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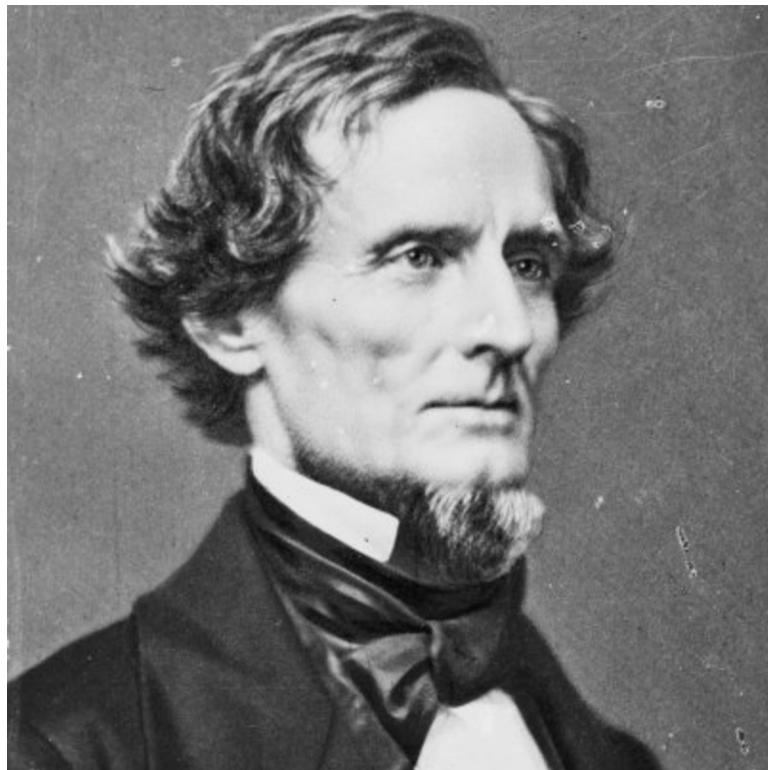
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Commander

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President Davis Dies On December 6, 1889



I worked night and day for twelve years to prevent the war, but I could not. The North was mad and blind, would not let us govern ourselves, and so the war came.

Commander's Column

Dear Compatriot's:

It is hard to believe that it is almost Christmas and the end of the year is fast approaching. I trust that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and that everyone will have a great Christmas as well. I was reminded by our Lt. Commander that the first Thanksgiving took place in Jamestown, Virginia, the first English colony in North America. We always here about the Pilgrims at Plymouth, as an example of how New England was promoted to be great and the South, not so much. Interesting also, that every time the Pilgrim Thanksgiving is mentioned, it is that they had such great relations with the Native Indians, while Jamestown had poor relations with the Indians and was constantly at war with them. If anyone has done any research on these topics, please let us know. I do know that the first Convert to Christianity in North America was the Indian Princess, Pocahontas. who adopted the Christian name of Rebekah.

Christmas is my favorite time of year. I always get a little down when it is all over. As we celebrate, let's remember the greatest gift ever given to mankind, the birth of our Savior Jesus, Emmanuel, God with Us. Thanks be to God for his great gift to us. Let us also be Thankful for the results of our National elections, which gives us time to hopefully turn things around. Let's be in Prayer for our President-elect as he is already facing so much opposition from his opponents, who are the same enemies of our Southern States Rights Heritage.

Our next meeting is December 6, it will be an informal time to come together and fellowship. We will be sharing stories of the Holiday season and the South and will also have food to eat. We will need members to bring food, drinks and paper items such as cups and napkins. Please let me know by email what you plan to bring. Wives, girlfriends and friends in general are invited to attend.

I am in need of speakers for the Camp beginning in March. Please let me know if you have a program to share or if you know of someone who would be able to speak.

God Bless, Merry Christmas and I hope to see everyone on December 6.

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>
December 6	None	Annual Christmas Bash
January 3, 2017		
January 14	Ron Kennedy	Lee Jackson Banquet
February 7	Rickey Pittman	

November Meeting



Our November meeting was opened with a prayer, pledges and salutes. Mr. Brandon Beck presented a very interesting program on the foiled raid on the Western & Atlantic Railroad. Chad Counce submitted his application for membership and was voted into our camp. If you know Chad give him a big congratulation. Our organization's continued existence and the ability to meet our charge in the future is contingent on bringing in new members. If every one brought in one new member, we would double our membership in a year. Everyone should identify one man to target for membership in 2017. Greg Stuart and Connor Bond attended the meeting as guest. Randal Martar was presented his certificate of membership. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

2016 Christmas Bash



Our December meeting will be our annual Christmas bash. Bring goodies for the "eats table" and a short story to tell. This meeting is always a lot of fun.

