

# IN THE TRENCHES

A NEWS LETTER OF THE  
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## **October Meeting**

Chaplain Bryan Dabney opened the meeting with prayer and Commander McMaster led the camp in the pledges and salutes. Doctor McMillin presented our program. The newest camp members are Jerry Dean, Laurence Carter, Willard Hayes, and Jerry Hayes. A Raffle was held for "Memorabilia of the Civil War" by William Davis. Be prepared for future raffles.

## **Barksdale Program**

Doctor McMillin presented the program for our October meeting. His presentation on Barksdale Charge at Gettysburg was based on Doctor Phillip Tucker's book Barksdale's Charge: The True High Tide of the Confederacy at Gettysburg, July 2, 1863. The presentation demonstrates convincingly that July 2, 1863 was actually the real high water mark of the Confederacy and not Pickett's Charge on July 3. Barksdale led a charge against the Union 3rd and 2nd Corps at the Peach Orchard successfully breaking Union lines and nearly rolling up the Union left flank. This action was much more damaging and a closer call than was Pickett's Charge that today garners all the notoriety as the grand noble sacrifice and near miss for the Confederacy. The book can be found on Amazon.

## **Commander's Report**

The flea market sale of the T-shirts went real well due to the volunteers that helped, and of course thanks to the Old Court House for the donation of the booth space. If not for that we would not have made any money. We sold about 26 T shirts for \$7.00 ea. We did have a good day visiting with the volunteers and seeing lots of people.

On the subject of the T-shirts, Compatriot Tim Cupit volunteered to take all the t shirts to Beauvoir fall Muster and sell as many as he can. Many thanks to Tim and Becky Cupit for "Standing in the gap" and taking on this project and we hope the Division members will purchase all of them.

1st. Lt. Eddie Cresap will probably not be at our next meeting due to his wife Rose having knee surgery on the 30th of this month. Let's all keep Rose and her family in our prayers.

Compatriot Dan Duggan from the Jackson will be our guest speaker. Lets get out and try to get as many members and guests to the meeting as possible.

Thanks to all of you, Wayne McMaster

## 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. Dan Duggan's programs are always inspiring.

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.

### Upcoming Meetings and Speakers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
November 5	Dan Duggan	TBD
December 3	Christmas Meeting	Story time
January 7	McMaster and Cresap	Lee and Jackson

## December Meeting

Our December meeting will be held at our normal location and time. For the meeting bring an Hors d'oeuvre tray, a \$20 dirty Santa gift, and a story.

## January Meeting

For our January meeting we will celebrate General Lee and Jackson's Birthday. There will be sandwiches, chips, and drinks provided. The cost should be about \$10.00. There will be a program presented on Generals Lee and Jackson .

## Heritage Month

We should start thinking about Heritage month. I am thinking about a normal meeting, a memorial service in Soldier's Rest and a 1/4 page ad in the Vicksburg paper promoting Southern heritage.

## New Member

We will be voting on the membership of Dr. Michael Davis at our November meeting

## Flea market Report

We had a good day at the old Court House Museum this month. We sold a few T shirts and had several people stop by and ask for membership information. Thanks to Wayne McMaster, Eddy Cresap, Jerry McWilliams, Kay McWilliams, Doctor McMillin and Bryan Dabney for assisting in the booth. The fellowship was phenomenal.

## **Preamble to Sons of Confederate Veterans Constitution**

In the name of a reunited country, the Sons of Confederate Veterans declare the following purposes:

Allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America, largely written and expounded by Southern men, the very Magna Carta of our liberties; a strict construction of all sections conferring power upon the Federal Government and the implied and understood reservations to the States arising there from and a general attitude of opposition to further amendment thereof. We adhere to the principles of the Great Charter of England granted at Runnymede, A.D.1215 , and the Anglo-Saxon rights and personal liberties transmitted to us there under; to associate in one united, compact body all men of Confederate ancestry and to cultivate, perpetuate and sanctify the ties of fraternity and friendship entailed thereby; to aid and encourage the recording and teaching with impartiality of all Southern history and achievement from Jamestown to this present era, seeing to it especially that the events of the War for Southern Independence are authentically and clearly written and that all documents, relics and mementos produced and handed down by the active participants therein are properly treasured and preserved for posterity; to comfort, succor and assist needy sons of Confederate veterans, their wives, widows and orphans; to urge, aid and assist in the erection of suitable and enduring monuments and memorials to all Southern valor, military and civil, wherever done and wherever found, particularly stressing that of our heroic Confederate ancestors who, by their sacrifice, perpetuated unto us and our descendants that glorious heritage of valor, chivalry and honor which we now hold and venerate; and to instill in our descendants a devotion to and reverence for the principles represented by the Confederate States of America, to the glory of God and the honorable memory of our fathers who fought in that Cause. Therefore, we, the representatives of the Camps, in Convention, do adopt, ordain and establish this Constitution which was first adopted, ordained and established in Richmond, Virginia on the first day o July, 1896:

