

IN THE TRENCHES

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President Davis Dies

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The Yankees did not understand the depth of love the old south felt for the former President of their country.

"Throughout the South are Lamentations and tears; in every country on the globe where there are lovers of liberty there is mourning; wherever there are men who love heroic patriotism, dauntless resolution, fortitude or intellectual power, there is an sincere sorrowing. The beloved of our land, the unfaltering upholder of constitutional liberty, the typical hero and sage, is no more; the fearless heart that beats with sympathy for all mankind is stilled forever, a great light is gone----Jefferson Davis is dead!"

New Orleans newspaper

Commander's Column

Dear Compatriot's,

Let me take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families, a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Let's all remember to thank the Lord for the many blessings that we have and for the freedom's that we still have in this country. With all of our problems, the U.S. is still the Greatest country in the world, founded on Christian principles. I also want to thank all of you for coming out for our last meeting in support of our speaker, Al Arnold. It was truly a great evening and I want to thank everyone for all of their support. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday December 1. We will have an informal Christmas party. Please bring something to share with the Camp, food and stories, either of your Confederate ancestor or something related to Christmas or just any short story that you would like to share. We will be having finger food so please bring something. Our upcoming events in the New Year include , Jan. 5, our monthly meeting and Jan. 16 our Lee-Jackson Banquet at Goldie's Bar-b- Que. Please make plans to attend and bring your wives or female friends. We hope to have a good attendance for this and to make it an annual event. March 5 is being designated as Confederate Flag Month, as mentioned at the last National Reunion in Richmond. April is of course Confederate Heritage Month and also Confederate Memorial Day, with our Memorial Service to be held a Sunday in April to be determined. April 23 we will participate in the Spring Flea Market at the Old Court House. We hope for active participation for this and all events. Thank you all for your support of the Camp, please continue to stay alert of all Heritage Violations. God Bless you and God Bless the South.
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. For our December meeting bring a short story and a plate of your favorite finger food

Below are the list of upcoming meetings and speakers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Topic</i>
Dec 1		Christmas Party
January 5		Business meeting
January 16	Grady Howell	Lee Jackson

November Program

Al Arnold did a wonderful job of presenting his journey. He has a very powerful message and he tells it very well. His book which describes his journey is named Robert E. Lee's Orderly and can be ordered on line. A descendant of Nathan Bedford Forrest's slaves, Al Arnold, tells his journey of embracing his Confederate heritage. His ancestor, Turner Hall, Jr., a Black Confederate, served as a body servant for two Confederate soldiers and an orderly for Gen. Robert E. Lee. Turner Hall, Jr. was celebrated by Blacks and Whites in his community. Hall attended the last Civil War reunion at Gettysburg in 1938. He was interviewed by the national talk radio show, "We, The People". This is a personal journey of faith, heritage, race and family wrapped around the grace of God through the eyes and honest thoughts of a modern Black man. Arnold argues for African Americans to embrace Confederate heritage to capture the enriched Black history of the Civil War era. He bestows dignity and honor on his Confederate ancestor and challenges the traditional thoughts of modern African Americans. Arnold rests in his faith as the uniting force that reconciles our colorful past to our bright future.

November meeting

The meeting was packed with a fabulous program presented by Al Arnold. The meeting was opened with a prayer followed by pledges, salutes and the charge. We were honored to have past Division Commander Allan Terrell, Division Commander Louis Foley and his wife, and third brigade councilman Trent Lewis as visitors. After the program and book signing, we had a short business meeting. Veterans of the camp were recognized. We disused our December meeting and our Lee Jackson dinner. Membership certificates were presented to Syd Johson, Bryan Skipworth, Nathan Skipworth (could not attebd) and Kevin Skipworth. The camp voted to accept into our membership Barry Bingham, Robert Thornton, and Phil Barlow.

Doctor McMillin presented a paper entitled "What Should the South Do", a passionate call to action. Our enemies are not slowing down so neither should we. The meeting was closed by a prayer

Syd Johnson and Commander Campbell (picture thanks to Larry Holman)



Kevin Skipworth, Bryan Skipworth, and Commander Campbell (picture thanks to Larry Holman)



2016 Lee Jackson

On Saturday, January 16 the John C Pemberton camp will host our Lee-Jackson Dinner at Goldie's. at 6:30. Grady Howell will be the speaker. Goldie's food is very good, the fellowship will be awesome, and I promise you will fully enjoy Grady.

