

IN THE TRENCHES

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

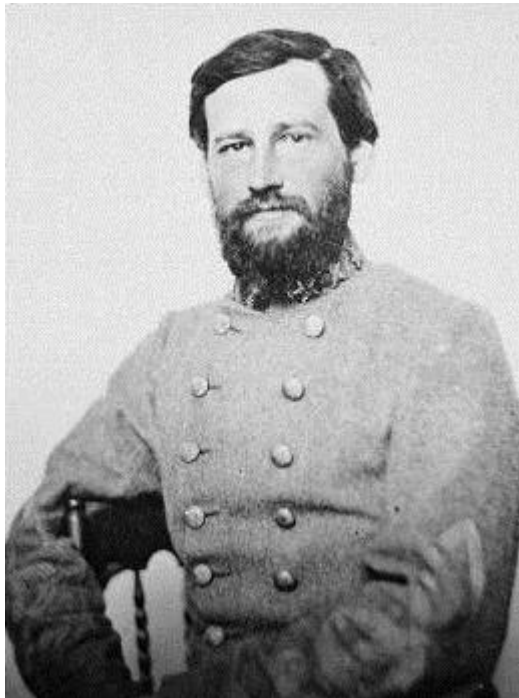
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Commander

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Editor



What have you done today to
meet his charge?

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans,
we will commit the **vindication** of the
Cause for which we fought.

To your strength will be given:

- The **defense** of the Confederate
soldier's good name,
- The **guardianship** of his history,
- The **emulation** of his virtues,
- The **perpetuation**:
 - Of those **principles** which he
loved and which you love also,
 - And those **ideals** which made
him glorious and which you
also cherish.

Remember, it is your **duty** to see that the
true history of the South is presented to
future generations.

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee
Commander-General
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, 25 April 1906

Commander's Column

Dear Compatriot's:

It is already time for our September meeting. Please join us on Sept. 6 for a very informative meeting. Our speaker will be Mrs. Paulette French. She is a friend of mine who attends the Jackson Civil War Roundtable meetings. She has recently written a book about the 10th Mississippi. Please come for a very informative meeting and also come prepared to buy one of her books as she will be selling them at the meeting.

I would like to encourage all of you to please be diligent and still circulate the state flag petition. I recently gave some to my Yard man and he brought it back filled up. We have many friends in the Black community, if you know of any who would sign the petition, please do not hesitate to get their signature. Syd Johnston and myself recently helped out on August 6 at the Wildlife Extravaganza. We stood in the blazing heat outside of the Trademart gathering petitions. We got signatures from people all over the state, I would estimate at least 50 counties. It was very hot that day but very rewarding to know that there are so many people from all over the state who think like we do. I have said it before and I will say it again, we have public opinion on our side. We are fighting a powerful news media and liberal politicians and weak-livered so called "Conservative" politicians. We should at all times be polite and gentlemanly but state our case without apology. We have the truth on our side, lets never forget that. if anyone has any ties to Vanderbilt University, please email them and state your displeasure with their decision to change the name of Confederate Hall.

Our next large local event will be the Fall Flea Market on October 1. We will need volunteers to help out with the tent downtown. I will be asking for volunteers at the Sept. 6 meeting. This is a great chance for us to put our best foot forward in our local community. This will also be our last chance to circulate the flag petition. All petitions need to be turn in no later than the first of November. Thanks for all of your hard work.

See everyone on September 6.

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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. Thanks to Commander Edward for providing great programs.

Below are the list of upcoming meetings and speakers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
Sept 6	Paulette French	10th Mississippi
October 4	Joel Bailey	Ancestor Memorial, Pvt. John W. Bailey Co. A 36th MS Infantry CSA
November 1	Brandon Beck	TBA
December 6	None	Annual Christmas Bash

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday on September 3 to past Camp Commander, Past third Brigade commander, a good friend and prominent local historian Sam Price. He will be 80 years young on September 3, 2016

A late birthday wish to our camp's poet and past Lieutenant commander Joel Bailey whose birthday was on August 16. We celebrated his birthday at our August brown bag

