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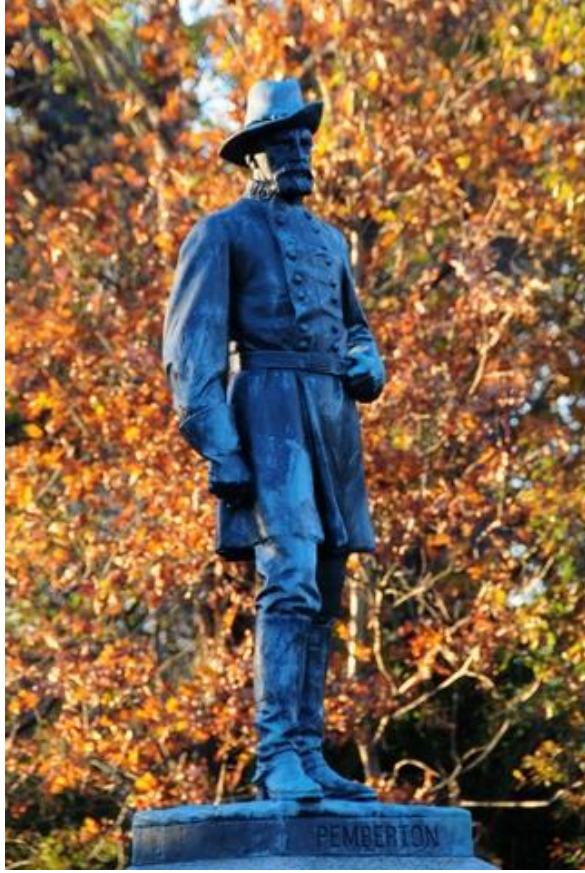
A NEWS LETTER OF THE
LT GENERAL JOHN C. PEMBERTON CAMP 1354
VICKSBURG MISSISSIPPI
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

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Commander
Editor

Happy Birthday
to our camp's
Name sake
Lt. General John Clifford
Pemberton



Commander's Column

Dear Compatriots:

I have just returned from the National Meeting in Dallas which ran from July 13-17. I can truly say that it was one of the best and most well-run National Reunions that I have ever been to. There were several motivational speakers and good information about what is going on around the Confederation. It is good to go to these National Meetings because you meet so many great people from around the South and even from other parts of the country. It is good to know that we are not alone in our struggle for Historical truth, that others in other parts of the country are dealing with many of the same issues. Did you know that the Commander of the Michigan division, SCV lives in Canada and drives across to the Detroit area for his Camp meetings, there are 34 members in his Camp. He was one of the ones that I met at the Convention.

As we near the end of the Summer, I want to encourage all of you to please be consistent and diligent with the Flag petitions. We have until the middle of September and we need all of the signatures that we can get. If you have an opportunity to go door-to-door, please do so as often as you can. Also, we will be helping out with the Wildlife Extravaganza the weekend of August 5-7 at the Trademark in Jackson. If you can help gather petitions that weekend, please let me know. There have been as many as 30,000 people come to this event in Jackson in years past so it is a great opportunity.

We could really use your help. Please let me know.

Also, dues for the coming year should be in the mail, you should receive them any time. Please send your dues in by August 31. On the dues form, there is a place for you to contribute to the Heritage fund. There are many places across the country that are involved in Heritage battles and could use our help. If you can donate, please do so.

I heard a great sermon today from the pastor at Antioch Baptist Church outside of Bay Springs. He talked about the "Separation of Church and State" and how many people believe that it is in the Constitution. It is one of those lies of History that, if told often, people begin to believe. We are aware of many of those also, such as The "Great Emancipator" and the "Causes of the Civil War".

Please come to our next meeting on August 2 and bring a friend. Our speaker will be Dr. Mike Trotter from Greenville, who will be giving a very interesting talk on "Dr. Tichenor and his Confederate Connection". He also had a Mississippi connection. Hope to see all of you on August 2.

Confederately,

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>
August 2	Dr Michael Trotter	Dr Tichner and Confederate Heritage
September 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

Sam Davis Youth Camp

The John C. Pemberton camp is proposing funding and sending one of our youth to the S. C. V. .Sam Davis youth camp in the summer of 2017. Please contact Edward Campbell if you are interested.