Welcome our newest member

At our November brown bag, James Smith submitted his application for membership and has been voted into our camp. If you know James give him a holler.

Heritage Committee update (thanks Bryan)

Thanks to Bryan Skipworth for attending the last Heritage committee meeting. The petition is approved and released for signatures. The petition will not be available to sign on line but only in person. Come to our next meeting or contact Bryan for your petitions.

Why did the Yankees fight, let's ask them

The United States congress passed the Crittenden-Johnson resolution, declaring that the war was being waged for the reunion of the states and not to interfere with slavery on July 25, 1861. The follow-up to this story is the bill was repealed in December 1861. The repeal was spearheaded by Thaddeus who believed the president should have the right to take what ever steps were necessary to subdue the enemy.

What is the truth?

Our ancestor's told us in their own words what they did and what they thought, not the present massagers of the fabricated Yankee fairy tale. Listen to them tell the truth. Search out the truth. Find a copy of Jefferson Davis 's book "Rise and Fall".

Southern Gentleman's Brown Bag Lunch Club

Like minded individuals gather every third Tue 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 DEcember 15 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.

Thanks Doctor McMillin

What should the South Do?

Question: When Confederate Heritage sympathizers go to the Ole Miss Campus, should they feel included when they see removal of all references to the University's Confederate Heritage or should they feel not included?

Question: Should Ole Miss be a hypocrite and call themselves "The Ole Miss Rebels" (Confederate symbolism) or should they be politically correct and call themselves "The University of Mississippi Black Bears" (more welcoming and inclusive terminology)?

Fact: In 1860, the Southern States felt excluded from politically correct thought and thus formed the Confederate States of America (a new independent nation) and installed the honorable Jefferson Davis of Warren County, Mississippi as their President one month before the honorable Abraham Lincoln took the oath of office as President of the United States. President Lincoln's army invaded and destroyed the South, occupied the South for twelve years (until 1877 as five military occupied districts), and forced the Confederate States back into the United States as a conquered nation.

Question: Does forcing the South into the United States after the Confederacy peacefully left while cleansing Confederate heritage sound inclusive or does it sound schizophrenic?

Fact: The national flag of Great Britain includes the Cross of St Andrew from the Scottish national flag, the former enemy of England. The state flags of Alabama and Florida both have a prominent Cross of Saint Andrew. The Confederate battle flag contains the Cross of Saint Andrew but politically correct thought does not tolerate the Confederate flag.

Question: Should the South, once again, feel excluded from politically correct thought? Should past history be changed or eliminated to fit current opinion?

Yours in Reconciliation

The Sons of Confederate Veterans

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The Sons of Confederate Veterans, with 35,000 members, has a strictly enforced "hate" policy. Anyone with ties to any racist organization or hate group is denied membership. Any member developing ties to these organizations is expelled. Prohibited organizations include the Ku Klux Klan, the American Nazi party, the National Alliance, or any organization expressing racist ideals or violent overthrow of the United States Government.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is an historic organization, founded in 1896. Our duty is to preserve the history and heritage of the Confederate soldier, of many ethnicities. This duty was given to us by the Confederate Veterans themselves, and was given to no other group. We are the direct descendants of these men. Our ancestor's (and our) Confederate battle flag makes no distinction about race, creed, or religious preference. We stand unequivocally against hate groups for their desecration of those symbols that reflect the best in us: our Christian Cross, our United States flag, and our beloved Saint Andrew's Cross, the flags of us and our courageous ancestors. We stand with all good-hearted Americans in strongly condemning "race haters".

Confederate soldiers fought for the independence of their nation and made the Confederate flag world famous in doing so, but were overwhelmed in a great war of attrition. The Sons of Confederate veterans, like many Southerners, can not and will not abandon their true history and heritage, and oppose the ethnic cleansing The University of Mississippi and politically correct current thought is trying to accomplish.

