

# IN THE TRENCHES

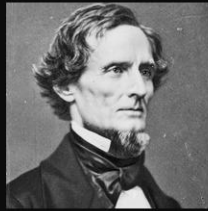
A NEWS LETTER OF THE  
LT GENERAL JOHN C. PEMBERTON CAMP 1354  
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Truth crushed to earth is truth  
still and like a seed will rise  
again.

~ Jefferson Davis

AZ QUOTES

## **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. Commander Edward Campbell is looking for members to volunteer to present a program next year

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
Oct 3	Pat Strange	National Park opportunities
Nov 7	Grady Howell	Thanksgiving Day in Mississippi
December 5	All	Christmas Bash
January 2	Thomas Dabney	"Politically Incorrect papers: A defense of the state flag of Ms."
Jan. Lee Jackson	Brandon Beck	First Lee Jackson meeting
Feb	Sam Price	

## **Sept meeting**

Welcome into our membership Darren Crysop and Forrest Boyd.

## **An attack on Lee is an attack on Christianity**

In the recent debate and near hysteria over Confederate monuments and symbols, an overlooked victim is the reputation of a great Christian and a great American -- General Robert E. Lee. Just look at any History book that is more than ten years old or any outdated World Book Encyclopedia and you will see a different view of General Lee; a man of impeccable Christian character who came out of the War for Southern Independence having earned the respect and admiration of both sides.

At the time of Lee's death in 1870, Viscount Garnet Wolseley, a distinguished British soldier, said "I have met many of the great men of my time, but Lee alone impressed me with the feeling that I was in the presence of a man who was cast in a grander mold and made of different and finer metal than all other men...". So what has happened to make General Lee into a villain for so many people across the country? An educational system that has stopped teaching about American heroes and their contributions to this country. Also, a left-wing media that has worsened the situation by only presenting one side to the story. How many of the people crying for the General's statues to come down could even identify him in a photograph? How many of those crying for the removal of all things Confederate are aware that General Grant, the hero of the Union, was a slave owner? General Lee did not believe in the institution of slavery and never willingly owned slaves; in the 1850's, he inherited slaves from his father-in-law and was prevented, by the terms of his father-in-law's will, from freeing them for five years. He spent those five years teaching the slaves to read and write, in violation of state law. After they were freed, many of the former slaves chose to remain at Lee's home, Arlington, as servants.

In 1861, slaveholders made up about 10-15% of the Confederate population. 90% of Confederate soldiers never owned slaves. It is easy for us today, in the 21st Century, to judge those who went before us for the things that they did, when we may very well have done the same. For those who believe that it is better to appease the enemy, the recent vandalism of the statue of Father Serra, the Catholic priest who brought Christianity to California, should show that they will not stop with the Confederates. Indeed, in several cities there are already attempts to remove crosses from churches. Please remember that both Stalin and Hitler rewrote the histories of the countries they conquered by tearing down statues and renaming streets and cities. It is time for Christians to stand up in the culture war and politely say "Our history means something to us". A great man, Robert E. Lee, once said, "It is History that teaches us to Hope". Let us hope that we can learn from his example. Edward Campbell

### **Upcoming Events**

Dr McMillin Open House	September 30- Oct 1
Fall Flea market	Oct 7
Lee Jackson	January 20 (tentative)
Confederate Memorial day	April

### **Ceremony**

Bryan Skipworth set a marker at Soldiers Rest a few months ago and the family will be coming down September 29th at 9am for a small ceremony to unveil the marker. Anyone who wishes please attend. A family member will talk about the Soldier and the plan is to have an opening and closing prayer, someone tell about the Unit ( 46th Ms. Inf. ), Joel read a poem and have a group sing, Dixie. The family may want to take a tour of the Park if anyone is interested

