

IN THE TRENCHES

A NEWS LETTER OF THE
LT GENERAL JOHN C. PEMBERTON CAMP 1354
VICKSBURG MISSISSIPPI
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Knowledge begets Power
Arm yourself with the Truth
Put on Your Kepi
Fix bayonets
Forward the colors
Take the battle to the Haters of Heritage

Note: This call to arms is symbolic and should not encourage violence, but should encourage polite gentlemanly discussion

Commander's Column

Dear Compatriots:

It is almost October already. Where has this year gone? I would like to remind all of you that this Saturday, the 1st of October is the Fall Flea Market at the Old Court House Museum. We have a booth right across from the Court House. We need volunteers to help out throughout the day so if you are able to help out at any time during the day, please let me know. We will be setting up at 8 A.M. and will stay until around 3 P.M. This will be our last ditch effort to get signatures on our flag petition as they need to be turned in that week. Please help us if you can. Also, please continue to be diligent with the flag petition this week and next, if you have given any to friends or neighbors to circulate, please start collecting them. We are always on the defensive when it comes to Heritage issues. Please be alert to anything that you hear about and lets continue the fight all over the country, not just in Mississippi. If you go the website for Alexandria, Virginia, the City Council is debating the issue of taking down the Confederate monument which is right on the George Washington Parkway. They are also trying to change the name of Jefferson Davis Highway, Highway 1, which runs through Northern Virginia. As you know, many Carpetbaggers have moved into Northern Virginia and are trying to push their way of thinking on the native people. On the website, you should be able to vote on removing the statue and changing the name of the highway. You do not have to be a native to vote, I urge all of you to do so. So far, the "Don't remove's" are leading overwhelmingly 93 to 7. If anyone is interested in holding an office with the Camp, please let us know. We need new blood and young men to get involved. We will be holding elections soon. Please keep our Division Commander, Louis Foley in your Prayers in the recent death of his mother. The Camp will be sending a contribution to Beauvoir in Mrs. Foley's memory. Our next meeting will be October 4 with our own Joel Bailey giving a very informative program on his ancestor. If anyone else in the Camp has a program to deliver, please let us know. Please come on October 4 and bring a friend. I hope to see many of you on Saturday the 1st, if you can't help but are downtown at the Flea Market please stop by and say Hello.

Edward Campbell

Commander

Upcoming meetings

Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm. Our meeting location is 216 Miller Street in the Disabled American Veterans building. Our website contains direction to the meeting location. Visitors are always welcome. Bring a visitor to our next meeting. Thanks to Commander Edward for providing great programs.

Below are the list of upcoming meetings and speakers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
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

Sept Meeting

Our September meeting was opened with a prayer, pledges and salutes. The camp celebrated Sam Price's 80th birthday with a birthday cake.

The program was given by Mrs. Paulette French on the 10th Mississippi.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

The Haters Are Here

The haters are coming to destroy all American values and heritage. The current heritage in vogue to hate is "all things Confederate". As you know the haters are steadily changing names, removing statues, and banning our symbols. They use the Yankee fairy tale and a guilt trip to gain support from the uninformed. They use the smoke screen "In America we do not want to offend anyone". But make no mistake, when they are done with all things Confederate they will move on. They are setting their sights and making their plans to obliterating the principles and men that founded our country. Their vision includes removing all things Christian. They will never be happy until they have completely destroyed our culture and replaced it with their utopian Marxist culture. They never quit.

Slowly they will control all information (the narrative) and the stories and any evidence of our ancestors will vanish, remember the Ministry of Truth in the book 1984.

For those not effected yet, remember the words of a white protestant minister in Nazi Germany who said: they came after the communist and I was silent, I was not a communist. They came after the union men and I said noting, I was not a union man. They came after the Jews and I was silent, I was not a Jew. Then they came after me and there was no one left to speak.

We need a Winston Churchill to lead us out of this quagmire:

"We shall fight them on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender"

Instead we get weak kneed politicians who babble about diversity, inclusion, and tolerance. Remember this, they are the Neville Chamberlain of this fight and are leading us to a loss of our American heritage and culture .

What Did They Say?