August Meeting (thanks to Jeff for our picture)



Our August meeting was opened with a prayer, pledges and salutes. We welcomed home for the summer Thomas Dabney. Henry Melshimer and Randal Martar were voted in as members of the John C Pemberton camp. Mr Melshimer on the record of Jessie Ross 4th Ms Cavalry and Mr Martar on the record of James Nolan 20th Ark Infantry. Thanks to Larry Holman for assisting these Southern Gentlemen with their applications. Please Welcome these two gentlemen in the camp. Dr Mike Trotter from Greenville Ms presented our program . George Humphrey Tichenor - Soldier, Physician, and Innovator" Our April Confederate Heritage service will be on April 22 2017 and will be the Mississippi Division memorial service. We welcomed visitor from the camp in Forrest Ms. The meeting was closed with a song written by Joel, Dixie and a prayer.

Why did they fight

Captain Sterling Turner of the 43rd Tennessee Infantry C. S. A said "I hope to see every Tennessean rally to the standard with our governor at the head and **drive Northern Vandals from our soil**"

Secession

A lot is made of the documents from several Deep South states on their reasons for leaving the union. The legality of secession was not contingent on the motives of the states but only on the rights of the states. As an example of the rights of the states, Virginia had reserved the right of secession when they approved the Constitution. The states that seceded held conventions and elections to take their State out of a union that did not meet their needs. So with secession legal, The Southern states formed a sovereign nation and sought peace with their former country. The newly formed sovereign nation, Confederate States of America, was illegally invaded by the Lincoln government. The United States stated the reason for this invasion was to reunite the nation and to put down a rebellion in these states. Lincoln's war cost over a combined 600,000 lives.

What Did We Surrender At Appomattox?

“The Confederate Soldiers were our kinfolk and our heroes. We testify to the country our enduring fidelity to their memory. We commemorate their valor and devotion. There were some things that were not surrendered at Appomattox. We did not surrender our rights and history; nor was it one of the conditions of surrender that unfriendly lips should be suffered to tell the story of that war or that unfriendly hands should write the epitaphs of the Confederate dead. We have the right to teach our children the true history of the war, the causes that led up to it and the principles involved.”

Tennessee Senator Edward Ward Carmack, 1903:

Vanderbilt Erasing History

In 1933 the United Daughters of the Confederacy donated \$50,000 to build a ladies dorm at Peabody college in Nashville. The dorm was built to provide free lodging to female descendants of Confederate soldiers for those pursuing a teaching degree. The building was completed in 1935, with the name Confederate Memorial Hall etched in concrete above the entrance. In 1979 when Vanderbilt bought Peabody college, they also acquired Confederate Memorial Hall. Starting in 1988, there were heritage haters who wanted the name changed because the name was offensive to black students. At that time a plaque was added to put the name of the building in context (sound familiar). In 2002 once again the university sought to change the name. During this attempt at name change, the courts decided the University would have to return the UDC donation in today's inflated dollars to remove the name. The university dropped its plan to remove the name Confederate but in all publications dropped the name Confederate. In 2015, once again the haters demanded the university change the name (they never give up) Their argument, Vanderbilt would not spend 1.2 million to divorce the university from its racist past but would spend ten times that amount to renovate athletic facilities. In August 2016, Vanderbilt decided to remove the word Confederate from the hall and pay the UDC 1.2 million dollars. The money was donated by an anonymous (ashamed?) donors. How sad.

University of Southern Mississippi

In the early days of the 1940's the athletic teams of the college were called "Confederates". In 1941 the teams name were changed to "Southerners". In 1953, the mascot became General Nat (General Nathan Bedford Forrest), riding his horse known as the Son of Dixie. In 1971 the mascot was changed and in 1972 the university changed the team names from Southerners. They shed their southern heritage early. Today they do not fly the flag of the State of Mississippi. Yet another heritage lost.

Ole Miss



Ole miss continues to turn its back on its heritage and dishonors their own, Company A 11th Mississippi, The University Grays. What a heritage of honor and devotion to duty this could be. Instead their legacy passed on to future generations is :the "hotty toddy" cheer By the way, this cheer can not last long as it calls out to God.