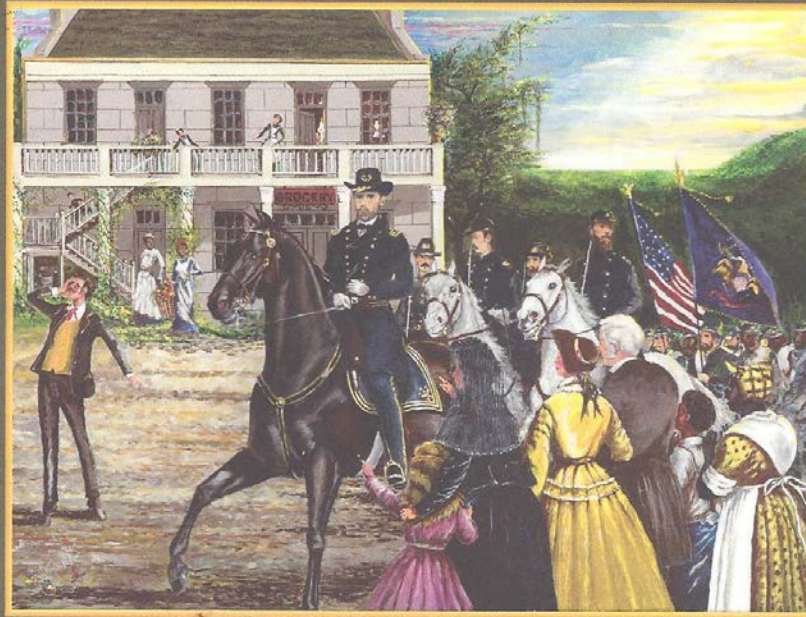
### **Fall Flea Market**

On October 7, the John C. Pemberton Camp 1354 will have a booth for the Vicksburg Fall Flea Market. Put in on your calendar and come spend some time with the camp. This is a great time to put our face out to the public with a positive spin.

### **Lee Jackson**

Proposed changes to Lee Jackson. To better judge the number of people committed to the meal, we need to pre-sell tickets. A change of Venue to Toney's. More to come

## A Crushing Blow



A Crushing Blow • July 4, 1863

*"Quickly, run tell Mother and Father that the Yankees have arrived in Vicksburg."*

These are the approximate words of Louisa, the twenty-two year old Fleckenstein daughter, to her sixteen year old sister Emma and her fourteen year old brother Alexander. Mother is inside the second floor home and Father is in the grocery store.

On September 30 and October 1, there will be events celebrating Preservation Weekend. This event will feature the preservation of the 1839 building "Catherine's Palace", the former Fleckenstien - Cocco grocery. For more information contact 601-218-7392. It is from this balcony the children saw the Confederate Army enter Vicksburg after the defeat at the Big Black and the entry of the Yankee Army after the surrender on 4 July. Thanks to Doctor McMillin for this effort. The painting was done by our friend and artist Jerry McWilliams

## **The Terrible Truth about Lincoln and The Confederate War,**

In previous issues many facts were presented about Lincoln. These are just a few of the most egregious things Lincoln did during his despotic presidency. He set himself up as a tyrannical dictator with powers never before utilized or even imagined by any previous administration. During this four years of terrible war he was one of the greatest despots the world has ever known, his tyranny focused against his own countrymen, both North and South. He was called a despot and tyrant by many newspapers and citizens both North and South, until he had imprisoned nearly all those who dared to simply speak out against his unconstitutional usurpations of power. Those who disagreed with him were branded as “traitors”, just as were the brave and honorable men in the states which had legally seceded from the Union over just such issues as these criminal abuses of power by the Federal government

## State Flag

In the present clamor to remove all things Confederate, The fight to remove our state flag continues with a new battle front opening every day it seems. A new city follows suit with the heritage haters and removes our state's flag from a position of honor in city and county offices. It is like they have all drunk the same "Kool Aid" and have this vision that with out the battle flag as a part of our state flag all other problems will melt away. Some cities and counties in our great State have rebuked the haters and have voted to continue to fly our state flag. The haters of our heritage never give up. After a failure, they not only double down on that strategy but develop a new and innovative way to destroy the symbols of our heritage. A case study of this strategy is the war against our flag of the great state of Mississippi. You all know the efforts of the past to force removal of our present state flag. Popular votes, court cases, arm twisting of legislatures and proposed constitutional amendments are all examples that have so far failed. These efforts have all been opposed by the majority of the people of the state but a very vocal minority continue to carry the fight against our heritage. Their lack of victories has left, our left leaning cities and universities to lower our beautiful state flag. Now with a very important event to our state, the bicentennial of our statehood, will come a new effort to change our state flag, a flag to celebrate the bicentennial. This flag will fill the empty flag poles around the state and there will be resolutions celebrating our bicentennial and the flag developed to celebrate the occasion. Along with this fell good movement, there will be a continued effort to change our state flag in the legislature. One of the "hate the flag" strategies is to over the year of our bicentennial to gather momentum to have this flag to replace our current flag. My position is as always no compromise no surrender. Contact your Representative and Senator in Jackson and voice your opinion on our state flag. The speaker of the house will continue his effort to erase our proud heritage. The Clarion Ledger, in an attempt to fuel the fire decided to ask for proposed flag designs. Untold amounts of money flow into the flag fight from outside the state. The bulls eye is on us. Politicians at all levels are trying to "read the tea leaves" and come down on the side of winning their office in the next election. Let them know that is not a winning strategy

## **Confederate General Confederate Birthdays in Oct**

Lt. General Richard Herron Anderson 7 Oct 1821

Lt General William Hardee 12 Oct 1815

Lt General Alexander Stewart 2 Oct 1821

## **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. Commander Campbell has added a picture of one of his ancestors to our Wall of honor.