Thanksgiving

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with lots of turkey, dressing and cranberry sauce.

You should always remember, and ensure you children remember, the first English thanksgiving in America was not the pilgrim thanksgiving but was at Jamestown Va. The Pilgrims version, they did have a thanksgiving feast, is yet another example of how New England was promoted to be great and the south not so much. Remember the real history.

Okra Looses It's "Backbone"



As Okra is boiled, it changes from a rigid green vegetable to a slimy green existence. This is a good thing for Southern cooking but not for the backbone of leaders. This boiling and changing to a slimy state has occurred in the leadership at Delta State. Delta State University has become the last State supported university to disgrace our great State by lowering our state flag in protest of the design and the lack of action to change the design by the state legislature. How about refusing the money that supports you?

What Did the Founders Say

During the 1787 Constitutional Convention, a proposal was made that would allow the federal government to suppress a seceding state. James Madison rejected it, saying, "A union of the states containing such an ingredient seemed to provide for its own destruction. The use of force against a state would look more like a declaration of war than an infliction of punishment and would probably be considered by the party attacked as a dissolution of all previous compacts by which it might be bound."

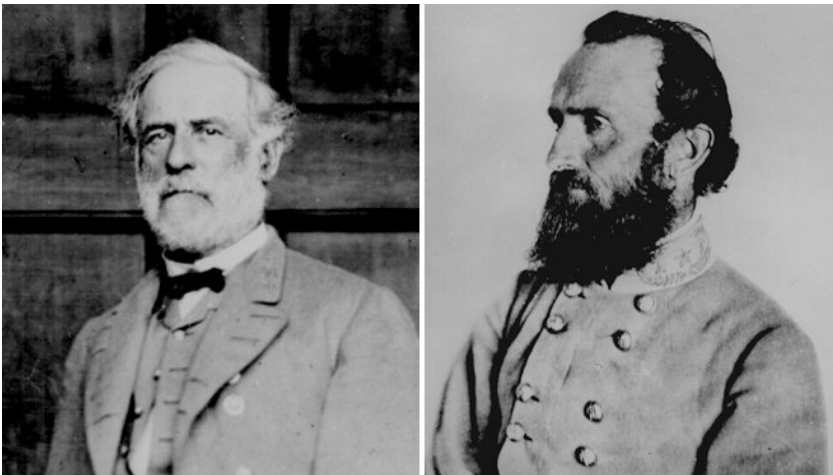
BTW you do not see the proposal in our present constitution.

Five Dollar Bill



I am afraid every time a five dollar bill is offered to me. I am afraid what this government is able to do to me based on what Lincoln's war did to my ancestors. Is this fear un-based, I think not
I am afraid that using the concept of inclusion and diversity that my heritage will be wiped from the face of the earth. This concept is not very inclusive. Is this fear un-based, I think not.

Lee Jackson 2017



Plans are in place for our annual Lee Jackson Banquet held in January. As with last year, we plan on having the banquet at Goldies Trail BBQ on January 14th 2017. Commander Campbell has announced that prominent southern author Ron Kennedy will be our speaker.

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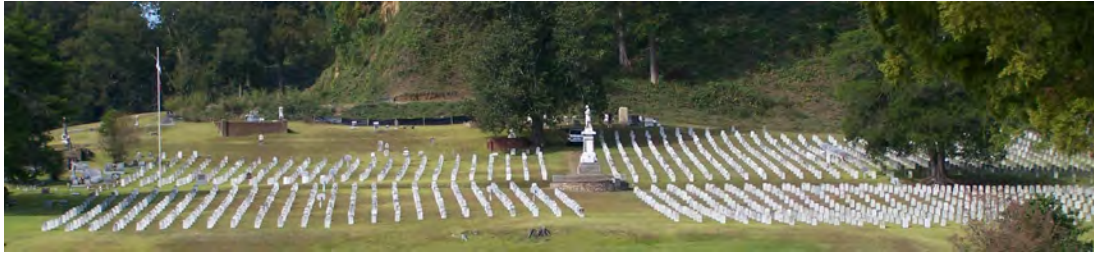
On the way to work this month, I noticed the broken sign. Those who have not seen this, it is about a mile south of Yokena on the right side of Highway 61. I have no idea when, why, or how it was broken, Archives and history has been contacted for how to proceed.. The department has no funds to replace broken signs. MDOT has been contacted as it is possible the marker was "clipped" by a mower. The Governor and Senator Hopson have been contacted for assistance. Senator Hopson has responded that he will try to help. MDOT has responded that they will look into it.

