

IN THE TRENCHES

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

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General Lee stands Tall, Stand tall for him!

In Lee , the South sees
Character...
success could not dim it,
Public adulation could
not tarnish it.
Defeat could only test it.
For Character is
invincible."

Douglass Southhall Freeman

Commander's Column

Dear Compatriot's,

I hope that you are all having a good summer. Let me wish each and every one of you a Happy Fourth of July. As we remember the Sacrifices that were made to make us a free country, let's also remember the sacrifices that were made by those from 1861-65 in fighting for Southern Independence. In researching History, I have found that many of the Founding Fathers had grandsons or great-nephews who fought in the Confederate army. Thomas Jefferson's grandson, George Wythe Randolph, was a Confederate general. George Washington's great-nephew is buried at Mount Vernon with CSA on his tombstone. Also, James Madison's great nephew and Francis Scott Key's grandson were in Confederate service. These men knew and understood what the Declaration of Independence was all about, Jefferson himself said that if a government does not protect the rights of its citizens, it is the duty of the people to abolish that government and set up another. What our Confederate founders did in 1861 was no different than what George Washington and the original founders did in 1776. Let's all remember that and pass it on to others. Please be vigilant about the State Flag Petitions. If any of you can go door-to- door, please do so. We only have about 3 months left on the petitions. If you distribute them out to others, please make sure that you get them back and that they are filled out correctly. Our next meeting will be July 5 and will feature Dr. David Harrison, a Vicksburg native, who will do impersonation of a Confederate surgeon. This is a really good program, please come and bring a friend. We do not usually pay our speakers, but we will be passing the hat after the program to help compensate Dr. Harrison. This is because he spent a great deal of money in purchasing the equipment for the program. Please be prepared to give for this program. Please as always be aware of any and all Heritage violations. We have won a great victory in Hampton, Virginia where the school board unanimously voted not to change the name of Jefferson Davis Middle School. Also, the U.S. House of Representatives has removed a section of a Veterans bill that forbids the placing of Confederate flags at Veterans cemeteries. We can win, even in the climate of today. We need all of you to sign a petition to the Mayor of Hollywood, Florida protesting the changing of Confederate street names there. If you would like more information on any of these issues, please see me at the next meeting.

Have a great Holiday and see you all on the 5th

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
July 5	Dr David Harrison	Confederate Surgeon
August 2	Dr Michael Trotter	Dr Tichner and Confederate Heritage
Sept 6	Paulette French	10th Mississippi
October 4	Joel Bailey	Ancestor Memorial, Pvt. John W. Bailey Co. A 36th MS Infantry CSA
November 1	Brandon Beck	TBA
December 6	None	Annual Christmas Bash

June Meeting

Our meeting was started with prayer, pledges and salutes. Our birthday party for president Davis was fun with commander Edward presenting a very good bio. We all need to step it up to meet our quota for signatures to save our state flag. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

The Horrors of Andersonville ?

"Rebel prisoners in our hands are to be subjected to a treatment finding its parallels only in the conduct of savage tribes and resulting in the death of multitudes by the slow but designed process of starvation and by mortal diseases occasioned by insufficient and unhealthy food and wanton exposure of their persons to the inclemency of the weather."

Preamble to the United States Senate Resolution 97 *Congressional Globe*, 38th Congress, 2nd session page 381,

My uncle, Sgt. John Holloway died at the hands of the Yankee's in hell hole Camp Douglas of small pox. This post is in his memory.

July 4, 1863

This was a dark day for the South. Fortress Vicksburg was starved into surrender, General Lee was marching back to Virginia after the bloody defeat at Gettysburg and the Confederate Army of Tennessee was preparing to leave the state of Tennessee to the Yankees. Even in these darkest days, our ancestors did not loose the fighting spirit. They continued the good fight against the Yankee invaders. Even after the surrender and reconstruction, they continued the fight to ensure their ancestors and the world understood their true cause. They passed this fight on to us as laid out in our charge. So even when our fight to ensure our true history is told seems to become difficult, continue the good fight, truth will prevail.