## **Newsletter,**

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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, Please forward the article to me ([charlescresap33@att.net](mailto:charlescresap33@att.net)) and I will place it in the next newsletter.

### **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. There is no protocol, agenda, or speaker just good fellowship. This next event will be on Oct 17 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.

### **Vicksburg "War to Prevent Southern Independence" (Civil War) Roundtable**

A round table has been organized in Vicksburg. The group meets on the third Monday of each month . They meet in the Baer house at 7:00 PM. The Baer house is located at 1117 Grove street.

**Poets Place,  
Thanks Joel**



*COL. RANDAL W. MCGAVOCK CSA*

*by: Joel T. Bailey*

*With flaming red hair and beard  
Astride his noble steed  
An Irish son of the Southland  
And the pride of the men he'd lead*

*He was a farmer, lawyer, politician  
And a natural leader of men  
He formed an Irish company  
When the war was about to begin*

*They were called the Sons of Erin  
His Irish Tennessee brigade  
And they were all there with him  
When his fatal charge was made*

*With flags flying and saber held high  
He led the charging men  
Then a minie ball brought him down  
And he would never rise agin*

## **Chaplain's Corner Thanks Bryan For the Brethren**

The Bible tells us that our Lord was tempted by our adversary the Devil in the wilderness. The Synoptic Gospels have this account in some form with St. Mark's account (1:12-13) having the fewest details, while St. Luke's (4:1-13) contains the most. St. Matthew's account (4:1-11) falls in between the others and is closer in content to St. Luke than to St. Mark.

Suffice to say that each gospel writer was given of the Holy Ghost to record only those items which they were to inscribe. But that has not deterred the various critics of Scripture from pitting the gospel writers against each other in hopes of convincing as many souls as they can that God's word is nothing more than a vague and contradictory religious text. For if they can win the "conversation" on the origins of Scripture—that they are nothing but the specious impressions of a group of men from long ago—then they can offer other more "rational" or "appealing" interpretations of the Bible to suit their particular lifestyle choices and beliefs. And behind these so-to-speak "learned scholars" is our adversary, Satan. And why not? Well, he has been in the business of casting doubt on God's word since the beginning of human history. One need only consider his subtle question to Eve: Yea, hath God said... (Genesis 3:1). The Rev. E. M. Bounds has supplied us with a telling description of the devil's efforts to tempt different people in different times: "The devil's assault on Christ is in striking contrast to his temptation [of] Eve [or that of Job]. Satan cast no suspicion on God's goodness...He caused no terrific consuming sorrow as he did [for Job]. Instead, everything was friendly, sympathetic and inviting."

If the devil is anything, he is slick. He knew that he was dealing with the only begotten Son of the Father. He likely wanted to see just what the Son would do now that he was clothed in a mortal body. At what he thought would be the weakest moment, Satan sought to blemish the Lamb of God and thus prevent him from serving as that holy and acceptable sacrifice for the sins of the world. The three temptations of Christ in the wilderness proved to Satan that he would not be an easy mark. Now let us examine each temptation in turn. E. M. Bounds noted that the conflict in the wilderness revolved around three points: 1) the fleshly, 2) the presumptuous and 3) the worldly. In the first, Bounds stated that the devil approached our Lord, "with an air of concern. How innocent is [his] suggestion that Jesus use his power to relieve his hunger! What could be more permissible than to use his spiritual power for physical purposes? Whenever faith is used to serve the natural, the source is always evil...The devil's main business—to

materialize religion, to get man to live for bread alone, to make earth bigger than heaven, to make time more intriguing than eternity... It is a struggle between God's religion and the devil's religion." And our Lord's response was straight out of the Scriptures, It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God (Deuteronomy 8:3). In the second temptation, Satan sought a display of godly power when he suggested that our Lord throw himself off the roof of the Temple. Regarding this temptation Bounds explained that, "Satan used all the methods of sensational and abnormal religious practices. He tempted Jesus to take the shortcut by which the principles of genuine faith are set aside and superficial substitutes are brought in to make faith more attractive and popular. Presumption seeks to take man-devised methods, which are easy, sentimental and material instead of God's lowly way of godly sorrow, strict self-denial and prayerful surrender." God did not intend for Satan to chalk up an easy victory in the wilderness over his Christ. And God the Son did not succumb in his mortal flesh for note his reply again from Deuteronomy (6:16), It is written again, thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. The third temptation of Christ is the one which every unregenerate person desiring power would blindly accept. Satan is the god of this world (II Corinthians 4:4) and he offers its power and pleasures to whom he wills with one important proviso. Examine St. Luke 4:5-7, And the devil taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And...said unto him, all this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will give it. If thou wilt worship me, all shall be thine. Bounds said of this temptation, "the world with its kingdoms and its glory... are the rewards for devotion to Satan and worship of the devil... How [he had] massed all of his forces! Religion invoked. The world and the flesh conspired under Satan's power, to tempt the Son of God." But our Lord did not fail. His response was plain, simple and scriptural (Deuteronomy 6:13), Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. At that moment, Satan left him and angels came and ministered unto him. Thankfully, our Lord Jesus Christ overcame the world, the flesh and the devil, and so this event was set forth within the scriptures for not only our eternal good, but to give glory to the Godhead because he cannot be triumphed over by the evil one. The devil sought to impugn the word of God in his encounters with Eve, and Job. Still, winning against mortals is one thing; but there has not been, nor ever will there be, a victory by Satan over the Godhead. So what should we take away from this lesson? Since our Lord is a conqueror, we are as well through faith

