

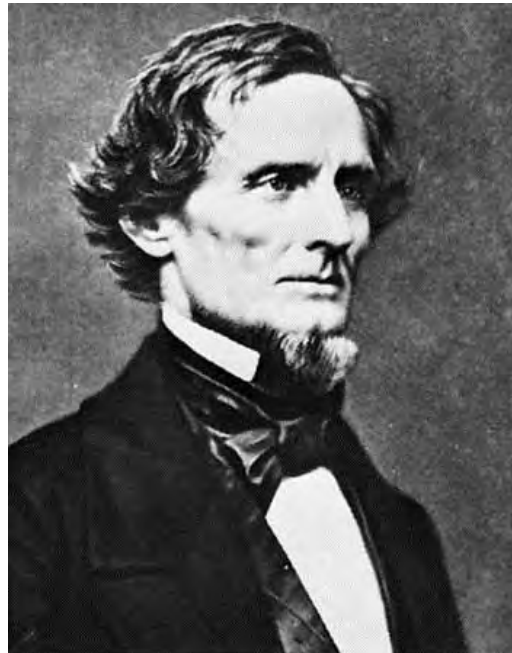
# IN THE TRENCHES

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

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Born June 3, 1808  
Happy Birthday President

“When, in after times, the passions of the day shall have subsided, and all the evidence shall have been collected and compared, the philosophical inquirer, who asks why the majority of the stronger section invaded the peaceful homes of their late associates, will be answered by History: The lust of empire impelled them to wage against their weaker neighbors a war of subjugation.”

*Jefferson Davis*

## COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Hello Compatriots,

Summer is almost here. I hope that everyone has a great time of family vacations and that you all get a little rest. Please continue to be aware of any and all Heritage violations around the country. We are saddened by the events in New Orleans, I encourage all of you to boycott the city as has been proposed by the National Organization. We must be aware of Heritage violations all across the country, not just here in Mississippi.

Our next meeting will be June 6 with our own Syd Johnston doing a very interesting program on the raising of the Cairo. Please come and bring a friend. This meeting will be the last one before our Division Convention in Oxford, June 9-11. I am honored to represent the Camp at this meeting. On June 6, after our program, we will discuss proposed amendments and proposed officers for Division positions. I have appointed a committee made up of Wayne McMaster, Bryan Dabney and Jeff Cartwright to review all proposed amendments and make recommendations to the Camp. I would like to thank all of these gentlemen for their assistance in this.

I want to share a quote with everyone. My last day of substitute teaching for the year was at Germantown High School in Madison County. I subbed for a friend of mine who is an 11th grade U.S. History teacher, in fact, I gave him a copy of Al Arnold's book last year. There were very few students that day so I had an opportunity to view many of his History books and texts. One of the textbooks, "The American Pageant" by Bailey and Kennedy has always been more fair and balanced than the others. It was the same text that I had in Junior College and it was a good one then. In viewing the Chapter on the beginnings of secession and the war, I found a quote from the "London Times" for November 7, 1861. It reminds me of much of what the Kennedy brothers have said. Here is the quote.

"The contest is really for empire on the side of the North, and for Independence on that of the South, and in that respect we recognize an exact analogy between the North and the government of George III and the South of the 13 Revolted Provinces."

I feel that that is ample justification for our cause and I urge everyone to keep this quote and refer to it when discussing this issue. Our British cousins knew at the time what it was all about.

Deo Vindice and God Save the South,

Edward Campbell  
Commander

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Speaker</b></i>	<i><b>Topic</b></i>
June 6, 2017	Syd Johnston	Raising of the Cairo
July	No Meeting	
August 1, 2017	Mrs. Pat Parrish	TBA
September 5, 2017	Brandon Beck	Three Great Moments in Confederate History
October 3, 2017	Pat Strange	TBA
November 7, 2017	Grady Howell	Thanksgiving Day in Mississippi
December 5, 2017		Annual Christmas Party
January 2, 2018	TBA	TBA
Lee-Jackson Dinner	Brandon Beck	First Lee Jackson Meeting

## MAY MEETING

The meeting was opened with prayer, salutes, pledges and the Stephen D. Lee charge. My report is that Sam's presentation was as always well researched and well received, the meeting was closed with a prayer

## MISSISSIPPI DIVISION CONVENTION 2020

The John C. Pemberton Camp has volunteered to host the 2020 Mississippi Division convention. This is an event that will require support from all our members. Standby for more information. The first order of business is to send a delegation to the upcoming conventions to see what works and what does not. It would be a pleasant weekend in Oxford, meeting like minded people from around the state. See Edward for your credentials.

