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Happy Birthday
General Pemberton
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Commander's Column

Dear Compatriots:

I hope that all of you have had a great Summer. It is hard to believe that the summer is almost gone and that the Year is more than half gone. It is almost time for our next meeting which will be held on August 1. Our speaker will be Mrs. Pat Parrish, President of the Ms. Division United Daughters of the Confederacy. She will be speaking on the topic of "How the War influenced who I am" which I think would be a very timely message for all of us.

With so much going on about the Confederate Monuments, we need to remember that the UDC is largely responsible for the placement of most all Confederate monuments throughout this country. I have just spoken to Adjutant Larry Holman and as you know, there has been a mixup about our Dues notices, if you have been looking for it in the mail, you may not receive it. Adjutant Holman will come up with something by email before the next meeting so please read and follow instructions if you come prepared to pay dues. We will get this worked out before the August 31 deadline.

I just returned from the National Convention in Memphis. We had a record turnout of over 500 delegates, plus spouses and other family and friends. They surpassed Dallas last year and Richmond in 2015 for total attendance and it was not even an election year. The staff of the Sheraton Downtown showed us excellent courtesy and we were treated great by everyone. It is a "shot in the arm" for me to go to these Conventions and meet other people from all over the country who think like I do. It is a very great feeling to know that we are not alone in our struggles. I will give a full report on the Convention at next weeks meeting and will also have Registration forms for next years in Franklin/Columbia. This will also be the Ribbon cutting for our new Confederate Museum at Elm Springs. With the big crowd that they had this year, they are anticipating even more next year and are encouraging everyone to register as early as possible.

Again, I hope to see everyone on August 1. Please read your emails and look for more information from Adjutant Holman concerning the dues issue.

If possible, come prepared on Tuesday night to pay your dues.

Deo Vindice,
Edward Campbell
Commander

Upcoming meetings

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

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Speaker</i> | <i>Topic</i> |
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| August 1 | Mrs. Pat Parrish | How the War Influenced who I am |
| Sept 5 | Brandon Beck | Three Great Moments in Confederate History |
| Oct 3 | Pat Strange | TBA |
| Nov 7 | Grady Howell | Thanksgiving Day in Mississippi |
| December 5 | All | Christmas Bash |
| January 2 | Thomas Dabney | TBA |
| Jan. Lee Jackson | Brandon Beck | First Lee Jackson meeting |

It's a Southern Thing

Maybe you present day Yankee invaders of the South do not understand because your kin did not have to defend their families against a brutal foreign invader. Never forget, never allow your sons and daughter to forget.

Apologize

"Will you apologize for slavery?" The definition of apologize is to "express regret for something that one has done wrong" I have never owned a slave so can I apologize for things others did in the past, things in which I have done do wrong? This question, when ask of those of us with Confederate blood flowing through our veins, seems to me to in error say "It was all about you racist southerners and your institution of slavery. If you would just apologize and give us the restitution we deserve, the country would be one happy place" So was it alone a Southern institution?, I think not. So is this all about "free money"? It is wrong to judge the past through the prism of the present?

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 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

My Reflections on the Fourth of July

On the Fourth of July in 1776, our fledgling country declared their independence from England. Our Confederate ancestors were one or two generations removed from this Declaration and the conflict that followed. Many of these men personally knew those who had fought to gain this independence. The Southern ancestors of these brave 1776 patriots saw the Confederate Government carrying the Constitution and freedom their ancestors fought for into this new country.

July 4, 1863 was a dark time for the Confederacy. The Army of Northern Virginia was returning to Virginia from the battle of Gettysburg. The Gibraltar of the Confederacy, Vicksburg, was lost splitting the Confederate nation. The Army of Tennessee was retreating out of Tennessee. Even in these dark days, the South did not give up but continued the fight for their freedom, to protect their families, their hearths, their altars and their very existence from a ruthless Yankee invader.

Even in our dark days of the present cultural cleansing, we must never surrender the good name of our ancestors or the symbols put in place to remember their sacrifice.

Every 14 year old

I was this fourteen year old, now I am that fourteen year old in an old man's body. Put on your kepi, arm your self with the truth and forward the colors.