The Cause of the War, Maybe the illegal invasion ?

Thanks to Bobby Edwards from facebook:

On May 22nd, 1861 the citizens of Virginia went to the polls of the local towns, cities, and villages to vote - either for remaining in the Union or leaving the Union. The Vote of the Citizens of Virginia - "To Leave". Within minutes of the News that Virginia Citizens had Voted to Leave the Union, Pre-Positioned Troops across the Potomac began marching into Virginia the night of the 22nd, and by the next morning of May 23rd, more than 10,000 Federal Troops had occupied Alexandria and were on their way to Arlington. VIRGINIA Had Been Invaded. They Were a Free and Sovereign State, Having Perpetrated No Hostile Actions Against the Federal Government of the North. INVASION of the Southern States had Begun, and the 1st State, Just Hours before was a Part of the Union.

Let us win Hearts and Minds and defeat Southern Apathy

We are winning some and losing some individual heritage battles. Why right here in the heart of Dixie, where the descendants of brave Confederate veterans live, are we struggling with saving flags and monuments? We must continue to fight the heritage battles as they come up, but at the same time look at the bigger picture. Why do we struggle? The haters of heritage have an agenda (that is working quite well) to convince people with Confederate blood and those who in the past may have sympathized with us that our ancestor's were traitors and racist. They continue to tell the lie that our ancestors fought to keep negroes in slavery. They make the poorly informed ashamed of their heritage. They would ask, why in the name of diversity, inclusion and tolerance can Christians continue to fly the Confederate flag and allow Confederate monuments to exist? We must develop a plan to not only stave off the present attacks but at the same time start a campaign based on truth to win back the hearts and minds of the good people of the South. With this accomplished, the weak kneed politicians will fear siding with the haters of heritage. What will we do to counter the haters and their lies?

Heed General Barksdale order given before his charge at Gettysburg:
"Attention, Mississippians! Battalions forward! Dress to the colors and Forward to the foe! Onward, Brave Mississippians! For Glory"

Rededication of Louisiana Monument

At Fort Hill,

Eddy welcoming the crowd



Fall Flea Market

We will once again have a booth at the Vicksburg Fall Flea market on October 1, 2016. We need to keep our presence known in the community. Put it on your calendar and come join us.

What did the Supreme Court say?

“If you bring these [Confederate] leaders to trial it will condemn the North, for by the Constitution secession is not rebellion. Lincoln wanted Davis to escape, and he was right. His capture was a mistake. His trial will be a greater one.” Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, July 1867

Honor Your Ancestor

I challenge every one to prepare a short presentation about your 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.

State Flag Petitions, Stand Fast Mississippi

Thanks to Bryan Skipworth for leading us in this effort.

This petition, if successful, will place initiative 58 on the ballot in 2018. Initiative 58 will place on the ballot an amendment to the Mississippi State Constitution which would make the State flag of 1894 the official flag of the state of Mississippi. This would forever take the state flag decision out of the hands of weak kneed politicians. With out this change to the Mississippi Constitution, it is just a matter of time before politicians bend to the will of our heritage haters.

If you have not turned in any State Flag Petitions bring them to the July meeting so they can be turned in and counted. This is our strategy to protect our state flag for "ever". Time is running out and we are not tracking toward our goal. The Warren County target is 4200 names

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. No protocol, agenda, or speaker just good fellowship. This next event will be on July 19 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.

From a letter sent By Robert. E. Lee

"I do not pretend to see the result of this conflict into which we have been forced, but leave its direction to a merciful God, who I know will not afflict us unnecessarily. As far as my voice and counsel go, it will be continued on our side as long as there is one horse that can carry his rider and one arm to wield a sword. I prefer annihilation to submission.

