

# IN THE TRENCHES

MAY 2018

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: THE MONTHLY MEETING TIME HAS CHANGED TO 6:00PM.  
DATE AND LOCATION REMAIN THE SAME.**

## FROM THE COMMANDER

*Edward Campbell*

Dear Compatriots,

It is almost May and our very Historic Confederate Heritage Month of April is almost over. We had a great Confederate Memorial Day observance at Soldier's Rest yesterday. I wish to thank Bryan Skipworth for all of his hard work in putting the program together. Also, thanks to all who participated in the program and who attended. We had a good crowd of members and visitors and it was a very successful program. I would also like to thank John Kleinman who helped distribute Confederate Heritage posters around town.

On Friday, my wife and I will travel to my hometown of Columbus, where Confederate Memorial Day first began, and will take part in the statewide observance at Friendship Cemetery. Commander Jeff Barnes will also

be there. It is quite an honor to participate at the place where it first began on April 25, 1866. After leaving Columbus on Saturday afternoon, we will travel to Madison where I will present a Hunley award on behalf of our Camp to an ROTC student at Madison Central High School. On Thursday evening of this week, I will attend the ROTC program at Warren Central to present a Hunley award to a student here in Vicksburg. This is quite an honor for our Camp to present two Hunley awards. Hopefully we can expand this program next year to other area schools.

Our next program is Tuesday May 1 and our speaker will be Dr. Lamar McMillan, who will be speaking on the topic of "What you were taught in school." Please come and bring a friend for what I am sure

will be an excellent and informative program.

As the month comes to a close, remember that Monday April 30 is the state holiday for Confederate Memorial Day. Many state and county offices will be closed. Please be sure to build this holiday up and defend it to those who would like to abolish it. If you do not have a copy of the CD, "The truth about the Confederate Battle flag" you need to pick some up the next time we meet or I will be glad to meet you at the building to pick up a few. This is a great defense of our Confederate flag and the cause for which our ancestors fought. Please consider taking some and distributing them to friends.

Have a great week and we will see you on May



*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*
- *Louisiana Memorial Service for Cooper's Well Soldiers - Saturday April 28th at 10AM, Soldiers Rest, Vicksburg, MS*



## FOR THE BRETHREN

Rev. Bryan Dabney

Our Lord's parting remarks to the disciples prior to his arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane are telling indeed (St. John 16:23-33). Even though they had just expressed their belief in his divine nature (v.30), our Lord questioned their faith saying, *Do ye believe?* He knew that their faith was weak and that it hung on only so long as he was in their presence. He was about to be taken from them in a few hours, and afterwards, they would flee from him in fear for their own lives. He even tells them so, but not to condemn them. He meant for his words to serve as a reminder for them after the events which would soon come to pass when he said, *In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.*

So what did he mean by that last remark? The Rev. Matthew Henry once opined that, "It is the will of Christ that his disciples should have peace within, whatever their troubles may be without. Peace in Christ is the only true peace, and in him alone believers have it." Tribulation is often defined as trouble, suffering or affliction. Our Lord foresaw the troubles which lay before him, as St. Paul explained concerning his sacrifice, *...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction*

*of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds* (Hebrews 12:2b-3).

Our Lord saw before him the joy of being once again seated next to the Father. He looked beyond the pain and shame of the cross to that glorious moment when he would come again into the heavenly precincts, having won the victory for his elect over the powers of sin and death. Still the notion of tribulation, or trouble in this life, is unsettling because no one likes to be troubled in spirit, much less in the body. Sadly, few will appeal to God through Christ to take away their troubles. They are not willing to receive that peace which God offers to assist them in coping with whatever troubles they are facing. God calls his own to be patient, and to rest in him. God desires us to wait upon him for he has our best interests at heart. Consider the words of Moses to the children of Israel at the shores of the Red Sea, *Fear not. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD!* (Exodus 14:13). God will indeed be there for us if we are willing to be there for him— by patiently waiting on him to act. Nevertheless, such is often difficult for us to do, especially when we are in the midst of tribulation. For it is in those moments that our human nature calls on us to do everything but wait upon the LORD.

Many more times than we would like to admit, a good portion of our troubles and

afflictions were brought on as a result of our own negligence and trespasses. Do we enquire of our own selves concerning whether or not we had a hand in their creation? Too often, God is slighted by those who have set the stage for their own troubles and then blame him when he does not end their suffering. Additionally, it might be of interest to note that God uses trouble and tribulation to bring about our growth in the faith. He tests us and guides us because he has a purpose for us. He also uses such to keep us humble. As Daniel wrote of King Nebuchadnezzar (4:1-37), we are tempted by the wicked forces of this world to see ourselves as the author of our own good fortune. We may stand and survey the comforts and successes of the moment as being of our own efforts as we resist giving God the glory. It is then that God takes away those things which we have so proudly attributed to our mere efforts. And as he strips away our vain thoughts, he also takes away those idols which we had erected to take his place in our hearts. He will bring us to our knees seeking his forgiveness for our sins. Nevertheless, some are stiff-necked and will no doubt blame God for their troubles. But before one sets his or her mind on blaming God, ponder this important point: If God did not love you, he would let you march right on your merry way out of his

