

# IN THE TRENCHES

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

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Editor

## **Commanders Report**

Hello Compatriots,

Hope all of you are enjoying this fine warm southern weather we are having now. If you don't like the heat and humidity, you will be in trouble here. We have some acquaintances from Connecticut, she says the heat is unbearable here. Well, my only advice to her was to stay inside with the A/C or head back above the Mason/Dixon line. I experienced some hot days up there also.

While digging around in some boxes the other day I came across a project Mary had started back in early 2001. Remember some people wanted our state flag and we did not want to give it up, had a vote on it and every thing. Maybe I will get it finished by our next meeting and bring it for yall to look at. Some of the articles brought back some memories that were pleasant and some that were not.

I would like to thank yall for your thoughts and prayers the last couple of weeks for the loss of my brother Bobby. Friends mean a lot in times like this.

Everyone try to come and bring someone if possible, Josh Edwards is to give the program about his Texas ancestors.

Thank you,  
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>
Sept, 2 2014	Josh Edwards	Sam Bell Maxie
Oct 7, 2014	Larry Holman	Old Federal Road

## **Prayers Needed**

Please keep Commander McMaster and his family in our prayers. His brother Bobby passed away this month.

## **Sam Price**

Sam has been in the hospital for several days and will probably still be in when you get this news letter. He has a wound on his foot that he is being treated for. Keep Sam in your prayers.

## **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@mississippiiscv.org](mailto:adjutant@mississippiiscv.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.

## August Meeting

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bryan Dabney followed by Pledges, salutes, and the Charge led by Thomas Dabney. Jerry McWilliams presented a medal to Joel Bailey for his great grandfather's service to the Confederate army at Champion Hill. His ancestor served in the 6th Mississippi infantry. Eddy Cresap presented the program on the Hunley. The crew members of the Hunley showed extraordinary courage to volunteer to man this boat. Dr. McMillan showed us some prints from his collection and asked the camp to identify the picture. He also gave a short talk on the truth of history. The Merrimac was actually the CSS Virginia formerly the Merrimac, why don't they teach the truth. And then what about the big lie, the reason our ancestors fought. Our meeting was closed with a prayer by Chaplain Dabney. Thanks to Wayne for the pictures below.



## **Slavery Was Not the Cause of the War Between the States, The Irrefutable Argument. - by Gene Kizer, Jr.**

I am proud to announce a powerful new 250-page softcover book with citation, using over 140 sources that are listed in a bibliography. There are 56 sample pages on

[www.BonnieBluePublishing.com](http://www.BonnieBluePublishing.com) and a PDF file of sample pages that can be saved and emailed. A Pre-Publication Promotion deal for the softcover print edition is \$15.95 (plus shipping). The first thousand copies will be numbered and signed by the author

Now you will know why Abraham Lincoln insisted that the war was about preserving the Union. He had to preserve the Union or the Northern economy would be annihilated because its success was based on manufacturing and shipping for the South. Without the South, the North was dead, bankrupt, millions unemployed, etc., and that's why Mr. Lincoln started his war.

I also prove, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the North did not go to war to end slavery or free the slaves.

For example, if the North had gone to war to free the slaves, it would have started by passing a constitutional amendment abolishing slavery since there were more slave states in the Union (8) than in the Confederacy (7) when the war started.

The Northern Congress did the opposite. It overwhelmingly passed the Corwin Amendment leaving black people in slavery forever, even beyond the reach of Congress. This alone proves, unequivocally, that the North did not go to war to end slavery or free the slaves.

There is much much more in a fast-paced, well-documented, compelling argument that shows clearly why slavery was not the cause of the War Between the States.

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## **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!

## **Re-enactors needed**

Cub Family Weekend Camp Tiak (north of Wiggins) Saturday  
October 4-5 noon until approximately 5 pm

The Pine Burr Area Council would love to have Re-enactors with period weapons and attire display and demonstrate WBTS weaponry. Other period activities that would be considered Living History are being sought as well. The participants would be given lunch at the camp around noon and then educate the cubs and their parents until about 5 pm. In case of rain there are scattered pavilions across the property which is just north of Bond on Highway 49.

