

# 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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**Happy Birthday**  
**John Clifford Pemberton**  
**Lt. General C.S.A.**

**August 10, 1814 – July 13, 1881**

One thing that is overlooked many times is the career these West Point Graduates walked away from. Pemberton spent 34 years in the U.S. Army before resigning his commission to join the Confederate Cause.

## **Commanders Report**

Good Afternoon Compatriots, August is upon us, but we had a good July. Mary and I spent 12 days in Tenn. and Kentucky.

I managed to get to the Jefferson Davis museum on a Tuesday, the only day it is closed, did not do my homework beforehand. Spent couple of days in Franklin Tenn. It was amazing what they have done there since we were there. They have purchased a lot of property and brought it back into the Battlefield. If you can get the chance go there, worth the trip.

Last month I asked Edward Campbell if he would take the Aide De Camp position, he graciously accepted, so I am steady thinking of things I don't want to do so I can turn it over to Edward.

Dues are upon us again, we all need to contact someone and encourage them to pay their dues, it will help Larry get this time of year behind him and help in retention also.

I am looking for a speaker for September.

Thank y'all, Wayne McMaster

## **Upcoming meetings**

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings start 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 Wayne McMaster at [waynemcmasteris@gmail.com](mailto:waynemcmasteris@gmail.com).

Below are the list of upcoming meetings and speakers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
Aug 5, 2014	Eddy Cresap	The submarine <i>Hunley</i>

## **Division Newsletter**

At the Mississippi Division Annual Convention, the Mississippi Division decided to move forward on the effort to send out the Division Newsletter, The Jeff Davis Legion, by e mail. This effort will save the division considerable money. If you are presently receiving hard copy JDL by snail mail and would prefer to receive your newsletter by email simply send an email to:

[adjutant@mississippiascv.org](mailto:adjutant@mississippiascv.org)

with JDL in the subject line and your camp number, your SCVID (If you need your ID number E mail me) number and your name in the body. You will receive your email notification as soon as a new full color issue is placed online, probably about ten days to two weeks prior to when you would receive by Snail mail.

## **July Meeting**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Brain Dabney followed by Pledges and salutes by Thomas Dabney. Our newest flag, The Magnolia Flag, was unfurled and presented to the camp. Edward Campbell, Andrew McCaskill, and Doctor McMillin gave Convention updates. Jerry McWilliams gave an update on his effort to advertise Beauvoir at Mississippi welcome stations. We had a visitor from the SCV camp in Austin Texas. Camp Commander, Carl Crowther. He is a local man that comes home on occasion and on his trip home usually comes to our meeting. Our meeting was closed with a prayer by Chaplin Dabney

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to David Wooten our new Third brigade councilman. David is replacing Glen Taylor who resigned due to health issues. David is a long time friend and member of the Brookhaven Light Artillery

## **Mississippi Division Executive Council**

The E council will meet on August 23, 2014 at 9:30AM in War Memorial Building in Jackson Mississippi.

## **Caledonia Rifles Day**

On Saturday, September 27 2014, Camp 2140 in Caledonia, MS needs re-enactors to help form a company for a local commemoration. Participants will take part in a reenactment of the flag presentation to Company D, 24th MS Infantry, the 'Caledonia Rifles' as well as put on a demonstration of basic drill and firing for spectators. Early War impressions would be great - frockcoats, battle shirts, tri-corn hats, havlocks, etc. - but any infantry impression is welcome. If you can participate, please contact Jessie Riggs at [jhriggs@bellsouth.net](mailto:jhriggs@bellsouth.net) or call/text 662-435-8952  
Thanks y'all!

## **National Convention Update**

The following compatriots were elected in North Charleston.

Commander in Chief: Kelly Barlow

Lt CIC: Tom Strain

AOT commander: Larry McCluney (Mississippi)

AOT councilman: James Patterson

## **Other Notable Convention News**

Chuck Bond (Mississippi) is the new Historian in Chief.

Larry McCluney (past Mississippi Division Commander) was the recipient of Robert E Lee Gold Award

The 2015 National Convention is in Richmond, VA

2016 – Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX

2017 – Memphis, TN

## **Flag Restoration**

In many cases the old veterans' 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 ancestors 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.