July Meeting (Thanks to Jeff for pic)

Our meeting was started with prayer, pledges and salutes. Our program by Dr David Harris was excellent. Many thanks to Navy Captain Harris for his service to our country. The camp wished Edward and Doctor McMillin a good trip to convention. The meeting was closed with a Dixie and a prayer.



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.

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) and I will place it in the next newsletter.

What Shall We Do?

The haters of our heritage never give up, what can we do?

First we must assign our good name to the cause. Then we must influence others. Not everyone will join our organization, but public support from Southerners outside our organization is critical to our success. Our path to heritage victory after assigning your good name to the cause, moves to educating your family (especially including the young) and then on to those with southern blood who have been mis-educated and made to feel ashamed of their ancestors by the Yankee fairy tale. Once we win these battles, with numbers, we can silence the haters of our heritage

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 August 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 August 16 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.



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

Sons of Confederate Veterans
"Historic Elm Springs"

General Order 2016-01

21 July 2016

SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

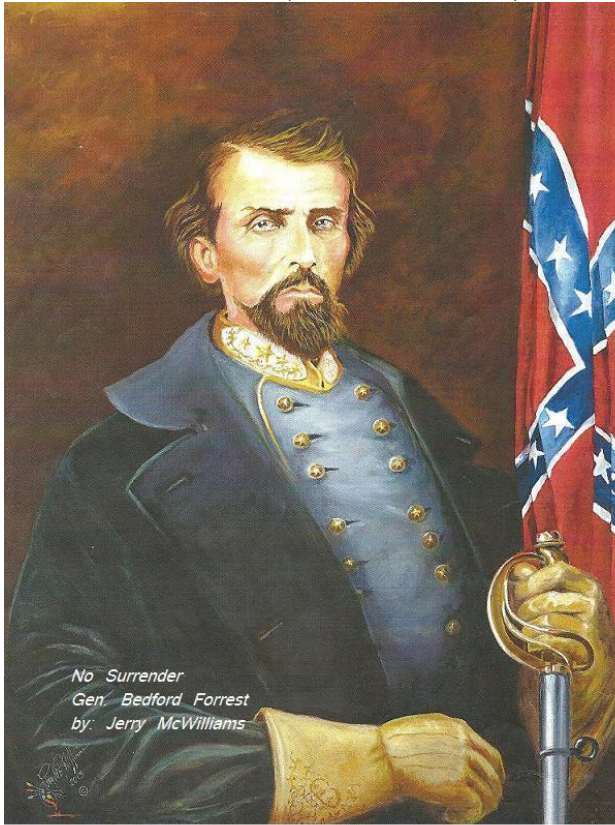
- I. Whereas, with the current vicious and despicable attacks being waged against the law enforcement officers around the country today, and
- II. Whereas, law enforcement officers are the domestic protectors of our citizens, our society and our way of life, and
- III. Whereas, a society cannot survive without the valor, dedication, and sacrifices of our law enforcement officers and the support from their families, and
- IV. Whereas, responsible citizens have a moral duty to support the institutions and citizens who place their lives in peril every day so that our society can enjoy the rights, privileges, and freedoms of citizens of a great republic which our forefathers and God provided us,
- V. Now therefore, the following proclamation is hereby published to the Confederation:

Thursday August the 18th of 2016 shall be proclaimed as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Camps, Brigades, and Divisions are hereby highly encouraged to show their support to their local law enforcement officials on this day by any and all means appropriate on this day. We offer our most sincere thanks and appreciation to those who place their lives in the All Mighty's favor on a daily basis protecting and serving the public.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

Thos. V. Strain Jr.