Interested individuals and units can contact Rob Harrison of the BSA Pine Burr Area Council. His cell is 228 297-8845.

## **Memorial Service in Brandon**

The Rough and Readies will host a Memorial service for Judge James Wallace McMaster. This McMaster family is little kin our Commander.

The memorial service for the McMaster family is on November 1st at 11:00am and it will end at approx. 11:30am. at the Old Brandon Cemetery. Take exit 56 off of I-20 East. Take a right on HWY 80. Go approximately 1 mile and take a left onto HWY 471. The Old

Brandon Cemetery is approx. 1/4 mile down on your right. If you want to dress out and participate contact Tim Cupit at 769-234-2966 or at home at 769-251-0091. Or if you just want to come out and show support that would be appreciated as well.

### **Reenactment of the Battle of McLeod's Mill**

Greene County MS is having a 150th reenactment of the Battle of McLeod's Mill, that was during the Davison raid of South Mississippi. It will be Dec 6, 2014 in Leakesville Ms. We are also planning to dedicate a monument honoring our Confederate Veterans on Dec 5. We are very excited Greene County has never had anything to honor our soldiers until now! Dec 5 will be a day of Living History and the town has agreed to let us set up camp almost directly across from the Courthouse on the main highway through town which were the men camp in 1861. We also plan to have a Ball on Saturday. Please help us get this information to any one whom may be interest. We want to honor these brave men, and show our community what a wonderful organization the SCV is. Contact Marinda Gillie Kane Email: [Mrngill9@yahoo.com](mailto:Mrngill9@yahoo.com) for more info

### **Ms Division 2015 convention**

On behalf of the Membership and Staff of the General William Barksdale Camp 1220 located in Columbus, Mississippi; you are cordially invited to attend the: 120th Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the 21st Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose Reunions Held June 05-07, 2015 in historic Columbus, Mississippi!

### **Upcoming National Conventions**

2015 – Richmond

2016 – Dallas/Ft. Worth

2017 – Memphis

## **North Charleston Convention**

For those of you who are interested and were unable to attend the recently concluded reunion in Charleston, our annual Book of Reports has been made available to electronically. Just follow this link to get your copy:

[http://www.scv.org/pdf/ReportBook\\_2014.pdf](http://www.scv.org/pdf/ReportBook_2014.pdf)

## **Missing in Action**

**Source: General Dabney Herndon Maury's memoirs.**

It was about a month after we had driven Sherman's forces away from our front that an event occurred which plunged my family and staff into the deepest and most anxious suspense, and which furnished one of the most unusual and inexplicable mysteries in the many tragedies of all the sorrowful period of our Civil War. One morning in the latter part of January, I, accompanied by my chief of artillery, Colonel Burnett, and my young aide-de-camp, John Herndon Maury, son of Commodore Maury, rode to General Stevenson's headquarters, and, after the conclusion of my business there, sent these two gentlemen of my staff to make a reconnaissance near the Big Black Road. This was about ten o'clock in the morning. I have never seen my young aide-de-camp and kinsman since that moment, nor have I ever been able to ascertain what was his fate. Burnett returned to dinner at headquarters and reported that at about one o'clock P.M., having finished their business on the Big Black Road, young Maury left him in order to ride down to a point opposite the canal, and observe what the enemy were about there. No uneasiness was felt on account of his non-return that night, but when ten o'clock next morning had come and Johnny, as every one called him, had not yet been seen nor heard of, a vague anxiety manifested itself among us. This was soon increased by hearing that on the previous evening, about three o'clock, Generals Stevenson, Barton, and other officers familiar with John Maury, had seen a riderless horse, resembling his gray mare, on the far side of a crevasse in the levee on the plantation of Mr. Smeeds, about four miles below