## HUNLEY AWARD



*Melik Taylor (L) with Camp Commander Edward Campbell (R)*

On Monday, May 15, Commander Edward Campbell presented the Hunley award to Melik Taylor, a Freshman ROTC student at Warren Central High School. This is quite an honor for the Pemberton Camp and hopefully will be the beginning of a long working relationship with the Vicksburg area schools

## ANCIENT LANDMARKS

In Deuteronomy 19:14 we read:

“Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark, which they of old time have set.”

Again in Deuteronomy 27:17 we read:

“Cursed be he that removeth his neighbor's landmark.”

## WHERE WILL THE MONUMENTS GO?

New Orleans has nixed a proposal to move Confederate monuments from the Crescent City to Beauvoir in Biloxi, the last home of Jefferson Davis.

"Once removed, the monuments will be stored in a city-owned warehouse until further plans can be developed for a private park or museum site in New Orleans where the monuments can be put in a fuller context,"

So what does that mean? It means that Beauregard is stored with the trash and in a junkyard of abandoned vehicles at the Central Maintenance Depot on Alvarez St.

## 1984: THE MARXISTS MARCH ON

"Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book re written, every picture repainted, every statue and street building has been renamed, every date has been altered, and the process is continuing day by day and minute by minute. History has stopped. Nothing exist except an endless present in which the party is always right" - *George Orwell from his book "1984"*

## LIBERTY MONUMENT

The first monument removed by the city of New Orleans under cover of darkness by masked men was the Liberty Monument, and the saddest part is the City of New Orleans is not complete with their purge of history. What did your mother tell you about acts that had to be done under cover of darkness while hiding your identity with a mask? Not very proud of the activity, you think! The monument was put in place in 1891 with an inscription added in 1932. In 1974 a context plaque was added. The monument sat on a prominent location on Canal street until 1989 when, due to Canal street construction, the monument was moved to a very obscure location. The Taliban could not have been more effective as in 2017, it has seen the light of day for the last time. Do you see a pattern here beginning with context and ending with removal? The haters have become more and more embolden.



The following is an excerpt from the book, *Great Days in New Orleans history*:

“The wealth of Louisiana made the state a special temptation to carpet baggers who thrived under the rule of military governors backed by the laws of Congress to bring about a forced reconstruction. Between the years 1866 and 1877 taxes had risen in Louisiana four hundred and fifty percent. To get justice for the citizens of New Orleans, the white league was organized. An order to deprive all citizens of arms precipitated the street battle on September 14, 1871 between the metropolitan police, a negro regiment entrusted with enforcing order in New Orleans and the White league. In this testing of determined spirits with overwhelming numbers the citizens of New Orleans were victorious. In honor of its patriotic dead, Liberty Monument was erected by a grateful city.”

## JEFFERSON DAVIS MONUMENT IN NEW ORLEANS

The city of New Orleans gave an early birthday present to Jefferson Davis. Once again on May 11 2017 under the cover of darkness, the city of New Orleans using masked men removed the statue of Jefferson Davis from the intersection of Jeff Davis Parkway and Canal Street where it has stood since its dedication on 22 February 1911. Jefferson Davis died in New Orleans and was originally buried in Metairie cemetery in New Orleans. This statue



stood tall as a memorial to him until the City of New Orleans had him removed. Over the past several year vandals have defaced this memorial many times, leading the city council of New Orleans to declare this along with three other "Confederate era" monuments a nuisance. The city is destroying history one stone at a time. The rewriters of history and Marxists will be proud. When you destroy actual history you can rewrite the history as you want it to be, remember 1984. The four Confederate era monuments have been removed and New Orleans will be about changing the names of streets and schools. It is like the city thinks these efforts will make the city a better place. Maybe they need to do some soul searching about real problems and solutions. My hope is that the memorial finally resides in a friendly environment, however I believe we have seen the last of this likeness of our president