They may destroy, but I trust they will never conquer us. I bear no malice, have no animosities to indulge, no selfish purpose to gratify. **My only object is to repel the invaders of our peace and the spoilers of our homes.** I hope in time they will see the injustice of their course and return to their better nature"

Open season on Christians and Southerners (thanks Edward)

In this politically correct world, it seems that it is still okay to have open season on two groups – Christians and Southerners. I personally am sick of those who want me to apologize for being both. I would like to thank Governor Phil Bryant for signing the “Religious Accommodations Act” into law. While the majority of the media and radical groups would have everyone believe the bill discriminates, it simply protects individuals from government interference when practicing their sincerely held religious beliefs or moral convictions. Thank you, Governor Bryant, for protecting our religious freedoms. Thanks for having the courage to stand up to the media and radicals who seek to put fear and worry into the hearts of those of us who stand on biblical principles. That seems to be the way of the left -- they cannot win by honest debate so they resort to deception, fear-mongering and intimidation of any who disagree with them. I fear that many Christians will one day have to answer to God for their opposition to this law. America is in the shape that it is in because we are sick and in need of the cleansing blood of Christ. Like the church at Ephesus, America, founded on Christian principles, has lost its first love. Political correctness has a stranglehold on us and we are sinking fast. We in Mississippi are very fortunate to have a Governor with the backbone and courage of Phil Bryant.

Edward Campbell

Vicksburg

I Am Their Flag

In 1861, when they perceived their rights to be threatened, when those who would alter the nature of the government of their fathers were placed in charge, when threatened with change they could not accept, the mighty men of valor began to gather. A band of brothers, native to the Southern soil, they pledged themselves to a cause: the cause of defending family, fireside, and faith. Between the desolation of war and their homes they interposed their bodies and they chose me for their symbol.

I Am Their Flag. Their mothers, wives, and sweethearts took scissors and thimbles, needles and thread, and from silk or cotton or calico “ whatever was the best they had “ even from the fabric of their wedding dresses, they cut my pieces and stitched my seams.

I Am Their Flag. On courthouse lawns, in picnic groves, at train stations across the South the men mustered and the women placed me in their hands. Fight hard, win if possible, come back if you can; but, above all, maintain your honor. Here is your symbol, they said.

I Am Their Flag. They flocked to the training grounds and the drill fields. They felt the wrenching sadness of leaving home. They endured sickness, loneliness, boredom, bad food, and poor quarters. They looked to me for inspiration.

I Am Their Flag. I was at Sumter when they began in jubilation. I was at Big Bethel when the infantry fired its first volley. I smelled the gun smoke along Bull Run in Virginia and at Belmont along the Mississippi. I was in the debacle at Fort Donelson; I led Jackson up the Valley. For Seven Days I flapped in the turgid air of the James River bottoms as McClellan ran from before Richmond. Sidney Johnston died for me at Shiloh as would thousands of others whose graves are marked Sine Nomine, “ without a name “ unknown.

I Am Their Flag. With ammunition gone they defended me along the railroad bed at Manassas by throwing rocks. I saw the fields run red with blood at Sharpsburg. Brave men carried me across Doctor's Creek at Perryville. I saw the blue bodies cover Mary's Heights at Fredericksburg and the Gray ones fall like leaves in the Round Forest at Stones River.

I Am Their Flag. I was a shroud for the body of Stonewall after Chancellorsville. Men ate rats and mule meat to keep me flying over Vicksburg. I tramped across the wheat field with Kemper and Armistead and Garnett at Gettysburg. I know the thrill of victory, the misery of defeat, the bloody cost of both.

I Am Their Flag. When Longstreet broke the line at Chickamauga, I was in the lead. I was the last off Lookout Mountain. Men died to rescue me at Missionary Ridge. I was singed by the wildfire that burned to death the wounded in the Wilderness. I was shot to tatters in the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania. I was in it all from Dalton to Peachtree Creek, and no worse place did I ever see than Kennesaw and New Hope Church. They planted me over the trenches at Petersburg and there I stayed for many long months

I Am Their Flag. I was rolled in blood at Franklin; I was stiff with ice at Nashville. Many good men bade me farewell at Saylor's Creek. When the end came at Appomattox, when the last Johnny Reb left Durham Station, many of them carried fragments of my fabric hidden on their bodies.