Vicksburg. On learning this, I, accompanied by several officers and couriers, rode to the point, and found John's horse, with saddle on and bridle hanging loose. A strong levee had been built by Mr. Smeeds from the highland, more than a mile distant, in order to shut out the waters of a bayou which in some seasons would otherwise inundate his plantation. Recently this bayou had torn its way through the levee, making a breach of about twenty yards in width, through which the water was now running deep. The trail of the mare led from the highlands along the levee, entered the bayou at the crevasse and passed out at the other side; but from the point of exit the mare had been running back and forth so much that we were unable to follow the trail further. We concluded, however, that Maury had been drowned in attempting to cross the water, and immediately procured boats and proceeded to search for his body. This was continued without discovering anything which might tend to confirm our belief that he was drowned, until next evening, when Colonel Burnett, an experienced Texan hunter, reported that he had been carefully examining the tracks of the mare, and that from his observations she was evidently mounted when she emerged from the bayou beyond the crevasse; that she had been ridden at a trot along the levee to a point not far from the river; that at this point her footprints upon the levee ceased, she having turned off from it into the overflow, made a detour and came up on it again nearer the crevasse; that from the point where she had thus come up on the levee she had galloped, riderless, back to the brink of the crevasse, near which she remained until we found her. At the point where the mare had turned off, he found the paper cases of several cartridges different from those used in our army and also a fine piece of india-rubber, such as the Confederates could not procure, which had been used to cover the cone of a rifle. There were also evidences of a struggle on the brink of the Mississippi River, a few hundred yards distant, where he found the edge of the bank freshly broken off, and signs that several men had embarked there in a small boat. The space in which the young officer's body must lie had he been drowned, as we at first supposed, was small,



and as no trace of it had been found in the course of our thorough search, we decided, on hearing Burnett's report, that he had been captured by some scouting party from the army across the river, and had been borne a prisoner to the other shore. The anxiety of his friends was at once allayed, and some of them even ventured on a laugh at his expense; for this was the second time he had experienced capture while reconnoitering alone. Some of Grant's army had made him prisoner in November, near Holly Springs, and he had only been back with us a month. No one doubted that he was now safe and in good hands, and that his exchange would soon be effected. Next morning Major Flowerree, adjutant-general of my division, was sent under flag of truce to General Grant to make inquiry about Lieutenant Maury. To our grief and surprise, he returned in the evening with the report that nothing was known of him by the Federal commander; but with courteous assurances from General Grant and Admiral Porter, who knew young Maury well, that they would take all possible means to ascertain if he had been taken prisoner by any party of theirs, and would communicate to me the earliest intelligence they could procure. Thus we were again thrown back upon the fear that he had been drowned in crossing the bayou, and for two weeks the locality where his mare was found was watched, cannon were fired over it, and all the space was carefully dragged. About this time other kindly messages were received by me from General Grant and from Admiral Porter and other naval officers, assuring me that great pains had been taken and careful inquiry made after Lieutenant Maury, but that they had ascertained nothing calculated to remove the painful belief that he had been drowned. General Grant had been my own schoolmate and comrade in arms, and my young cousin was well known to Admiral Porter and other officers of the United States Navy, who had met him while he was a boy at the Observatory, of which his father was so long the chief. The conviction was then positive, and is now, that those officers were sincere in their efforts to find him and to aid me in my search. Some months had passed, when reports came to me from several

sources that a young officer named Maury, an aide-de-camp, had been captured near Vicksburg, and had been seen in Memphis and at other places in the spring, on his way to the prison at Johnson's Island. Returned prisoners from Johnson's Island reported to me that they had seen and conversed with my young cousin there, and so many points of identity were established that hope revived once more, but only to be lost again by learning that a young gentleman named JAMES FONTAINE MAURY, while serving in the battle near Grand Gulf as aide-de-camp to General Bowen, had been made prisoner in May, and sent to Johnson's Island. A very remarkable personal resemblance between JOHN HERNDON MAURY and JAMES FONTAINE MAURY, their common family ties, and identity of rank and of age - they were both nineteen years old - frequently caused them to be confounded with each other, and gave rise to the rumor that the former was still alive. Soon after the fall of Vicksburg, when in Mobile, I received a letter, ill-written and from an evidently uneducated writer, informing me that John had been made a prisoner and had died of pneumonia the third day after his capture, on board a Federal gunboat lying off Vicksburg. At the time very little importance was attached to this letter, but not long after, Colonel Underhill, a gallant young Scotchman, who had resigned his commission in the British army to serve in that of the Confederacy, wrote to me a very clear and consistent narrative which he had received from Captain Smith of the Thirteenth Iowa regiment. Colonel Underhill and Captain Smith were from the same county in Scotland, and met during a truce between the lines at Vicksburg, Underhill then being aide-de-camp to General Stephen D. Lee. During their sociable conversation on this occasion, Smith told Underhill that on the 27th of January he had crossed from the mouth of the canal with a party of four or five men to the levee on Smeeds' plantation, in order to ascertain if we were constructing any batteries there; that soon after reaching the levee, he observed a Confederate officer riding down it toward the point where he and his party were concealed, and, lying close, they waited until he came up and dismounted. While he was looking