## **From the New Commander In Chief**

Let me take this time to tell you what an honor it is to be elected as your Commander-in-Chief. Words cannot adequately describe my feelings. I am humbled to hold an office that only seventy-three men before me have held. It is my pleasure to be a thirty-five year member of the SCV. I remember attending my first Lee-Jackson Banquet at Aunt Fanny's Cabin in Smyrna, Georgia where all of my family was inducted into the SCV, UDC and C of C. It was a special moment for me but little did I know what the future held. Through the unity of our organization and the strength of our Confederate Ancestors, we shall continue to move forward to be the preeminent authority on Southern heritage. There are many days ahead of us in the Sesquicentennial and beyond that give us opportunities to promote and honor the heroic deeds of the men and women of 1861-1865. By their examples we can learn a considerable amount; it is our ancestors who endured "Total War" from an illegal invader. Today, like our ancestors, we must also choose to stand fast or retreat? They knew their duty, do we know ours? General Robert E. Lee once said, "Duty then is the sublimate word in the English language, you should do your duty in all things, you can never do more; you should never wish to do less." The Confederate soldiers we honor and whose DNA flows in our veins took a stand to proclaim to the world the values of our American Liberties and their commitment to its Cause. Those Principles of 1776 and 1861 are still alive today. Friends, let us reconfirm our commitment to those liberties and the Cause which we hold so dear.

I would like to close with a quote from Jefferson Davis' proclamation from April 5, 1865 in the capitol in Danville, Virginia. "Let us not, then, despond, my countrymen; but relying on the never-failing mercies and protecting care of our God, let us

meet the foe with fresh defiance, with unconquered and unconquerable hearts."

I now ask you to make a stand as they did, to be unified with others of the same mindset and lineage. As with anything in life, a unified group is more effective than any individual could ever be. I hope you will join me as we honor our Confederate ancestors and as we re-dedicate ourselves to those Principles of 1776 and 1861. May God Bless You and My God Bless the Sons of Confederate Veterans

Deo Vindice!

Charles Kelly Barrow

Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Confederate Veterans

### **New Executive Director at Headquarters**

The Sons of Confederate Veterans has been blessed to have Ben Sewell as Executive Director for 12 years. Under his leadership, the SCV has prospered and flourished with his expertise. When Mr. Sewell announced that he would retire, it was known that it would be difficult to find someone of the same caliber. (As a side note I dealt with Mr. Sewell several times as camp adjutant of the John C. Pemberton Camp) and he was always courteous and helpful.

In Charleston, at the National Reunion, it was announced that Lt. Col Mike Landree, USMC, will follow Mr. Sewell as Executive Director. It is an exciting new chapter for the SCV, and I feel like Lt. Col Landree will continue to lead the SCV into the future. Lt. Col Landree will begin in his new position on December 1, 2014. So at this time we would like to say welcome aboard to Lt. Col Landree and God Speed to Mr. Sewell.

## **Beauvoir Board Meeting**

The next quarterly meeting of the Combined Boards of Beauvoir will be Saturday, August 9, 2014 @ 10am in the Board room of the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library. Mississippi Division members are welcome to attend. Seating is limited. Division members must be on the agenda to address the Board.

## **Concert at Beauvoir**

On August 1, 2014 the spoken 4 Quartet will be in concert at Beauvoir. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children, children under 10 free. The concert starts at 7 PM

## **Fall Muster**

Put Oct 17-19 on your calendar. This is the weekend for Fall Muster at Beauvoir

## **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

## **Welcome Centers**

Jerry McWilliams and Ray Billings are leading the effort to obtain marketing spots in the highway welcome centers. They need local camps near the visitor centers and a way to properly attire the mannequins. Their emails are attached.

If you can assist them please contact

Jerry McWilliams: [jerrymcart@yahoo.com](mailto:jerrymcart@yahoo.com)

Ray Billings: [rlbill@cox.net](mailto:rlbill@cox.net)

## **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. AOT Commander, Now commander in chief Kelly Barrow, gave a challenge to the Department Commanders to see which Army could raise the most money toward the project. ATM Councilman, Chuck McMichael, offered the following resolution in support of the Monument: "Be it resolved that the Sons of Confederate Veterans does hereby endorse fully, the Monument to the Unknown Soldier and gives its whole-hearted support for the concerted efforts of the Mississippi Division, SCV." The GEC gave unanimous consent and support to the project.

By purchasing an Ancestral Memorial Brick for just \$50.00 each, your money will go to rebuilding a national treasure. Each brick will be laid, memorializing your ancestor, in a plaza around the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier at Beauvoir.