In an attempt to sanitize the University they have:

Banned the battle flag, remember no sticks allowed

Banned Dixie from the bands repertoire even when combined with "that song" I can not even type the name without becoming violently ill

Placed a plaque containing a fairy tale at the Confederate monument

Banished Colonel Reb from the field in dishonor

Removed the flag of the State of Mississippi from the campus

In a blatant unlawful move renamed a street honoring the graves of our fallen heroes

Have serious discussions about dropping the Name Ole Miss (the dropping of Ole Miss is coming back) They never give up

It appears there is a master plan developed to remove any vestiges of any reference to anything remotely referring to things Confederate. It is as if some academic egg heads told the University of Mississippi academic egg heads, they could never be a great university that rivals universities in the Ivy League till these anti-confederate things are done. They are moving right along with this master plan, Watch out for further disgraces to the Confederate monument. They will place a plague at the stain glass windows in Ventress Hall putting them in context " Marching off to keep their

slaves". This will be followed by removal of the windows to place them in a museum but really never to see the light of day again. And by the way the new coliseum needs more parking, lets do away with the pesky Confederate cemetery. They preach all the anti confederate hoopla is in the name of diversity and inclusion. There is no inclusion for those of us with Confederate blood

University of Texas

About a year ago, the University of Texas removed a statue of Jefferson Davis from its historical spot on campus. The university says it is being cleaned and will be displayed at another place on campus. When the debate over the Davis statue was ongoing the university said it would not move an wall inscription that said " the men and women of the Confederacy who fought with valor and suffered with fortitude that states rights be maintained and who were not dismayed by defeat nor discouraged by misrule." but would place a plaque in place putting the wall and other Confederate statues in context. This spring the University changed its mind and removed the stones and have placed them in storage. The NAACP comment is "I think it is great news that the university has taken a positive step to make the university more welcoming to African-American students, Such inscriptions and displays are psychologically and emotionally harmful to many citizens, and they inhibit the university's efforts to be widely considered to be a top international institution." The university tired comment is "It is inappropriate for our goal of diversity and inclusion on campus

From a Late 19th century Atlanta Constitution

"You have purchased our cotton; you have used our sugar; you have eaten our rice; you have smoked and chewed our tobacco --all of which are the products of slave labor. You have grown rich by traffic in these articles; you have monopolized the carrying trade and borne our slave-produced products to your shores. Your northern ships, manned by northern men, brought from Africa the greater part of the slaves which came to our continent, and they are still smuggling them in. When, finding slavery unprofitable, the northern states passed laws for gradual emancipation, but few obtained their freedom, the majority of them being shipped South and sold, so that but few, comparatively, were manumitted (released from slavery) . If the slave trade and slavery are great sins, the North is particeps criminis (one who shares in crime) , and has been from the beginning." by Bill Arp

No Flags

The Confederate flag will no longer fly on flagpoles in national cemeteries run by the Department of Veterans Affairs. A new policy announced in a letter to members of Congress places limits on where and how Confederate flags can be flown. The VA says it will continue to allow small flags at individual gravesites on certain, specified days and during ceremonies. Earlier this year, the House of Representatives passed an amendment with identical language to the new policy, but it was not included in the final bill that became law. Now the VA has moved forward with the issue on its own. Rep. Jared Huffman, D-California, led the efforts in Congress to restrict display of the rebel flag. "Our federal government should not be displaying this symbol gratuitously and certainly not in our national cemeteries," he said. "That's what this is about." The new rule only applies to cemeteries run by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Sam Davis Youth Camp

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

Fall Flea Market

We will once again have a booth at the Vicksburg Fall Flea market on October 1, 2016. We need to keep our presence known in the community. Put it on your calendar and come join us. Every time we have set up at the flea market I have had a good day with fellowship with the compatriots there and have enjoyed meeting people of the community who believe in our cause.

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.

Honor Your Ancestor

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

State Flag Petitions, Stand Fast Mississippi

Thanks to Bryan Skipworth for leading us in this effort.