through his field-glasses at the Federal works on the opposite bank, Smith and his men sprang upon him and secured him. The mare broke away from them, ran out into the overflow, and, remounting the levee, galloped back to the point she had come. As soon as it became dark, Smith and his party recrossed the river with their prisoner and sent him to Grant's headquarters, where he believed he was when my flag of truce came to inquire for him two days after. Captain Smith showed Underhill the field-glass which he had taken from his prisoner and retained as a trophy of his exploit. It was one that I had loaned John [Lt John Herndon Maury] that morning, and was marked with my name and rank. There are several points in this narrative which render it worthy of belief. It agreed in the main with Burnett's observations and the theory deduced from them, of which neither Smith nor Underhill had ever heard. There was never any evidence procured of the drowning, and capture was the probable alternative. The field-glasses seemed to fix the latter fact, while the respectable standing of the two gentlemen, and the absence of any motive or object for such a fiction leave us no right to question any part of their story. As to Smith's belief that young Maury was at Grant's headquarters while that general was denying all knowledge of him, we must remember that Smith could only know that Maury had been sent to the headquarters; while Grant, having just arrived at the army with large reinforcements, and being occupied in reorganizing his forces, could not be expected to be interested or even informed of the capture of a lieutenant. I have never doubted the sincerity of his desire to aid me as far as possible in my efforts to unravel this sad mystery, and believe he would have gladly done anything in his power toward it. The writer of the letter I received at Mobile stated that my cousin died of pneumonia three days after his capture. Soon after Underhill's testimony reached me, I received a verbal message from a lady in Vicksburg, who knew me and my young kinsman. She stated that a lieutenant of the Federal navy came to her house, accompanied by a man named Griffen, who had deserted to that service, and who had been employed about my

headquarters, and who had known young Maury. Griffen told her this same story - of young Maury's being ill with pneumonia and dying on a gunboat within three days of his capture. For more than fifty years the father [Commodore Matthew Fontaine Maury], the uncles, and many other relatives of this young gentleman were well known officers of the naval service of the United States. Having passed almost his whole life at the Observatory, he was himself well known to scores of naval officers. These circumstances, coupled with the further facts that he was a staff-officer of the general second in command of the army at Vicksburg, the immediate, active, diligent, and persistent search made for him, the cordial interest evinced by Generals Grant and Sherman, Admiral Porter, and Captain Breeze, and other officers of the Federal service in the investigations made as to his fate, combine to render the mystery which enshrouds it as extraordinary as it is inexplicable, while the beautiful traits, the fine intellect, the excellent attainments, and the gallant yet gentle bearing of the young soldier invest it to all who knew him with a peculiar and especial sadness. Thirty years have come and gone since the events narrated here took place, yet not once has the curtain which shrouds the actual facts in this pathetic drama of the war been lifted; and we who knew and loved the chief actor in it shall learn no more until we, too, have followed him and crossed to the other shore.

### **Army of Tennessee Logo**

Greetings Fellow Compatriots of the Army of Tennessee- Just for one moment I would like you to think about any successful national company or your favorite sports team. They all have one thing in common... an easy to recognize logo that clearly identifies their product or franchise.

Our Confederate ancestors rallied around their own Regimental logos in the use of flags and banners. These instilled pride in oneself and the men of the units they were fighting with.