## **Heritage Rally 2014**

This year our Sesquicentennial Event/Heritage Rally will be held September 13th, 2104 in Franklin, TN.

This site was chosen in recognition of the Battle Franklin and other area battles in the fall of 1864. Compatriots in that area are working very hard to put together an excellent event with many extra activities the membership will enjoy.

It is to be held at the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park in Franklin. This is adjacent to MacGavock Cemetery and Carnton Plantation. Visit the website for more details.

<http://confederate150.com/2014.html>

[scv150rally@gmail.com](mailto:scv150rally@gmail.com)

## **Annual Southern Heritage Conference**

This event is sponsored by the Jones County Rosin Heels Sons of Confederate Veterans. The event is on Aug 9th at 7Pm and Aug 10th at 9 Am. The event is held at Bethlehem Baptist Church. The speakers are Dr John Killian , Dr Cecil Fayard, and Dr Cary Kimbrell. If you have never heard Dr Killian speak, that alone is worth the trip. Meals are \$10 for dinner and \$15 for supper. Entrance fee is \$25 for a family and \$15 for an individual. Teachers, pastors and elected officials are free. Mail your check to Jones County Rosin Heels PO Box 52, Laurel Ms 39441. For questions call 601-649-1867 days or 319-649-2620

## **John C. Pemberton Camp Website**

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

## Shiloh Monument Update



As you probably know, Mississippi is the only state that had a significant number of troops engaged in the Battle of Shiloh that does not have a monument of any kind to honor its troops who fought there. Approximately 17 percent of the Confederate Army at Shiloh consisted of Mississippians, the second highest Percentage of any Confederate state. And of the 10,699 Confederate casualties in the battle (1,728 of which were killed), the proportion of Mississippi casualties was as least as high. The 6th Mississippi Infantry Regiment, formed from men in counties around Jackson, suffered especially horrendous losses. In approximately 30 minutes on the morning of April 6, 1862, 300 of the 425 men engaged at Rhea Field became casualties. It is

estimated that approximately 50 of these men were killed outright and buried in a mass grave on the southern end of the field. This casualty rate of 70 percent earned "The Bloody Sixth," as the regiment came to be known, the distinction of having the fourth highest casualty rate of any Confederate infantry regiment in a single battle during the War Between the States. The devotion to duty of these men in the 6th Mississippi is representative of all Mississippians who fought at the Battle of Shiloh. After a little over 150 years, these men will finally be recognized by the people of Mississippi. And I personally thank you for any part you had in this effort.

Mississippi Monument details:

- Cost: \$400,000 (\$250,000 appropriated by the Mississippi Legislature, \$150,000 from private funds).
- Design: Three 8-foot bronze figures atop a 6 foot, 2 inch granite base.
- Sculptor: Dr. Kim Sessums, an OB/GYN doctor from Brookhaven, MS; Dr. Sessums was the sculptor of the African-American Monument erected in Vicksburg NMP in 2004.
- Location: Monument will be erected at Rhea Field in Shiloh NMP.
- Dedication date: Sometime in 2015, but not before April.

If you have any questions about our monument, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kimble L. Johnson

Mississippi Veterans Monument Commission

Columbus, MS

(662) 327-5009

## **Stephen Dill Lee Institute**

The **Stephen Dill Lee Institute** is pleased to announce that in 2015, we will be heading southwest to Dallas, Texas. The Institute will be held at the Double Tree Hotel on February 6-7, 2015 and will be hosted by the Texas Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The hotel is located near the world famous Galleria shopping center. This is the first time we have held the Institute in the southwest and hope to have a whole new group of Institute followers. As you know, there is nothing to compare with our Institute and its special brand of high intellectual content coupled with fun times.

The Double Tree is accessible to Love Field airport as well as Dallas-Ft Worth airport and within minutes of attractions such as the Bush Presidential Library and Delaney Plaza, site of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The City of Ft; Worth and it's historic stockyards are also in the Dallas area.

The overall topic will **THE REAL RESULTS OF 1865.**

The Speakers will include--

Jeffery Addicott

Marshall De Rosa

Tom Moore

Egon Tausch

Don Livingston

While individual topics are being worked out at this moment, the Institute will continue with its special brand of scholarship and intellectual creativity. Biographies will soon be presented along with other pertinent information. Please register on this website or contact Ms. Cindy White at 1-800-My Dixie. Hotel reservations can be made directly at the hotel or as specified on this website. Please feel free to contact me at 804- 389- 3620 or visit our website at [www.StephenDLeeInstitute.com](http://www.StephenDLeeInstitute.com) for further information . Thanks and I look forward to a big crowd in February.