Pearl Christmas Parade

On Saturday Dec. 3rd meet us for the Pearl Christmas Parade! We need all the Miss. Division SCV members available to march (about 1.5 miles) and as many Confederate re-enactors as possible!!! We all meet up at the big Trustmark bank on Hwy 80 in Pearl at 8am. Parade starts at 9am. Join us!!!! Bring your flags too!!!

Confederate Memorial Month Service

Thanks to bryan for the picture



The John C. Pemberton Camp has been asked by the Mississippi Division and we have accepted the offer to host the 2017 Mississippi Division Confederate Month Memorial Service. The service will be held on Saturday April 23 2017 at Soldiers Rest. The service will also be for the newly installed Coopers Well dead.

President Davis Dies

Thanks to Sam Price for information



Funeral procession of Jefferson Davis in New Orleans

On December 6, 1889 President Jefferson F. Davis died in New Orleans. On November 6, he left Beauvoir to visit his plantation, Brierfield, in Warren County Mississippi. While in New Orleans, he was caught in a sleety rain, and on the steamboat trip upriver, he came down with a severe cold. On November 13, he left Brierfield to return to New Orleans. Varina Davis, who had taken another boat (Steamer Natchez whose captain was Captain Leathers, a friend of the Davis family) to Brierfield. Varina going north on her boat met Davis going south on the his boat and took him aboard the Natchez. Two doctors came aboard further south and found he had acute bronchitis complicated by malaria. They arrived in New Orleans three days later, and he was taken to the home of Charles Erasmus Fenner, an Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court. Davis remained in bed but was stable for the next two weeks; however, he took a turn for the worse in early December. Just when he appeared to be improving, he lost consciousness on

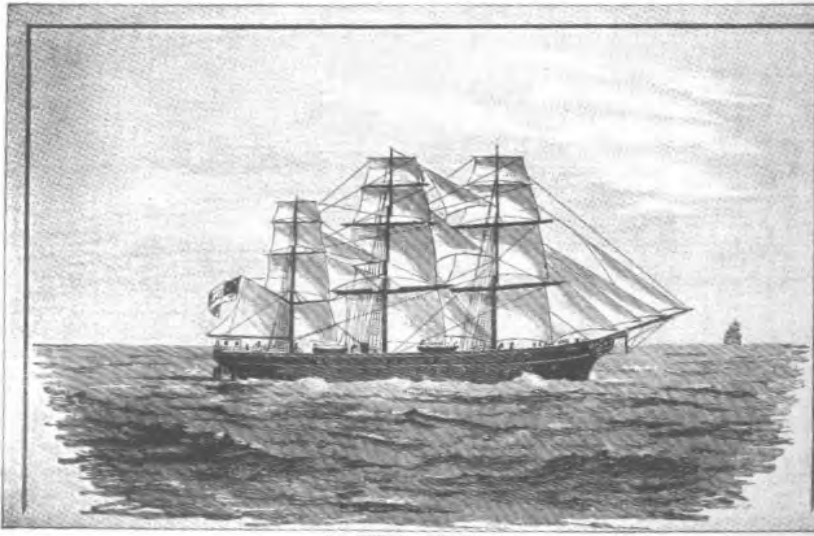
the evening of December 5 and died at 12:45 a.m. on Friday, December 6, 1889, in the presence of several friends and with his hand in Varina's.

A New Orleans paper reported the death as follows:

"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!"