This petition, if successful, will place initiative 58 on the ballot in 2018. Initiative 58 will place on the ballot an amendment to the Mississippi State Constitution which would make the State flag of 1894 the official flag of the state of Mississippi. This would forever take the state flag decision out of the hands of weak kneed politicians. With out this change to the Mississippi Constitution, it is just a matter of time before politicians bend to the will of our heritage haters.

If you have not turned in any State Flag Petitions bring them to the September meeting so they can be turned in and counted. This is our strategy to protect our state flag for "ever". Time is running out and we are not tracking toward our goal. The Warren County target is 4200 names

Southern Gentleman's Brown Bag Lunch Club

Like minded individuals gather every third Tuesday of the month for a Brown bag lunch and pleasant conversation. You pick what is in your brown bag for lunch and what you want to talk about. No protocol, agenda, or speaker just good fellowship. This next event will be on September 20th 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.

William B. Johnson (Thanks to Sam Price)



William B. Johnson was born in Blount County Tennessee in 1821. Dr. Yates is listed as a class of 1850 alumni. of Indiana University. In the 1850 and 1860 census he is shown living in McMinn county Tennessee working as a medical doctor with his wife (Mary) and in 1860 with three children. During the War to Prevent Southern Independence , He served as a assistant Surgeon in the 43rd Tennessee Infantry. The regiment was organized in December 1861 and was assigned guard duty for railroad bridges and hog farms. In August 1862, they were moved to Virginia in preparation for Braggs Kentucky campaign. During this campaign, while in Mount Sterling Kentucky they were presented a regimental flag, food and clothing from the ladies of the town. Here they were assigned to a brigade commanded by Colonel Reynolds. While in Kentucky, the 43rd participated in a parade to install Confederate Governor Hawes which was ended early by a Yankee bombardment. After the Confederate loss at Perryville, the 43rd went into winter quarters at Lenoir Station Tennessee.

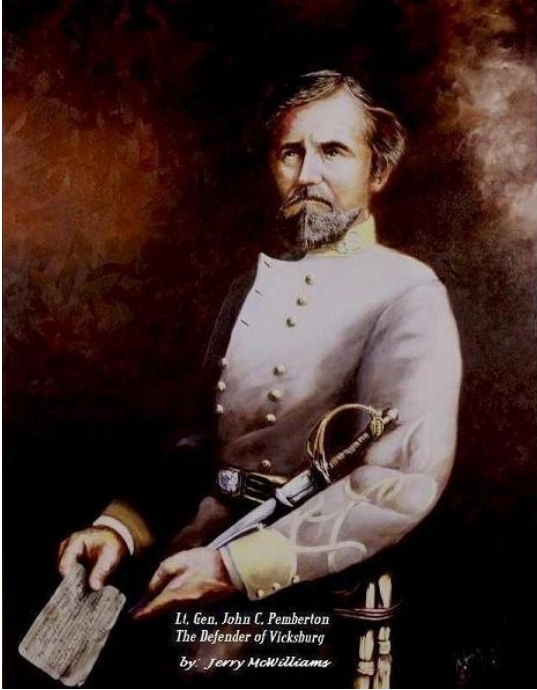
On December 22, 1862, the brigade containing the 43rd moved by rail to Vicksburg where they were assigned to General Stevenson's division in Pemberton's Army of Vicksburg. In Vicksburg they went into camp at Camp Reynolds where over the next 4 months they performed picket duty and worked on gun fortifications near Warrenton. During the hot and humid Mississippi summer, It was reported that Tennesseans were dying due to the Mississippi climate. The 43rd was engaged at Champion Hill and the Big Black bridge as they fell back into fortress Vicksburg on May 17. The regiment was a reinforcing element during the Yankee charge on May 22.

After this assault, the Confederate settled in for a 47 day siege. On May 25th while moving to a position Doctor Johnston was wounded while he was tending to the wounded and dying. From his wounding till his death on June 19th the regiment reported on his condition in various dairy entries. There is no report of where he was laid to rest but he was buried by his fiends and comrades in an unknown location. He has no entry in the Arnold log. There is a monument to the 43rd Tennessee on Confederate Avenue in the portion of the park given to the city of Vicksburg just south of the intersection of Mulvihill Street. This plaque records W. B. Johnson's death.