Pearl Christmas Parade

Saturday December 4, 2015 - 9am

Confederate Impressionist (re-enactors) needed!

Everyone participating needs to be at the large Trustmark Bank on Hwy 80 by **8:00am**.

All camp members and friends are welcome to march behind the soldiers with Mississippi flags so please join us!!!

WE NEED A LARGE CROWD to show the people we are proud of our heritage and our Mississippi flag!!! So **JOIN US!!!!**

EC and Heritage Meeting

We have an upcoming MS Division EC meeting on Saturday, December 12th at 9:30 a.m. at the War Memorial Building. If you would like to put on the agenda please e-mail Mike Wooten: pftr72@aol.com

Joe Abbott, co-chair of the Heritage Committee will hold a meeting immediately following our EC meeting.

The Mississippi Flag Rally, HIGH NOON,

On Tuesday January 19, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, on the South Grounds of The Capitol ,there comes at a pivotal point in The State Legislature secession, especially The House - We can make a difference, Prepare to come and bring 6 friends / Mississippians Standing For Her Flag..... Will You be in that number?

Ole Miss State Flag Decision

The Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans condemns in the strongest terms the action of Morris Stocks, the Interim Chancellor of the University of Mississippi, who removed the official flag of the state of Mississippi from the grounds of the university. This action was wholly without justification and is a slap in the face to the taxpayers and citizenry as a whole of the state of Mississippi. The audacity displayed by the Chancellor is without precedent and is a clear indication that he believes he is above reproach. He would do well to remember the University of Mississippi is a public, taxpayer funded institution and that he ultimately answers to those taxpaying citizens of the state of Mississippi. Additionally, the citizens of Mississippi have already decided what the state flag should be, in an historic and lopsided state referendum. For the Chancellor to believe that he has the authority to override the will of the people is an insult of monumental proportion and is a clear indication that he is unsuitable to perform the duties of his office. The Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans demands that Interim Chancellor Morris Stocks immediately return the official flag of the state of Mississippi to its' rightful and lawful place at the University of Mississippi.

Camp T shirts

Bryan Skipwoth is collecting information to present to the camp for selling camp T shirts. Thanks to Bryan for stepping up with this idea. Let us all rally around the idea. The cost will be between 20 and 25 dollars. The shirts will be on a pre order basis.

Newspaper add

Thanks to Doctor Lamar McMillan in providing the zeal and product for our first set of newspaper adds. Syd Johnson has graciously volunteered to lead the charge on a new set of newspaper adds. He has been named the Public Information officer for the John C. Pemberton Camp. A new set of adds will be developed but not run until the first adds are paid off. To contribute to our camps heritage defense fund contact Larry Holman. Syd has some ideas that include Guest editorials in the local paper, a series of paid adds in the paper, letters to the editor, You tube presentations and a social media presence. Thanks to Syd for stepping up. He needs every ones help. He can not attain his vision for Public information alone.

THE ANDERSONVILLE HUMAN DISASTER WAS 100% THE FAULT OF THE LINCOLN REGIME

In defense of the Confederate government and Confederate prison officials in regards to Andersonville, an article was published in 1876 by the Southern Historical Society, consisting of 9 points that place the blame for deaths and suffering at Andersonville totally on Northern politicians and military authorities. Specifically President Lincoln, Sec. of War Stanton, Asst. Sec. of War Dana, and Gen. Grant shoulder the blame as noted in the following 9 points.