## **Newsletter**

If anyone has read a good book, visited an interesting place, would like to post a bio of their Confederate ancestor, or just has a thought they would like to share with the membership, forward the article to me ([charlescresap33@att.net](mailto:charlescresap33@att.net)) and I will place it in the next newsletter. Thanks to Commander McMaster, Chaplain Bryan Dabney, our Camp Poet and 2d Lt Commander Joel Bailey, our artist in residence Jerry McWilliams and adjutant Larry Holman for their input to the newsletter. Also if you have any ideas for making the newsletter better serve you, please let me know

## **Tom Petty "Rebels"**

Even before my father's fathers  
They called us all rebels  
Burned our cornfields  
And left our cities leveled

I can still see the eyes  
Of those blue bellied devils  
When I'm walking round tonight  
Through the concrete and metal

## Poets Corner



*Col. Randal W. McGavock CSA*

*by: Joel T. Bailey*

*With flaming red hair and beard  
Astride his noble steed  
An Irish son of the Southland  
And the pride of the men he'd lead*

*He was a farmer, lawyer, politician  
And a natural leader of men  
He formed an Irish company  
When the war was about to begin*

*They were called the Sons of Erin  
His Irish Tennessee brigade  
And they were all there with him  
When his fatal charge was made*

*With flags flying and saber held high  
He led the charging men  
Then a minie ball brought him down  
And he would never rise agin*

*Col. McGavock was killed May 12, 1863  
during the battle of Raymond, MS*



## **Randal McGavock: Battlefield Casualty**

by Rebecca Blackwell Drake

The morning of May 12, 1863, a tall redheaded Confederate soldier from Nashville, Tennessee, marched with his Irish regiment through the town of Raymond. His name was Lt. Colonel Randal McGavock and he was not just an ordinary soldier.

McGavock was highly educated and from one of the wealthiest and most prominent families in the city of Nashville.

McGavock was a graduate of the University of Nashville and later the Harvard School of

Law. In 1858, soon after returning from Harvard, he was elected Mayor of Nashville. McGavock's life and career had just begun to prosper when he opted to join the Confederate Army. In spite of the protest from his family and his new bride, Seraphine Deery, he told them all good-bye and promised to return as soon as the war was ended.

On the morning of May 12, Colonel McGavock and his men found themselves riding through the town of Raymond, Mississippi. Captain Pat Griffin, one of the men in McGavock's regiment who survived the Battle of Raymond, later recorded the scene. "Tired after ten days of marching over dusty roads in scorching sunshine and deserving a respite from fatigue, the Tenth Tennessee camped on the east side of Raymond on the night of May 11. On the following morning, between eight and nine-o'clock, the hungry men marched through the town and were met by the grateful citizens with food, water and loud cheering. At the head of the regiment rode Colonel McGavock in a gray coat with scarlet lining, his saber belt at his left side. He sat the horse well even though the stirrup straps were too short for his gangly, boyish legs. As the ladies of Raymond waved their handkerchiefs the thirty-six-year-old colonel acknowledged their salutes with a smile and a

nod; the children would remember the gray-blue eyes that winked from behind the heavy auburn beard. In a few minutes the Irish regiment from Tennessee had won the admiration of the dusty little town of Raymond. Then, at 9:30 they marched to the outskirts and turned southeast down the Gallatin Road."

While on the outskirts of Raymond near the Gallatin Road, the Confederate Army paused to prepare daily rations. Quartermaster Simpson placed an entry in his diary saying, "The birds are singing, the sun is shining & everything looks gay. We are ready for the fight or the march."

Unfortunately, instead of the march, the action turned out to be a battle. Official Civil War Records, Series I, recalls the minutes before the Battle of Raymond citing, "General Gregg ordered his men to leave the Gallatin Road and proceed for about half a mile through the woods lying between the Gallatin and Utica Roads. As soon as the enemy was sighted in the woods opposite, across a large open field, the companies were immediately formed in the line of battle. There they waited and heard the opening fire of the artillery."