Milo Copper, a former servant of the Davis family, upon hearing of Davis' illness, made the long trip from Florida to New Orleans to be near Davis' side. As Cooper entered Davis' sick room, he burst into tears and fell on his knees and prayed that God would spare the life of Jefferson Davis and bless the family. The body of Jefferson Davis laid in state at the city hall of New Orleans, Louisiana from midnight, December 6, 1889, to December 11th. The United States and Confederate flags hung from above and in the city hall that was covered with many flowers. The church bells toiled as over 80,000 people lined the streets of New Orleans to pay their respects to a The sad part of this story is that the United States War Department did not recognize Davis and the US flag was not flown at half-mast. The US flag was flown at half mast in the South. Jefferson Davis was the only former Secretary of War that was not given the respect and honor by the United States Government. His funeral was one of the largest in the South. Davis was first entombed at the Army of Northern Virginia tomb at Metairie Cemetery in New Orleans. In 1893, Mrs. Davis decided to have his remains reinterred at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond. After the remains were exhumed in New Orleans, they lay for a day at Memorial Hall of the newly organized Louisiana Historical Association, with many mourners passing by the casket. His body was placed on a Louisville and Nashville Railroad car and transported to Richmond, Virginia. A continuous cortège, day and night, accompanied his body from New Orleans to Richmond The place of his death is marked by An upright granite slab (placed in 1930) standing in front of a columned, plantation-style house, between the sidewalk and street. The side facing the street is inscribed with the resume of Jefferson Davis, the "First and Only President of the Confederate States of America" (and includes his stint as a post-war prisoner). The side facing the house notes that this is where Davis died on December 6, 1889, a "Christian chieftain" and "truly great American." The marker is found at 1134 First Street., New Orleans, LA which is On the west side of First Street just south of Camp St.

"Extraordinary Epic of Seafaring"



On November 6, 1865 the CSS Shenandoah sailed up the River Mersey and surrendered to a British naval vessel. Thus ended an epic journey for Capt. James I. Waddell and his crew. The CSS Shenandoah was commissioned on October 19, 1864 and she eventually arrived in the Bering Sea. In the Bering Sea, the crew set about destroying the Yankee whaling fleet, which never recovered from the damage wreaked upon them by Capt. Waddell. On August 3, 1865, after learning of the fate of the Confederate States of America, Capt. Waddell lowered his flag, stowed his guns, and set sail for Liverpool. He rounded Cape Horn and after a 9000 mile, three month journey, surrendered his vessel and crew. In her twelve and a half months of life upon the sea the CSS Shenandoah traveled 58,00 miles and circumnavigated the globe. The bravery and dedication of this ship for the cause of the CSA cannot be understated. On November 6, 1865 Capt. Waddell performed his duty with the honor, dignity, and respect that was common in many of our Confederate ancestors. We certainly count it as an honor and a blessing to claim the heritage of the CSS Shenandoah. Lest we forget. Deo Vindice_

2017 Plans For Our Camp

If you have something in your mind you would like the camp to do in 2017, please email me (charlescresap33@att.net) and I will pass it on to Commander Edward.

Battle of Franklin



On November 30, 1864, the brave men of the Confederate Army of Tennessee stepped off with bands playing and flags flying on an ill fated charge into history at Franklin Tennessee. To me the charge at Franklin was a real testament of courage and devotion to a cause. When the army entered Tennessee, they saw a sign "Tennessee a free state or a grave" This sign foretold the fate of many brave men crossing into Tennessee. This campaign led and conceived by a man without one leg, without the use of one arm, and existing on laudanum was symbolic of the Army of Tennessee after years of bloody fighting with little to show for it. The mission to break through into the North and take Washington DC. must have been developed in a drugged state of mind. There were more troops in the north not engaged than Hood could muster for this invasion. My Confederate Cresap ancestor (Nelson Adair) charged up the Columbia Turnpike with the 47th Tennessee Infantry in Gordon's brigade. They charged side to side with Cleburne's men of Granbury's brigade. It has been written that Cheatham's old Division and Cleburne's division were equal in ferocity and both were considered "shock troops" of the AOT. I can not even imagine the courage it took to step off on that charge and then after the blood bath "lay siege" to Nashville. in freezing conditions How can we not tell the story of the true history of these brave souls. There has not been recorded anywhere that there on that day they heard a battle cry "I want my slaves". just my opinion.

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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.

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 our to our Wall of honor.

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 December 20th 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 (excluding December). They meet in the Baer house at 7:00 PM. The Baer house is located at 1117 Grove street.