## **Chaplain's Corner**

For the Brethren:

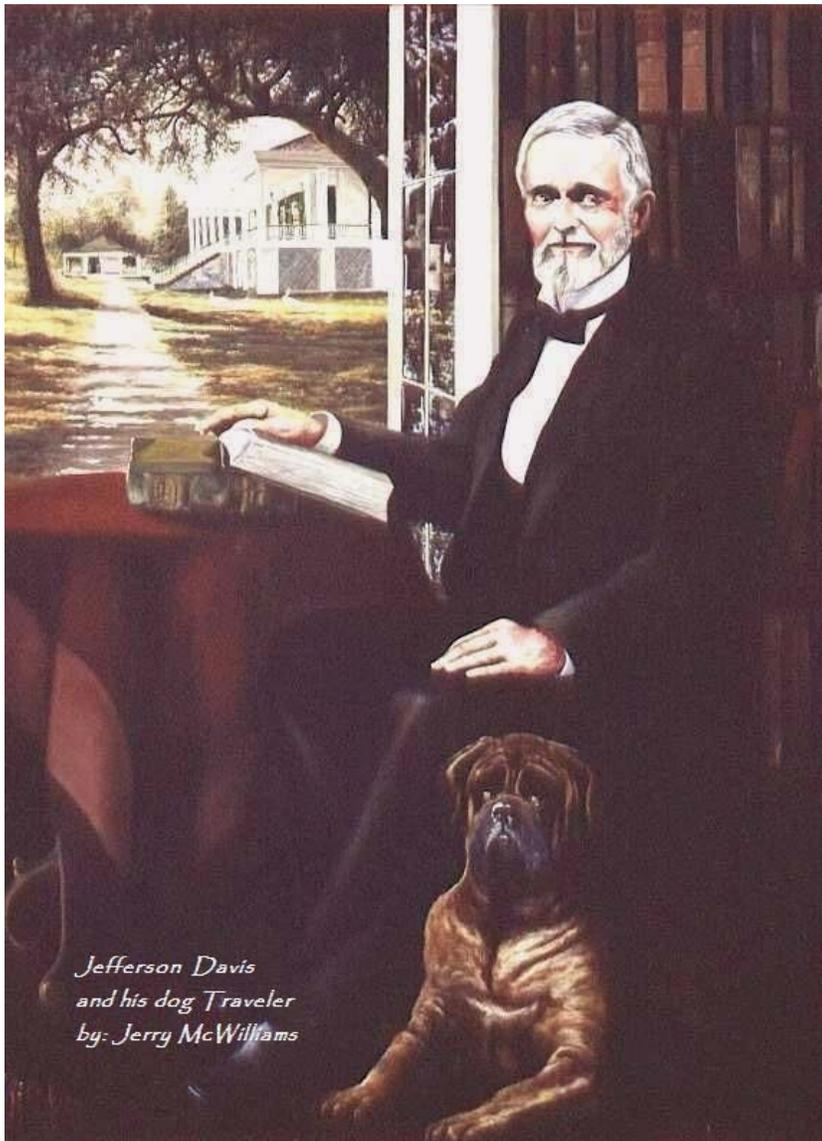
St. Luke's gospel account (11:30-37) contains an encounter between our Lord Jesus and one of those self-righteous teachers of the Law. While that man knew well the particulars of the Law of Moses, he sought to cloud its meaning with a question which prompted our Lord to use the parable of the *Good Samaritan*. The details of this story are clear enough in that you have a man who was traveling on a journey and was set upon by thieves who beat him, took his goods and left him near death. The first person to come along was a priest. He saw the man, but would not go to his assistance, but passed him by on the other side of the road. The second was a Levite who did as the first man had done. Finally a Samaritan saw the man and came to his assistance. Now the Jews and Samaritans regarded one another as religious heretics. So when our Lord Jesus mentioned that the third man was a Samaritan, it would have naturally spawned a loathsome feeling on the part of the Jews. "What? A Samaritan? A religious charlatan?" Yet it was the Samaritan who demonstrated the essence of God's Law for in the words of Jesus, *he*

