

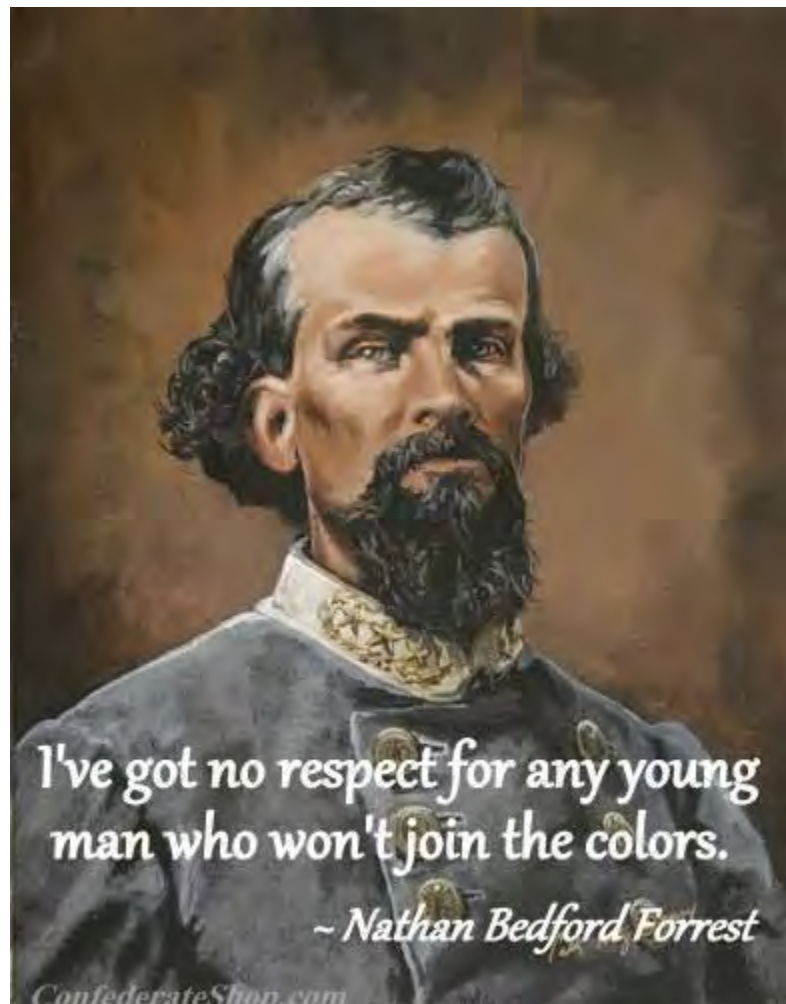
IN THE TRENCHES

A NEWS LETTER OF THE
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Commander's Column

This year has certainly flown by fast. It is almost November and as I write this column on October 25, I realize that it is exactly 2 months until Christmas Day. I hope everyone is looking forward to the Holidays. Please come to our next Camp meeting on Tuesday November 7. Our speaker will be Grady Howell, who will be speaking on the topic of Thanksgiving in America and the South. We look forward to Grady's talk as he is always entertaining and interesting. I recently caught up with Greg Stewart, head of our Heritage Committee and he gave me the new completed petitions for the state flag. We will talk about these at the meeting and you will be encouraged to take some and begin the process of circulating the petitions around the area. This has more teeth to it than the last one and we hope that everyone will participate and will help to keep our current state flag. November 7 is also election day here in Warren County for the special House election. Please check on the candidates and their viewpoint about the flag. Please vote for the candidate of your choice. I will be needing more speakers starting in May, 2018. We have some good ones coming to speak to us such as Dr. Walter Johnston, a member of our Camp, who will be speaking to us in March about a timely topic, Confederate Monuments. Dr. Johnston has gone all over the country to view and do research on monuments. We look forward to his talk, also our own Thomas Dabney will be speaking in January about "Proof that the war was not about slavery". In April, I have lined up Marc Thompson, a member of the DeSoto County Camp. I have heard him speak on several different topics at the Jackson Civil War Roundtable and trust me, you are in for a great treat. If you are able to do a program or know of someone who will do one, please let me know as soon as possible so that I can start lining them up. Our Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner will be held on January 20 at Toney's Restaurant in Vicksburg. This is a change from the location last year and we are also going to sell tickets ahead of time. More details coming on that but please put the date on your calendar. Our speaker for this event will be Brandon Beck from Columbus, who will be speaking on "Lee and Jackson's First meeting". As always, please be aware of any and all Heritage violations around the country. Please write letters or send emails to City council members or state legislators regarding your viewpoint on Confederate monuments and other issues. The Shreveport City Council has voted to move the Confederate monument from the Courthouse square but the local UDC Chapter is claiming ownership of the monument and are suing in court. If you know any ladies in the Shreveport UDC, let them know how proud we are of them in standing up for our Southern Heritage. We should all be prepared to do the same. See you all on November 7.

