

IN THE TRENCHES

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"A people removed from their history, are a
people who are easily controlled".

Vladimir Lenin

Commander's Column

Dear Compatriots,

I trust that all of you are having a good end to the Dog Days of Summer. As fall approaches, we do not at all need to forget the eventful summer of 2015 in which our Southern Heritage suffered its most vicious attack in decades. We must stay diligent and aware of Heritage violations around us. Remember that the Court of Public Opinion is on our side, as evidenced by the large show of Confederate Battle Flags in Gettysburg and in Wisconsin this summer after the break of the Controversy. Please remember to teach your children and other young people in your family the truths of History as they are most likely not getting it in school.

Our September meeting will feature our distinguished Compatriot, Mr. Sam Price, giving a most interesting program. Please come and bring a friend. See you on September 1 and also September 3 if you are interested in the Sons of the American Revolution.

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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. Want to learn stuff you never knew, come listen to Sam.

Below are the list of upcoming meetings and speakers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
Sept 1	Sam Price	"The Walnut Hills Line"
Oct 6	Larry Holman	Confederate POW's

The Great War to Prevent Southern Independence

Thanks to Doctor McMillin

President Abraham Lincoln and Attorney Johnny Cochran were both shrewd lawyers. They both won their most famous contest, but neither one was right on the issue contested.

President Lincoln behaved like an abusive husband and basically told the South, "Girl, get back in this house. If you leave me, I will kill you." When the South left, he invaded and destroyed the South and forced her back into the house. Until America can admit this fact, upon which this opinion is based, and apologizes, there can be no true reconciliation of the 1860 - 61 attempted divorce of the South from the North.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder
When you see the Confederate Flag and
you do not see beauty,
but you do see hate,
the problem is with you, not the flag,
Thou shalt NOT commit
Cultural Cleansing

Dues, The South Needs All its Sons

Our annual dues were due on 1 Aug and are 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 are available for both the Division and National level. Contact Larry Holman for details

August Meeting

The meeting was opened with a prayer, pledges, salutes and the charge. The camp enjoyed a cake celebrating Lt. General John C. Pemberton's Birthday followed by a program on Pemberton. Four new members were accepted into our membership: Brain Skipworth, Nathan Skipworth, Kevin Skipworth, and Syd Johnson. A resolution was accepted by the camp to send to our Mississippi senators expressing our dissatisfaction with their recent statements on our state flag. The meeting was closed with prayer.

Patriots Begat Patriots

Our Confederate ancestors were proud descendants of the men who fought in the first American Revolution. Our Confederate ancestors saw themselves as carrying the ideals that their ancestors fought for into a new country, The Confederate States of America. The Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will hold an organizational meeting to reinstate the Warren County Chapter on Thursday Sept. 3 at our meeting location (216 Miller Street) at 6 P.M.

Arm Your Self With Truth

Lincoln's war was all about money and power.

All members should arm themselves with facts relative to the true history of our heritage. When these issues arise in conversation, do not let Yankee lies and fairy tails be presented as truth. In a gentlemanly fashion present the true facts. We may not win over true haters of our heritage but we can plant a seed that maybe there is more to then story than they have been taught. But even more importantly, those with true Southern roots that have never been presented with the truth can be brought back to the light.

1984, “He who controls the past controls the Future. He who controls the present controls the past.”

In the novel 1984, historical facts are manipulated to coincide with the party line. In this vision of the future, the Ministry of Truth is responsible for propaganda and historical revisionism. Its job is to rewrite past newspaper articles, so that the historical record always supports the party line.

All history that does not support the party line is erased from memory and individuals in history who no longer represent the party line are purged from all mention.

So what are we seeing as the haters of Southern heritage attack our symbol? They would banish all mention and memory of our Southern heroes from existence. The heroes would become an "unperson".

Southern Gentleman's Brown Bag Lunch Club

Like minded individuals gather every third Tue 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 Set 15 at 1200 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. Our August Brown bag was well attended with lots of good discussion and fellowship. If you missed our August meeting, you missed the passion shown by Doctor McMillin on the need for truth about our history. He strongly proclaims a need for action to ensure the true history is known.

Lest they forget

Major Reuben Webster Millsaps , 9th Ark infantry CSA, was an early benefactor and was instrumental in the founding and early success of Millsap's college. He is buried on the campus.