"For every Southern boy fourteen years old, not once but whenever he wants it, there is the instant when it's still not yet two o'clock on that July afternoon in 1863, the brigades are in position behind the rail fence, the guns are laid and ready in the woods and the furled flags are already loosened to break out and Pickett himself with his long oiled ringlets and his hat in one hand probably and his sword in the other looking up the hill waiting for Longstreet to give the word and it's all in the balance, it hasn't happened yet, it hasn't even begun yet, it not only hasn't begun yet but there is still time for it not to begin against that position and those circumstances which made more men than Garnett and Kemper and Armstead and Wilcox look grave yet it's going to begin, we all know that, we have come too far with too much at stake and that moment doesn't need even a fourteen-year-old boy to think This time. Maybe this time with all this much to lose and all this much to gain: Pennsylvania, Maryland, the world, the golden dome of Washington itself to crown with desperate and unbelievable victory the desperate gamble, the cast made two years ago...." ~William Faulkner, *Intruder in the Dust* (1948)

Woodrow Wilson Said

“It was necessary to put the South at a moral disadvantage by transforming the contest from a war waged against states fighting for their independence into a war waged against states fighting for the maintenance and extension of slavery...and the world, it might be hoped, would see it as a moral war, not a political; and the sympathy of nations would begin to run for the North, not for the South.” Woodrow Wilson, “A History of The American People”, page 231

The Terrible Truth about Lincoln and The Confederate War,

by Michael Hutcheson

Although there was some opposition to slavery in the country, the government was willing to concede everything the South wanted regarding slavery to keep it in the Union. Given all these facts, the idea that the South seceded to protect slavery is as absurd as the idea that Lincoln fought the war to end slavery. Lincoln himself said in a famous letter after the war began that his sole purpose was to save the Union, and not to either save or end slavery; that if he could save the Union without freeing a single slave, he would. Nothing could be clearer. For decades before the war, the South, through harsh tariffs, had been supplying about 85% of the country's revenue, nearly all of which was being spent in the North to boost its economy, build manufacturing, infrastructure, railroads, canals, etc. With the passage of the 47% Morrill Tariff the final nail was in the coffin. The South did not secede to protect slavery, although certainly they wished to protect it; they seceded over a dispute about unfair taxation, an oppressive Federal government, and the right to separate from that oppression and be governed “by consent”, exactly the same issues over which the Founding Fathers fought the Revolutionary War. When a member of Lincoln's cabinet suggested he let the South go in peace, Lincoln famously replied, “Let the South go? Where, then, would we get our revenue!” He then launched a brutal, empirical war to keep the free and sovereign states, by force of arms, in the Union they had created and voluntarily joined, and then voluntarily left. This began his reign of terror.

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State Flag

The fight to remove our state flag continues with a new battle front opening every day it seems, A new city follows suit with the heritage haters and removes our state's flag from a position of honor in city and county offices. It is like they have all drunk the same "Kool Aid" and have this vision that with out the battle flag as a part of our state flag all other problems will melt away. Some cities and counties in our great State have rebuked the haters and have voted to continue to fly our state flag. The haters of our heritage never give up. After a failure, they not only double down on that strategy but develop a new and innovative ways to destroy the symbols of our heritage. A case study of this strategy is the war against our flag of the great state of Mississippi . You all know the efforts of the past to force removal of our present state flag. Popular votes, court cases, arm twisting of legislatures and proposed constitutional amendments are all examples that have so far failed. These efforts have all been opposed by the majority of the people of the state but a very vocal minority continue to carry the fight against our heritage. Their lack of victories has left, our left leaning cities and universities to lower our beautiful state flag. Now with a very important event to our state, the bicentennial of our statehood, will come a new effort to change our state flag, a flag to celebrate the bicentennial. This flag will fill the empty flag poles around the state and there will be resolutions celebrating our bicentennial and the flag developed to celebrate the occasion. Along with this fell good movement, there will be a continued effort to change our state flag in the legislature. One of the "hate the flag" strategies is to over the year of our bicentennial to gather momentum to have this flag to replace our current flag. My position is as always no compromise no surrender. Contact your Representative and Senator in Jackson and voice your opinion on our state flag. The speaker of the house will continue his effort to erase our proud heritage. The Clarion Ledger, in an attempt to fuel the fire decided to ask for proposed flag designs

St Louis Outcome



"On June 26, 2017, the City of St. Louis, Missouri released control of the 1914 St. Louis Confederate Monument to the Missouri Civil War Museum and has granted permission to the museum to enter Forest Park and remove the monument. Museum officials and our construction contractors arrived in Forest Park today and started the disassembly of the historic monument. The removal of the monument should be completed by June 30, 2017, depending on weather conditions.