Forrest in service to the United States Army?

A diplomatic dispute occurred from October 1873 to February 1875 between The United States and Spain over an incident. A United States ship, Virginius, was hired by Cuban revolutionaries to bring men and supplies into Cuba to fight the Spanish. On board the ship were American citizens who were executed as pirates . The affair was settled when Spain paid reparations to the families of the US citizens who were executed. During the affair, there was talk of a war with Spain. During the affair, General Nathan Bedford Forrest wrote a letter to then General-in-Chief of the United States Army William Tecumseh Sherman and offered his services in case of war with Spain. Sherman, who in the Civil War had recognized what a deadly foe Forrest was, replied after the crisis settled down. He thanked Forrest for the offer and stated that had war broken out, he would have considered it an honor to have served side-by-side with him.

Poet' s Corner (Thanks Joel)



JOHN C. PEMBERTON A CAREER SOLDIER

*Born in Pennsylvania in 1814
He entered West Point in 1833
He graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant
Assigned to the 4th Artillery*

*In Florida against the Seminoles
Was the first action he would see
He participated in the fighting
At the Battle of Locha-Hatchee*

*In the Mexican-American war
Agin he showed his bravery
There he was promoted to major
For his conduct and gallantry*

*When the civil war started
He chose to join the Confederacy
And it was the siege of Vicksburg
That put his name in history*

by: Joel T. Bailey

Chaplains Corner Thanks Bryan

For the Brethren

Here are a collection of quotes regarding Christian faith and practice by men across the ages.

It must be obvious, even to the most casual observer, that there is something wrong in this world of ours, in which there can exist such a state of appalling religious confusion and doctrinal jumble as is found in this present day...It is ever a matter of amazement... that professing Christian people, having one Bible, following ostensibly one way, serving one Saviour, and led by one Spirit, can arrive at such diverse and contradictory interpretations and conclusions, even from the same passage of Scripture, and be divided into so many sects and isms.

The Rev. Dr. Merrill F. Unger— 20 century American Baptist seminarian.
Man's worship in some dark corner of the earth may rise no higher than a vague fear of an evil spirit and a desire to propitiate him, but a worship of some kind, man will have. But then comes in the effect of the fall. Ignorance of God, carnal and low conceptions of his nature and attributes, earthly and sensual notions of the service which is acceptable to him, all characterize the religion of the natural man. There is a craving in his mind after something he can see, and feel, and touch in his divinity... so he has no objection to worship after a fashion, but until renewed by the Holy Ghost, it is always with a fallen worship. In one word, idolatry is a natural product of man's heart. It is a weed, which like the earth uncultivated, the heart is always ready to bring forth.

The Most Rev. J. C. Ryle— 19 century Anglican bishop and author.
Over a half century ago, while I was still a child, I recall hearing a number of old people offer the following explanation for the great disasters that had befallen Russia: Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened. ... Since then I have spent well-nigh 50 years working on the history of our revolution; in the process I have read hundreds of books, collected hundreds of personal testimonies. ... But if I were asked today to formulate as concisely as possible the main cause of the ruinous revolution that swallowed up some 60 million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat: Men have forgotten God; that's why all this has happened.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn— 20 and 21 century Russian author.

To define one's own theology is to divorce oneself from an unchanging measurable standard—the Word of God.

Dave Hunt— 20 and 21 century American Christian author.

Beware of antichrist; for unhappily a love of walls has seized you;

unhappily the church of God which you venerate exists in houses and buildings; unhappily under these you find the name peace. Is it doubtful that in these antichrist will have his seat? Safer to me are the mountains and the woods.

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers– 4 century A.D. French theologian.

If the church proceed further to make any new articles of the faith, beside the Scripture, or direct not the form of life according to the same; then it is not the pillar of the truth, nor the church of Christ, but the synagogue of Satan, the temple of antichrist which both erreth itself, and bringeth into error as many as do follow it.