1. It is not denied that great suffering and mortality occurred but it was due to circumstances and conditions beyond CSA control.
2. If the death rate be adduced as "circumstantial evidence of barbarity" the rate of Confederate deaths was higher in Northern POW camps where there was an abundance of food, medicine, and shelter. The Confederacy captured and held about 270,000 Union prisoners from 1861-65 and 22,576 died. The Union captured and held about 220,000 Confederate prisoners and 26,436 died.
3. The Union POW's were given the same rations as Confederate guards and soldiers and equal treatment in hospitals as required by the CSA government and the death rate of CSA guards was the same as POW's. The Northern Federal government did not have this humane policy.
4. The exchange of prisoners was refused by the North before the issue of black Union POW's became an issue.
5. The CSA government requested that Northern doctors and medicine be sent to treat Northern POW's and the request was denied.
6. The CSA tried to buy supplies including bowls and other utensils to use in feeding the POW's. They offered to pay with cotton and gold but the offer was refused by the Lincoln regime.
7. The Federal Government under President Lincoln made medicine contraband causing suffering and death of Union POW's and all Southerners military and civilian.
8. Prior to the period of greatest mortality the CSA authorities offered to release the Andersonville POW's without exchange but the offer was not accepted by the Lincoln regime who was told by CSA authorities "we cannot feed or care for them-just come get them". Sherman's barbaric war crimes in Georgia consisting of stealing, destroying, and burning made food and supplies even scarcer and increased suffering and mortality.
9. The Northern press was furnished lies and propaganda by Union Sec. and Asst Sec. of war Stanton and Dana claiming deliberate cruelties and war

crimes by the South. The control of Northern POW camps was transferred by Stanton and Dana to vindictive partisan criminal elements and deliberate war crimes of cruelty, torture, and murder were committed against Confederate POW's as proven by a joint resolution of the U.S. Senate and House SR97.

Final proof that the human disaster at Andersonville was virtually 100% the fault of the Lincoln regime comes from statements by Confederate Col. Ould who was in charge of arranging prisoner exchanges and Union Assistant Secretary of War in the Lincoln Administration Charles A. Dana. Col. Ould is quoted as saying "My government instructs me to waive all formalities in this matter of exchange. I need not try to conceal from you that we cannot feed and provide for the prisoners in our hands. We cannot half feed or clothe them. You have closed our ports till we cannot get medical stores for them. You will not send us quinine and other medicines, even for their exclusive use. They are suffering greatly and the mortality is excessive. I tell you all this plainly, and still you refuse to exchange. What does your government demand? Name your own conditions and I have authority to accept them. **YOU ARE SILENT! GREAT GOD, CAN IT BE THAT YOU PEOPLE ARE MONSTERS?** If you will not exchange, I will give you your men for nothing. I will deliver ten thousand Union POW's at Wilmington. I will deliver five thousand here. Come and get them. If your government is so damnably dishonest to want them for nothing, you shall have them. You can at least feed them and we cannot."

Post-War in the New York Sun Newspaper Dana wrote "CSA authorities and especially Jefferson Davis ought not to be held responsible for Andersonville. We were responsible ourselves for the continued detention of our captives in misery, starvation and sickness in the South".

Post-war Union General Grant admitted that he had considered the Andersonville POW's Expendable.

A Fairy Tale Exposed, The Story Never Told It is all about Money

Information taken from "The South Under Siege"

by Frank Conner

As the country prepared for the 1860 election, the Republicans went into their convention with several high profile main stream republicans as their potential standard bearer. The party machine (northern Industrialist) feared these men's stand on slavery might impair the profitable business the northern capitalist had with the Southern states. Prior to the convention, Lincoln was a relative unknown with his stand on issues unknown and a knack of telling his audience what they wanted to hear. The Northern Capitalists heard "no war with the south" and hopped on board the Lincoln train believing that Lincoln was controllable. Lincoln walked out of the convention as the party's standard bearer, a darling of the Northern capitalist. The major planks in the Republican platform were items in favor of northern capitalist, (A northern route transcendental rail road, a homestead act, internal improvements and banking reform). All these items would be financed or subsidized by revenue raised by tariffs raised mostly out of southern ports. This platform amounted to a financial declaration of war and foretold what was in store for the South.

In 1860, the only way to abolish slavery was through a constitutional amendment and there were not enough states to ensure a passage of such an amendment. Based on this math , the South knew they did not have to leave the union to protect slavery. With the republican platform, the riches of the south would be quickly siphoned away and the South would become to weak to exist as a nation and would become a agricultural colony of the North, a cash cow for the Northern industrialist. Because of the impending economic impact, The South felt it was now or never. As the cotton states left the union, the northern reaction was mixed. Some were glad to see the burden of slavery lifted from the country but soon the reality set in. There would be no Southern tariffs to fund the government projects.