Many of you know that the museum filed a lawsuit against the City of St. Louis on June 16, 2017 after the City started removing sections of the monument and then challenged the museum's claim of ownership of the monument. The museum contacted City officials and then provided to them a final correspondence on June 16, 2017 informing the City that the museum requested permission to start disassembly of the monument on June 19, 2017; if the City challenged the museum's claim of ownership of the monument, legal action would be taken to prove that claim in a court of law. The City refused to allow the museum and its contractors to enter Forest Park and continued to publicly challenge the museum's claim of ownership in the local media, therefore the lawsuit was filed. On June 19, 2017, the

museum was successful in obtaining a judicial Temporary Restraining Order against the City of St. Louis that stopped the City's scheduled removal of the monument.

After the museum and our legal representatives continued to produce many additional documented facts of the case to City officials and their legal representatives, the City of St. Louis apparently became satisfied that enough evidence had been revealed for them regarding the ownership of the monument and they offered a settlement of the case to the museum.

Therefore, on June 26, 2017, the Missouri Civil War Museum did accept the terms of the settlement agreement with the City and the museum now retains full ownership of the monument. The monument's relocation project has now begun.

It is the museum's plan to place the monument in protective storage for a period of time until preservation and restoration work on the monument can be completed. The preservation work will involve stone repair and enhancement, paint and chemical stain removal, and meticulous restoration work on the monument's beautiful bronze artwork that was created by renowned sculptor George Julian Zolany (1863-1949). Once preservation work is completed, the museum will then determine and select an appropriate historic setting and site for the monument to be relocated to.

If you would like to help with the St. Louis Confederate Monument Preservation and Relocation Project, please make a tax-deductible financial contribution above to the museum's Civil War Preservation Fund. The Missouri Civil War Museum is a registered Missouri Not-For-Profit Organization and an IRS recognized and authorized 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Help Us Save History, Donate Today

Respectfully,

Mark L. Trout, Executive Director

Missouri Civil War Museum"

Mississippi Division E council meeting

The next E council meeting is Sept 16 at the war memorial building in Jackson

Jeff Davis Legion

The new editor of the Mississippi division newsletter, the Jeff Dais Legion, is Past Division commander and past newsletter editor John Echols. Thanks John.

Honor Your Ancestor

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

Newsletter,

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

Southern Gentleman's Brown Bag Lunch Club

Like minded individuals gather every third Tuesday of the month for a Brown bag lunch and pleasant conversation. You pick what is in your brown bag for lunch and what you want to talk about. There is no protocol, agenda, or speaker just good fellowship. This next event will be on August 15th at high noon at 216 Miller Street in the Disabled Veterans Building. The John C. Pemberton Sons of Confederate Veterans will be the host for the luncheon. Ladies are welcome. SCV memberships is not required. This is one of the high points of my month.

Vicksburg "War to Prevent Southern Independence" (Civil War) Roundtable

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

Dues, The South Needs All its Sons

Our annual dues are due on 1 Aug and late on 31 August. The new late date is a change from previous years. With issues with our printer and the Post Office you will not get the normal notification of dues from the Mississippi Division Adjutant. The check for dues and donations should be sent to the John C. Pemberton Adjutant Larry Holman at 61 Rollingwood Dr, Vicksburg,, MS 39183. There are three levels of dues. National dues of \$30, State dues of \$10, and camp dues of \$7. You must be current in all three levels to remain a member in good standing. Life membership at the national and or state level exempts you only from that level of annual dues. Members attached with this newsletter is a dues notice from Larry.

