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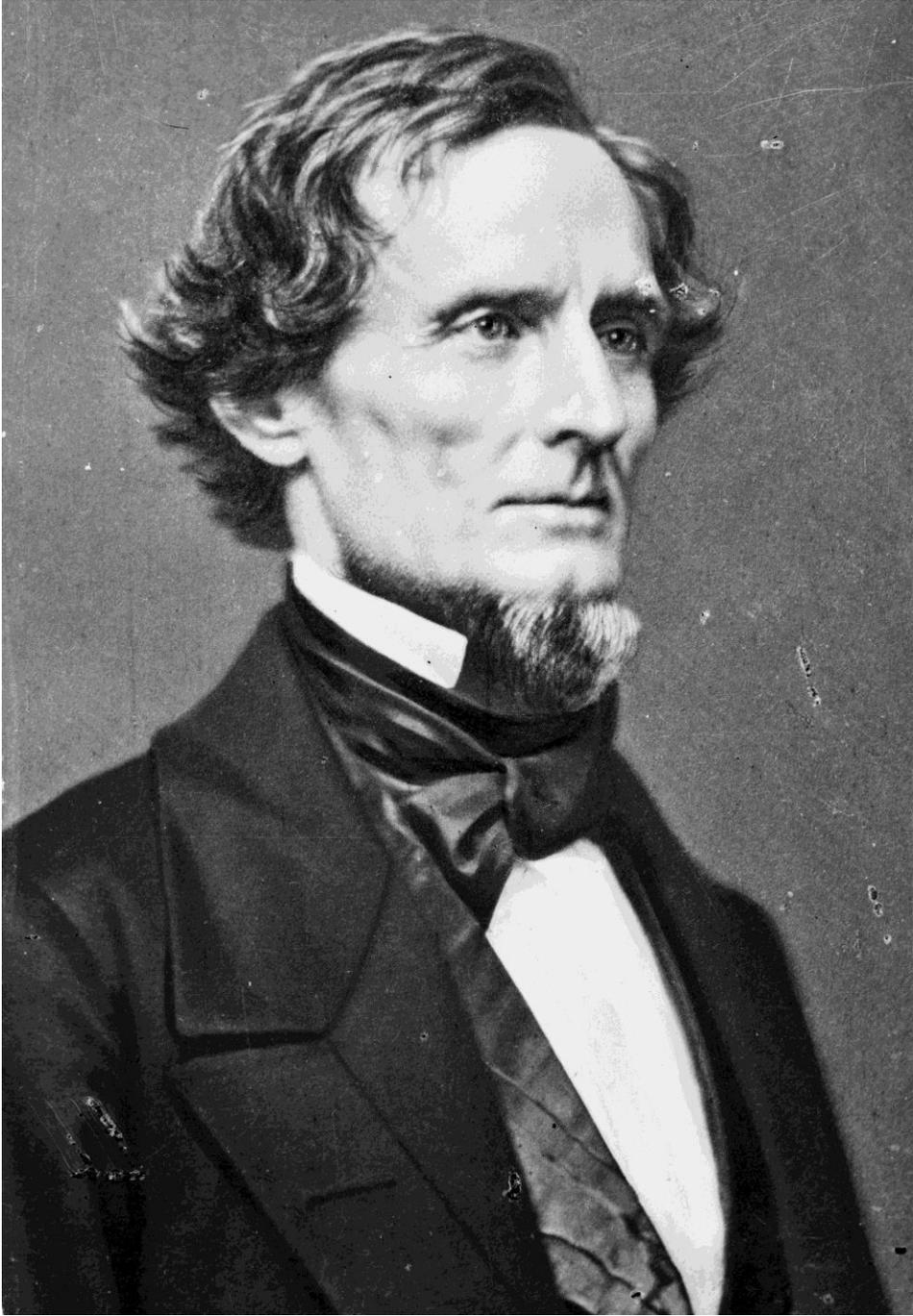
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Happy Birthday
President
Jefferson Davis
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Commander's Column

Hello Compatriot's,

I wish all of you a great summer and hope that you will enjoy time with family on vacation. I hope that all of you will come to our June 2 meeting which will be a Birthday party for President Jefferson Davis. We ask all members to bring something and to bring your wives as well. We will have a business meeting to prepare for the state Convention in Columbus which is just around the corner, June 5-7. Even if you are not attending the convention, please come and be informed on what is going on in the Division. If you have plans to go to the Convention, please let us know so that we can prepare your Credentials. In fact, if you haven't done so, please let Adjutant Larry Holman know if you are planning to attend.