To maintain the influx of Southern capital, Lincoln needed a plan to conquer the seceded sates in a short war to bring them back into the union. To succeed in his plan , he would have to attack swiftly before the South developed an effective army to defend their country and develop alliances with France or England. Lincoln knew he could not defend a war to the people that was fought to fund the industrialist. His only approach was to sell the war as a war "to protect the union". He knew he had no

constitutional authority for this action so his plan had to look as if the South was the aggressor.

At the onset of the Lincoln presidency, four Union forts were still held in Southern Territory including Fort Sumter which was chosen as Lincoln's lightning rod. The commander of Fort Sumter Major Anderson based on his own writings had access to food supplies to maintain his garrison. There was no reason to resupply the fort with food.

After Confederate Davis's inauguration in February 1861, he sent a peace commission to Washington to negotiate a peace treaty between the two nations. The first priority of Davis was to get foreign soldiers out of forts in the newly formed country. The Confederates offered to pay the Union for the forts and made it clear that any Union effort to supply or reinforce the forts would be seen as an act of war. Lincoln refused to meet with the Confederate peace commission and would not allow his Secretary of State to meet with them face to face. The Peace Commission met with intermediaries and were led along thinking the forts would be turned over to the Confederate government. During these "negotiations", a plan was presented to Lincoln on March 12 to reinforce Sumter by sea with an unarmed tug in the lead. This plan would ensure that the South would fire on an unarmed ship which would supply Lincoln with the reason he needed to blame the South for starting the war. On March 15, this plan was presented to the cabinet (Lincoln was trying for political cover) who voted not to pursue the plan but to evacuate the fort. On March 25 Winfield Scott testified to Congress that he disapproved of the resupply of the fort. On March 29 Lincoln resubmitted the plan at another cabinet meeting where the cabinet succumbed to his political pressure and approved the resupply plan. That night Lincoln issued a secret order to the Secretary of War to prepare an expedition ready to sail by 6 April to resupply and reinforce Fort Sumter. On 7 April, the Yankee ships set sail for Fort Sumter and were to arrive about 11 April. On 8, April Secretary Stewart told the Confederate peace commissioners, he would not recognize or deal with them.

Lincoln had clearly intended to wage a war with the Confederate States since his election. He had forced Davis into a situation with only three choices: dissolve the confederacy and return to the Union, allow reinforcements and pretend this was no act of war, or prevent reinforcements.

The choice was made by the Confederate government who sent orders to Beauregard to capture Fort Sumter. Anderson refused to surrender and the South fired on the Fort. After the firing on Fort Sumter Lincoln wrote that the Mission was a success.

Northern newspapers were filled with stories of the Fort Sumter attack "without cause". Now Lincoln had his excuse to invade and conquer. By the constitution Lincoln should have called Congress into emergency secession to declare war but he feared they would not comply with his call for action. With this he put out the call for troops and the rest as they say is history.

Who Has Lived This Moment, I Have?

Kepi on, Flag Flying, Gun at the Ready, Forward the Colours !

William Faulkner in *Intruder in the Dust*, left us a brilliant reflection on Pickett's Charge that still resonates to this day:

"For every Southern boy fourteen years old, not once but whenever he wants it, there is the instant when it's still not yet two o'clock on that July afternoon in 1863, the brigades are in position behind the rail fence, the guns are laid and ready in the woods and the furled flags are already loosened to break out and Pickett himself with his long oiled ringlets and his hat in one hand probably and his sword in the other looking up the hill waiting for Longstreet to give the word and it's all in the balance, it hasn't happened yet, it hasn't even begun yet, it not only hasn't begun yet but there is still time for it not to begin against that position and those circumstances which made more men than Garnett and Kemper and Armistead and Wilcox look grave yet it's going to begin, we all know that, we have come too far with too much at stake and that moment doesn't need even a fourteen-year-old boy to think This time. Maybe this time with all this much to lose and all this much to gain: Pennsylvania, Maryland, the world, the golden dome of Washington itself to crown with desperate and unbelievable victory the desperate gamble, the cast made two years ago"

Do not give up the feeling of your youth, Pickett's charge can not be won, but the fight for the memory of those who fell must be carried on.

Remember the men of Company A, 11th Mississippi, University Grays.