"It was a slander to say of these men, that they were merely the defenders of negro slavery. They were true patriots, who, at the call of their State, in defense of her liberty, went forth to risk all comfort, property, life, in response to the highest feeling of public duty. Taught from their cradles to give allegiance first to South Carolina, they lived, fought, died devoted sons of hers, and like their forefathers of 1776, gloried in the name of Rebel, when in rebellion against oppression and tyranny, when Rebels in defense of the dearest rights of freemen."

Cornelius Irvine Walker, Lt. Colonel, 10th SC Infantry

Mississippi State University

Last summer, MSU announced that even though the University did not agree with the choice of flags for the State, they would continue to fly the flag of the Great State of Mississippi. Contrary to this statement, they have now bowed to political correctness and have lowered the flag of the state of Mississippi. From his pedestal on the drill field, the bust of General S. D. Lee watched and cried as he watched helpless. The "W" followed suit. For those with ties to Mississippi State University watch out for Lee circle, Lee Hall, and pictures of General Lee. At this point, only Delta State flies the flag of the state that funds them. How can that be?

McRaven Living History

Join or visit the Confederate soldiers at McRaven on October 8, 2016. For more information contact 3rd Brigade Councilman Trent Lewis at (769) 220-3975

9/11, Our Duty to Remember

As an Americans, we can not forget the attack on our country on 9/11. As a Southerner while listening to the speeches about never forgetting, just remember, "they" would have us forget about Lincoln's war. A war that killed about 250.000 Southern men, the flower of the South and destroyed our Southland. A war fought over enriching the federal treasury. Never Forget_

501.c.3 From IHQ

Dear Compatriots,

It is "Election Season" in the United States, and therefore a good time to remind all SCV members of certain restrictions placed on the SCV as a result of our Federal Tax Status.

Acting for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, or as an Officer, Camp, or other SCV Subdivision, you may not promote any particular candidate or political party. The Federal Tax Code does not allow the SCV or an SCV entity, in such SCV capacity, to promote candidates or parties. The reason the SCV does not and cannot promote particular candidates is because the SCV can and will lose its "non-profit" classification if such is allowed. In your personal capacity, you may be politically involved and may promote any candidate of your choosing; just don't cite your SCV office or membership status in your communications. In your individual capacity, you may promote candidates and/or parties without adverse impact upon the SCV's tax status. Nothing prohibits you from promoting a candidate, in your individual capacity. But, you cannot invoke the name of the SCV to promote any particular party or candidate.

Please help us maintain the advantageous tax status afforded non-profit corporations. The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a Non-profit, 501(c) corporation, and desires to maintain such status.

I appreciate your attention to this issue. Let's work together to ensure that the SCV goals and plans are advanced as effectively as possible.

Scott D. Hall, Esq
Judge Advocate-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Lee Jackson 2017

With Fall approaching, we must lay plans for our annual Lee Jackson Banquet held in January. Where, When, who do want to speak.

2017 Plans for our Camp

If you would like to hold a leadership position in our camp or would like to head up a particular effort or activity, please email me (charlescresap33@att.net) and I will pass it on to Commander Edward. Also if there is something you would like to see the camp do, let me know and we will try to arrange the activity.

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 and there are many.

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

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 Oct 18th 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 membership is not required. This is one of the high points of my month.

Captain Ferdinand Osmun Claiborne

(Thanks to Sam Price for this information)

Captain Claiborne was born in 1834. During his early youth, his father moved to New Orleans, where the son was educated. At the outbreak of the war, he joined Captain Gladdin's company of Crescent City Rifles, and served for a time at Pensacola, and afterward in Virginia. In September 1861, he was transferred to the Third Maryland. artillery as Lieutenant in Richmond Virginia. In January 1863, the battery was transferred to Vicksburg Mississippi. During the siege of Vicksburg, as he thought he glimpsed the Yankee foe approaching, he borrowed a field telescope from his cousin [W. H. Claiborne] and hurried to a forward artillery position. He had barely given an order to open fire when he was struck in the face by a shell fragment. He died almost immediately on 24 June 1863. That night Captain Claiborne's body, in full uniform, lay in the commanding colonel's tent, attended by an honor guard, as mourning comrades filed past. On Friday June 26 1863 At eleven o'clock, Capt. "Ferd" Osman Claiborne was buried in a plain black coffin. The funeral was officiated by Major Giesler of the 59th Tennessee Rifles, a licensed minister. He was buried on a little knoll about 100 yards north of Brigade Commander, Col. A. W. Reynolds's headquarters. Col. Reynolds's HQ was located a few hundred yards to the west of the Salient Point on Hall's Ferry Road. His cousin promised he would as soon as possible procure a stone with a suitable inscription to mark the spot.. He was later reinterred in Port Gibson where his mother was later laid to rest in Wintergreen cemetery