Hope to see you all Tuesday June 2,
Edward Campbell Commander.

Jefferson Davis Statue Defaced a University of Texas

A statue of Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederacy, may soon be removed from the University of Texas campus, and the debate over its removal has led to vandalism. "Davis must fall" and "Emancipate UT" were scrawled on the statue's base in April, just a month after a majority of student government representatives voted to remove it from university grounds in Austin.

A sad commentary for those who preach inclusion and tolerance.

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>
June 2	Birthday Party	Jefferson Davis Birthday and business meeting preceding state convention

A Memorial Day Story

While I was in the Navy stationed in Charleston South Carolina, my daughter had surgery in the University Hospital. While scheduling her follow-up visit, I told the doctor the day he had picked was Memorial Day and he was probably closed. He told me very quickly that was Yankee memorial day and they would be open. They closed on Confederate Memorial Day

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 June 16 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

Congratulations

Congratulations to our youngest member Thomas Dabney upon his graduation from Hinds Community College. We wish you good luck as you continue to pursue your degree.

Also I was down town this week and saw a law office sign for Daniel Edney, also a member of our camp

Do You Remember When?

Do you remember when there were only AM radio stations and many of the radio stations were only licensed during day time hours. As these stations in the South signed off at the end of the day they played DIXIE. A time gone with the wind.

An Answer

Recently on a face book page a person ask "how to defend the statement in Mississippi's secession documents identifying slavery as a reason for leaving the union". There were many long answers. My answer was simple. What they said, is what they said. Secession was legal no matter what the reasons. Lincolns invasion of a sovereign country was illegal. Our ancestors left their homes to defend their country against a foreign invader. End of any argument.

That Song

It is almost Memorial Day with the Fourth of July not far behind.

I will not participate in the glorification of an army that invaded our sovereign nation. The intent of the invasion was to over throw the duly elected government and force the citizens of that nation back into a compact which they had left legally to protect their self- interest. This invading army defiled our altars, burned our homes, raped our women, stole their food, and left the women, elderly and children to starve. All our Confederate ancestors wanted was to be left alone in peace.

No, I will not sing that song!!!

Memorial Day in Soldiers Rest



It was a beautiful day in Soldiers Rest with a good crowd present. The NPS did a good job with very little Yankee stuff. Rifle salutes were fired and a wreath was laid. The picture above is of members and those seeking membership. The flowers I laid at the wreath had a note; "I present these flowers in tribute to those who died defending the Southland from a foreign invader"

Poet' s Corner (Thanks Joel)

In honor of Memorial Day

May 25, 2015

THE WAR VETERAN

by: Joel T. Bailey

*They never looked for glory
They never asked for fame
They never thought of war
As if it were a game*

*They did what was needed
And never thought twice
They went where ordered
And made the sacrifice*

*They never thought of quitting
Or leaving till the job was done
They just dug in and fought
Until the battle was won*

*They wanted to make the world
A better place to live
Thats why so many
Gave all they had to give*

*In the heat and the cold
And through the rain and mud
The road to our freedoms
Was paved with veterans blood*

Chaplains Corner (Thanks Bryan)

For the Brethren

The prophet Jeremiah once chided the people of Jerusalem and Judah with a question: *Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; and come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations (7:9)?* To a godly person, the logical answer would be, NO. Unfortunately, for both the kingdoms of Israel and Judah the answer was an unqualified, YES. It was on account of those offenses that God's judgment fell heavily upon them. Now those behaviors set forth by the prophet were not exclusively confined to the ancient world. If any would look about, such will find those behaviors being exercised today with depressing regularity. While we could spend quite a bit of time on these sins, I want to focus solely on the aspect of idolatry.