Kepi's on, flags flying, armed with the truth, Forward the colours.

Gone with the Wind



Flag in North Mississippi

On November 12, 2015 on private property near Greenwood Mississippi, a huge flag of the state of Mississippi was hoisted.

McCluney for AOT Commander

Fellow Compatriots,

The Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence, and the Sesquicentennial of the beginning of "Reconstruction" is upon us. After June 17, 2015 attacks have been visible all around our Confederation. These attacks have placed the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the limelight of the world press, and revealed that our organization is the authority of everything Confederate. We must seize this opportunity to promote Growth, Unity, and Progress by recruiting new members in our organization, educate the general public about the true Cause our ancestors fought for, and promote our organization in our communities.

To accomplish this, we need the proper leadership to see this carried out in a gentlemanly and orderly fashion. To meet this challenge we need men with new innovative ideas who are willing to work hard at bringing our membership together under a common Cause, and to meet the demands that the "Charge of Gen. Stephen D. Lee" has laid before us. Our "enemies" think that we have been reeling after June 17th but that event has brought us closer together. They continue will fight us as they paint a picture that the Cause our ancestors fought for was immoral, illegal, and unjust. The SCV is the largest and most recognizable organization for the promotion of Confederate Heritage and it is time we capitalize on that fact. We must hold true to Stephen D. Lee's Charge to us and make our organization something that will be perpetuated for future generations so that they too may take pride and celebrate a rich Confederate heritage that we have inherited.

But, there is serious work before us that needs to be done in an aggressive and imaginative manner, emulating the principles that our ancestors fought so hard for. It is time to look at our problems with new eyes, keeping in place the wisdom gleaned from the lessons of the past. We need to use 21st Century ideas to fight this growing threat of "political correctness."

As a high school and college teacher for over twenty years, it has been my job to teach students our nation's history. I have seen political correctness infiltrating our history books. It has been a struggle to teach the "truth" in our classrooms. Yet, the youth of today are eager to know the truth when it is presented. As a Southerner and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, it is my duty to teach the truth about the Cause our ancestors fought for and to uphold the "Charge" they have left for us. This, I am faithfully carrying out. As your current Army Commander on the GEC, I have proven that I have the energy, the experience, and the right attitude to lead and represent the interests of this Army. Thus, I humbly ask you once again for your support and Re-Elect me as YOUR Army of Tennessee

Commander in 2016 in Dallas, TX so that I may continue being YOUR voice on the GEC. To learn more about me please feel free to visit my website at <http://mccluney2016.webs.com/>

Larry A. McCluney, Jr.
Army of Tennessee Commander,
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Poet' s Corner Thanks Joel

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

*A long, long time ago
On a clear, cold night
This world was blessed
With a glorious sight*

*Our saviour was born
On a manger of hay
Now we celebrate his birth
Each Christmas day*

*Because God sent his son
To live and die for us
We should never forget
The meaning of Christmas*

by: Joel T. Bailey



Chaplains Corner Thanks Bryan

This month we will celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He was born in a rude stable some two thousand years ago; nevertheless, his first advent changed forever our spiritual landscape. Hear now the words of the prophet Isaiah:

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this (9:6-7).

These verses describe the attributes of the Messiah—the Christ—who would come to provide salvation to all who would believe on his name. With that in mind, let us now examine the particulars of his first advent as noted by Isaiah and others. To begin with, there was the announcement of his birth: *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.* This was in accord with another message by Isaiah in chapter 7 wherein we are informed: *Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (v.14).* Immanuel is translated as, “God with us.” The Messiah was born as one of us, and yet, via his virgin birth per the workings of the Holy Ghost, he remained fully divine. To put it another way, he is both a “Son of man” and the “Son of God.” The Nicene Creed summed it up in this manner as it spoke of our Lord being, “...very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance of the Father, by whom all things were made, who for us men and our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man...” As God had pronounced judgment on our first parents in the Garden, he also set forth the provision for the redemption of mankind with his prophecy that the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15). That seed is Jesus Christ—Immanuel—