The Most Rev. Thomas Cranmer– 16 century Anglican theologian, author of the first Book of Common Prayer and martyr.

Men must be governed by God, or they will be ruled by tyrants.

William Penn– 17 century founder of the British colony of Pennsylvania.

It is being said that the chief need of the Church today is to repent because of its lack of unity... we would suggest that before she repents of her disunity, she must repent of her apostasy. She must repent of her perversion of, and substitutes for, 'the faith once delivered to the saints.' She must repent of setting up her own thinking and methods over against the divine revelation in Holy Scripture. Here lies the reason for her lack of spiritual power and inability to deliver a living message in the power of the Holy Ghost to a world ready to perish.

Martin Lloyd Jones–20 century Welsh theologian and author.

The Bible makes it clear: There are no good men and there are no good women ... If you think you're good, it's only because you are so far out in the darkness you cannot see how bad you are.

Dr. D. James Kennedy– 20 and 21 century American Presbyterian pastor, teacher and author.

It is a contradiction to say that a man is like God, or is a partaker of his nature, who does not love what God loves, and avoid what he hates.

The Rev. Dr. Charles Hodge– 19 century American theologian and author.

Every willful sin is a quarrel with God. The truths of religion are to be obeyed. Disobedience to the truth is interpreted as striving against it. Those who refuse to be the servants of truth will be the slaves of unrighteousness.

The Rev. Matthew Henry– 17 and 18 century English pastor and author.

Lord, keep us everywhere. Keep us when in the valley, that we murmur not against thy humbling hand; keep us when on the mountain, that we wax not giddy through being lifted up; keep us in youth, when our passions are strong; keep us in old age, when becoming conceited of our wisdom, we may therefore prove greater fools than the young and the giddy; keep us

when we come to die, lest, at the very last, we should deny thee! Keep us living, keep us dying, keep us labouring, keep us suffering, keep us fighting, keep us resting, keep us everywhere, for everywhere we need thee, O our God!

The Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon– 19 century English Baptist pastor.

From all that terror teaches, from lies of tongue and pen, from all the easy speeches that comfort cruel men, from sale and profanation of honor, and the sword, from sleep and from damnation, deliver us, good Lord!

G. K. Chesterton– 19 and 20 century English writer and commentator.

Some people bewail their concluding plagues, and their torments in this world, because the present life is the only thing they believe in, and they cannot reach with their minds into the next, neither do they believe there is any account taken, or retribution in store for the things done in this life: but they lead the life of brute beasts, existing only upon what comes day by day, and the Present; measuring happiness by one thing alone, comfort in this world, and by its opposite, their disappointments, they estimate unhappiness. But it strikes me one should bewail them more for their torments in the next world, and the punishment that is stored up for the wicked: and yet I do not mention the greatest of all, their being shut out from God: how vast an aggravation that is of their punishment!

Gregory Nazianzus – 4 century Archbishop of Constantinople.

Cooper's Well Stones come to Vicksburg May 28th

The Pemberton Camp is coordinating with others in the third brigade to set about 50 stones in one of the lots we control in Cedar Hill. Thanks to Trent Lewis for being the sparkplug for this effort and Wayne McMaster for being the camp's point man in setting up this effort. These men died at Mississippi Springs and were buried at Cooper's well. The Coopers Well location is not available for Confederate stone placement so these stones have laid on the ground for 15 years waiting for a home. On May 28th the stones were delivered to Cedar Hill. There has been a great effort to get the stones here, now they are placed in the ground. Thanks to Bryan Skipworth for repairing the broken stones and starting the effort to put them in the ground. There was a 3d brigade work day on July 16 resulting in all stones being installed. A memorial service will be planned



On Eternal Picket Duty



This monument stands tall on the Court House lawn in my hometown of Brownsville, Haywood County Tennessee. This is one of many monuments on Court House lawns all over our Southland. These soldiers in stone remain on eternal picket duty, watching for a Yankee invasion. The message these soldiers in stone send us today is "They are here , they want to destroy our heritage and tell lies about us"

CALLING ALL COMPATRIOTS!