## P. G. T BEAUREGARD



On May 18 under the cover a darkness the city of New Orleans once again destroyed history:

“Mitch Landrieu removed a monument to G.T. Beauregard, arguably the most historically significant Creole to ever live. This is difficult to comprehend for a number of reasons—the monument is on the National Register of Historic Places, its removal disgraces Louisiana people of Creole descent, and Beauregard was one of Louisiana's first civil rights leaders. The memorial that was taken down was to a man who worked to advance race relations through the 1873 Louisiana

Unification Movement—contrast that against Landrieu whose actions and comments are entirely intolerant and divisive. The practice of erecting monuments to honor the memory of beloved figures and leaders has been a tradition throughout the history of mankind. Mayor Landrieu's actions are an insult to New Orleanians who came before us—the veterans, widows, parents, children, and citizens—who donated their personal money to build and place these monuments where they stand to honor the memory of their fallen family members,” said Pierre McGraw, President of the Monumental Task Committee. "The city's refusal to wait until the ownership of the Beauregard Monument could be determined by a court of law proves how non-transparent this process has been. How the city can get away with moving a 102-year-old monument, against the advice of the Lt. Governor and Attorney General, and without first proving ownership, defies any sort of logic."

It took 22 years to raise the funds and build the Beauregard Monument from 1893-1915. Approximately 2,000 people contributed to the memorial. The Beauregard Monument Association's Secretary A. B. Booth said at the dedication in 1915, the Beauregard Monument "is not to stand as an advocate of war, but to honor duty and true patriotism and worth, such as has distinguished Gen. G. T. Beauregard, whose memory we honor."



## GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE



To the joy of leftist Marxist and to the sorrow of those that revere General Lee and his Christian character, on May 19, 2017 the final of the four Confederate monuments in New Orleans have been removed. The Lee monument was dedicated in 1884 in what is now known as Lee circle on Saint Charles Street. The report is Lee will be replaced by a water fountain, another fountain the city can not maintain. They think these monuments are an eye sore. I think they are stones put in place years ago so there would be a tangible item to remind future generations of the sacrifice these men made in defense of their homes from a brutal invader. We must insure that without these stones the memory of the men is not lost. How sad a day was this. As the city is awash in violence the leaders of the city have convinced these radicals that this will bring about a change. In my opinion it was about a diversion from the real issues of the city. From here the radicals around the country go on to remove our monuments from other areas.

In New Orleans they go about changing names of streets and schools. When they are done with Southern Heroes, they will move on to destroy all items that cause us to remember the greatness of this country's history and heroes. In New Orleans watch out General Jackson, here they come. They will come at night with mask over their faces.

## FROM THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

The recent events in New Orleans have been heartbreaking and, honestly, completely insane. The current mayor, Mitch Landrieu, and the City Council have completely derailed and are destroying the history of the very city they were elected to protect. Ironically, in the early morning hours on Monday Mr. Landrieu, according to reports, had local firemen dismantle one of four monuments that he and other elected officials (not the citizens) alleged to be offensive to the citizens of New Orleans. The irony here is that Landrieu himself narrowly escaped house arrest for owing the firefighters pension fund over \$70 million dollars; yes, \$70 million dollars. In 2015 word was received that the Mayor and his council started laying the groundwork for their plan, much like ISIS, to destroy monuments of our ancestors. With this information, the local Camp and Louisiana Division entered into litigation to stop this insanity. The National SCV entered into the litigation at a later date in an attempt to block the removal of historical monuments placed in the city. Thus far, after over thirty thousand dollars and countless hours of discussion and litigation, the fine men of Louisiana have basically been railroaded by Landrieu and his cronies over the years. What I personally find to be so ironic in all of this insanity is that for thirty two years the City was run by people of color who respected historical monuments, but now Mr. Landrieu chooses to create division among the people for some perceived political gain or notoriety. It is reported that Landrieu now has a list over one hundred streets and school names he wishes to change.