*had compassion on him.* In I St. John 3:17 the beloved disciple framed this point in a question: *But whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?* The Law's deeper meaning was known to the teacher of the law when he responded to our Lord's question about his reading of it, *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God...and thy neighbor as thy self.* Still, he and the other Pharisees did not live in congruence with that requirement. Would those men — who had passed by on the other side of the road — have wanted to be treated in the same manner as they had done unto the poor traveler who had fallen among the thieves? Certainly not. Throughout the gospel accounts, our Lord taught the essence of the Law, chiding the religious authorities for keeping the letter of the Law but not the spirit of it. He taught that usage of the Law without the substance of faith in the LORD is worthless. Even today, the important nexus between God's word and his people is their faith in him. Without faith, it is of little wonder that people will fail to follow God's word and commandment because, in point of fact, he is not real to them. Nevertheless God is real. He is from everlasting to everlasting. His love for us was so great that he sent us his Word which became flesh so that we might be redeemed from death, hell and the grave. The word was first given in writing and then in person. The former was given to Moses in the clouds and fire on Mt. Sinai, but the latter came in the flesh, born in a stable. The former is accusatory and sharp as any two-edged sword while the latter is forgiveness, mercy and grace to all who believe on the name of the Lord Jesus and accept his atoning sacrifice in this dispensation of time. An important way in which God has manifested himself to us is in the Holy Bible. Throughout its pages we are presented with the lessons and examples which God would have us know for his greater glory and our infinite good. Our Lord Jesus quoted from God's word written rather than accepting the so-to-speak traditions of the Jewish elders. One of the Articles of Religion (Article VI) which once governed all Anglican bodies states that: "Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation." And so, those traditions which conflict with the truths of the Scriptures are invalid as they will impair our relationship with God. He has communicated, in precise detail, exactly what he expects of us, and that does not include adding to or subtracting from the teachings and doctrines which he has given us in the Holy Scriptures. Thus we have come full circle. Our Lord saw that the traditions of the Jews were supplanting the spirit of the Law. So when he instructed the teacher of the Law to, *Go and do thou likewise*, he was presenting a timeless message to all believers: Do not allow your extra-biblical traditions to keep you from doing your duty to God, your neighbor and yourself. Therefore, we are admonished to indeed go and do likewise knowing to whom we are answerable and before whom we will one day give an account. To him be the glory, now and forever, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray,

Dear LORD and God, help us to heed thy word and commandments, that through our obedience to them we might properly order our lives in service to thee and be fit members of thy heavenly kingdom through the merits of thy dear Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Poet's Corner



### *DAVIS and HIS DOG* *by Joel T. Bailey*

Davis was a soldier, statesman  
And president of the confederacy  
He served his beloved Southland  
With honor and Integrity

He spent his last years at Beauvoir  
His home on Mississippi's gulf coast  
It was here he was the happiest  
Surrounded by things he loved most

His constant companion was Traveler  
A dog that was known for his loyalty  
He lived just to serve Mr. Davis  
And it was a role he took seriously

The two of them walking by the beach  
Would become a common sight  
And as Davis's guard and companion  
He would sleep beside his bed at night

With his head on his masters knee  
Travelers long life came to an end  
And Davis said with sadness  
I have lost my best friend

## Website

Go to <http://scv-camp-1354.com/> to view our website. Thanks to our Webmaster Bill Fryer and newest renewed member.

## From Headquarters

Recently, a controversy has arisen regarding the appropriateness of the name of a professional sports team. While this is a matter for others to sort out and one which the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) has no reason to comment upon, we do feel compelled to speak to a peripheral issue that has occurred. In attempting to offer his opinion and enter into the debate, New York Daily News cartoonist Tom Stiglich has taken the opportunity to depict the logo of the team with a Nazi flag and the Confederate Battle Flag.

Again, the primary debate is one that we have no interest in entering, but the implied similarity of the two flags is ridiculous and unconscionable. The outrageous social ideologies of Hitler and the well-known horrors of the Nazi regime, mass exterminations of ethnic groups and

human eugenics, are completely incompatible with the foundations of the Confederacy and the South of 1861-1865.

This is not the first time this contorted comparison has been offered, but it needs to be the last. Men of goodwill can often disagree and have healthy debates, but to simply superimpose "Nazi" and everything that goes with it over someone, some group or some philosophy with which you disagree is childish and beneath the dignity of Americans.

The Confederacy did not practice "ethnic cleansing"; in fact, it attempted to practice political cleansing by reestablishing a Constitutional Republic. Judah P. Benjamin served as Secretary of War and then as Secretary of State. It would be almost a half-century until a US President would appoint a Jewish Cabinet member, when, in 1906 Theodore Roosevelt appointed Oscar S. Straus to the post of Secretary of Commerce and Labor. Additionally, untold numbers of blacks, many of them free, served in Confederate units. Also worthy of note is the record of General Stand Watie of the Cherokee Braves; he was the last Confederate general to surrender his troops.

Mr. Stiglich owes the myriad Confederate descendants an apology. Shame on him and "Hail to the Cherokee Braves."