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
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	
March	Doctor Walter Johnson	
April	Marc Thompson	

October meeting

The October 3 meeting went well. Mrs. Pat Strange who works for the City of Vicksburg Tourism at the Military Park brought brochures and talked about the Park and opportunities for involvement. She talked also about how the city of Vicksburg had changed and how the Park had changed the city. It was a very good program with questions and answers following. She talked about her interaction with tourists at the Park and some of the questions that they ask, the most common one of which is "Why don't you fly the Confederate flag also."

Upcoming Events

Lee Jackson	January 20
Confederate Memorial day	April

Ceremony



Bryan Skipworth set a marker at Soldiers Rest a few months ago and the family came to town on September 29th for a small ceremony to unveil the marker. A Memorial Dedication for Private Jesse E. Bailey, Company G, 46th Mississippi Infantry, "Singleton Guards", was hosted by the Sons of Confederate Veterans Lieutenant General John C. Pemberton Camp #1354 in Vicksburg, Mississippi. 1st Lt. Commander Bryan Skipworth was instrumental in organizing this memorial. Bryan invited Pvt. Bailey's family from all over the country and they came! Jamie Hancock, and I (with Kim) representing the Lowry Rifles SCV Camp #1740, in concert with Trent Lewis, and Joshua E. McCraine, from the Crystal Springs Southern Rights SCV Camp #712 were privileged to participate in rendering honors to Pvt. Bailey and his ancestors. We didn't have the biggest Honor Guard ever, but we had heart! The Bailey descendants were very appreciative of all the efforts of the SCV on behalf of their departed ancestor! We were all honored to be there! Deo Vindice

What they think

While listening to conservative talk radio the other day, the host said something I had never heard, "The South declared War on the United States". How wrong can that statement be? After a peaceful separation, the South sent peace commissioner to meet with Northern officials only to be turned away. The statements made by southern officials was "we only want to be left alone". The firing on Fort Sumter was a follow-up to the southern government asking for the surrender of the fort (tax collection point) within the bounds of their sovereign country. The Yankee response was to send armed ships with reinforcements to the fort. After the firing on Sumter, Lincoln raised an army and invaded a sovereign nation. The South Declared war, Not

Fall Flea Market



The Flea Market was held on Saturday Oct 7, we had enough help and also sold flags, booklets and C.D.'s. Dr. McMillan brought historical prints of his newly restored home and Joel Bailey brought framed poems of his to sell with all proceeds going to the Camp. We thank both gentlemen for their generosity. It was a great success and we already look forward to the Spring Market. Many people stopped by the tent and we gave out lots of applications and information about the SCV. Thanks to all who helped out at the Flea Market.

Veteran's Day

November 11 is a day to remember those who have served our country. These veterans have sacrificed to keep our country free. In joining the service, they swore a solemn oath to defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Thanks for your service, I believe Confederate patriots begat today's patriots. If I have missed a veteran please let me know.