After much consultation with the Division Commander of Louisiana and members of my staff I am calling for a BOYCOTT of the City of New Orleans by the members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and all right-minded people. Please visit Confederate Memorial Hall in this once fine Southern city but do not spend any of your hard earned dollars otherwise in the City. We must stand strong and let the historical terrorists and haters know who we are and what we stand for!

New Orleans is no different than any other large town in the Southeast, and tourism dollars are what they thrive upon. New Orleans' busiest time of the year is Mardi Gras, and the money raised every year is used to promote the Mayor and City Council's agenda. While I encourage you to visit Louisiana and the countless towns and communities that host Mardi Gras festivals, please avoid New Orleans. Let our voices and dollars be heard!!!

Therefore, I call for a BOYCOTT of New Orleans, LA and highly encourage each of you to spread the word to friends and family. We need to show Mr. Landrieu and his cronies that we will not stand for his ISIS tactics and the absolute destruction of OUR history under the cloak of darkness with snipers on rooftops. We must collectively let the powers that be know that we will not allow OUR HISTORY and the world's history to be destroyed or re-written by a few despicable people in power!

Deo Vindice,

Thos. V. Strain Jr.

75th Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Confederate Veterans

## FROM THE CHIEF OF HERITAGE OPERATIONS

As you've most likely heard by now, a purge of our history has taken place in New Orleans, Louisiana. In a scene reminiscent of Kristallnacht in 1930's Germany, cultural Marxists leaders of the City of New Orleans attacked and destroyed the first of our monuments erected over 100 years ago in that city. While this is a despicable and depressing episode to those of us who value our history, our ancestors and our own blood, this is one battle in a much larger campaign. Our brothers in Louisiana led a valiant effort to curtail this situation, but the rampant ignorance and vile hatred that exists in New Orleans was too well entrenched. We will continue to fight and we will not back down.

As it stands right now, we are in the process of waging a legal battle over a similar situation in Charlottesville, Virginia. We believe we have much better standing in this situation due to the existence of a State law that protects historical monuments. We **MUST** get similar laws passed in every Southern State if we are to have legal standing to combat these attacks. If your Division is not working on this type of legislation, now is the time to start. Ultimately, the road map to victory will be achieved by strengthening your local Camp and solidifying relationships with the powers that be in your area. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of becoming active in your local community and projecting a positive message in an effort to harness a wider base of support. Following this plan will help to head off such despicable situations as occurred in New Orleans before they even get off the ground. As they say, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure".

Gentlemen, the fight is not over. But, we must all become engaged in the effort to save our history. If not now, when?

Deo Vindice,

Carl Jones  
Chief of Heritage Operations  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

## FROM THE JUDGE ADVOCATE

Compatriots,

Like most of you, I am saddened about the catastrophe in New Orleans. The ISIS-like effort to erase history and culture should be a crime, but when the anarchist and Marxists control the government then "New Orleans" is what we get.

With regard to New Orleans' effort at cultural cleansing, please know and pass along notice that the Sons of Confederate Veterans have gallantly and rigorously fought for about a year and a half to prevent what has recently occurred (i.e., removal of monuments created to honor historical and community heroes and leaders). The SCV was fighting before most people knew that a City ran by leftist fanatics began their plan to erase Southern history.

Question: What will the SCV do about monument removal and destruction in New Orleans?

Answer: The SCV has waged a legal and political battle in New Orleans. The SCV lawsuits resulted in a Federal Court first granting an injunction, and then ruling that New Orleans could remove the Monuments. The SCV fervently lobbied politicians of Louisiana to enact an Historical Preservation Act, and such is belatedly coming to fruition. And, the SCV will continue the legal and political battle.