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## FOR THE BRETHREN *(CONT.)*

divine protection and into an eternity of separation from him. Therefore, count it all for joy when you lose your idols. For if you are placing anything ahead of the Godhead, you are in idolatry, and God does not tolerate idolaters. Our Lord encouraged the disciples to *be of good cheer* because he had overcome the world. We need to be of the same mind. Being of good cheer does not mean that when trouble and tribulation come that we say "Oh this is great as I am in tribulation." Rather we should remember that perfect peace which lies before us in the God's coming kingdom, and be cheered in our hearts knowing that he has won for us a great victory. If we are regenerated beings in Christ, we will have the seal of God upon our foreheads so when he comes again, we will hear voice and instantly recognize it. What joy there will be on that day for all who have been born-again in Jesus Christ. It will be beyond any expression other than a shout. The pains

and sorrows of this life will fade away never to return to our memory as God will wipe away every tear and comfort and bind up our various hurts so that we are perfected in body and in spirit. God did not intend for his own to suffer from the ill effects of sin. Nevertheless, we are told that in this world we will have tribulation and trouble. Therefore, keep yourselves wholly unto the Lord, and lean not upon the flesh. Keep your spiritual armor on and in good condition. I remember when I was a soldier, I was told that my weapon and equipment would save my life, and that of my fellow soldiers. We were admonished at every turn to clean and care for them daily. Tarnish and rust were our enemies as much as any adversary we would likely face. The same is true for the regenerate believer. As St. Paul noted in II Corinthians 13:5, *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in*

*you, except ye be reprobates?* Self-judgment follows self-examination. As the old expression goes, "Better make sure that you are on the right side of the river" is sage advice for a regenerate Christian. The unregenerate and the reprobate do not have a clue about where they are in relation to God. So when tribulations come, they are overwhelmed by them. Nevertheless we know that when we face such, we have a friend in Jesus Christ who will assist and guide us through the valley of the shadow of death to green pastures and still waters. What a God! What a Saviour!

Let us pray,

Father, give us minds and hearts that are truly inclined to do thy will; and that via our witness, others might see and be turned into thy fold; for this we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in and who attended the Confederate Memorial Day service in Vicksburg. It was a great service with perfect weather for the occasion. A special thank you goes out to Bryan Skipworth from the Pemberton Camp for all of his hard work in putting together the program.

The Louisiana Division will be holding a Memorial Service at Soldier's Rest on Saturday April 28th at 10AM to honor the Louisiana Cooper's Well soldiers. This is not the official memorial service, but is sponsored by the Louisiana Division. They have extended an invitation to all of the members of the Pemberton Camp who wish to attend. If you are in Vicksburg on the 28th, please feel free to join them in honoring the heroes from the Louisiana Division.

## MOUNUMENTS OF STONE

Eddy Cresap

In the book of Joshua, the Bible tells us the story of the crossing of the river Jordon by the tribes of Israel. The book tells us that God parted the waters and provided a dry path for the people to cross the Jordon into the Promise Land. The tribes were directed to get stones from the river bed and stack them in a memorial to commemorate the event. These stones and the memorial they formed were meant to stand forever and was meant to provide an opportunity for the children of the tribes, while observing this memorial, to ask the meaning of the stone monument. With this question, the elders of the tribes would tell the story of the river crossing.

After the War to Prevent Southern Independence, the men and women directly involved in the conflict wrote memoirs and articles describing the true history of the reasons for the conflict. The

veterans gathered together in groups to ensure the next generations would understand the war and it's causes. This grouping of men came to be known as the United Confederate Veterans. As these brave men were aging, it became obvious to them that they must pass the torch of truth to future generation. This torch was passed to the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 1896 and it is in this organization the torch remains burning. The charge given to us by Lieutenant General Stephen Dill Lee in 1906 provides our direction. These directions were given to us by the very veterans of that war fought by brave men to defend their homes and altars from a brutal foreign invader:

*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish"*

Following the War, these men, their daughters and their sons built monuments to commemorate the bravery and sacrifice of the men who fought for the very freedom that their fathers and grandfathers fought for in the First American Revolution. There is a movement today to have these monuments removed. We must fight to ensure these monuments in stone remain in place so that our descendants will have a focal point to ask the question, "Why did these men fight?"

It is every bit as important that we have a historic true answer to answer their question. So where do we get this true history to provide our descendants. The answer can not come from books and articles written by Yankee

authors and Southern apologists. It can not come from the Yankee fairy tale taught as history in our schools, books, and films. The true answer must come from the men and women who lived through the War for Southern Independence.