Chaplain's Corner Thanks Bryan For the Brethren

In the apostle Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians, we read, But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned (2:14). The natural man is thus an apt description for a secular or worldly person. One bible commentator referred to them as "worldlings" on account of their great love for the things of this life. And another once said that, "The natural man may be learned, gentle, eloquent, [and] fascinating, but the spiritual content of Scripture is absolutely hidden from him..." "And the reason? Because he does not have the Holy Ghost to guide him into all truth. His master the devil is not interested in him gaining such knowledge and has done his level best to keep the natural man— or "worldling"— from knowing God so that he won't receive from him his Spirit. The French mathematician and philosopher, Blaise Pascal, once noted that, "In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't." And for the "worldling" these shadows are very dark indeed.

Desire is a product of knowledge. If you do not know of a thing, you cannot desire it. For the natural man to desire God, he must first recognize that there is God. The atheist says that there is no God. The agnostic says that he or she has no knowledge of God. The pagan says that a god or gods exist but such a being's ways are esoteric, or mysterious, and cannot be known except through some elaborate ritual or study path. And so for "worldlings" to come to know the one true and living God, they must have some indication that God does in fact exist.

The Bible tells us in Hebrews 11:1-2 that, Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. We who have been regenerated in Christ have faith that God is. We also have the benefit of the Holy Ghost the Comforter to guide us. When we came to recognize the existence of God, we were then presented with who God is. If we had chosen to reject him, it would have been on account of our worldly natures influenced by Satan as he would likely have substituted some other explanation for us to believe, or, have faith in as truth. The apostle Paul noted in Romans 1:18-20 that, ... the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them: for God hath shewed it unto

them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

Without excuse? Yes, my friends they are without excuse because no one on this earth is truly ignorant of God. They may not know his name or the fundamentals of the Christian faith, but they know he is there if they but look about them. The natural man looks at the creation and sees not the handiwork of God plain before his face but something else. And that “something else”— whatever it may be— will not point to God. Satan desires worship, and will use every opportunity to turn the gaze of mankind from his Creator to himself. Human wisdom rationalizes rather than accurately describes this earthly sphere. We can assume broadly or specifically, but we cannot discern the things of God when we use earthly wisdom as our guide. In the story series known as “The Shadow” one of the characters said, “The clouded mind sees nothing” and Satan has done just that. For once a person rejects the truth of God, then the open door to Satan worship will have been created for as the apostle Paul noted in Romans 1:21-23, Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful: but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

G. K. Chesterton, once said that, “When a man ceases to believe in God, he does not believe in nothing. He believes in anything.” When the natural man rejects God, he will find some other source of perceived truth to believe in. And to that end, Satan has worked diligently to take the seed of the word from the hearts of men (St. Matthew 13:19). The darkened heart then cannot see through the veil which has descended over his soul. He cannot of his own efforts find the truth of God because he believes he has found it in the satanic rationale— the author of which is also hidden from his understanding— so that anything other than those things which point to the truth of God will be accepted and believed.

So what then can the natural man do to be saved? He is powerless to save himself, and if he will not believe and accept Jesus Christ, he will be lost forever in the fires of perdition. Only through an acceptance of our Lord as his Saviour will the natural man obtain God’s gracious favor. That is where our work as Christians comes into play. God did not put us here to hobble his message of salvation by being “tolerant” or “inclusive” with regard to false doctrines or false teachers. God has called us to proclaim the truth of

his word written. He has called us to have an answer for the faith that we possess. He has sent us forth as his ambassadors to this sin-darkened world that— through the shining light of our faith— others will see and then seek after God and his Christ to their eternal good.

Do not be deceived. You cannot expect to be received into God's kingdom if you are not willing to recognize him as your Creator, Redeemer and Friend. There is a day coming when God will finally bring an end to this time of sin and spiritual darkness. May it please our good and loving God to inspire you to go forth in his name and proclaim his word to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death that they too might come into light of his presence and be saved.