God with us. Another message contained in Isaiah 9 had to do with the coming kingdom of the Messiah. The prophet noted that *...the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.* The names of, *Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace* speak of who the Messiah is. He will be called these things because as Matthew Henry once noted, “This child, this Son of God, this Son of man

is invested with the highest honor and power... His people shall know him and worship him by these names..." He is said to be *Wonderful* because he inspires awe. His appearance at his first advent though seemingly insignificant, yet when examined in light of the prophecy from Isaiah 7 is beyond remarkable. For God the Son to enter our world as he did reveals the awesome power of our God to create for himself a earthly vessel in which he might walk among us as the second person of the Trinity. It reveals the condescending love which God has always possessed for his highest creation that he would stoop to be mortal to bring us to immortality. His title of *Counsellor* speaks of his godly understanding, as well as his presentation of that knowledge to mankind via the gospels, as well as to the apostles who wrote the bulk of the New Testament. Godly wisdom will, if followed, lead to eternal life in his coming kingdom. *The Mighty God, the everlasting Father* are titles which speak to the mystery of the Messiah as being a member of the Godhead and thus fully man and fully God. Jesus said, *I and my Father are one* (St. John 10:30). Our Lord is *the Prince of Peace* who came to bring us the peace of God and the blessed assurance of eternal life as co-heirs with himself in the God's coming kingdom. The peace that Christ gives us far surpasses anything that could be found within the precincts of this life. Peace is a commodity which men have pursued since our first parents were cast out of the Garden of Eden. Over the millennia, human rulers have rarely succeeded in crafting genuine peace treaties, and of those that they did manage to establish, said agreements rarely survived for little more than a generation before they were undone by one or both of the principals. When our Lord returns, he will put an end to all violence between nations and peoples. He will triumph over the works of Satan and his host of wicked spirits and human disciples to bring in a millennium of true peace and justice. He will sit upon the throne of his father David and rule over all the world. God promised David that from him would the Messiah spring forth. As the apostle John wrote of our Lord that he is, ... *the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star* (Revelation 22:16). And as ruler, he will establish his kingdom and order it with justice and with judgment. With justice, because his will and purpose for things will be done in righteousness and in truth. With judgment, because all who will not obey his commandments will be judged and punished in the fires of perdition. Nothing of Satan's will be permitted within his kingdom until that appointed time when the Devil will be given a season to tempt mankind which afterwards, he and his followers will be cast out into that inevitable and inescapable Lake of Fire. The *zeal of the LORD* is that Spirit of Power which he possesses to complete his works. The desire

of God to bring those things so prophesied about is so great that we have every assurance they will be done in the manner he has described. God's desires have never been thwarted and his words are truth. That is where our faith comes in. If we are truly in Christ, then we ought to believe that God will eventually do what he has promised. God's truth is in his promises made good already via the testimony of Scripture. And because we love God, we trust that, as he has done in the past, so he will do for us in the future. In closing, let us keep this point in mind that our Lord is as described by the prophets of old. He came and dwelt among mankind and yet remained wholly and truly the God of all Creation. He was and is our, *Wonderful, Counsellor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace*. In this season of Advent, let us look for him to come again in glory.

Let us pray,

Father, we pray that you would help us to be watchful for the second advent of our Lord as well as to assist us as we witness to those who are in need of his saving grace; for this we ask in the name of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Confederate Birthdays in December

Major General Arnold Elzey	18 December 1816
Major General Henry Heth	16 December 1825
Major General Samuel Jones	17 December 1819
Major General William Wing Loring	4 December 1818
Major General William Booth Taliaferro	28 December 1822

Confederate in Egyptian Army

William W. Loring was born in Wilmington North Carolina. When he was young his family moved to Florida where as a 14 year old he joined the Florida militia and fought the Seminole Indianans. In 1846, he joined a regiment of mounted Calvary and went to Mexico to fight in the Mexican War. While in combat his arm was shattered and had to be amputated. After the Mexican war, he was stationed in the North West fighting Indians where he was promoted to colonel, the youngest in the army. He traveled to Europe to observe military tactics used in the Crimean war. When the great war to prevent Southern Independence started, Loring was stationed in New Mexico where he resigned his US commission on May 13,1861. He spent the first years of the war in the eastern theater and was sent to the west where during the battle at Bakers Creek he was cut off from the Vicksburg forces and joined General Johnston. He was with the Army of Tennessee during te Atlanta campaign and Hoods Tennessee campaign. He surrendered in North Carolina

After the end of "The Great War", General Loring served in the Egyptian army as a Major General . After his service he returned to Florida. He died in New York city and is buried in Saint Augustine Fla.