In ancient times, polytheism was the most popular form of religion. While Noah and his sons held a belief in the one true and living God; nevertheless, after several generations the monotheism of Noah had degenerated into the polytheism of Nimrod and his descendants. The reason for such was plainly stated in Genesis wherein we learned that *the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth (8:21b)*. In the Book of Exodus, God published his commandments which included the recognition that he alone is God, and that no graven images of any kind were to be made of him (20:1-6). Godly people since that time have observed these commandments by avoiding the snare of idolatry. But the masses of humanity unenlightened by Scripture have worshiped and continue to worship idols which were the work of their own hands (Isaiah 44:8-17). St. Paul warned the Corinthian church in his first epistle about the dark forces behind idol worship when he noted that *the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice unto devils, and not to God...* (10:20a). He also warned concerning the same when he wrote, *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things (Romans 1:21-23)*. St. John warned his readers in his first epistle to, *keep yourselves from idols (5:21)*, and for much of the first 300 years of the Christian faith, idolatry within the church was kept out. But as the 5th century dawned, a distinct change was sweeping over Christendom. As Dr. Jesse Hurlbut explained, "... the triumph of Christianity resulted in... [an] alliance of the state and the church... The ceasing of persecution was a blessing, but

the establishment of Christianity as the state religion became a curse.” Dr. Hurlbut went on to describe how the increase in church membership, which came about because of its official approval by the Emperor Constantine, had opened the way for, “...both the good and the bad, sincere seekers after God and hypocritical seekers after gain...Ambitious, worldly, and unscrupulous men sought office in the church for social and political influence. The moral tone of Christianity in power was far below that which had marked the same people under persecution.” With the influx of the unconverted pagan masses, idolatry was soon to follow. Some may believe that the issue of idolatry is more a subject of history, or even a question of semantics. But lest you think that idolatry is confined only to history and religion, think again. Today, we are virtually inundated with every form of depravity and licentiousness under the rubric of entertainment. If you have tv, you can witness such by simply selecting any channel you wish to view. Everything, from commercials to movies; from sitcoms to dramas, has been written to include behaviors and products that encourage the viewer’s appetite for idols and idol worship. It is therefore not surprising to find people worshiping sports teams and sports figures; actors and tv personalities; politicians; their spouses; their children; their possessions, and especially their money. Our Lord Jesus Christ said that, *No man can serve two masters... you cannot serve God and mammon* (St. Matthew 6:24). But modern mass man is not reading Scripture, and many of today’s churches do not present a meaningful exposition of it. Sadly, even if the unregenerated were to hear a truthful presentation of scripture, all the good preaching in the world will not matter if such folks do not take to heart what they have heard, and then live in accordance with the same. The world, the flesh and the Devil will take precedence in the lives of the unregenerated precisely because of the predisposition to sin which is a trait all mortals possess. Idolatry is the Devil’s answer to what the unregenerate desire in a deity. It is an ersatz god— a false substitute— which Satan will one day replace with himself. In his way of thinking— which he impresses upon the minds of the unregenerate— “Why have a God that cannot be seen when you can have one of your own making and quite visible (Exodus 32:1-4; Daniel 11:31; St. Matthew 24:15; Revelation 13:14-15)? Why have a set of laws that are so confining and judgmental when you can follow your own path and set your own course (Romans 3:10-12; St. Jude 11)? Why have a Saviour who is God’s only begotten Son when you can be your own saviour and decision-maker (St. John 3:16-18)? Why have an eschatology that calls for the resurrection of the righteous, and the translation of the saints who will become the exclusive dwellers of God’s coming kingdom

when you can have all people of all religions equally sharing in a future paradise (I Corinthians 15:20-58; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:4-6)? Why have a theology which speaks of the end of this present world system when you can simply have a change from one age to another with little or no fuss (II St. Peter 3:1-13)?” Plainly, those who *walk after other gods* are acting contrary to the expressed commands of a righteous and holy God. And it should be clearly understood that those who do so are in danger of being eternally separated from him. God expects everyone to follow his word for their eternal good. He sent his only begotten Son into the world to serve as a propitiation for sin so that all who would believe on him shall not perish but have everlasting life if they will but confess their sins in his name before the Father. He commands us to love and serve him, seeking his will for us on a daily basis. So it stands to reason that if one places any person or thing ahead of the Godhead then one has committed the sin of idolatry. The First and Second Commandments call on the faithful to hold to the Godhead against all other so-called deities. So then let us live in obedience to the expressed will of God and avoid every form and appearance of evil by rejecting idolatry, and giving to our good and gracious God all the glory, laud and honor he rightly deserves. *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth* (St. John 4:24).

