks to all,

David Wooten"

Third Brigade Councilman Candidate

April 6 2015

I, JJ Dafferner here by announce my candidacy for 3rd brigade councilman of the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

I am currently Commander of the Mississippi Colleges Rifles SCV Camp 1636 of Clinton,MS and a member of the SCV Mechanized Cavalry 1G Central Ms. I have been a active war between the states reenactor for over 15 years and love to spread the truth of our Confederate ancestors and looking forward to help with the many up coming projects to help honor the great men and women that gave the ultimate sacrifice for the southern cause. I am asking for your support and vote to help further the cause of the Ms Division for the future generations.

I beg to be your humble servant,

JJ Dafferner

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Third Brigade Councilman Candidate

I am placing in nomination the name of Trent Lewis for the position of 3rd Brigade Councilman of the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Several years ago, it was my privilege to sponsor Trent for membership in the SCV. Trent currently serves as 1st Lt. Commander of the Crystal Springs Southern Right Camp # 712. In naming some of his participation in SCV events, I would mention that he has been active in presenting camp programs and assisting with the camp's living histories, providing and organizing cleanup work at various cemeteries where Confederate veterans are buried, working for the preservation of the town and cemetery at Rodney, portraying the drummer at the 'Soldiers Return to Vicksburg', etc. Trent takes advantage of every opportunity to defend our ancestors' heritage and to present the truth about their patriotism.

I am confident his youth and enthusiasm will be great assets in advancing our cause. It is with assurance and confidence that I nominate Trent Lewis for the position of 3rd Brigade Councilman and give my full endorsement to his candidacy. Please join me in offering your support to Trent.

Respectfully, Dan H. Johnson

Past Commander of Crystal Springs Southern Rights Camp # 712

Sesquicentennial Event Confederate Heritage Rally

May 30, 2015

Dear Mississippi Compatriots,

I hope that you are all aware of the the upcoming SCV Sesquicentennial Event/Confederate Heritage Rally that will be held May 30th in Shreveport, La. This is the last of these events, but the first one to be held in the Army of Trans-Mississippi! The link to the event website is at the top and bottom of this message.

Please allow me to make a personal request to my brothers in Mississippi. We need you to turn out for this. The SCV and Confederate Heritage has been in the news a lot lately. This event gives us the chance to show the public that we are still here and still care about our Heritage. We can make a statement that day. This maybe the last chance we will have for a while to show our support in a large public event.

Maybe more than any other division, Mississippi has borne the brunt of political correctness. But you have stood fast in protecting your Flag and Heritage! I believe Mississippi will be ready on May 30th!

Cross the river and make a statement!

Deo Vindice

Chuck McMichael

Past Commander in Chief

Sons of Confederate Veterans.

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 descendants 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. ASke me about cups.

Changing the Name Against the Law

Our case against the University of Mississippi is still in the discovery stage. The Division Judge Advocate hopes to have a court date in 6 months or so.

120th Mississippi Division Convention

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

Proposed Bylaws Changes Mississippi Division

Please review the following bylaw changes. We need to send our delegation with the camps wishes. There will be a discussion and vote at our June meeting

Add a new subsection G to Article 26 Beauvoir Board of Directors and Trustees

Proposed amendment – Add a new Section to the Article 26 titled: G. Election of the Beauvoir Board of Directors to read as follows:

A member to the Beauvoir Board of Directors shall be elected from each Division Brigade. The members of each Brigade will elect the director from their respective Brigade and report to the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans when in Convention assembled the results of the election. The director will be allowed to be reelected for one successive term. Those members elected will adhere to the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Bylaws and the Beauvoir Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The filling of a vacancy during the year between conventions will adhere to Section 7 of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Mississippi Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Rationale: To begin an effort to have every Division Brigade represented on the Beauvoir Board of Directors while adhering to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Mississippi Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans. The method of election will follow current rotational sequence. The current board position up for election will from the 4th Brigade, since they are not currently represented on the Board. 4th Brigade Commander Marc Allen was appointed by the Executive Council to fill a vacant position until the 2015 Annual Meeting in June. This sequence will continue with each subsequent Board of Director election until all Brigades have an elected representative on the Board.

Submitted by Jerry N. Stuart
Commander, 7th Mississippi Infantry Battalion Camp #1490
Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

Proposed Changes to Article 26 of the Division Bylaws

"Article 26, Section A. These two Boards may, by agreement, function as a Combined Board."

Proposed amendment is to delete current Section A and replace with:

"A. The Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors shall meet separately at a place and time to be determined by the respective Boards. The Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors may, from time to time, convene a joint

meeting, with the prior approval of a majority of each board, to discuss specific business item(s) only."