I Am Their Flag. In the hard years of so-called Reconstruction, in the difficulty and despair of years that slowly passed, the veterans, their wives and sons and daughters, they loved me. They kept alive the tales of valor and the legends of bravery. They passed them on to the grandchildren and they to their children, and so they were passed to you.

I Am Their Flag I have shrouded the bodies of heroes, I have been laved with the blood of martyrs, I am enshrined in the hearts of millions, living and dead. Salute me with affection and reverence. Keep undying devotion in your hearts. I am history. I am heritage, not hate. I am the inspiration of valor from the past.

I Am Their Flag.

Dr. Michael Bradley

Ole Miss plaque

Ole Miss has buckled to the haters of our heritage again. They will modify the new context plaque to add slavery as a reason the University Grays and other Southern men marched out to meet the Yankees. We now see who "runs" Ole Miss, the new plaque will read:

"As Confederate veterans were dying in increasing numbers, memorial associations across the South built monuments in their memory. These monuments were often used to promote an ideology known as the "Lost Cause," which claimed that the Confederacy had been established to defend states' rights and that slavery was not the principal cause of the Civil War. Residents of Oxford and Lafayette County dedicated this statue, approved by the university, in 1906. Although the monument was created to honor the sacrifice of local Confederate soldiers, it must also remind us that the defeat of the Confederacy actually meant freedom for millions of people. On the evening of September 30, 1962, this statue was a rallying point for opponents of integration."

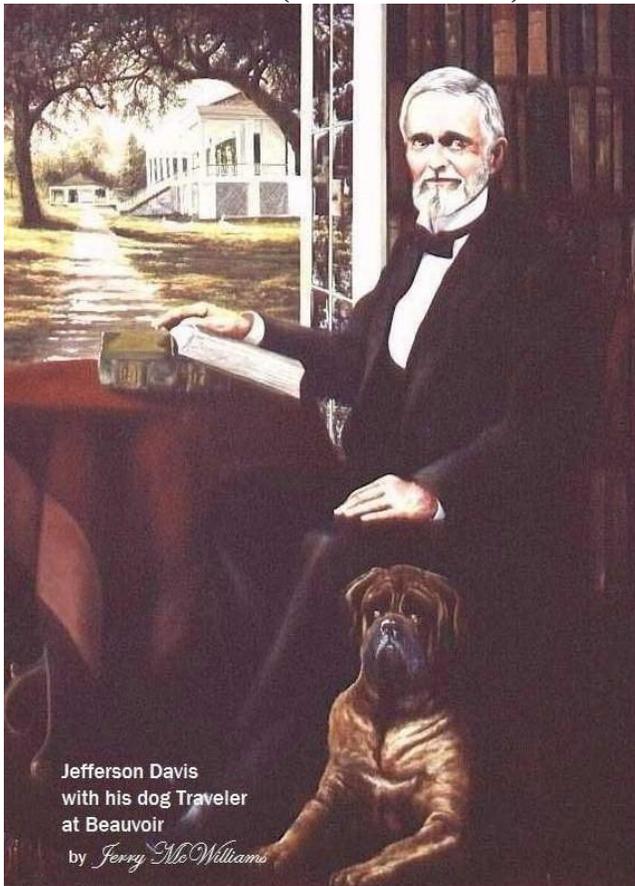
The heritage haters continue to plot, they are not done with their campaign to erase our heritage. They continue to plan and wait for our weak moment. Be vigilant, for they will come again and continue their stated objective. They come after our flags and our monuments and the very memory of our brave ancestors.