Battle of Arcadia Crossroads - Sept 16-18, 2016

Bonnie & Clyde Trade Days, Arcadia, LA

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

Dues, The South Needs All its Sons

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

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Rally in Jackson

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

Confederate General Confederate Birthdays in September

Lt General Stephen Dill Lee 22 Sept 1833

Lt General Joseph Wheeler 10 Sept 1836

Admiral Semmes 27 September 1809

Major General Carter L Stevenson



Stevenson was born on September 21, 1817 in Fredericksburg Virginia. He was a 1838 graduate of West Point and participated in the second Seminole war, the Mexican war, the third Seminole war, and the Utah war.

When Virginia left the union, the warrior returned to his home state and received a commission in the Confederate army. After some service in Virginia, he was sent to East Tennessee where he was promoted to Major General and fought in the Battle of Perryville.

In December, General Bragg sent him and 10,000 men to reinforce Pemberton's forces in fortress Vicksburg. His division fought at Champion Hill and covered the Confederate retreat into Vicksburg after the Battle at the Big Black Bridge. After retreating into the siege lines, his Division covered the right of the Confederate siege line. After his parole, he reported to the Army of Tennessee where he lead his Division in the battles around Chattooga, the Atlanta campaign, and Hoods Tennessee campaign. After General S. D. Lee was wounded, he led Lee' corps during Hoods retreat out of Tennessee. Stevenson went with the Army of Tennessee into the Carolinas and surrender with General Johnston. He has a bust in the Vicksburg Natioanl Military park

After the war, he was a mining engineer until his death in 1914. He is buried in his hometown in Fredericksburg Virginia. Thanks to Jeff for arranging the pictures,

Bryan's Ancestor



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

March in Monroe for Mardi Gras

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

John C. Pemberton Camp Website

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

John C. Pemberton on Facebook

Thanks to Sid Johnson, Larry Holman and Jeff Cartwright, the John C. Pemberton camp has a facebook page. It looks real good, thanks guys. Now we have to continue to 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.

Fall Muster

Fall Muster is always the third weekend in October. This year is the 30th event. Meet your brothers in arms at Beauvoir on October 14, 15, 16, 2016.

Friends of Beauvoir

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

Here is an Invitation to give the Past a Future!

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

Bricks for Beauvoir

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

2017 Mississippi Division reunion

This is an election year for Mississippi Division officers. The reunion will be in Oxford Mississippi. The Annual Division Convention shall commence at 12 noon on the Friday following the 3rd of June (Jefferson Davis' birthday) unless otherwise ordered by the Division Convention or the Executive Council. This would put the 2017 meeting on the 9th of June in 2017.

Upcoming Mississippi Division Reunion Locations

Oxford- 2017

Southaven-2018

Brandon-2019

2017 Mississippi Reunion Officer Announcements

Fellow Compatriots, I am announcing my candidacy for the position of **Commander** of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, that will become available in June, 2017.

I believe my experience with Division activities at the camp, brigade and executive council levels, coupled with your support, can help us insure the continued success and growth of the Mississippi Division.

We have entered a highly volatile period of history. Historical revisionists, with the assistance of weak willed politicians, have decided this is the time to sound the death knell on Southern culture. I say they are wrong and with your assistance, we can continue the fight to it's rightful conclusion.

I will make myself available to you during the next year to discuss my vision and gain insight from you about the direction you want your Division to take. If we stand strong together, we can be unstoppable. Deo Vindice!