What the SCV does not do is break the law and promote armed rebellion (although our ancestors would have already done so before now, under the circumstances). The SCV has for many years throughout the United States, and for over 1.5 years in New Orleans, waged the legal and political battles to preserve Southern History.

Who sued New Orleans and kept the monuments standing for at least 1.5 years longer than they otherwise would have stood? Answer: The SCV. Who has sued Charlottesville, VA, to protect the Lee and Jackson Statues? Answer: The SCV. Who is waging legal war in Memphis to protect the Forrest Monument and Confederate Parks? Answer: The SCV. Who is responsible for enacting Tennessee's Historical Preservation Act? Answer: The SCV.

Many people, including SCV members, learned just a few weeks ago of the wicked effort of leftist, Marxists in New Orleans. But the SCV (particularly SCV HQ and the Louisiana Division) has been fighting the legal and political fight there for years. Years!!! The Courts and Politicians let us down; not the SCV.

Short of armed insurrection against New Orleans, the SCV has pursued all reasonable and practical efforts to defend Southern and Confederate Heritage. Few other groups have come close to matching what the SCV does every day.

Please spread the word good word about the SCV and its leadership, and let's keep up the fight. There is no one else around to protect Southern history.

Thank you for being a member of the SCV.

Scott D. Hall, Esq  
Judge Advocate-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

## **PAST MEMBER**

John Sigmon is a past commander of the John C Pemberton camp. He was instrumental in reforming the John C Pemberton camp and served as Mississippi Division commander. He moved to the Northwest where he is now Commander of the Pacific Northwest division. The story I remember about John is while in school everyone was required to memorize the Gettysburg address, Instead he memorized and recited Lee's general order number 9. He remains on our newsletter mailing list and appreciates news from his old camp. Anyone who remembers John and would like his contact info let me know.

## **THE TERRIBLE TRUTH ABOUT LINCOLN AND THE CONFEDERATE WAR**

by Michael Hutcheson

President Lincoln has been all but deified in America, with a god-like giant statue at a Parthenon-like memorial in Washington. Generations of school children have been indoctrinated with the story that “Honest Abe” Lincoln is a national hero who saved the Union and fought a noble war to end slavery, and that the “evil” Southern states seceded from the Union to protect slavery. This is the Yankee myth of history, written and promulgated by Northerners, and it is a complete falsity. It was produced and entrenched in the culture in large part to gloss over the terrible war crimes committed by Union soldiers in the War Between the States (War to prevent Southern Independence) , as well as Lincoln’s violations of the law, his shredding of the Constitution, and other reprehensible acts. It has been very effective in keeping the average American ignorant of the real causes of the war, and the real nature, character and record of Lincoln. Let us look at some unpleasant facts. To Be Continued...

## BICENTENNIAL FLAG



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

## MISSISSIPPI DIVISION 2017 ANNUAL CONVENTION

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

### CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL MONTH SERVICE

*Photo by Bryan Skipworth*



The John C. Pemberton Camp hosted the 2017 Mississippi Division Confederate Month Memorial Service on Sunday April 23, 2017 at Soldiers Rest. There were about a hundred in attendance. Thank you to all who made this event a great success.

### HONOR YOUR ANCESTOR

I challenge every one to prepare a short presentation about your Confederate ancestor to present at a camp meeting. If your presentation is about 5 minutes, we will have a spot on the agenda every month for a short presentation. Contact Eddy to be placed on the agenda. If your presentation is longer, contact Edward to make your presentation as one of our camp programs. Also if you have a picture of your ancestor, bring a copy to put on our Wall of Honor. Commander Campbell has added a picture of one of his ancestors to our Wall of honor.

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If anyone has read a good book, visited an interesting place, would like to post a bio of their Confederate ancestor, or just has a thought they would like to share with the membership, please forward the article to me ([charlescresap33@att.net](mailto:charlescresap33@att.net)) and I will place it in the next newsletter.

**SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN'S BROWN BAG LUNCH CLUB**

Like minded individuals gather every third Tuesday of the month for a Brown bag lunch and pleasant conversation. You pick what is in your brown bag for lunch and what you want to talk about. There is no protocol, agenda, or speaker just good fellowship. This next event will be on June 20th at high noon at 216 Miller Street in the Disabled Veterans Building. The John C. Pemberton Sons of Confederate Veterans will be the host for the luncheon. Ladies are welcome. SCV memberships is not required. This is one of the high points of my month.

**VICKSBURG "WAR TO PREVENT SOUTHERN INDEPENDENCE"  
(CIVIL WAR) ROUNDTABLE**

A round table has been organized in Vicksburg. The group meets on the third Monday of each month. They meet in the Baer house at 7:00 PM. The Baer house is located at 1117 Grove Street in Vicksburg, Mississippi.



## POETS CORNER

*Joel Bailey*

### **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***

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

*Rev. Bryan Dabney*

For the Brethren,

A few years back, I received an email which contained the remarks of a fellow son from the Georgia Division named Jim Reynolds. Jim delivered his message at a Saturday morning prayer breakfast where he set forth several admonitions from God which ought to be of importance to all who love the South and our Confederate heritage.

Remove not the ancient landmarks, which their fathers have set. - Proverbs 22:28

Remove not the old landmark... - Proverbs 23:10

Cursed be the man that removeth his neighbors landmark. - Deuteronomy 27:17.

“In Biblical times, as well as today, landmarks tell us who we are and define our culture. During Biblical times, land was marked by three methods: By natural features, stones, and banners. These same three items are used to preserve our Southern heritage. Natural features such as battlefields where our ancestors fought and died to protect their hearth and home are never ending reminders of their sacrifice to a cause. This cause should never be forgotten. Monuments were erected by our fathers to ensure we remember the courage and devotion to duty shown by all who wore the gray. These brave men fought to drive a foreign invader from their soil. The most recognized symbol of our ancestor’s struggle is the banner they left to us to symbolize their struggle for self-determination. These symbols of our heritage must always be preserved and protected. There are those who choose not to protect and pass down the heritage of honor symbolized by these items. These men are not only losing who they are, but are depriving their descendants of the knowledge of a strong heritage, which provides many wonderful role models... I am proud to belong to and be in the South. God save the South.”

I doubt very seriously that any of us would disagree with what Compatriot Reynolds has said. From a strictly biblical perspective regarding landmarks, he identified the principal targets of our adversaries—the flags, monuments, and other public memorials of our Confederate ancestors—which must be removed, or at least “re-interpreted,” as part of their campaign to disparage our history and heritage. The Bible does indeed tell us not to remove the ancient landmarks. Even in today’s world, we have an apt expression: “Good fences make for good neighbors.” Respecting another’s boundaries is a good and wholesome practice which makes for a more peaceful society. However, our opponents are not interested in peace and cooperation with us. Their goal is to disparage the memory of our Confederate relatives casting them as wicked people who sought to destroy “the Union” as if it was something hallowed or sacred much like a golden calf in Old Testament times (Exodus 32:4; I Kings 12:28). Those of us who have served in the military, or were sworn officers of the law, took an oath to “... support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic...” We did not take an oath to support and defend the president, the Supreme Court,