A letter from Carl Ford

Though I am a rabid advocate of our state flag, I will gladly join in and sign the full page ad (The add that celebrities endorsed the changing of our state flag) that appeared today, just as soon as all of the signers read Lincoln's 1st Inaugural Address, the Corwin Amendment, the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, Lincoln's address to Fredrick Douglas and other free blacks, his schemes to relocate free Blacks anywhere but the U. S., and the Emancipation Proclamation; and when they issue not only a call for the Legislature to remove our state flag, but a letter calling on the President and Congress to remove Lincoln from the \$5 bill, the penny and to remove his monument in Washington. If after a study of Lincoln from his own words, they don't call for his removal, they are total hypocrites.

19 Points the History Books Leave Out

by Steve Quick

- 1) The slave trade prospered in West Africa 40 years before Columbus even discovered America. African tribes actually conducted raids on their neighbors for the express purpose of enslaving them. Tragically, slavery is practiced to this very day in places like the Sudan, Zaire and Nigeria.
- 2) Five European powers (Spain, Portugal, France, Holland and Britain) competing for New World influence all employed slavery, with Brazil (Portugal's crown jewel) topping the list at 5.5 million slaves, half of the total brought to the New World. By 1860, their numbers had dwindled to a little over 2 million.
- 3) Only 6% of Africans reached our shores (about 600,000). By 1860 their numbers had increased (without new importations) to almost 4 million, the only slave population in recorded history to increase in captivity. Indigent Anglo-Celts filled the need for slaves (as indentured servants) in our early history by selling themselves into slavery because they could not afford the cost of passage. Most white Southerners are descendants of these early bondsmen.
- 4) Slavery was practiced in all thirteen colonies and NY city was second to Charleston in 1776 as the city with the highest percentage of slaves. Sojourner Truth was born Isabella Van Wagner, a slave in New York.
- 5) The liberal guilt, which today besets the North, has at its roots the profits from its vast slave trading which did nothing less than finance the Industrial Revolution. At the Constitutional Convention a continuation of the slave trade was a concession wrung by the Northern delegations from the South which allowed the North to continue the international trade another 20 years, until 1808.

6) New England slave ships continued plying the waters in defiance of the ban thereafter providing millions of slaves to French and Spanish sugar plantations in the Caribbean and South America.

7) The 1860 census reveals 95% of America's slaves were owned by just 5% of the population while 85% of Southerners owned the land and structures they lived upon. This clearly establishes a large, independent non slave-holding class of yeoman farmers who later became the rank and file as well as the heart and soul of the Confederate army. To state their motive for fighting was the preservation of slavery is pure nonsense.

8) Secession as a doctrine was asserted by both North and South (Massachusetts threatened to secede on three separate occasions). The abolitionists had also advocated secession. It was only after 1830 when the control of national politics by the North became permanent that secession became associated exclusively with the South. As a nation conceived in secession and built upon the principle that government is contingent on the consent of the governed the South, or any other section of the country for that matter was completely within principle to assert the right.

9) Slavery was an inefficient, self-consuming labor system driven by cotton and already well-contained within its own soon to be encountered natural frontiers (the American desert). It required ever newer lands to replace that which it exhausted. The pattern was identical throughout the entire Western Hemisphere. It was doomed for extinction well before the end of the century if left alone.

10) Support for war among the general population North and South was weak prior to Sumter. The original seceding states contained only 30% of the Southern population. Four southern states subsequently voted down one ordinance of secession, four others would remain within the Union fold throughout the war. Northern war fever was equally tepid. The manipulation of Ft. Sumter by Seward and Lincoln which resulted in hostile fire polarized the vast middle and guaranteed a long and bloody conflict.

11) The war was unconstitutional and the closing of over 300 Northern newspapers and suspension of habeas corpus that jailed 13,000 Northern civilians (including elected officials) is without parallel in our entire history! The Lincoln Administration repeatedly violated amendments 1, 4,5,6,8, 9 and 10. By contrast Jefferson Davis closed not one paper nor jailed one citizen.