Poet' s Corner (Thanks Joel)



THE WIZARD of THE SADDLE

(Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest)

by: Joel T. Bailey

*From the backwoods of Tennessee
To the fields of battle
He would earn the nickname
The wizard of the saddle*

*With no formal education
He learned to live by his wit
It would make him a leader
For he was never one to quit*

*He entered the war as a private
But was a Colonel in a year
And before many months
He would become a Brigadier*

*Disliked by some of the leaders
But he was loved by his men
For he would lead from the front
Doing all he could to win*

*Some of his greatest victories
Came by trickery and deceit
And it was this military genius
That brought his enemies to defeat*

*He fought bravely to the end
Where there was no final victory
But the Wizard of the Saddle
Will live on forever in history*

Chaplains Corner Thanks Bryan

In St. John 16:33 our Lord warned his disciples that, In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. But what did he mean by this last remark? The eminent Christian pastor and author, Matthew Henry, once opined that, “It is the will of Christ that his disciples should have peace within, whatever their troubles may be without. Peace in Christ is the only true peace, and in him alone believers have it.” Tribulation is often defined as trouble, suffering or affliction. Our Lord foresaw the troubles which lay before him, as St. Paul explained concerning his sacrifice, ...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds (Hebrews 12:2b-3). Our Lord saw before him the joy of being once again seated next to the Father. He looked beyond the pain and shame of the cross to that glorious moment when he would come again into the heavenly precincts, having won the victory for his elect over the powers of sin and death. Still the notion of tribulation, or trouble in this life, is unsettling because no one likes to be troubled in spirit, much less in the body. Sadly, few will appeal to God through Christ to take away their troubles. They are not willing to receive that peace which God offers to assist them in coping with whatever troubles they are facing. God calls his own to be patient, and to rest in him. God desires us to wait upon him for he has our best interests at heart. Consider the words of Moses to the children of Israel at the shores of the Red Sea, Fear not. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD! (Exodus 14:13). God will indeed be there for us if we are willing to be there for him— by patiently waiting on him to act. Nevertheless, such is often difficult for us to do, especially when we are in the midst of tribulation. For it is in those moments that our human nature calls on us to do everything but wait upon the LORD. Many more times than we would like to admit, a good portion of our troubles and afflictions were brought on as a result of our own negligences and trespasses. Do we enquire of our own selves concerning whether or not we had a hand in their creation? Too often, God is slighted by those who have set the stage for their own troubles and then blame him when he does not end their suffering. Additionally, it might be of interest to note that God uses trouble and tribulation to bring about our growth in the faith. He tests us and guides us because he has a purpose for us. He also uses such to keep us humble. As Daniel (4:1-37) wrote of King Nebuchadnezzar, we are tempted by the wicked forces of this world to see ourselves as the author of our own good fortune. We may stand and survey the comforts and successes of the moment

as being of our own efforts as we resist giving God the glory. It is then that God takes away those things which we have so pridefully attributed to our mere efforts. And as he strips away our vain thoughts, he also takes away those idols which we had erected to take his place in our hearts. He will bring us to our knees seeking his forgiveness for our sins. Nevertheless, some are stiff-necked and will no doubt blame God for their troubles. But before one sets his or her mind on blaming God for their problems, ponder this: If God did not love you, he would let you march right on your merry way out of his divine protection and into an eternity of separation from him. Therefore, count it all for joy when you lose your idols. For if you are placing anything ahead of the Godhead, you are in idolatry, and God does not tolerate idolaters. Our Lord encouraged the disciples to be of good cheer because he had overcome the world. We need to be of the same mind. Being of good cheer means that when trouble and tribulation comes our way we should remember that which lies before us in the God's kingdom, and be cheered in our hearts knowing that he has won a great victory on our behalf. If we have been regenerated in Christ, we will have the seal of God upon our foreheads. When he comes again, we will hear his voice and instantly recognize it. What joy there will be for all born-again believers in Jesus Christ. It will be beyond any expression other than a shout. The pains and sorrows of this life will fade away never to return to our memory as God will wipe away every tear and comfort and bind up our various hurts so that we are perfected in body and in spirit. Our Lord has warned us that in this world we will have tribulation and trouble. Therefore, keep yourselves in Christ and lean not upon the flesh. Keep your spiritual armor on and in good condition. I remember when I was a soldier, I was told that my weapon and equipment would save my life, and that of my fellow soldiers. We were admonished at every turn to clean and care for them daily. Tarnish and rust were our enemies as much as any adversary we would likely face. The same is true for the regenerate believer. As St. Paul noted in II Corinthians 13:5, Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? Self-judgment follows self-examination. As the old expression goes, "Better make sure that you are on the right side of the river" is sage advice for a regenerate Christian. So remember that in this life troubles and tribulations are ever before us, but through Christ Jesus we will overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. His kingdom is coming. Trust then in Christ and obey his commandments for his glory and your eternal good.