An official report written by Colonel J. J. Turner, 30th Tennessee, recorded the action that followed: "While thus posted, the artillery was still engaged, and I could distinctly hear the commands of the Federal officers, some 400 yards to our left in the direction of the Gallatin Road. After remaining there for some fifteen minutes, we were ordered to move to the left about 600 yards, which we did at double quick, we then formed in line in the edge of a dense woods, a large field being in the rear. I ordered forward a company of skirmishers in our front, and immediately I heard the engagement open between the enemy and the Third Tennessee and Seventh Texas.

"At this juncture we received an order leaving it discretionary whether to attack the enemy or not. After waiting a few minutes the skirmishers were withdrawn, and we moved rapidly by the right flank for about 500 yards, and reached a position near that of the Third Tennessee, and after seven of the consolidated

companies had filed into the field, the whole command changed direction by the left flank and moved forward rapidly in line. As soon as those in the field reached the crest of the hill, the enemy opened upon us from the front and right, and Colonel McGavock ordered a charge, which was responded to with alacrity by all the command."

Colonel McGavock sat erect on his horse as he led the charge toward the enemy. His long coat swung loose over his left arm and he held a saber in his right hand. His bright red hair and beard were highlighted by sunshine - making him a sure magnet for enemy fire. There were no crowds cheering him on to victory. At first he heard screams, gun fire and horse's hoofs. Then, the only sound he heard was the rustling of angel wings.

## **McWilliams Unveils Portrait of Randal McGavock**

Rebecca Blackwell Drake

Jerry McWilliams, local artist nationally recognized for his Civil War paintings, recently unveiled his painting of Colonel Randal McGavock: God's Own Gentleman. The nearly life-sized work is the first of its kind to portray one of the heroes of the Battle of Raymond.

"I've always been interested in the life of Randal McGavock," stated McWilliams. "Years ago I found a copy of the out-of-print book, 'The Life and Journals of Randal McGavock' and have read it numerous times. The book vividly describes the battlefield death of Colonel McGavock as he led the 10th Tennessee Irish on the Raymond battlefield in a charge against the enemy. I felt compelled to portray McGavock during these final tragic moments of his life."

Those attending the unveiling applauded as they viewed Colonel Randal McGavock mounted on a magnificent gray horse. Standing beside McGavock holding the Rebel Sons of Erin flag is his dear friend, Sgt. Patrick Griffin, a young lad of 18, who was by his side throughout most of the war. The backdrop of the painting shows

the town of Raymond and smoke from Bledsoe's cannons on the far side of the battlefield.



Randal McGavock was born in 1826 in Nashville, Tennessee, to a family of wealthy Irish immigrants. At the age of 21, he left Nashville for Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he received his degree from Harvard. In 1858, after returning to Nashville, he was elected mayor and served a one-year term. In 1861, after Tennessee became the tenth state to secede from the Union, he decided to leave office and join the war efforts.

During the Battle of Fort Donelson, his first encounter with the enemy, McGavock was captured and taken to Fort Warren prison, Boston Harbor, where he spent five months. After his exchange, he found himself in

Jackson for the re-organization of the 10th

Tennessee. During this time, his regiment was assigned to Gregg's Brigade, a brigade comprised of the 3rd, 10th, 30th, 41st, 50th Tennessee regiments, the 1st Tennessee battalion and the 7th Texas Infantry. The entire brigade numbered some 3,000 men.

"Even though McGavock joined the war efforts and commanded a regiment, he never gave up his aristocratic ways," McWilliams commented, "He remained a gentleman to the core. There was nothing he loved more than the luxuries of life - including stimulating conversation, good food, and beautiful women. We know for a fact that in 1862, while the 10th Tennessee was assigned to Jackson, McGavock found his way out to Cooper's Well Hotel near Raymond. He fell in love with the place not only for the luxurious accommodations but also because the rolling hills reminded him of Nashville. "

In May of 1863, after spending a year in Port Hudson defending the Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River, Gregg's Brigade was ordered back to Jackson to block Grant's advance into



Mississippi. May 12, 1863, would be Colonel Randal McGavock's last day on earth.

The painting, *Randal McGavock: God's Own Gentleman*, depicts McGavock during the final seconds of his life. Mounted on his beloved horse, he leads the charge against the enemy. As his horse reaches the peak of the hill, McGavock looks out over the battlefield and

sees nothing but a sea of blue. A look of grim determination is on his face while Patrick Griffin, holding the flag, depicts the same expression. The minute McGavock yells CHARGE he is shot from his horse by a Yankee who had the impressive commander in his sight.