Poet' s Corner (Thanks Joel)

A REBEL AT SHILOH

by: Joel T. Bailey

*He left home three months ago
But it seems like a year or more
He can still see his mother
Waving from the cabin door*

*A cold spring rain is falling
Mud is more than ankle deep
He's wet, homesick and lonely
But he's just to tired to weep*

*Today was a hard fought battle
Many friends fell by his side
Tomorrow there 'll be another
No time to morn those who died*

*Its not at all like he imagined
Nothing about this war is fun
He prays he'll still be alive
When all the fighting is done*

*He never gave much thought
Whether the war is wrong or right
He knows his love for the South
Is the reason he chose to fight*

Chaplains Corner Thanks Bryan

For the Brethren

Selected quotes from some really fine folks:

For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right. Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time. Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you...

Amos 5:12-14

Prayer is a salve for every burden. If we in our prayers sincerely lay open ... our hearts to God, we have reason to hope that he will not hide himself, his favors [or] his comforts from us.

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

Education that does not begin and end in heaven is not true education.

The Rev. Douglas Wilson– 20 and 21 century American theologian and Christian Classical educator.

Thousands of ordained men in the present day know nothing whatever of Christ, except his name. They have not entered the door themselves, and they are unable to show it to others. Well would it be for Christendom if it were more widely known, and more seriously considered! Unconverted ministers are the dry-rot of the Church. When the blind lead the blind both must fall in the ditch. If we know the value of a man's ministry, we must never fail to ask, Where is the Lamb? Where is the door? Does he bring forth Christ, and give Him his rightful place?

The Most Rev. J. C. Ryle – 19 century Anglican bishop and author

(Expository Thoughts on the Gospels, Vol. 3, 176).

The Bible is God's road map for mankind. Everyone who reads his Word and heeds it, will be a traveler who will reach God's destination and who will experience the love, joy and peace which he has prepared for those who love him and keep his commandments.

Your Chaplain

The clergy cry aloud that it is heresy to speak of the Holy Scriptures in English, and so they would condemn the Holy Ghost, who gave tongues to the Apostles of Christ to speak the word of God in all languages under heaven.

The Rev. John Wycliff– 14 century English theologian and author (Gail Riplinger, In Awe Of Thy Word, p.757).

All those who truly love Christ and care about the truth have a solemn duty to defend the truth by exposing and opposing [all false teaching that masquerades] as truth. If we fail in that duty because of indifference, apathy,

or a craving for the approval of men, we are no less guilty than those who actively spread [such] lies.

Dr. John MacArthur– 20 and 21 century American pastor, teacher and author.

When we are hard beset with this world, or with the severer trials within the Church, we find it a most blessed thing to pillow our head upon the bosom of our Saviour.

The Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon– 19 century English pastor and author (Morning and Evening, p. 594).

All of God's plans have the mark of the cross on them, and all his plans have death to self in them. All of God's plans have crucifixion to the world in them. But men's plans either ignore the offense of the cross or despise it. Men's plans have no profound, stern, or sacrificial denial in them. Their gain is of the world. How many of these destructive elements does the Devil bring into the church, until all the holy aims and heavenly purposes of the church are retired and forgotten?

The Rev. E. M. Bounds– 19 and 20 century American Christian pastor and author (Guide To Spiritual Warfare, p. 52).

Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

St. Titus 1:15-16

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

I Corinthians 1:18

God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.