John C. Pemberton Camp Website

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

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.

Changing the Name Against the Law

Our case against the University of Mississippi is still in the discovery stage. The Division Judge Advocate hopes to have a court date in 6 months or so. They can not be allowed to defile our confederate ancestors. This act was clearly illegal and part of a larger strategy to "cleanse" the South. The first reconstruction was not completely successful. We are not gone! They are back again..

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.

Stroll Beauvoir for Christmas

Family night December 4, 11, 18, 2015

General admission \$12.50 adults, \$10.00 seniors, \$7.50 6yrs-18yrs, 5 and under Free

Includes: pictures with Santa, free kid crafts, tour of the home, hay-ride, pony rides, and entertainment.....

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

\$5.00 per car Stroll garden with Christmas lights

Closed Christmas day

Live Nativity performed by Break Through Ministry on:

November 30, 2015, December 1, 2015

Live Nativity performed by Camp Ground Baptist Church on:

December 22, 2015, December 23, 2015

\$5.00 a car-load

Stroll Beauvoir for Christmas

6pm - 8pm

Upcoming Mississippi Division Conventions

The 2016 Mississippi Convention will be Hosted by the Hattiesburg camp with the convention at Beauvoir.

2016 Proposed Bylaw Change to Mississippi Division Bylaws

Proposed Change to Article 26 of the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Bylaws As Amended in Convention June 07, 2014.

Proposed Change: Delete Article 26 from the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Bylaws.

ARTICLE 26 -- BEAUVOIR BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

Section 1 -- The Members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees for Beauvoir shall be elected and shall function under the provisions of the amended Charter of Incorporation of the "Mississippi Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans," dated the second (2nd) day of July, 1954, or as it may be amended.

A. These two Boards may, by agreement, function as a Combined Board. B. The incumbent President of the Mississippi Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy shall be an ex officio Member of the Board of Trustees, without vote. She shall serve during her incumbency. If unable to attend any meeting of the Board of Trustees, she is authorized, in writing, to appoint another Member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy as her personal representative to attend in her stead.

C. Any Member of the Board of Directors or Board of Trustees, who, having attained the age of seventy-five (75) years, shall become an Emeritus Member of the respective Board of which he was a Member on the 3rd day of June next following their 75th birthday and thereby relinquish their seat on their respective Board.

D. Each Emeritus Member shall have the privilege of attending and participating in all meetings of their former Board, be assigned committee work or other specially assigned work by their former, Board, and hold office on the former Board. Each Emeritus Member, currently serving, shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of office of elected Board Members not inconsistent with the Charter of Incorporation of the Mississippi Division, United Sons of Confederate Veterans, or the laws of the State of Mississippi. Each board member required by age to go Emeritus after ratification of this amendment shall not be a voting member of said board or boards.

E. The Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees, meeting as a Combined Board, are authorized to create an "Advisory Board" to council

and advise with the Combined Boards concerning matters relating to the operation and maintenance of "Beauvoir -- The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library" and to select such persons who, in the judgment of the Combined Board, possess the qualifications, character, integrity, judgment, and reputation to aid and assist in the promotion of Beauvoir and its purpose.

F. The Mississippi Division Commander shall be an ex officio voting Member of the Board of Trustees during his term of office.

Rationale: The Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans has no authority to have any such language concerning the operation of the Beauvoir Board of Directors or Board of Trustees in its Bylaws. The language of Article 26 is or should be contained in the Beauvoir Articles of Incorporation and their Bylaws.

Maker of the proposed change:

Allen C. Terrell, SCV #244448

Maj. Gen. William T. Martin Camp #590, Natchez, MS

Upcoming National Conventions

2016 – Dallas/Ft. Worth Texas <http://scv2016.org/>

2017 – Memphis Tennessee

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