Using a creative touch, McWilliams depicts, on the breastplate of the horse, a reflection of the Yankee who fired the single shot.

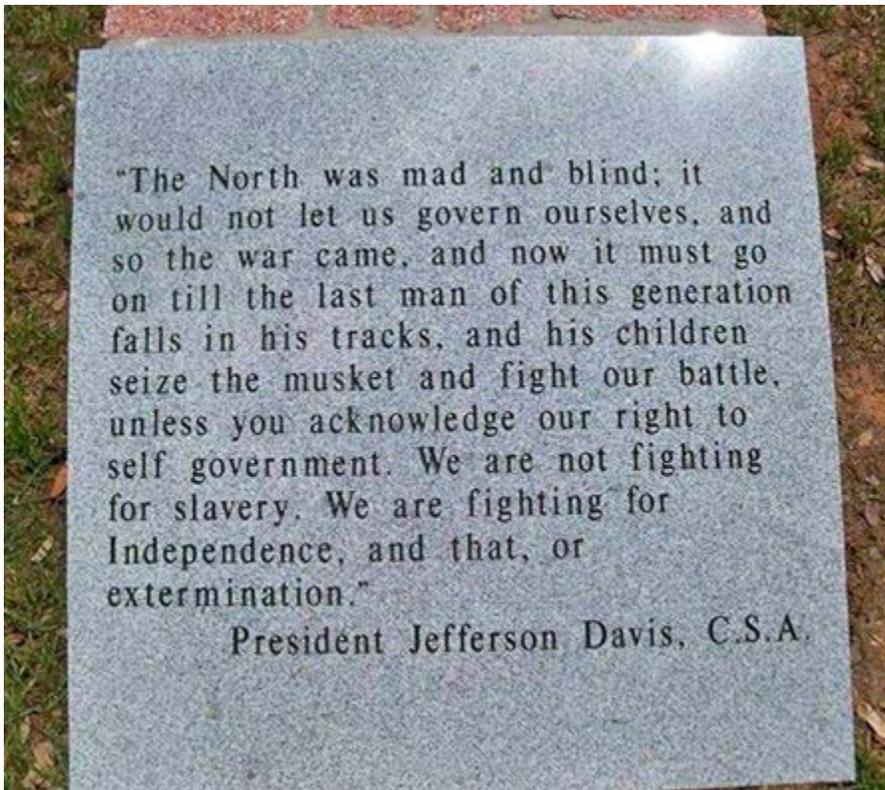
McGavock was only thirty-seven years old when he died on the Raymond battlefield. In the years to follow, Patrick Griffin, a survivor of the entire war, often recalled his beloved colonel and subsequently dubbed him God's Own Gentleman.

McWilliams has numerous Civil War paintings to his credit including a portrait of Jefferson Davis with his Dog and *The Sinking of the U. S. S. Cairo*. Regarding his paintings, McWilliams commented, "As an artist of historical events, I feel fortunate to live in an area steeped in history, such as the area around Raymond. Living in an antebellum home that sent at least five men – a father, three sons and an uncle – into battle is a great inspiration. I'm sure that McGavock, with great wealth, good looks, social standing and political influence, felt that he was invincible, as he rode up the slope and faced the great 'sea of blue'. He never dreamed that his life was about to end. I wanted to depict him in his last moments of glory, not after his death. Sometimes as I start these paintings I feel as though I am a part of the actual scene or in the midst of the battle – and then it's time to hold onto the brush and watch the paint start to flow."

Parker Hills, Civil War historian, comments on the importance of McWilliams' painting saying, "One day in the not-so-distant

future, Friends of Raymond will have an interpretive center for visitors to both the town and the battlefield, and Jerry McWilliams' painting of Randal McGavock at the Battle of Raymond will be the centerpiece. Jerry's painting has captured the determination of McGavock and his soldiers. It is with this same determination that we will save this battlefield, in order that future generations may remember the men, including McGavock, who fought and died here."

### **President Davis Said**



The quote is from an interview President Davis did with James Jaquess in 1864. The quote appeared in the September 1864 issue of the Atlantic Monthly. For the full interview go to: <http://www.wattpad.com/23514-the-atlantic-monthly-volume-14-no-83-september/page/90> our visit to Richmond. This full interview is well worth the read. Our president speaks.