On the monument is a Greek inscription ,the translation of the Greek inscription :

““Foreigner, go tell the Spartans that we lie here, obedient to their commands,”

This needs no context

Poet' s Corner (Thanks Joel)



Jefferson Davis
with his dog Traveler
at Beauvoir

by *Jerry McWilliams*

DAVIS *and* HIS DOG *by Joel T. Bailey*

Davis was a soldier, statesman
And president of the confederacy
He served his beloved Southland
With honor and Integrity

He spent his last years at Beauvoir
His home on Mississippi's gulf coast
It was here he was the happiest
Surrounded by things he loved most

His constant companion was Traveler
A dog that was known for his loyalty
He lived just to serve Mr. Davis
And it was a role he took seriously

The two of them walking by the beach
Would become a common sight
And as Davis's guard and companion
He would sleep beside his bed at night

With his head on his masters knee
Travelers long life came to an end
And Davis said with sadness
I have lost my best friend

Chaplains Corner Thanks Bryan

A Bidding Prayer

Good Christian people, I bid your prayers for Christ's holy Catholic Church, the blessed company of all faithful people; that it may please God to confirm and strengthen it in purity of faith, in holiness of life, and in perfectness of love, and to restore to it the witness of visible unity; and more especially for that branch of the same planted by God in this land, whereof we are members; that in all things it may work according to God's will, serve him faithfully, and worship him acceptably. Ye shall pray for [those in authority over us], that [they] may serve truly in their several callings to the glory of God, and the edifying and edifying and well- governing of the people, remembering the account they shall be called upon to give at the last day. Ye shall also pray for the ministers of God's Holy Word and Sacraments; for Bishops [and elders], that they may minister faithfully and wisely the discipline of Christ; likewise for all [priests, pastors and deacons] that they may shine as lights in the world, and in all things may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour. And ye shall pray for a due supply of persons fitted to serve God in the Ministry and in the State; and to that end, as well as for the good education of all the youth of this land, ye shall pray for all schools, colleges, and seminaries of sound and godly learning, and for all whose hands are open for their maintenance; that whatsoever tends to the advancement of true religion and useful learning may for ever flourish and abound. Ye shall pray for all the people of these United States, that they may live in true faith and fear of God, and in brotherly charity one towards another. Ye shall pray also for all who travel by land, sea, or air; for all prisoners and captives; for all who are in sickness or in sorrow; for all who have fallen into grievous sin; for all who, through temptation, ignorance, helplessness, grief, trouble, dread, or the near approach of death, especially need our prayers. Ye shall also praise God for rain and sunshine; for the fruits of the earth; for the products of all honest industry; and for all his good gifts, temporal and spiritual, to us and to all men. Finally, ye shall yield unto God most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all his saints, who have been the choice vessels of his grace and the lights of the world in their several generations; and pray unto God, that we may have grace to direct our lives after their good examples; that [at the end of this life] we may be made partakers with them of the glorious resurrection, and the life everlasting. And now, brethren, summing up all our petitions, and all our thanksgivings, in the words which Christ hath taught us, we [are] bold to say, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Cooper's Well Stones come to Vicksburg May 28th

The Pemberton Camp is coordinating with others in the third brigade to set about 50 stones in one of the lots we control in Cedar Hill. Thanks to Trent Lewis for being the sparkplug for this effort and Wayne McMaster for being the camp's point man in setting up this effort. 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 has been a great effort to get the stones here, now we must have them placed in the ground. Thanks to Bryan Skipworth for repairing the broken stones and starting the effort to put them in the ground.

Work Day in Cedar Hill

A workday is planned in Vicksburg at Cedar Hills Cemetery to place headstones in the ground for the Cooper's Well Confederate Markers on Saturday July 16th. A time in the Fall will be named for the memorial service.

Confederate General Confederate Birthdays in July

Lt General Nathan Bedford Forrest 13 July 1821

Lt General Daniel Harvey Hill 12 July 1821

Lt General Nathan Bedford Forrest

"Never stand and take a charge... charge them too."