Below is a list of John C Pemberton Camp who have served:

Veterans in camp at present

- Joel T. Bailey, GMG3 USN 1964-1968
- Larry Holman, Lt. USAF
- Eddy Cresap, EM1(SS) 1971 - 1979
- Joe Lovizo, USN
- Thomas Collins, Colonel USAF
- Brian Dabney USAF
- Randal Martar
- Charles (Rusty) Brasfield, Commander USN
- Henry Melshimer

Veterans who have passed away as members

- Hank Hannisee USAF
- Joe Gerachc USN WWII
- Joe Wedgewoth Sr
- James Calvin (Charles) Davis MSG US Army Korea
- Major Robert Anderson US Army
- Reverend Joe Strahan

Members not current who are veterans

- Tony Keene
- Charlie Bass
- Jim Beard
- David Weeks

Lee Jackson

There are changes to this years 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

From the Pacific Northwest Division

Hey there!

Thanks for sending me my old Camps newsletter. It does me good too see that Camp still flourishing. I had some great times and made some dear friends when I was involved in it, and remember it fondly to this day.

I am Division Commander for the Pacific Northwest Division now. We are currently having a battle with Antifa for their defacing...twice...the two granite markers honoring Jefferson Davis on land we own bordering Interstate 5...and we have 2 35 foot flagpoles with the flags of the Confederacy on constant display, which of course gets the liberals and our enemies in a lather. Too bad...We are going to meet with the county historical association and head off an attempt to have it removed from the county historical register. The fight goes on up here. I look at what is going on there and wish we had the tolerance and acceptance you have there. But we don't give an inch, and we don't..and won't..back up. Please say hello to all the Compatriots and tell them to keep it up, for indeed, they are fighting the good fight!

Father John Sigmon

The Terrible Truth about Lincoln and The Confederate War

continued

Four months after Fort Sumter, when Lincoln finally called Congress back into session, no one dared oppose anything he wanted or speak out against him for fear of imprisonment, so completely had he entrenched his unilateral power and silenced his other many critics.

The Union army, under Generals Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and President Lincoln, committed active genocide against Southern civilians—this is difficult for some to believe, but it is explicit in their writings and dispatches at the time and indisputable in their actions. Tens of thousands of Southern men, women and children—civilians—white and black, slave and free alike—were shot, hanged, raped, imprisoned without trial, their homes, lands and possessions stolen, pillaged and burned, in one of the most horrific and brutal genocides ever inflicted upon a people anywhere; but the Yankee myth of history is silent in these well-documented matters. For an excellent expose of these war crimes and their terrible extent, see *War Crimes Against Southern Civilians* by Walter Brian Cisco.

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 November

Lt General Jubal Early 3 November 1816

Lt General Ambrose Powell (A. P.) Hill 9 November 1825

Lt General Theophilus Hunter Holmes 13 November 1804

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.

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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) 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 Nov 21 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