the congress, or the Union. The Constitution is what we owe our allegiance as it is the ancient “landmark” for our government. The Constitution established the boundaries for the operations of the federal government as well its expressed and implied powers. Our ancestors respected the Constitution and followed it, and we who are their children are required to do no less. Needless to say, our opponents do not respect the Constitution as written. They are interested in twisting it to further their agenda. They have and will continue to push the authority of government into those areas which have traditionally been marked as “off-limits” to government interference which includes using government offices and departments to attack us and our heritage in every aspect of life. Here it is folks. We must stand up for the flags, markers, monuments, plaques, and statues that have been dedicated to our Southern heroes. No doubt, many of those who perished in that war died in Christ. They gave their lives in that quest to form a new government as described by the Declaration of Independence which states in part, that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men deriving their just power from the consent of the governed. That whenever any government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness...” The South’s war was not in rebellion against lawful authority. The Southerners of 1860-1 stood by the words by their forebears who had separated from Great Britain not a century before. They desired a peaceful secession but such was resisted by Lincoln and his unhappy band of Radical utopians. There is an old adage which states that, “the victors write the history books.” We in the South know this all too well. Still, we should not be deterred from honoring our ancestors on account of the way the history of the war has been presented by those who won it. The South’s cause was right not because they willed it so in their minds as the victors have done. The South’s cause was right because it was based on the principles found in our country’s birth certificate, The Declaration of Independence. Our duty as Sons of Confederate Veterans is to keep alive the memory of what our forebears were fighting for. Every person in this country has a heritage of some kind, that is, they came from a particular grouping or stock of people who possessed a set of traditions and values. Much of Western Civilization is based on these things. They made it possible for America to succeed as we have in the world. Thus it would seem to be counter productive for us to cast away our Confederate heritage because it is “offensive” to the sensibilities of those who believe otherwise. Sadly, there are a number of Southerners— especially those who have accepted the war-guilt/societal guilt syndrome— and who are wholeheartedly in favor of teaching the rest of us to accept such an understanding for the “greater good” of our region. But their plan will not benefit everyone. Their understanding of this “greater good” it seems has two important functions. The first is an attempt to expiate the guilt they feel. The second dovetails with the first because if they do not express sufficient guilt and social outrage, they will likely not qualify for positions within those circles which seek a “new world.” The Bible tells us to watch out for false prophets and false teachers. That also applies to those who come patting us on the back to do the right thing by giving up those “divisive relics of the past” so that they can take the credit and profit from their influence over us. Who benefits at the stockyard? The farmer or the cattle taken from the farm? Those who would have us surrender our Confederate heritage will be the sole beneficiaries of this exchange. We— like the cattle in the stockyard— gain nothing! The apostle Peter in his second epistle noted that false prophets and false teachers will,

through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you (2:3)... While they promise liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption... (2:19). Let us therefore hear the end of the matter: Our charge as SCV members has always been to tell the true story of the Confederate soldier and the cause for which he fought. Our adversaries regard our cause as divisive and unworthy of support. I do not think we will ever persuade them to believe otherwise, especially as they hold such beliefs in tandem with their quest for power and profit. Nevertheless, we must continue to stand for the truth regarding what our ancestors believed, fought and in some cases died for. President Davis once noted that, "Truth may be crushed to the earth but crushed or not, truth is still truth." We must protect these ancient landmarks to remind us of that truth for which our ancestors sacrificed so much. May our good and gracious God grant us courage to continue to preserve and to perpetuate the memory of their sacrifice.

Let us pray:

O gracious Father, whose only begotten Son died to gain for us a kingdom; help us to live in such a manner that we uphold that which is sacred and just in all our lives; so that at the last we might find sanctuary in that better country wherein righteousness dwells; all of which we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## 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. Thanks to Trent Lewis for being the sparkplug for this effort, Wayne McMaster for being the camp's point man in setting up this effort and Bryan Skipworth for repairing the broken stones and placing many stones in the ground. These men died at Mississippi Springs and were buried at Cooper's well. The Coopers Well location is not available for Confederate stone placement so these stones have laid

on the ground for 15 years waiting for a home. On May 28th the stones were delivered to Cedar Hill. There was a 3d brigade work day on July 16 resulting in all stones being installed. A memorial service is being planned (not with April Memorial service) The last stones have been delivered and are set. A plaque is being developed to be placed in the lot explaining these veteran's story. Thanks to all who were a part of this effort.

For more information, visit the following website:

[http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~taleese/soldiers\\_rest\\_vicksburg/cooper\\_wells/cooper\\_wells.htm](http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~taleese/soldiers_rest_vicksburg/cooper_wells/cooper_wells.htm)

## RELIC SHOW IN BRANDON

On June 17-18/2017, the Civil War Relic Show to be held in Brandon, MS at the Brandon City Hall Complex at 1000 Municipal Dr., Brandon, MS. For more information go to <http://www.scv265.com/annual-civil-war-relic-show.html>

## THEY FELL IN DEFENSE OF THEIR HOMES, THAT IS THE CONTEXT



Ole Miss has installed a context plaque at the Confederate monument on campus. The Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans has revived a lawsuit against the University of Mississippi asking for a court order to remove the informational plaque placed near the Confederate monument. The complaint also ask for name of Confederate Drive to be reinstated. The Division continues to pursue the law suit. The monument needs no context as its meaning is clear and etched in stone. Translated from the Greek inscription in memory of the University Grays: Very powerful!!