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

Cooper's Well Stones come to Vicksburg May 28th

The Pemberton Camp is coordinating with others in the third brigade to set 47 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 they are placed in the ground. Thanks to Bryan Skipworth for repairing the broken stones and starting the effort to put them in the ground. There was a 3d brigade work day on July 16 resulting in all stones being installed. A memorial service will be planned for the fall

My Thoughts on the Coopers Well Project

The names on these headstones and the 15 years to place these stones in Southern earth represent more than just these 47 brave men. These stones stand in honor of the thousands of Confederate men who died away from their families on battle fields, in hospitals, and in camps. Many of these men's names and location of their bodies are known only to God. They left their homes to defend their families, hearths, and altars from a brutal foreign invader and died far away from their homes in defense of their country.

Never forget

In today's era of political correctness make no mistake the men involved in this effort have struck a blow for our ancestors good name. Others will not present what we did here, but we as Sons of Confederate veterans we must ensure these efforts become our "shot heard round the world" in our war to preserve Southern history

Dues, The South Needs All its Sons

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.mississippiiscv.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.

Rally in Jackson

A rally will be held on the south steps and grounds of the Mississippi capital building. The name of the rally is "Heritage Keepers", the focus of the rally is keeping our State flag and supporting our Confederate heritage. We all need to support this effort. The event will be on Saturday September 10th on the South steps and grounds of the Capital building in Jackson from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Confederate General Confederate Birthdays in August

Lt General John Clifford Pemberton 10 Aug 1812

Lt Genera; A. P. Stewart 30 Aug 1821

John Horace Forney



John Horace Forney Was born on Aug 12, 1829 in North Carolina. He moved with his parents to Alabama in 1846. He was appoint to West Point and graduated in 1852. As a Lieutenant in the U. S Army he participated in the Mormon Campaign in 1857-1859. In January 1861 he resigned his commission and entered the Confederate army. When Confederate forces left the Shenandoah valley to fight at first Manassas he was left in charge of the troops remaining in the valley He was promoted to Brigadier General and then to Major General in Oct 1862. After serving as a department commander, he was given command of a division defending Vicksburg in April 1863. He surrendered with the Vicksburg garrison After his exchange he served as division commander in several commands. At the end of the war, he retired to Alabama where he was a farmer and civil engineer until his death in 1902. He has a statue in the Vicksburg National Park.

Bryan's Ancestor



A stone for Bryan Skipworth's 3d great uncle who died in defense of fortress Vicksburg was installed by Bryan this month with a memorial service to be planned in cooler weather. Good job Bryan, Your ancestor is smiling down at you.

March in Monroe for Mardi Gras

Want to help the Sons of Confederate Veterans reach close to 100,000 or more people? Make plans now to participate in the Monroe Louisiana Mardi Gras Parade on February 18, 2017 at 6:00pm. I know this is around eight months away but start making plans now. We need to have the largest showing of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the parade that has ever been seen. Mark your calendars!

CALLING ALL COMPATRIOTS!

Battle of Arcadia Crossroads - Sept 16-18, 2016

Bonnie & Clyde Trade Days, Arcadia, LA

there will be an SCV sponsored reenactment. with Showers, public bathrooms, vendors and a restaurant located on the site. Registration forms and more information can be found on the event page. Hope see y'all there!

Mississippi Division Executive Council Meeting

Gentlemen:

Our next MS Division EC meeting will be on Saturday, August 20th at 9:30 a.m. at the War Memorial Building. If you would like to be placed on the agenda for this meeting please e-mail Michael Wooten at pftr72@aol.com by August 17th.

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.

Fall Muster

Fall Muster is always the third weekend in October. This year is the 30th event. Meet your brothers in arms 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.

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.

Upcoming Mississippi Division Reunion Locations

Oxford- 2017

Southaven-2018

Brandon-2019

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 there 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

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

New National Office holders

These gentlemen need to be in our prayers as they step up to lead our organization in defending our ancestors good name

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

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