Today, I am announcing a friendly little Divisional competition to develop the new official logo for the Army of Tennessee. This logo will be used on all official documentation, a future A.O.T. flag, and to help our army stand out among our members. Since our army is the largest, we should also be the leader in developing our own logo first. Here is your chance to make a difference, a chance to design a logo for future generations of the A.O.T. to use and display with pride. The following is what we are proposing:

- (a) Develop your idea either on an individual basis or as a camp project.
  - (b) When submitting a logo, please retain it in the original format of the application you are creating it in, if possible, or save it with no background color.
  - (c) Resolution: 300 pixels per inch. Formats: png, psd, tif.
  - (d) email to: **alosure@yahoo.com** Please provide name and contact info.
  - (e) All entries must be received by October 1, 2014. Winning logo will appear in a future edition of Confederate magazine.
- Larry McCluney, A.O.T. Commander

### **Carmack's Pledge to the South**

One of the best-known parts of the Confederate Cemetery at Beech Grove is the marker that quotes Edward Ward Carmack's Pledge to the South. Taken from a speech he made on the floor of the House of Representatives, the pledge states:

The South is a land that has known sorrows; It is a land that has broken the ashen crust and moistened it with tears; A land scarred and riven by the plowshare of war and billowed with the graves of her dead; But a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hallowed and heroic memories.

To that land every drop of my blood, every fiber of my being, every pulsation of my heart, is consecrated forever.

I was born of her womb; I was nurtured at her breast; And when my last hour shall come, I pray God that I may be pillowed upon

her bosom and rocked to sleep within her tender and encircling arms.

Edward Ward Carmack (1858-1908),  
United States Representative, Tennessee

### **2014 Scottish Highland Games**

On November 15-16, 2014 the Scottish Highland Games and Celtic Music Festival will be presented at Beauvoir; Biloxi, Miss. go to <http://beauvoir.org/> for details

### **First Annual Arts & Crafts under the Oaks**

Come to the arts and crafts show on Saturday, September 6 at 9:00am at Beauvoir, The Last Home of President Jefferson Davis in Biloxi, Mississippi

### **Washington and Lee**

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS ACCUSE  
UNIVERSITY OF "NARROW MINDED PREJUDICE"  
"The New Bigots"

A recent event at Washington and Lee University has underscored the growing phenomenon of "South-bashing" in the media and in academia. At the behest of several young law students, that school's President made a decision to remove two St. Andrews Cross battle flags from the Lee Chapel on the campus. Lee Chapel is the burial place of Robert E. Lee, who led the Army of Northern Virginia. General Lee became President of what was then Washington College after the War Between the States and is generally credited with saving the school. The Chapel is a beloved and honored place to the more than 65 million Americans who are descended from those who fought for the South in that conflict.

The law students, who call themselves "The Committee", delivered an ultimatum to President Kenneth Ruscio threatening civil

disobedience unless certain demands were met. One of those demands was the removal of Confederate symbols from the Chapel, saying that the Christian Cross flags made them feel "unwelcome". On July 8th, Ruscio announced that the flags would be removed from the Lee Chapel. We cannot fathom why anyone would attend a school named after Robert E. Lee and then say they were offended by the St. Andrews Cross flag. Nor we cannot fathom how anyone could take them seriously and cave in to their threats. But in the current climate of 'South bashing', such a radical act as this seems to be accepted as some sort of litmus test for the "politically correct police".

It appears that those who have a very simplistic view of American history have decided that the 150th anniversary of The Civil War is the right time to demonize the Southern culture, to intensify their vilification of Confederate heritage, and to continue to act as if their actions are some sort of moral crusade.

We who are of Confederate heritage honor our ancestors for their sacrifice, their perseverance and their astonishing courage against overwhelming odds. These men were our family, our kinfolks, and their blood runs in our veins. But the new bigots of political correctness are exhibiting the same kind of narrow minded prejudice and knee-jerk bias that has always been the enemy of brotherhood and understanding.