## Dues

Our annual dues are due on 1 Aug and late on 1 Nov. You should have gotten a notification of dues from the Mississippi Division adjutant. It should describe the dues you owe for the upcoming year and an opportunity to donate to Mississippi Division Projects. The check for dues and donations will be sent to the John C. Pemberton Adjutant who will distribute dues and contributions to the proper place. There are three levels of dues. National dues of \$30, State dues of \$10, and camp dues of \$7. All must be paid to remain a member in good standing. Life memberships can be purchased for National and Mississippi Division. Life Membership in the International Organization exempts one from paying annual dues to the International Organization but **does not exempt** that member from paying annual Mississippi Division dues nor annual Camp dues.

Life Membership in the Mississippi Division exempts one from paying annual dues to the Mississippi Division but **does not exempt** that member from paying annual International dues nor annual Camp dues. For information about division life membership go to <http://www.mississippiscv.org/links.html>. and then go to article 4.C of the bylaws. For National life membership go to SCV.org, services, forms and Documents, life membership application.

## Dues update

I just wanted to give you an update on our camp member renewals and encourage those that haven't renewed to do so in the coming weeks. Camp Membership in Good Standing for FY 2013/14 was 36 (meaning, National, MS Div and Camp dues were paid). For the new year, FY 2014/15 Renewals as of today (22 July 2014) - 16 or 44%.

Other donations made.

Stephen D Lee Home	\$30
Save the Battle flags Fund	\$30
Heritage Ed & Defense Fund	\$70
MS Monument at Shiloh	\$38
Other, Camp discretion	\$13

## Division Pens and decals

Be Proud of your state  
Let others know  
you're from  
Mississippi

Wear a  
Mississippi  
Division pin

Or display a  
Mississippi  
Division decal



Pin is approximately 13/16"  
tall  
and 1/2" wide

Note:: State Outline and Lettering is gold,  
background is white.  
Colors changed in order to show more detail  
over net.



Decal is approximately 4"  
high and 2 3/8" wide  
Colorfast Vinyl suitable for  
outdoor mounting

Get either for Only a \$5.00 contribution to:  
Mississippi Division Heritage Education and Defense Fund  
send order to third brigade commander Joseph Abbott,  
[abbott@craddockoil.com](mailto:abbott@craddockoil.com)

## **Washington and Lee**

Recently Washington & Lee University President Ken Ruscio announced the university would remove the eight regimental Confederate Battle flags surrounding the famed recumbent statue of Robert E. Lee in Lee Chapel. The statue chamber and the Lee family crypt were built onto Lee Chapel as the site chosen for the Robert E. Lee Memorial using private donations raised for the purpose. As such the university accepted the responsibility to ensure that Lee's burial place would be given the proper respect it deserves and it did so for well over one hundred years.

Sadly, the once proud Southern school has become infiltrated more and more with radical ideology and the academics running the school no longer share the same values as Robert E. Lee. Instead many overtly and openly proclaim disdain for him. When Lee's character was recently attacked, the school offered no response and instead has caved to the demands of a small group of student's who want Lee and everything he stood for repudiated.

For now they have won their fight to remove these flags, but they or others like them will continue their crusade with revolutionary fever to destroy Lee's image in its entirety. The current president, the successor to Robert E. Lee, has now become the nation's most notorious grave robber. These radical students undoubtedly dream of the day that sledge hammers will be taken to Lee's recumbent statue just as the mob in Iraq recently did to the grave of the famed Prophet Jonah.

How should decent people react to the cowardly violation of the memorial for an American Icon? Are we so ignorant to believe that people cannot understand why Confederate flags would be at a deceased general's or veteran's grave? Why has this happened and what can be done about it?