in his blood. St. Paul reminds us concerning the temptations we face in this life that, There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it (I Corinthians 10:13). The temptations of our Lord highlight the current spiritual war we are involved in every moment of our earthly life. And until our Lord returns for us, we will face many trials and temptations perpetrated by our adversary. What we can count on, as true and faithful Christians, is that strong arm of the LORD to sustain and help us through those times for as our Lord Jesus said to close the Gospel of St. Matthew, and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world (St. Matthew 28:20).

Let us pray,

Father, assist us in this our spiritual warfare; that we being so guided and governed by the Holy Ghost, will avoid the temptation and snare of sin, and claim that victory which thy Son claimed not only in the wilderness but at the cross; for this we ask in Christ's holy name. Amen.

## Cooper's Well Stones come to Vicksburg



Stand by for a dedication ceremony this fall. The Pemberton Camp has coordinated with others in the third brigade to set an initial 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. A memorial service is being planned in the fall. The last stones have been delivered and are set. A plaque is being developed to be placed in the lot explaining these veteran's story. Thanks to all who were a part of this effort. Go to: [http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~taleese/soldiers\\_rest\\_vicksburg/cooper\\_wells/cooper\\_wells.htm](http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~taleese/soldiers_rest_vicksburg/cooper_wells/cooper_wells.htm) for more info, thanks Anna

## **They Fell in Defense of Their Homes, That is the Context Did Karma Visit Ole Miss?**



Ole Miss has installed a context plaque at the Confederate monument on campus. The monument needs no context as it's meaning is clear and etched in stone. Translated from the Greek inscription in memory of the University Grays: Very powerful!!

"Go, stranger, and to Sparta tell, that here, obeying her commands, we fell"  
The University Grays had a 100% casualty rate during the fateful charge on the third day of Gettysburg. The story of the University Grays could be a learning moment about courage and devotion to duty. The grays left the comfort of the University to defend its newly found county from a brutal foreign invader. Instead of embracing this concept, the university continues to distant itself from this powerful lesson in their Marist quest for excellence. The university will continue their quest to remove all things pertaining to it's past. Watch out for the stain glass windows in Ventress hall and the Confederate cemetery. The University is like Sherman, on the march destroying history in a Taliban style. If it does not fit their narrative, they intend to change or destroy it.



## **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 over 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 using 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.



## **Beauvoir**



Remember, We, The Mississippi Division, own Beauvoir. We should visit and support this beautiful spot. This is the last home of the only President of the Confederate States of America.

## **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 [www.visitbeauvoir.org](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org) for details

## **Bricks for Beauvoir**



By purchasing an Ancestral Memorial Brick for just \$50.00 each, your money will go to rebuilding a national treasure. Each brick will be laid, memorializing your ancestor, phase one is the pathway to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier. This is an on-going fundraiser for Beauvoir. Show your support for your ancestor and Beauvoir. "The Bricks for Beauvoir" Project was started by Larry McCluney, Past Commander of the Mississippi Division. The bricks that lead to the unknown is only the first phase of our brick program. We are coming to the end of that walk way (phase one). We are by no means ending our program. We hope to place brick pavers around the unknown. If anyone needs information on the Bricks they can contact: Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library (228) 388-4400

### **Fall Muster**

Place October 20-22 on your calendar, This date is the weekend of Fall Muster at Beauvoir.

## **Upcoming Mississippi Division Reunion Locations**

2018 Private Samuel A. Hughey camp 1452 Southaven, Ms

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

2020 John C Pemberton 1354 Vicksburg Ms

## **Upcoming National Conventions**

2018 Franklin Tennessee

2019 Mobile Alabama

2020 Jacksonville, Florida.

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