

IN THE TRENCHES

A NEWS LETTER OF THE
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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

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September Meeting

Chaplain Bryan Dabney opened the meeting with prayer, Commander McMaster led the camp in the pledges and salutes, and Adjutant McCaskill gave his report. We welcomed our newest member, Thomas Dabney. Eddy Cresap was elected as the First Lt Commander. Dr. Dan Edney gave the program.

University Grays

Doctor Edney gave us a program on the University Grays; Company A, 11th Mississippi Infantry at our September meeting. He followed the Grays from when they left Ole Miss until their surrender. His program concentrated on the valor shown by the Grays as evidenced by the 11th casualty rates. He described the "High Point of the Confederacy" when the 11th Mississippi had the furthest penetration during Pickets charge on the third day of Gettysburg. Dr. Edney described the three Confederate items at Ole Miss that should be defended:

- The memorial window to the Grays in Ventress Hall,
- The Confederate Monument
- The Confederate Cemetery.

Commander's Report

I am giving my first commanders report in a long time. Well, we got through with our 2013 National Convention with flying colors! We had the usual glitches with the sound system, which I feel should not of happened if the people in charge of these things at the convention center had taken care of their business.

We had about 1000 members, wives, and children here. I got positive feedback from our people, what a great convention we had, some said the best convention they ever attended.

Also the people in the stores and Old Court House told me everyone they encountered was very nice. One person told me they could tell we had Southern people here, nice manners.

We are getting some of our members coming back, if you know any of our members that are not coming to our meetings ask them to come and find out why they don't come.

Try to be here this next first Tuesday Dr. Lamar McMillin will give a report on General Barksdale. He will do an excellent job. I plan on having something to raffle off, so don't let me forget it.

Thank you.

Wayne McMaster

Planning Ahead

At our October meeting, we should discuss upcoming special events:

- Annual Christmas dinner
- Lee Jackson celebration
- Confederate Heritage month celebration

Upcoming meetings

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings start at 7:00 pm and are held at the Southern Heritage Complex. Visitors are always welcome.

If you would like to present a program, please contact Commander Wayne McMaster at waynemcmasteris@gmail.com.

Below is the list of upcoming meetings and speakers.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
October 1	Dr. McMillin	General Barksdale
November 5	Dan Duggan	TBD
December 3	TBD	TBD
January 7	TBD	TBD