To be continued

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Poet' s Corner (Thanks Joel for your help)

THE DEATH OF DIXIE

Eddy Cresap

As a young boy southern bred
Dixie on the airways closed the day
On the court house square a soldier proudly led
He watched to the north to always stay

In the sunny South today
Our proud Dixie is not found
Some want our marble to lay
In a pile of rubble not making a sound

The government schools teach our son
Many lies, the truth they hide
To maintain our history, what is to be done
Something must change to restore our pride

And it hurts to have to see
What they're doing to our flag
For it's a part of our Southern history
Not to be treated like a rag

Chaplains Corner (thanks to my Daughter)



**The red field represents the Blood of Christ.
The white border represents the Protection of God.
The blue "X" represents the Christian Cross of Saint Andrew,
the first Disciple of Christ Jesus and Patron Saint of Scotland.
The 13 stars represent the 13 Southern States of Secession.
Thus, the message in the Confederate Battle Flag is:
"Through the Blood of Christ,
with the Protection of God,
We, the Thirteen States,
are united in our Christian fight for liberty."**

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Confederate Birthdays in September

Lt General Stephen Dill Lee	22 Sept 1833
Lt General Joseph Wheeler	10 Sept 1836
Admiral Raphael Semmes	27 Sept 1809

Joe Wheeler

Joseph Wheeler (September 10, 1836 – January 25, 1906) was born in Augusta Georgia and raised in Connecticut. He has the rare distinction of serving as a general during wartime for two opposing forces: first as a noted cavalry general in the Confederate States Army during the Great War to prevent Southern Independence and later as a general in the United States Army during both the Spanish–American War and Philippine–American War near the turn of the twentieth century.

He attended West Point graduating in July 1859 with a class standing of 19/22. Upon graduation he was stationed in New Mexico where while fighting Indians he earned his nickname fighting Joe Wheeler. Upon his entry into the Confederate Army he was named Colonel of the 19th Alabama infantry. After Shiloh and Corinth, he was transferred to the Calvary where he served as the senior cavalry general in the Army of Tennessee and fought in most of its battles in the Western Theater. During the excitement in a battle during the Spanish American war, he was heard to say during the excitement of the battle, "Let's go, boys! We've got the damn Yankees on the run again!" Between the Civil War and the Spanish–American War, Wheeler served multiple terms as a United States Representative from the state of Alabama. After long illness, Wheeler died in Brooklyn on January 25, 1906, at the age of 69. He is one of the few former Confederate officers to be buried within Arlington National Cemetery.

Warriors of Honor opening narration

When we speak of the war between The North and The South (The Great War to Prevent Southern Independence), we are not speaking of different directions but rather of two different cultures. One of the few things they had in common was the same language, and even that was spoken with different dialects. By 1861, Southerners had developed a philosophy of independence and individual freedom and were relatively free from governmental restraint. At the same time, the populous North embraced the notion of a strong central government, which resulted in its citizens giving up a large measure of individuality. The strained attempts at holding together two cultures so diametrically opposed resulted in a disastrous war. President Jefferson Davis predicted that if The South lost the war, the North would rewrite history in its favor, and today, virtually every school system in The South teaches its students from American history books produced in the North by Northern authors. A nation that is ignorant of its past is a nation that is ripe for deception and manipulation. Therefore, it is not what happened, but rather what people believe happened which determines the present actions of a nation.

This movie can be ordered from Netflix.

Fort Pillow

Much has been written about this battle, which occurred in April 1864 during a Forrest raid into West Tennessee. According to Confederate accounts the fort had no strategic value and was attacked at the insistence of pro Confederate civilians in the area. These men told Forrest of the atrocities being perpetrated by the occupants of the fort.

The Yankee press, in an attempt to raise the spirits of the USCT's, charged Forrest with participating in a massacre. Prior to the assault, the fort had turned down an offer of surrender with all occupants treated as Prisoners of War. After the fortifications were breached, there are accounts which tell the story of defending Union soldiers running toward the river, holding up their hands in surrender, and then returning fire with their weapons. The retreat to the river had been pre-staged as a plan with a Union gunboat covering their retreat, but the gunboat had come under Confederate fire and did not cover the retreat. Major Booth the commander of the fort was killed during the battle and Major Bradford, a Tennessee Yankee, was in charge of the fort during the assault.

On the way to the Fort, a portion of Forrest troops went to Brownsville Tennessee on the road from Jackson to Brownsville. On the farm where I grew up and on my Grandfather's farm just up the road was an old road bed that paralleled the present road from Jackson to Brownsville (Highway 70). My brother, cousins and I spent many hours in the road bed playing soldier on the very route of the Confederate Cavalry under the command of General Forrest.

Major Bradford after his surrender gave his parole and then escaped in violation of his word. He was recaptured and was on the road from Brownsville to Jackson Tennessee when he was taken off the road and killed "while attempting to escape". The records say this occurred at a specific distance out of Brownsville. The distance puts them squarely on the farm I was raised on.