General Forrest has been the target of heritage haters for years. His main three accusations are:

- He was a slave trader before the war,
- He directed a massacre at Fort Pillow, and
- He was a post war leader of the K. K. K.

True, He was a slave trader before the war, at this time this was a legal endeavor. Many Yankees made fortunes on slave trade.

If you research the facts of Fort Pillow, you will find there was no massacre. This was a fabricated story used as a propaganda.

There is no proof of Forrest involvement in the Klan. He denied involvement under oath.

His grave and monument in Memphis are under constant attack as well as any thing that bears his likeness or name across the Southland he defended. Be informed and stand tall with the Wizard of the Saddle. He rode in defense of our ancestors. Look at him. Notice the power of his eyes.

Which Carpet Bagger Gave This Speech

Oh No it was General N. B. Forrest

Forrest's speech to the Independent Order of Pole-Bearers Association on July 5, 1875.

Ladies and Gentlemen I accept the flowers as a memento of reconciliation between the white and colored races of the southern states. I accept it more particularly as it comes from a colored lady, for if there is any one on God's earth who loves the ladies I believe it is myself. (Immense applause and laughter.) I came here with the jeers of some white people, who think that I am doing wrong. I believe I can exert some influence, and do much to assist the people in strengthening fraternal relations, and shall do all in my power to elevate every man to depress none. (Applause.) I want to elevate you to

take positions in law offices, in stores, on farms, and wherever you are capable of going. I have not said anything about politics today. I don't propose to say anything about politics. You have a right to elect whom you please; vote for the man you think best, and I think, when that is done, you and I are freemen. Do as you consider right and honest in electing men for office. I did not come here to make you a long speech, although invited to do so by you. I am not much of a speaker, and my business prevented me from preparing myself. I came to meet you as friends, and welcome you to the white people. I want you to come nearer to us. When I can serve you I will do so. We have but one flag, one country; let us stand together. We may differ in color, but not in sentiment Many things have been said about me which are wrong, and which white and black persons here, who stood by me through the war, can contradict. Go to work, be industrious, live honestly and act truly, and when you are oppressed I'll come to your relief. I thank you, ladies and gentlemen, for this opportunity you have afforded me to be with you, and to assure you that I am with you in heart and in hand.

Forrest Birthday Celebration

On Sat July 9th The 3rd Brigade (our brigade) will celebrate with a Picnic at Grand Gulf Military Park. That's right folks, it is almost that time again. The 3rd Brigade picnic at Grand Gulf (The Roy L Wooten memorial, Nathan B. Forrest Birthday picnic). We would like to see members and families of all camps of the brigade. We would also want to invite compatriots from other brigades and their families. We always have a great time. Bring a covered dish and join in the fun. July 9th, starting around 10:30. Grady Howell will be the speaker.

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 about 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 learn how to use it to our advantage in educating the uninformed on the true history of our cause. Ask your friends to checkout our page

Southern Heritage Conference

On 08/19-20/2016, the Southern Heritage Conference will be sponsored by Jones County Rosin Heels Camp 227. It will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Laurel, MS, Speakers will be John Killian, Don Elbourne, Cary Kimbrell. If you have never heard John Killian you have missed a powerful speaker and message.

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. They can not be allowed to defile our confederate ancestors. This act was clearly illegal and part of a larger strategy to "cleanse" the South. The first reconstruction was not completely successful. We are not gone! They are back again..

Fall Muster

Fall Muster is always the third weekend in October. This year is the 30th event. Meet us at Beauvoir on October 14, 15, 16, 2016.

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.