This latest example is the breaking point for us. Our patience with this new McCarthyism is exhausted. These mean spirited attacks upon us come from the same sad place as do all racial, religious, and regional prejudices. They are rooted in an ignorance combined with a sense of superiority.

Over 50 years ago, that courageous Southerner Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "I have a dream that someday on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to dine together at the table of brotherhood." And that has happened. We have done that for decades now in the South, in great part because Dr. King did not qualify that dream or

put asterisks on it. He did not say that we would dine together in brotherhood only if we dishonored our ancestors or if our family could routinely be called bigots, traitors, and racists. He was a far better and wiser man than that. He meant that we would dine together by accepting our past as it is and that we would understand each other by our shared culture of work and weather and food and music and memory. That way we could strive together to heal the wounds of the past and thus build a proud and loving South, where folks are judged only by the content of their characters.

Slavery was not the sin of the South, but of the Nation. Chattel slavery existed throughout every colony and state for almost two centuries. Slavery was funded mainly by the Northern banks. The greatest profits went to the North. The North built the slave ships and manned them. The cotton also went North, to the vast textile mills in New England. The North's complicity in prolonging and profiting from slavery is one of the best kept secrets of American history. The work of the slaves helped to build America, both North and South. And yet the South has long been the scapegoat of these attacks from academia and the media.

The South is the fastest growing economic region in our nation. African-Americans are returning to the South in record numbers, finding a more traditional way of life here and according to many, better race relations.

It is long past the time for the new bigots of political correctness to get over their condescending sanctimony and to enter into the real world of brotherhood and fellowship. And it is time they understand that insulting our heritage is not the way to build bridges of progress.

Ben Jones

Chief of Heritage Operations

Sons of Confederate Veterans



## **Ole Miss Renames Street**

In their never ending quest for political correctness, Ole Miss is renaming Confederate Drive. We must each show our displeasure with the never ending assault on our heritage even if you think it is futile.

Go to <http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/calling-for-resignation-of-dan-jones.html> to review and sign a petition.

## **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)

## **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)

## **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.

## **Fall Muster**

Put Oct 18-19 on your calendar. 28th Annual Fall Muster

Experience the sights, sounds, and even the smells of the 1861-1865 conflict! There will be cavalry, Infantry and cannon demonstrations, and a battle on each day! All branches of service, North and South, civilians, drummer boys and spectators welcomed! Festivities include a Picnic Basket Auction, Ladies Tea & a Saturday Night Dance with Entertainment!

Recognized AAA Southern Travel Treasure 2011!

Date(s): 10/18/2014 - 10/19/2014

Times: 9am gates open

Location: Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd, Biloxi

Contact: Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home

Phone: 228-388-4400

Admission: Admission Charged

## **Beauvoir News**

On Saturday, August 9, 2014, the Combined Boards of Beauvoir elected Greg Stewart as Executive Director of Beauvoir.

Greg was chosen from a field of three outstanding candidates.

Rick Forte,

Chairman of the

Combined Boards of Beauvoir

## **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

## **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 it's 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 till 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

## Poets Corner



### *ON SKY PARLOR HILL*

*by: Joel T Bailey*

*A scenic place in Vicksburg  
Was called Sky Parlor Hill  
As the war went on below  
Here it was peaceful and still*

*People stood on the hilltop  
And gazed at the scenes in awe  
They listened to the sounds  
And marveled at what they saw*

*In the river the Cincinnati burned  
Destroyed by a rebel gun  
And to the right was the court house  
Standing stately in the sun*

*Flowers bloomed and birds sang  
So the people couldn't comprehend  
That the peaceful life they knew  
Would soon come to an end*

### **Vicksburg Mississippi from Sky Parlor Hill – 1863**

This view of Vicksburg, Mississippi shows the early days of the siege, with flowers blooming and birds singing. The citizens visited Sky Parlor Hill daily to watch the battle in the distance. There they discussed the folly of the Union Army attempting to conquer Vicksburg. The Old Court House Museum is seen in the distance where McWilliams' life-size portrait of Gen. John C. Pemberton, the defender of Vicksburg, now hangs. The U.S.S. Cincinnati, crippled by Confederate cannons, burns in the river. The citizens of Vicksburg had no idea at that time the trials and tribulations that awaited them in the weeks to come. This print has been shown many times on the History Channel.