Let us pray, O gracious Father, we thank you for your word written; that through thy might and power vested in us by the Holy Ghost, we might proclaim it unto all who would hear and receive it into their hearts; 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 has coordinated with others in the third brigade to set an initial 47 stones in one of the lots we control in Cedar Hill. Thanks to Trent Lewis for being the sparkplug for this effort, Wayne McMaster for being the camp's point man in setting up this effort and Bryan Skipworth for repairing the broken stones and placing many stones in the ground. These men died at Mississippi Springs and were buried at Cooper's well. The Cooper's Well location is not available for Confederate stone placement so these stones have laid on the ground for 15 years waiting for a home. A memorial service is being planned in the fall. The last stones have been delivered and are set. A plaque is being developed to be placed in the lot explaining these veteran's story. Thanks to all who were a part of this effort. Go to:

http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~taleese/soldiers_rest_vicksburg/cooper_wells/cooper_wells.htm

for more info, thanks Anna

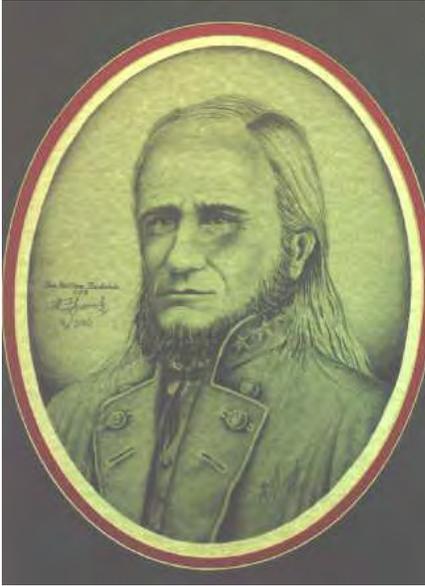
They Fell in Defense of Their Homes, That is the Context Did Karma Visit Ole Miss?



Ole Miss has installed a context plaque at the Confederate monument on campus. The monument needs no context as its meaning is clear and etched in stone. Translated from the Greek inscription in memory of the University Grays: Very powerful!!

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

General Barksdale, "Attention, Mississippians"



William Barksdale was born in Smyrna Tennessee and graduated from the University of Nashville. He practiced law in Mississippi until he became the editor of the local newspaper in Columbus Mississippi. During the Mexican War, he was a captain in the 2d Mississippi Infantry. After the Mexican war, he served in the United States House of Representatives and was considered one of the most ferocious fire eaters. As Mississippi left the union, he left congress and was appointed Adjutant General and Quartermaster General of the Mississippi militia. In the Confederate Army, he was appointed colonel of the 13th Mississippi infantry which he lead at first Manassas, the Peninsula campaign and Seven Days. With the death of his brigade commander, he assumed command of the brigade which came to be known as Barksdale's Mississippi brigade and was promoted to Brigadier General. He lead his Mississippi brigade at Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. On the second day at Gettysburg he lead his troops to near victory. Upon receiving his orders to advance he shouted to his men, **"Attention, Mississippians! Battalions forward! Dress to the colors and Forward to the foe! Onward, Brave Mississippians! For Glory!"** Many say his charge was in fact the high point of the Confederacy and came the closest to a victory at Gettysburg. As he lead the charge from the front mounted on his horse, he was wounded and left on the field. He died the next day in a Yankee field hospital. He is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Jackson Ms.

John C. Pemberton Camp Website

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

John C. Pemberton on Facebook

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

Flag Restoration

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

Beauvoir



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

Friends of Beauvoir

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

Here is an Invitation to give the Past a Future!

Go to http://www.beauvoir.org/Support_Beauvoir/index.html for details

Bricks for Beauvoir



The plans are for a brick plaza around the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Each brick would cost \$50.00 and would have the name of a Confederate ancestor of members of the SCV who give to the effort. “The Bricks for Beauvoir” Project is spearheaded by Larry McCluney, Past Commander of the Mississippi Division. Thirteen columns, in a crescent, will represent the 13 States of the Confederacy and will fly the flag of each respective State. The project is drawing near the end. It is projected the project will be complete by Fall Muster. By all reckoning there are 153 more spaces left in the archway. Contact *Evelyn "Ellie" Provost, Administrative Assistant at (228) 388-4400 ext 211 or eprovoat@beauvoir.org*

Fall Muster

Place October 20-22 on your calendar, This date is the weekend of Fall Muster at Beauvoir.

Upcoming Mississippi Division Reunion Locations

2018 Private Samuel A. Hughey camp 1452 Southaven, Ms

2019 The Rankin Rough and Ready's camp Brandon, Ms

2020 John C Pemberton 1354 Vicksburg Ms

Upcoming National Conventions

2018 Franklin Tennessee

2019 Mobile Alabama

2020 Jacksonville, Florida.

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