Beauvoir Admission Fees :

Mississippi Division members in good standing are free with a Current updated membership card. If you do not have a card see Larry Holman. Anyone with them pays the admission fee that applies. For wives or others I would suggest getting just the Grounds Pass as so many of us have seen the interior of the Beauvoir House. A Grounds Pass for 6 and older is 5.50, no military discount or senior discount applied. 5 and under is free in all events. For guests of the Mississippi Division members that want to see the tour of the Beauvoir House the regular admission is 12.50, unless you apply the military or senior discount, which would be a flat 10.00. Regular admission for 6 to 18 is 7.50 (and includes the House). If you and your entourage are part of a Living History program or are volunteering for some sort of project or service, the admission is free for the group. Take a summer trip with your family to this beautiful place.

2017 Mississippi Division reunion

This is an election year for Mississippi Division officers. The reunion will be in Oxford Mississippi. The Annual Division Convention shall commence at 12 noon on the Friday following the 3rd of June (Jefferson Davis' birthday) unless otherwise ordered by the Division Convention or the Executive Council. This would put the 2017 meeting on the 9th of June in 2017.

2017 Mississippi Reunion Officer Announcements

Fellow Compatriots, I am announcing my candidacy for the position of **Commander** of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, that will become available in June, 2017.

I believe my experience with Division activities at the camp, brigade and executive council levels, coupled with your support, can help us insure the continued success and growth of the Mississippi Division.

We have entered a highly volatile period of history. Historical revisionists, with the assistance of weak willed politicians, have decided this is the time to sound the death knell on Southern culture. I say they are wrong and with your assistance, we can continue the fight to it's rightful conclusion.

I will make myself available to you during the next year to discuss my vision and gain insight from you about the direction you want your Division to take. If we stand strong together, we can be unstoppable. Deo Vindice!

Marc S. Allen

I, Trent Lewis Third Brigade Councilman and Commander of the Crystal Springs Southern Rights Camp 712, will accept the Position and Nomination of running for **3rd Brigade Commander** by Commander David Wooten as of recent. I would ask and appreciate your support for my running of 3rd Brigade Commander as I have been a SCV Member now going on 7 years and have served the Crystal Springs Southern Rights as 1st LT Commander and now Commander plus been a Councilman for One Year of the 3rd Brigade and have been involved in a lot of Major Projects as I have orchestrated the overseeing and planning of Confederate Cemetery cleanups and restoration, I have planned helped and worked on organizing Events all around the 3rd Brigade , I have lead the charge and restoration for saving the Rodney Presbyterian Church , I have been involved in helping with the I 58 Petition Drive across parts of MS in 5 to 6 different Counties, I have picked up the fight and drive to finally bring the Cooper's Well Confederate Markers to a final resting place at Cedar Hills Cemetery in Vicksburg MS

and assembled the Cooper's Well Convoy for transporting the Markers to their final resting place, and I have also helped recruit more Members to different Camps and Areas around the State. I did not do all this on my own as I could not have done these things without the support of my SCV Brothers and Sisters but I brought these things to the table I planned them to a tee and did my best with help to carry them out and we so far have been victorious in what we have accomplished and the Charge was led and the Colors Forwarded !!!! I vow to do as much as I can for the 3rd Brigade just like I have done as Councilman and also for the Division and help other camps and help other Brigades and use my influences to do all that I can to carry on the Charge and what the SCV is all about and teach others what our Duty is all about !!!! I ask for your support and Vote for the running of Third Brigade Commander of the MS Division SCV and together we will all work hard and make a diff and bring great things to this Organization and especially the 3rd Brigade !!!! God Bless yall so much and thank you
Trent Lewis Third Brigade Councilman MS Division SCV

Upcoming National Conventions

The **2016** national SCV convention will be on July 13 - 17 2016 at Dallas/Ft. Worth Texas. Go to <http://scv2016.org/> for information.

Contact Commander Campbell if you are going to attend so your credentials can be developed.

2017 – Memphis Tennessee

Candidates for National Office

Commander in Chief	Thomas Strain
Lt Commander in Chief	Paul Grambling
AOT commander	Larry McCluney
AOT Councilman	Jason Boshers

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