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

La Monument in Vicksburg Rose Garden

Thanks to Sam Price for this information

"Whatever maybe said of the War, its causes and results, there is no question of the heroism and devotion to duty, of the Confederate Soldiers, and the dated Heroes well – earned all the honors that can be bestowed upon them."

On May 21, 1887 A committee of Louisiana men representing an association of surviving members of Louisiana regiments who fought in the siege of Vicksburg met in Vicksburg to choose a site for a monument. This monument was to honor the Louisiana men who died in defense of Vicksburg. The original site chosen by the committee was in city cemetery where the Confederate dead were buried. After consideration of the original site, it was suggested that the site chosen was undesirable because it was in an isolated spot and they needed a highly visible place within the city limits. They walked the city looking for another location and decided on a spot on Monroe street between Crawford street and South street. This area had been used as a drill ground for the Vicksburg Southerons. The men's mission was "Let these things be done as an evidence that the brave men who gave their lives for us are not forgotten." Some residents of Vicksburg thought it was shameful that Vicksburg sent men into battle whose bones are now lying on battle fields of many states and nothing has been done to honor them. It was suggested that the Ladies Memorial Association take on the task for providing this monument.

The Monument, as it continues to stand today, is twenty feet high; The base is a solid Granite block Eighteen inches in depth, and cut octagonal in shape, being Five feet in diameter. On this granite Block stands the rest of the Monument, which is of the Finest Italian Marble. The First Section of it is a solid block of marble two and a half feet in diameter and Four feet high, cut in pyramidal form with the corners rounded and a shield elegantly carved on each of the four faces. On top of this marble block will stand another of beautiful shape and purity and on it an urn about three feet high and eighteen inches in diameter, and from the top of which clouds of incense are represented as rising. The Monument was made in Italy, and is a splendid specimen both as to design and skill. This shaft has cost the Association some \$1,500.00 and the members surely deserve much praise for thus honoring their dead comrades. If patriotism and bravery are to be of service to nations, and be appreciated by the defenders of human liberty, then why not build monuments to those who sacrifice their lives in the defense of their county. The inscriptions on the monument:

North side "Shield with La arms dedicated June 11, 1887"

East side "To the Louisianans who died in defense of Vicksburg 1862-1863"

West side "By their surviving comrades."

South side "In life the shock of battle, in death's sleep peace and endless fame

The monument was dedicated on - June 11th, 1887

The parade from the court House to the monument included Military Companies from Jackson, New Orleans and Vicksburg. The dedication was opened with a prayer. The site was presented by city of Vicksburg to the Louisiana veterans. Colonel Patton of the 26th La accepted the site and delivered the Monument to the City charging the Ladies Confederate Cemetery Association. The city of Vicksburg accepted the Monument in perpetual Charge

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. Also if you have any ideas for making the newsletter better serve you, please let me know

Mississippi Monument at Shiloh

Things are progressing well toward the dedication target date. Please place October 10, 2015 on your calendar for dedication of the Mississippi Monument at Shiloh. The Governor has been requested to be the keynote speaker. You must understand that we won't get a firm "yes or no" until about 4-6 weeks out.

Flag Restoration

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

Changing the Name Against the Law

Our case against the University of Mississippi is still in the discovery stage. The Division Judge Advocate hopes to have a court date in 6 months or so.

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.

Fall Muster

Mark your calendars for Oct 16-18. That week end is Fall Muster at Beauvoir. You can experience the sights, sounds and smells of the 1860's, as you witness the epic struggle that shaped the Nation.

Highland Games at Beauvoir

The games will be at Beauvoir Saturday 10/31 and Sunday 11/01/15, and we will have an SCV tent as usual. This is a good SCV recruiting tool and spreads good will to like-minded people, both in the Scottish community and tourists at large.

MS Division Executive Board Meeting

Our MS Division Executive Board Meeting will take place on Saturday, September 19th at 9:30 a.m. at Central Independence Baptist Church, 1859 Old Brandon Road, Pearl, MS ...next to Haley Towers... just off Highway 80 behind Larry's Auto Sales. Due to scheduling issues of an event and very limited parking at the War Memorial Building that day ...our venue had to be changed. To speak, you must be on thye agenda.

Upcoming Mississippi Division Conventions

The 2016 Mississippi Convention will be Hosted by the Hattiesburg camp with the convention at Beauvoir.

Upcoming National Conventions

2016 – Dallas/Ft. Worth Texas <http://scv2016.org/>

2017 – Memphis Tennessee

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