Nahum 1:2

This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

Lamentations 3:21-26

Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

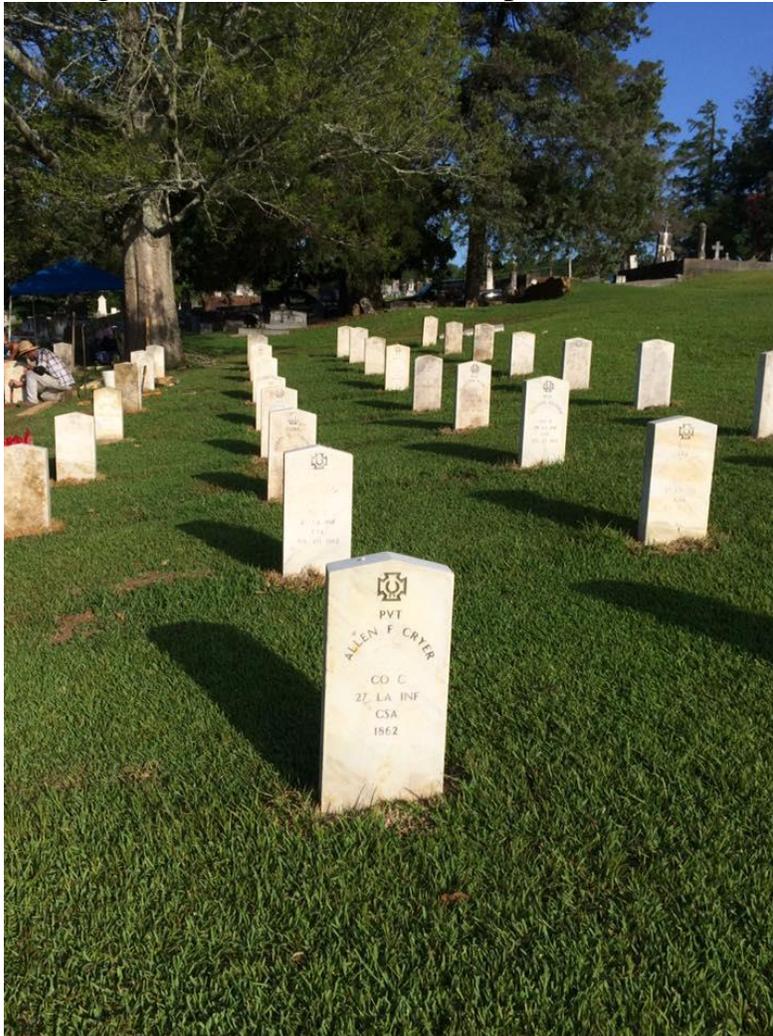
St. Luke 16:15

All things are safe in Jehovah's hands; what we entrust to the Lord will be secure, both now and in that day of days towards which we are hastening.

The Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon— 19 century English pastor and author
(Morning and Evening, p. 481).

Cooper's Well Stones come to Vicksburg May 28th

The Pemberton Camp has coordinated with others in the third brigade to set 47 stones in one of the lots we control in Cedar Hill. Thanks to Trent Lewis for being the sparkplug for this effort, Wayne McMaster for being the camp's point man in setting up this effort and Bryan Skipworth for repairing the broken stones and placing many stones in the ground. These men died at Mississippi Springs and were buried at Cooper's well. The 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 was a 3d brigade work day on July 16 resulting in all stones being installed. A memorial service is planned in conjunction with our annual April Memorial Service



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.

Life Membership in the Mississippi Division exempts one from paying annual dues to the Mississippi Division but **does not exempt** that member from paying annual International dues nor annual Camp dues. For information about division life membership go to <http://www.mississippiiscv.org/links.html>. and then go to article 4.C of the bylaws. For National life membership go to SCV.org, services, forms and Documents, life membership application.