Get your true story, put on your kepi, and forward the colors. Start with ensuring your family understands the true history. Then move to those with Southern blood that have been lied to. With this effort, we will have a majority who fully understands the true history. With this majority, we will dare the Marist and those who have been influenced by their lies to come to our town to remove our stones stacked to provide a memory of the true history."

## CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

**VICKSBURG** - The Vicksburg Civil War Round Table meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the Vicksburg Country Club located at 127 Country Club Drive in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Dinner begins at 6:00PM with the program shortly after. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring guests.

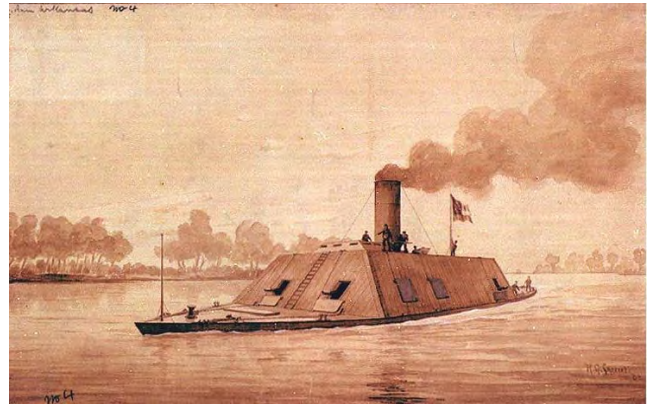
**JACKSON** - The Jackson Civil War Round Table meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from September through May (with the exception of December) at Picadilly Cafeteria located at 4800 I-55 in Jackson, Mississippi. Attendees are welcome to gather as early as 5:00PM with the program beginning at 6:30PM. All are welcome to attend.

## 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](mailto: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 scheduled 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](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org) or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400*



## FEATURED CONFEDERATE

### *Pvt. James T.A. Cartwright Co. E. 23rd Miss Infantry*



James Thomas Asbury Cartwright enlisted in the Civil War as a Confederate in 1861 at Ripley, Tippah County, Miss, in CO "E" 23RD Regiment, under Colonel J. M. Wells. Like many of the soldiers from Mississippi, he enlisted with the state of Mississippi for a duration of 1 to 4 years with the expectation that he would return home after that time was up. Re-

grettably, the War Between the States lasted much longer than the time that many of the soldiers committed to at the beginning of the war. In February 1862, the 23rd was at Fort Donelson, near Dover Tennessee, where Private Cartwright was taken Prisoner by the Union Army. He was transferred to, and held at Camp Douglas in Cook County Illinois. Camp Douglas was one of the more infamous Union prisons, where all of the Confederate prisoners were horribly mistreated, being denied food, clothing, and other items needed to endure the cold winds off of lake Michigan. Without proper winter clothing and bedding to protect him, Private Cartwright suffered severe frostbite that lead to the loss of his leg. Eventually he was exchanged at Vicksburg, where he rejoined Confederate forces and continued to

serve until the end of the war.

### *Family and Post-War Life*

James Thomas Asbury Cartwright married Eliza Sylvira Moore on February 14, 1858 in Tippah County, Mississippi. Together they had 13 children (12 of which survived to adulthood) whose descendants are have spread as far away as Oklahoma, Wyoming, and Wisconsin. He died on August 17, 1884 and was buried at Hinds Chapel Cemetery in Desoto County, Mississippi alongside his infant son, William. Unfortunately, the exact location of their graves been lost to time and effects of nature. His wife later relocated back to Northeast Mississippi, where she lived until her death on September 20, 1931. The local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, with the efforts of one of the Great-Granddaughters of James

Thomas Asbury Cartwright, Patsy Hill Johnson, have placed a memorial stone for Private Cartwright next to the burial location of his widow in Carolina United Methodist Cemetery in Booneville, Mississippi



*Children of James Cartwright with his widow, Eliza Sylvira (Moore) Cartwright.*

## MS DIVISION MEMORIAL SERVICE

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 Lt. 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](mailto: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.



*Bust of Lt. General Stephen D. Lee.  
Friendship Cemetery  
Columbus, Mississippi*

### **CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY**

*Joel T. Bailey*

*This day is set aside to honor  
These brave men who died  
And to keep their memory alive  
With our Southern pride*

*For as sons of the Southland  
They laid their lives down  
And their blood is forever soaked  
Into this hallowed ground*

*They knew what it meant  
To serve and defend  
For their courage knew no bounds  
And their bravery knew no end*

*The goal that they sought  
May never have been achieved  
But they fought and died for a cause  
In which they believed*

*So know they did their best  
In a war they couldn't win  
But if they had to do it over  
They'd do the same again*

***Deo Vindice***



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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](http://www.scv.org)

Edward Campbell

*Commander*

Larry Holman

*Adjutant / Membership*

Rev. Bryan Dabney

*Chaplain*

Sam Price

*Historian*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 1st at 6PM. Dr. Lamar McMillin will be giving a presentation titled *What You Were Taught in School*. We look forward to seeing you there.

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](mailto:ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com).

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*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.*