## **Friends of Beauvoir**

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

Here is an Invitation to give the Past a Future!

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

## **Bricks for Beauvoir**

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

## **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.

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## **Dues update**

Our camp renewal status at this moment stands at 24 paid in good standing and 12 unpaid that were members last year. Thanks to all that have renewed in a timely manner. I would like to urge the remaining 12 members and any past members to send in your dues before the end of August. If you have any questions or you don't know if you have paid this year or not, give me a call (601-636-7276) or email me by replying to this email.

Thanks,

Larry Holman

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## **Chaplains Corner**

For the Brethren:

In his epistle to the Romans (15:4), we are told by the apostle Paul that ...whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. God did not intend for us to have a blind faith. He did not intend for us to languish in anxious anticipation for some nebulous response from a mystic, an augur, or an oracle. He gave us his word written so that we might know the truth in the plain language of the Holy Bible, and be transformed by the workings of the Holy Ghost. We refer to that transformation as being “regenerated” or “born again.”

Our rebirth in the Spirit thus empowers our Christian witness and walk so that those who have not yet received Christ Jesus as their Saviour and Lord might receive his free gift of grace. For in their acceptance of him who is the Prince of Peace, they will receive his peace. And as a result, they too will be inspired to proclaim the gospel of truth to others. Unfortunately, there are a sizable number of people who will reject the offering of the gospel of truth. In fact, one may experience a nasty outburst especially from those who are firmly in the grip of the wicked one, or his myriad of demon helpers. Such persons may attack God’s word written as well as the believer who witnessed to them. That is why it is so important for us to have on, and keep in good repair, our spiritual armour. You cannot hope to stand and fight victoriously if you are not so equipped. An integral part of our spiritual armour is our knowledge of God’s word written. As regenerate Christians, we have confidence in God’s word written which tells us of the great victory that he has won over the world, the flesh and the devil. We also share in that victory, and in that knowledge, we are given a peace which truly passeth all understanding. It is not something that we can quantify in human terms because it is supernatural. It is not something that you can grasp with your hand, or even with your mind apart from simple acceptance that God is. And because he is, we have the blessed assurance that he will do for his own as



he as promised within the pages of the Holy Scriptures. We must also possess a saving faith which is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen (Hebrews 11:1). Now modern, unregenerated man mocks the word of God because his malevolent manipulator does not want him to acknowledge the truth. Nevertheless, we should work to lift the veil of spiritual blindness from those of the unsaved as our Lord permits. We may not succeed, but that does not mean that we have failed.

God knows who will be his own and who will not. And because God is sovereign, we ought not to grade ourselves too harshly by measuring our successes or failures based solely upon mere numbers of persons who seem to respond favorably to our witness versus those who do not. That is the nature of things. Still, God's word will sustain us and comfort us in all our divinely appointed tasks. Consider the following passages: Our Lord said If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you (St. John 14:15-17). And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment... he will guide you into all truth... he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you (St. John 16:8, 13-14). Consider also these verses from the apostles Paul and Peter: ...the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God (Romans 8:16).

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because it maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God (Romans 8:26-27). All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for

instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (II St. Timothy 3:16-17). For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ... We have also a more sure word of prophecy...knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation, for the prophecy came not in the old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (II St. Peter 1:16, 19-20-21). So we should not fold our hands and bow our heads in dejection when we are not received by the unregenerate. We ought to teach with patience, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God, peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth... that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will (II St. Timothy 2:25-26). We have received a gift of great value, and we have been called upon to evangelize the world around us using that gift. We must not lose hope. We must not break faith. If all that has been set forth in Scripture is for our edification, then let us, as St. Paul has said, run with patience the race, that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:1-2).

Let us pray:

O Lord our God, who through thy divine Spirit didst give thy word to the prophets and apostles; instill within us the desire to read thy most holy word, and to inwardly digest the same; that we being so filled with the knowledge which it contains, might ever be confident in our life and witness; for this we ask in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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