Rationale: the Articles of Incorporation state that each Board has a specific role. The Board of Directors is charged with the overall governing of Beauvoir in its' entirety. The Board of Trustees is charged with the management of the day to day operation of Beauvoir. It is inconsistent with these duties as outlined in the Articles of Confederation for each board to customarily meet in a combined session to discuss its' own business.

Article 26, add new Section G.

"Any member in good standing of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans may be nominated for election to the Board of Directors or Board of Trustees for Beauvoir. The nomination must be made in writing by two members of the nominee's home camp. The nominee will provide a resume with the nomination to the Division Adjutant at least 60 days before the annual Division Reunion. The Division Adjutant will verify the membership status of the nominee. After verifying the membership status, the Adjutant will send the nomination and resume to the editor of the Division newsletter, who will publish it so that the members of the Division may be made aware of the nomination. Only one member from each camp may be nominated for election at an annual Reunion."

Rationale: By doing this, the members of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will have more input about who is nominated and elected to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors of Beauvoir.

Article 26, add new Section H.

"The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Beauvoir shall not serve consecutive terms. A new Chairman must be selected at the end of each Chairman's term. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Beauvoir shall not serve consecutive terms. A new Chairman must be selected at the end of each Chairman's term."

Rationale: The duties and responsibilities of the Chairman of each Board should be shared among the members of each Boards.

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.

Upcoming National Conventions

2015 – Richmond Virginia July 15 - 19 2015

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

2016 – Dallas/Ft. Worth Texas

2017 – Memphis Tennessee

Letter from Cooter

The opinion column (reproduced below) by Charles Dean of the Huntsville (Alabama) Times is dated April 1, 2015, but it is not an April Fool's joke.

The fool is Mr. Dean. This man's attack on the symbol under which our ancestor's fought and died is as hateful as it is uninformed.

I suggest that each of us send Mr. Dean an e-mail, and let him know that he, not us, is the one guilty of bigotry here. Please compose your letters to him as gentlemen of a great tradition, taking the high road in the way of General Lee.

Chief of Heritage Operations Ben Jones' letter:

Mr. Dean,

You are practicing what serious historians call "presentism", i.e., assuming that folks who lived 150 years ago can be judged in a modern context. And apparently you have not read Mr. Lincoln's First Inaugural, where he said that he had no desire to end slavery in the South. He said in that address that it was Constitutionally protected.

He also said he supported the Corwin Amendment, which would re-enforce that position.

Apparently too, you have not read his letter to Horace Greeley written well into the second year of the War, when he said that if he could preserve the Union with slavery, that would be fine.

And you have forgotten that slavery was not the Southern sin, but the National sin. For the cotton, and most of the profits went North. Read "Complicity" or "The Half Has Not Been Told."

I hear the sound of jerking knees, Mr. Dean. Do your homework. Read the full history of slavery in this nation.

Accept that our nation's Capital is named after Virginia's biggest slaver, whose picture is probably in your wallet.

Accept that our Declaration of Independence was written by another slaver, and that the "Father of our Constitution" and the force behind our Bill of Rights also bought and sold human beings.

Understand that they were of the previous generation of Southern leadership, and were of the same mind as their sons and grandsons.

Your sophomoric simplification of a very complex issue is terribly amateurish, and is an insult to the 70 million Americans whose ancestors took up arms for the Southern Cause.

Ben Jones

Washington, Virginia

Original Article Follows:

The photo above (not shown here) ran with this headline on Al.com

Monday: How did the Confederate flag become a symbol of racism?

My first thought was: Is this a trick question? My second thought was that my friend and colleague Leada Gore was setting a trap for me. My third thought was: don't do it! Don't fall for it and answer the question.

Alas I lacked will power. So here are some answers:

The Confederate flag became a symbol of racism the minute it was designed and made and unfurled on its first battlefield where under it a rebellious army fought to defend slavery.

I can hear some of you now: the war was not about slavery! It was about states' rights!

And I agree with you. It was fought over what the southern states saw as their right to continue - slavery.

No, you say. You say it was fought over economic issues. And again I agree. It was fought over economic concerns, chief among them what Alabama and the other southern states saw as their right to operate their economies which were built around slavery.

How long are we going to have this fight? How much longer are we going to commonly fly a flag that belongs only in museums? How much longer are we going to defend a symbol that was flown to defend a system that treated people like cattle? How much longer are we going to say it's part of our proud southern heritage? Slavery. Jim Crow. Lynchings. Segregation. Four little girls killed while in church because of the color of their skin.

When did the Confederate flag become a symbol of racism?

From the moment of its creation.

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