What can you do? Write, call, and email the university using the contact information listed below. Secondly, if you know any W&L alumni or donors let us know who they are so that we can encourage them to contact the school and consider withholding further support. Also consider contributing to the various heritage defense funds for this purpose

### **Contact Information for Washington and Lee:**

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### **New Chief of Heritage Defense**

In light of the issues at Washington Lee University, it is important to let the membership know that Mr. Ben Jones was appointed to the position of Chief of Heritage Operations. Mr. Ben Jones, currently from Virginia, was a former US Congressman from the state of Georgia. His expertise in dealing with high profile situations is one of the many reasons he was chosen. His diplomatic skills will prove to be invaluable in this position. On many occasions he has proven that he loves his Southern heritage by the fights he has already participated in. One of the most recent that many may remember is when he took on Warner Brothers after they announced they would remove the Confederate Battle Flag off the General Lee, a car he repaired in the Dukes of Hazard. Yes, Mr. Jones is none other than "Cooter" in the hit TV series that still captivates audiences through out the world. He won that battle, as he has many, and brought awareness to the history of the flag, as well as the Southern people. I hope you will join with him as he guides us through

## Chaplain's Corner

For the Brethren:

In I Corinthians 1:18-20, the apostle Paul penned the following: *For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent... hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?* And our Lord offered the following prayer: *I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes* (St. Matthew 11:25).

Examine also the words of the apostle Paul in his second epistle to the Corinthian church wherein he wrote, *But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them* (4:3-4). The Bible tells us that the gospel has been hidden from the worldly and profane. In the Book of Daniel we read ... *and none of the wicked shall understand* (12:10b). Now such a state of mind has not deterred them from joining the body of Christ at the urging of their master, the Devil. For over the millennia since the church formed, he has sought to introduce an assortment of false doctrines. Those who are merely Christian in their own minds possess no capacity to do works that are pleasing to God because they do not have the Spirit of God within them. As the apostle Paul noted, *So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his* (Romans 8:8-9).

As true and faithful Christians, we recognize that God has set the standards for our morality. And so when we say something is good, we are doing so based not upon our understanding, but upon the word of God. Hell is full of those who did what was right in their own eyes (Judges 21:25)— who viewed themselves as

being righteous, good and holy by their own efforts (Revelation 3:17). We may safely refer to such behavior as *the way of Cain* as he rejected God's standards and set them aside in favor of those of his own choosing (St. Jude 3-19). In more recent times, Satan has employed the unequal yoke of ecumenical associations as a weapon of mass deception. Through this seemingly harmless enterprise, he has convinced many souls within the mainline denominations that it is God's will for them to "compromise" and "dialogue" with those outside the body of Christ. But compromise by its nature will require at least one party to give up something in the supposed hope of gaining something else. And what are the usual and customary items to be sacrificed by Christians in any compromise with the infidel? In every case they are the tenets of sound Christian doctrine. Folks, biblical doctrines matter, for in observing them we confirm our relationship with the Godhead. Sound biblical doctrines have been paid for not only in the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, but in the blood of countless Christian martyrs who stood up for the truth of God's word in the face of all sorts of persecutions. If we have any understanding of the truth of Jesus Christ, we ought to be filled with thanks to God for the sacrifice of those who went before us in the faith. In that light, we ought to exercise great care in preserving what has been handed down to us. It is important for every born-again believer to avoid following after those whose earthly credentials cover them with a veneer of godly wisdom, but whose hearts are the same as those of the scribes and Pharisees of our Lord's day. Just as those evil men hid behind their monikers of piety and religion, so do their contemporaries within the Christian Church. Their master will send them to us, and so we must be ready at all times, having donned our spiritual armor. We need to know what is in our bibles more so than what is in the latest book by "Rev./Mr. or Ms. So-in-So." We need to keep our hearts focused on the truth of God's word written and not on the pronouncements of "Bishop This-or-That." We need to hear the truth of God's word from a believing minister and not sit Sunday after Sunday in a place where God's

word is twisted and tortured by “Rev./Pastor Mr. or Ms. Such-in-Such” who would not know the living Christ if he suddenly appeared before him (or her). It is my hope that you will seek to develop a lively faith in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord; that you will devote time out of your day to Bible study and prayer; that you will seek to live in obedience to God’s will as found within the pages of Scripture; and that if you have not found a Bible-believing church, that you will do so and soon. “Tomorrow is promised to no one” as the old saying goes. Our Lord could return at any time, and in light of that, I admonish you to be ready so that you are not caught unawares. Avoid the web of lies that has been spun by Satan’s wise men and scribes. Keep to God’s word written and steer clear of all who will not follow it. And may the God of Peace bless and keep you all in Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us pray, Gracious Father, who has given the free gift of salvation to all who believe on thine only begotten Son; keep us from all deception, and give us hearts to resist until the end; so that at the last, we need not be ashamed to stand before thy Son and give an account of our lives in thy service; for this we ask in most blessed name, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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