Marc S. Allen

I, Trent Lewis Third Brigade Councilman and Commander of the Crystal Springs Southern Rights Camp 712, will accept the Position and Nomination of running for **3rd Brigade Commander** by Commander David Wooten as of recent. I would ask and appreciate your support for my running of 3rd Brigade Commander as I have been a SCV Member now going on 7 years and have served the Crystal Springs Southern Rights as 1st LT Commander and now Commander plus been a Councilman for One Year of the 3rd Brigade and have been involved in a lot of Major Projects as I have orchestrated the overseeing and planning of Confederate Cemetery cleanups and restoration, I have planned helped and worked on organizing Events all around the 3rd Brigade , I have lead the charge and restoration for saving the Rodney Presbyterian Church , I have been involved in helping with the I 58 Petition Drive across parts of MS in 5 to 6 different Counties, I have picked up the fight and drive to finally bring the Cooper's Well Confederate Markers to a final resting place at Cedar Hills Cemetery in Vicksburg MS and assembled the Cooper's Well Convoy for transporting the Markers to there final resting place, and I have also helped recruit more Members to different Camps and Areas around the State. I did not do all this on my own as I could not have done these things without the support of my SCV Brothers and Sisters but I brought these things to the table I planned them to a tee and did my best with help to carry them out and we so far have been victorious in what we have accomplished and the Charge was led and the Colors Forwarded !!!! I vow to do as much as I can for the 3rd Brigade just like I have done as Councilman and also for the Division and help other camps and help other Brigades and use my influences to do all that I can to carry on the Charge and what the SCV is all about and teach others what our Duty is all about !!!! I ask for your support and Vote for the running of Third Brigade Commander of the MS Division SCV and together we will all work hard and make a diff and bring great things to this Organization and especially the 3rd Brigade !!!! God Bless yall so much and thank you
Trent Lewis Third Brigade Councilman MS Division SCV
Compatriots,

After consideration (and 2 and 1/2 years of learning where all the bodies are buried) I am announcing that I will be a candidate for the **Board of Directors** slot at Beauvoir at the end of Dr. Chris Cummings term. Some of you remember I had announced last year but deferred to Joe Abbott's candidacy due to his accounting background that I thought was more needed at the table, and I honestly could not be sure that the search for an Executive Director would be completed. I am certain now the ED search will conclude soon enough for me to be out of that hat and ready to wear another. I live very near our Beauvoir and know the issues there. I pledge to insist on transparency and fiscal responsibility. Some of you already know I am a tireless defender of the institution's fiscal integrity and have worked to build the profile on the coast and in Jackson. I will never vote to remove or move the flag. I shouldn't even have to say that, but, I will tell you all, you better be asking that question of all Board members. Defending the good name of the confederate soldier and their banners dear to them is my sworn duty (yours too). Besides that, the flag draws visitors who uniformly thank us for 'standing fast'.

I am happy to say that Dr. Cummings supports my run for his seat and has endorsed me. His approval is very important to me.

Greg Stewart

Gentlemen,

After much deliberation, I have decided **not** to seek a fourth term as the **Mississippi Division Adjutant**. I feel six years in this position is enough and it is time for another to learn the ins and outs of the Division Adjutant's duties. It will be better for the Division to have more than one person who is familiar with these duties in case of the remote possibility the Adjutant becomes unable to perform the duties of his office.

It has been a pleasure and a honor to serve the members as your Division Adjutant and I am confident that whoever is elected to this position at Oxford will do an outstanding job.

God Bless the South,

Dan A. McCaskill, Adjutant
Mississippi Division

To Members of the Mississippi Division,
I am announcing my candidacy for **Beauvoir Board of Directors**. I believe with my experience and love for Beauvoir, and the fact that I live on the Gulf Coast, I will be able to use my reputation and personal connections to help Beauvoir be successful and prosper.
Thank you for your consideration.
Mike Wooten

Compatriots of the Mississippi Division SCV,

I am overjoyed to announce that I will **not be a candidate for anything** next June at our convention in Oxford.

Except for nominations from the floor at our 2003 convention, the slate of Mississippi Division officers had always been determined by a Division Nominating Committee. Later the process was amended to allow transparency. In 2015, the process opened up to see the first contested election in our 120 year-old history. The 'Old Guard', including myself, has been in control of our destiny for entirely too long. I am encouraged to see the positive change and excited about the possibilities.

Remember to ask pertinent questions to all of the candidates and make them prove they are worthy of your trust. Our Confederate Heritage and the debt to our Confederate Veterans is too precious for anything that is less than the best.

Deo Vindice,

Chuck Bond

Upcoming National Conventions

2017 Memphis Tennessee July 20-22 2017

2018 Franklin Tennessee

2019 Mobile Alabama

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