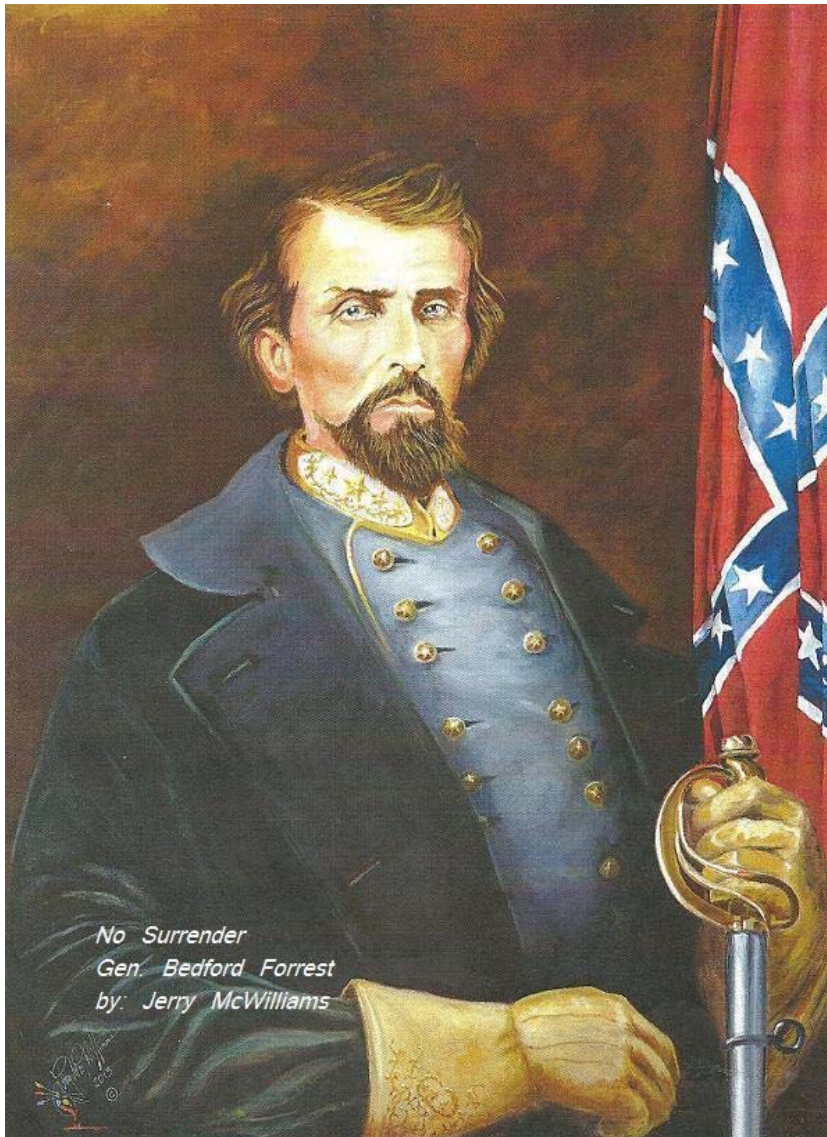
Dues

The South needs all its sons. Don't forget our dues are late on November 1, 2013. Please contact Camp Adjutant Andrew McCaskill at 1206 Grove Street, Vicksburg Ms 39180 or email at andrewomccaskill@yahoo.com for information.

Fall muster

Fall Muster will be held on October 19-20 2013 at Beauvoir, Biloxi, MS. For more information go to <http://www.beauvoir.org>

Poet's Corner by Joel Bailey



THE WIZARD of THE SADDLE

(Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest)

by: Joel T. Bailey

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

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

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

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

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

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

Chaplain's message by Bryan Dabney

For the Brethren:

Many years ago, young men used to receive a written calling that began with the profound introduction of "Greetings from your president". That important communiqué was a notice to the recipient that he had been called into military service. Throughout our lives, we are called to serve in various capacities, jury duty, volunteer service for a club or organization, etc. But the most important calling which could be extended to us is that of the LORD our God.

Scripture tells us that our reasonable service to God includes the renewing of our minds that we may prove what is that good, acceptable and perfect will of God. We also are admonished not think too highly of ourselves on account of the spiritual gifts we have received by his grace and choosing. Those who possess a spirit of arrogant pridefulness will ruin their Christian witness.

We are supposed to possess a heart for God and to boldly proclaim the gospel. But the character of our witness must not drift from steadfastness in the faith to a stony and proud disposition which treads down upon the spirits of our listeners rather than uplifting them.

Too often, the warning of our Lord in the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican has been ignored within the church (St. Luke 18:14) ... *I tell you this man [the publican] went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.*

The apostle Paul called on all to, *Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits* (Romans 12:16).

How easy it is to receive the gifts of God and then to lose our sense of purpose for their use. We should always be mindful that, though we have a gift, it is ours to share with the other members of the body: to uplift, to edify. If we are tearing down, if we are using our gift in a way it was not intended to be used, then we will impair our witness and alienate those of the faith around us. The devil loves to destroy the fellowship of Christians and he will make full use of every flaw in our character to do just that. The Rev. E. M. Bounds once observed, "Satan sows the tares in the wheat, the bad among the good, bad thoughts among good thoughts ... He is always trying to make the good bad and the bad worse ..."

As Christians, we have been given certain spiritual talents or gifts which will enable each of us to carry out our particular vocation. For some it might be their current occupation; while for others it may take the form of acceptance into the organized ministry. But whatever your particular calling might be remember to let the Holy Spirit guide you. And God's calling has an eternal purpose: that we might experience his joy, love and peace. We were made in his image and we were made to have fellowship with him.

There is a hymn entitled *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult* which deals with the issue of our Christian vocation. It was written by a Mrs. Cecil Alexander in 1852 and was so inscribed to challenge people to consecrate their lives to Christ.

Consider these verses which accentuate our message today: Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea; day by day His sweet voice soundeth, Saying "Christian follow me."

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store, from each idol that would keep us, Saying "Christian love me more." In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and pleasures, that we love him more than these.

Jesus calls us by thy mercies, Savior, make us hear thy call; Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

Let us pray.

Dear Heavenly Father, help us, thy servants, to heed our respective callings to serve thee in this mortal life; drive far from us every form of arrogant pride and mean-spiritedness; endue each of us with a proper understanding of thy word and commandment so that we might be effective witnesses on your behalf; all this we ask in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pledge to United States Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Salute to the State of Mississippi Flag

I salute the flag of Mississippi and the sovereign state for which it stands with pride in her history and achievements and with confidence in her future under the guidance of Almighty God.

Salute to the Confederate Flag

I salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence, and undying devotion to the Cause for which it stands.

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

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