Confederate General Confederate Birthdays in October

Lt. General Richard Herron Anderson 7 Oct 1821

Lt General William Hardee 12 Oct 1815

Lt General Alexander Stewart 2 Oct 1821

Lt. General Richard Herron Anderson

Fighting Dick

Richard Anderson was born near Stateburg located in Sumter County, South Carolina on October 7, 1821. His Grandfather was a revolutionary war hero. In 1842, He graduated from West Point. After graduation, most of his army career was in the west where he fought in the Mexican war and Utah war. As his home state left the union, he resigned his U. S. Commission to enter the service of the Confederate army as a colonel of the first South Carolina infantry. After being promoted to brigadier general later that year, he was transferred to Pensacola Florida where he was wounded in the battle for Santa Rosa Island. After his recovery, he joined what would become a part of the Army of Northern Virginia and commanded a brigade. His brigade fought in the Peninsula campaign and he took temporary command of Longstreet's division when Longstreet was wounded. Based on his performance in the Peninsula campaign, he was promoted to Major General in July 1862 and given command of a division in Longstreet's corp. Fighting with his division, he was wounded at Bloody lane at Sharpsburg. He with his division fought at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg . During the Battle of the Wilderness, Longstreet was wounded and Anderson took command of his Corp. He led the Corp at Spotsylvania Court House and Cold Harbor. He was promoted to Lieutenant General in May 1864 and given command of the newly formed fourth Corp upon Longstreet's return His new Corp fought through the siege of Petersburg and the retreat to Appomattox. The fourth Corp fought at Saylers creek during the retreat. After the war, Anderson tried and failed at cotton farming. He worked for the South Carolina railroad and worked as an inspector for the state of South Carolina. Anderson died in 1879 and is buried in Beaufort South Carolina.

Hotty Toddy



Lt General A. P. Stewart moved to Mississippi in 1874, where he served as the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi until 1886. I am sure he looks down in disgust at his University as they erase the memory of all things Confederate. Above is the monument to the 11th Ms infantry at Gettysburg as they prepare to charge on the third day. "Follow Me" We must ensure their story endures, Ole Miss will not.

Reports from the Ole Miss Bama game say, Flags of the State of Mississippi and signs saying let the band play Dixie were confiscated. These actions should not be condoned by any university which values tolerance and the marketplace of ideas. The haters control the narrative, Tolerance does not extend to things Confederate . There was a picture of a 20 ft by 30 ft state of Mississippi flag held in student section of the game.

SAR Meeting

On Thursday October 6, the Joseph Warren Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will meet at Goldie's Restaurant at 6 P.M. This will be the first meeting after our Summer break. We need new members in this organization as we are just getting reorganized. If anyone is interested in coming to hear a good program and to find out more information on the SAR, please come and bring a friend.

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. You get the SCV specialty tags at the court house, just ask.

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

2017 The University Greys camp 1803 and Calhoun Avengers Oxford, Ms

2018 Private Samuel A. Hughey camp 1452 Southaven, Ms

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

A Challenge

As you may know, the SCV is moving forward rapidly with the new Confederate Museum at our Headquarters at Elm Springs. With about \$500,000 in our account, we are going to need to raise over \$2.5M to turn this dream into reality. The 47th Regiment NC Troops Camp 166 in Wake Forest, North Carolina has issued a challenge to each of our camps to raise and donate at least \$1,000 for the Confederate Museum. As I believe that competition is normally healthy, I would like to accept this challenge for our Confederation and I will have a prize for the camp which donates the greatest amount of money for the building of our museum. What that prize is will be a secret, but I can assure you it will be worthy of the momentous sacrifice to achieve it. The start date of the competition is 15 August 2016 and the date we close this competition will be 31 December 2017 so each camp has a little less than 17 months to collect and donate their monies for this significant camp prize. You do not have to make just one donation – we will keep track of each donation for each camp, no matter how small or large. As a reminder, any person or camp who donates \$1,000 or more will be included on a plaque at the new museum. As much as I look forward to this competition, let us work together in a true spirit of brotherhood as the ultimate prize is our museum. I ask that each camp try to match this challenge and, if possible, exceed it so that we may pay off the debt which we are surely going to have to incur to make this a reality. Our museum is so essential to our long term mission for providing THE educational venue for teaching our ancestors' story properly and with truth. Let us build this museum together for our posterity!

Deo Vindice,

Thos. V. Strain Jr.

Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Confederate Veterans

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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