A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER



Joel T. Bailey

**We are here today to honor
A brave soldier who fell
And to keep his memory alive
And his story to tell**

**For as a son of the Southland
He laid his life down
And his blood is forever soaked
Into this hallowed ground**

**He knew what it meant
To serve and defend
His courage knew no bounds
And his bravery knew no end**

**The goal that he sought
May never have been achieved
But he died for a cause
In which he believed**

**So know that he did his best
In a war he couldn't win
But if he had to do it over
He'd do the same again**



Chaplain's Corner Thanks Bryan For the Brethren

The church calendar has many important feast days marked for Christian

observance. As the children of Israel have important religious days, so we in the body of Christ have ours. The feast of All Saints is nearly upon us wherein we honor the memory of those whose works advanced the gospel message throughout the world. Now some may ask, "Who can be rightly called a saint?" Our answer should be clear and straightforward: "Anyone who loves the Godhead and is obedient to his will is a saint." In light of that response, it should be apparent that the saints of God also come in a variety of packages— young and old, rich and poor— and can be found in every corner of the world where the light of the gospel has been proclaimed and accepted. In chapter 7 of Revelation, the apostle John saw a multitude standing before the throne of God dressed in white robes and bearing palm branches. While the apostle was informed that such were those who had come out of the great tribulation, we know from Scripture that all who are born-again of the Holy Ghost will likewise be vested in the same before God (7:9-17). Therefore, all so described are properly called saints of the most high God (Daniel 7:18, 27). So what then are the characteristics of a godly saint? Consider the following points. One of the principal characteristics of sainthood is a faithful and fervent prayer life. Our Lord has supplied us specific instructions about praying as noted in St. Matthew 6:5-15. The Rev. E. M. Bounds associated true faith with an active prayer life. He once wrote that, "When we pray, give us this day our daily bread, we are...shutting tomorrow out of our prayer. We do not live in tomorrow but in today. We do not seek tomorrow's grace or tomorrow's bread. They thrive best, and get the most out of life, who live in the living present...Victory today is the assurance of victory tomorrow. Our prayers need to be focused on today." Bounds identified the two principal foes of our faith as being doubt and fear because they will interrupt our prayer life and limit the power of God to work therein owing to our lack of faith. According to Bounds, "A simple, confiding faith, living day by day and casting its burden on the Lord each hour of the day will dissipate fear, drive away misgiving and deliver from doubt... Faith grows by reading and meditating upon the Word of God. Most, and best of all, faith thrives in an atmosphere of prayer." Bounds also urged us as Christians to be persistent in prayer; to understand that our praying affects our conduct and character; to be obedient to the will of God; to be vigilant in prayer; and to read the Scriptures because in them we have a record of the prayer life and successes of those notable mentioned personalities whom God called as his followers. As he noted in his famous

book on Prayer, “The Word of God is made effectual and operative by the process and practice of prayer;” for, “When prayer is a stranger [in God’s house], then it ceases to be God’s house at all.” Another characteristic of a saint is found in their unequivocal acceptance of the sacrifice of our Lord on the cross. They understand that through his offering of himself once and for all time, they have become recipients of his undeserved favor, or grace, which cannot be earned by mere deeds without faith in Christ (see Ephesians 2:1-22). Additionally, a saint is one who has been sealed of God. Consider the following passages:

Now he which stablished us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. II Corinthians 1:21-22

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world... In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise. Ephesians 1:3-4, 13 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30 Further, a saint will minister to others as part of his Christian witness (see Hebrews 6:10). And in order to have an effective ministry and witness, a saint must keep God’s word (see St. Jude 3); discern his perfect will (see Romans 12:2); judge righteously those who are within the body of Christ via godly discernment (see I Corinthians 6:1-2); and by seeking the whole counsel of God via the reading of the Scriptures (Acts 17:11). Finally, a saint trusts in God’s provision as he has promised not to forsake his own in this life or in the life to come (see Psalm 37:28). He will gather and keep his saints because he counts them as precious (see Psalm 50:5; I Samuel 2:9; Psalm 116:15). The godly saint believes and accepts that our Lord Jesus Christ, who now sits at the right hand of the Father, is interceding for us (Romans 8:27- 30; Hebrews 7:25) and that he will continue to do so until he comes again to bring us home (St. Matthew 25:34). In closing, it should be clear that every regenerated person in Christ Jesus—every born-again believer in every period of church history— is just as much a saint as any from antiquity, and you have God’s word written which confirms it (see Ephesians 1:3-14).

Let us pray,

Father, we beseech thee to bless and guide us as we witness to those who

are as yet under the shroud of this sin-darkened world, to the end that they might come to a saving knowledge of him who is our light and life, even thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. The last stones have been delivered and are set. A plaque to be placed in the lot explaining these veteran's story. has been delivered. The tentative time for the dedication is in the winter or spring. we Thanks to all who were a part of this effort. Go to: https://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 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

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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