Let us pray,

Holy Father, keep us from the sin of idolatry in all its forms; for this we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confederate Birthdays in June

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.

President Jefferson Davis 3 June 1808

Brig General John Hunt Morgan 1 June 1825

General Sam Cooper 12 June 1798

General John Bell Hood 1 June 1831

General Sam Cooper

Samuel Cooper was born on June 12, 1798 in New York. He was a career United States Army officer, serving during the Second Seminole War and the Mexican-American War. He also served as US army adjutant general and US secretary of war. Although little-known today, Cooper was also the highest ranking Confederate general during the American Civil War. After the states of the lower south left the union, Cooper resigned his commission and reported to Montgomery. He was given a commission as a brigadier general on March 16, 1861. He served as both Adjutant General and Inspector General of the Confederate Army, a post he held until the end of the war. Cooper provided much needed organization and knowledge to the fledgling Confederate War Department, drawing on his years performing such duties as Adjutant General of the U.S. Army. On May 16, 1861, Cooper was promoted to full general in the Confederate Army. He was one of five men promoted to the grade at that time, and one of only seven during the war, but with the earliest date of rank. Thus, despite his relative obscurity today, he outranked such luminaries as Albert Sidney Johnston, Robert E. Lee, Joseph E. Johnston, and P.G.T. Beauregard. Cooper reported directly to Confederate President Jefferson Davis. At the war's end in 1865, Cooper surrendered and was paroled on May 3 at Charlotte, North Carolina. After the conflict, he remained in Virginia as a farmer, his wife's home state. He died at his home in Alexandria Virginia on December 3, 1876

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS TO REPLACE FLAGS AT UNION SPRINGS

Gary Carlyle, Commander of the Alabama Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, announced today that on Saturday morning, May 23rd, the SCV will replace the memorial flags which were recently removed from a Confederate cemetery in Union Springs, Alabama by an individual in that town.

In a statement, Carlyle said that he wished to thank Mayor Saint T. Thomas, Jr. and the City Council of Union Springs for working together with the Sons of Confederate Veterans on the restoration project.

“The Mayor and the Council have been very understanding and co-operative with us,” said Carlyle. “He has been very helpful in making this happen.”

Ben Jones, Chief of Heritage Operations for the 30,000 member Sons of Confederate Veterans, an international organization of men who are directly descended from those who fought for the Confederacy, praised the Mayor for “taking a clear stance for healing and reconciliation.”

“The removal of these flags from the graves of our ancestors was a terribly wrong-headed, provocative and divisive action,” said Jones. “No amount of political sanctimony can excuse it. Our membership asks that this ceremony on Saturday will be given the respect and reverence it deserves by all. We are grateful for the leadership of Mayor Thomas during this time, and we are hopeful that the event will take place in an atmosphere of reflection and genuine understanding. “

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

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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, 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

Sesquicentennial Event Confederate Heritage Rally

May 30, 2015

Dear Mississippi Compatriots,

I hope that you are all aware of 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! .

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 that any other division, Mississippi has born 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.

Mississippi Monument at Shiloh

Please place October 10, 2015 on your calendar for dedication of the Mississippi Monument at Shiloh. The Governor is already committed to another event for the entire day on our original (target) date. I have submitted request for Governor to speak on October 10. You must understand that we won't get a firm "yes or no" until about 4-6 weeks out but it is incumbent upon us to make this effort to provide a day the Governor may be able to participate.

Please know we are now committed to October 10 and work toward that end. I have talked with the Superintendent at Shiloh and they are good with October 10 and working toward that with us. There is a story circulating that the SCV will not be allowed to participate in the program. More to follow.

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.

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. All Mississippi Division officers will be elected, changes to the Division bylaws concerning Beauvoir will be voted on, and members of the Beauvoir Board of Directors will be elected. We will be sending a delegation to the convention lead by Commander Campbell.

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.

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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

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