"Go, stranger, and to Sparta tell, that here, obeying her commands, we fell."

The University Grays had a 100% casualty rate during the fateful charge on the third day of Gettysburg. The story of the University grays could be a learning moment about courage and devotion to duty. The grays left the comfort of the University to defend its newly found county from a brutal foreign invader. Instead of embracing this concept, the university continues to distant itself from this powerful lesson in their Marist quest for excellence. The university will continue their quest to remove all things pertaining to it's past. Watch out for the stain glass windows in Ventress hall and the Confederate cemetery. The University is like Sherman, on the march destroying history in a Taliban style. If it does not fit their narrative they intend to change or destroy it.

## CONFEDERATE GENERAL CONFEDERATE BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

General Samuel Cooper: 12 June 1798

General John Bell Hood: 1 June 1831

### GENERAL SAMUEL 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 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

## **JOHN C. PEMBERTON CAMP WEBSITE**

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

## **JOHN C. PEMBERTON ON FACEBOOK**

Thanks to Sid Johnson, Larry Holman and Jeff Cartwright, the John C. Pemberton camp has a Facebook page. It looks real good, thanks guys. Now we have to continue using this social media page to our advantage in educating the uninformed on the true history of our cause. Ask your friends to checkout our page

## **FLAG RESTORATION**

In many cases the old veteran's battle flags are our last physical link to their valor. Many of their flags are in possession of the State of Mississippi Archives and History. There they are rotting away to dust. It is up to us as decedents of these brave men to preserve their battle flags for our descendants to see. There are three funding activities. Direct donations, SCV car tags, and sale of coffee cups. Our camp has a supply of coffee cups. Ask me about cups. You get the SCV specialty tags at the court house, just ask.



## BEAUVOIR



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

### FRIENDS OF BEAUVOIR

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

Here is an Invitation to give the Past a Future!

Go to [http://www.beauvoir.org/Support\\_Beauvoir/index.html](http://www.beauvoir.org/Support_Beauvoir/index.html) for details.

### BRICKS FOR BEAUVOIR



The plans are for a brick plaza around the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Each brick would cost \$50.00 and would have the name of a Confederate ancestor of members of the SCV who give to the effort. “The Bricks for Beauvoir” Project is spearheaded by Larry McCluney, Past Commander of the Mississippi Division. Thirteen columns, in a crescent, will represent the 13 States of the Confederacy and will fly the flag of each respective State. The project is drawing near the end. It is projected the project will be

complete by Fall Muster. By all reckoning there are 153 more spaces left in the archway

## UPCOMING MISSISSIPPI DIVISION REUNION LOCATIONS

2017 The University Greys camp 1803 and Calhoun Avengers Oxford, Ms  
2018 Private Samuel A. Hughey camp 1452 Southaven, Ms  
2019 The Rankin Rough and Ready's camp Brandon, Ms  
2020 tentative John C Pemberton 1354 Vicksburg Ms

## UPCOMING NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

2017 Memphis Tennessee July 20-22 2017  
2018 Franklin Tennessee  
2019 Mobile Alabama

## 2017 REUNION

Join us in Memphis, TN—July 18-23, 2017 for the SCV Reunion Gathering at the Memphis Cook Convention Center in downtown. For info go to <http://scvmemphis2017.org/>

## 2017 MISSISSIPPI REUNION OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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David Wooten      George Connor Bond

### *Second Lt. Commander*

Carl Ford      Harry Vincent

### *Adjutant*

Michael Putnam

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Trent Lewis

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Councilman*

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