Poet' s Corner (Thanks Joel)

THE SOUTHERN CAUSE

Joel T. Bailey

*In 1861 the South rebeled against Northern laws
And the call went out for the Southern cause*

*From the small farms to the plantations grand
They came to defend their Southern homeland*

*They took an oath and proudly wore the gray
Some fought close to home and others far away*

*They charged ahead with no thought of defeat
Most would rather die before they'ed retreat*

*Through the fields of dust and roads of mud
They fought the battles and shed their blood*

*Many of them would fall never to rise again
They would give their all in their effort to win*

*Even tho the goal they sought was never achieved
They had fought and died for what they believed*

*They may have lost but we hold their honor high
And the memory of the cause will never die*

Chaplains Corner Thanks Bryan

For the Brethren

In (St. Luke's gospel account (2:1-14), we find shepherds being visited by an angel who carried a wonderful message of deliverance. Some may inquire as to why God would send his messenger to such lowly folks? The answer can be found in God's message to the prophet Isaiah: For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways (55:8). Scripture tells us that God has often chosen the least of persons to carry out his will. And as it was his intention to have his only begotten Son serve in a similar capacity—to become the shepherd of men's souls (St. John 10:1-16; I St. Peter 2:21-25)—so he sent his messenger to those humble shepherds whom he would later emulate. For nearly two thousand years, unbelievers have questioned the truth of our Lord's coming, his nature and his bona fides. They cannot accept him as Saviour and Lord because they have not the heart to believe in him (Acts 8:37). They have not the heart because they see no need to repent of their wicked natures—their fornications, their thefts, their murderous hearts, their greed, their jealousies, their covetousness, their sorceries and their idolatries (Revelation 9:20-21). The Devil has seared their consciences as one might sear a wound using a hot iron so that they can no longer feel the sting of their sins (I St. Timothy 4:2). Alas in this life, unless God gives them a spirit of repentance, they will be unable to discern the true nature of their pain until they die and wake up in hell. Only then will they know the truth, but it will be too late (II St. Timothy 2:25-26). For it is in this life only that a person possesses the ability to accept God's free gift of grace in Jesus Christ and not afterward. As the apostle Paul has written, Now is the day of salvation (II Corinthians 6:2) and so it follows that now is the time to repent and turn unto God in Christ Jesus.. Hear now the words of our Saviour: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (St. John 3:16-18). Jesus Christ came so that none would have to perish if they would turn from their sins and trespasses and embrace him as their Saviour and Lord. Unfortunately, for many, the IF in the last sentence is a hurdle that is too high for them because they are heavily laden with their sins, and sadly are not willing to part with them. Just as the character of Jacob Marley in Dickens' A Christmas Carol explained to Scrooge concerning the creation of his particular chain, the Devil has helped the unregenerate forge the very chain that will keep them

tied to sinful behavior in this life, and which will eventually sink them into hell in the next. Jesus Christ came to break the chains of sin and death, and free us forever from Satan's grasp. Isaiah the prophet penned the following description of the Messiah's work on our behalf: The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound: to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD... (61:1-2a). So as we celebrate our Lord's first advent, let us give thanks to God the Father for his wonderful gift to us who came as that little babe in Bethlehem and who will one day come again in power and great glory as King of kings and Lord of lords. Truly no happier day will come and it is one which we as regenerate Christians daily seek.

Let us pray,

Holy Father, long ago you promised through your prophets that the Messiah would come to save us from this body of sin and death; and, as we remember his humble birth, so help us also to watch for his coming again in glory; all of which we ask in Christ's most holy name. Amen.

Cooper's Well Stones come to Vicksburg May 28th



The Pemberton Camp has coordinated with others in the third brigade to set 47 stones in one of the lots we control in Cedar Hill. Thanks to Trent Lewis for being the sparkplug for this effort, Wayne McMaster for being the camp's point man in setting up this effort and Bryan Skipworth for repairing the broken stones and placing many stones in the ground. These men died at Mississippi Springs and were buried at Cooper's well. The Coopers Well location is not available for Confederate stone placement so these stones have laid on the ground for 15 years waiting for a home. On May 28th the stones were delivered to Cedar Hill. There was a 3d brigade work day on July 16 resulting in all stones being installed. A memorial service is planned in conjunction with our annual April Memorial Service There are three more stones to be delivered and set. 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

for more info, thanks anna

Ole Miss Plaque



Ole Miss has installed a context plaque at the Confederate monument on campus. The Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans has revived a lawsuit against the University of Mississippi asking for a court order to remove the informational plaque placed near the Confederate monument. The complaint also ask for name of Confederate Drive to be reinstated. The monument needs no context as it's meaning is etched in stone. Translated from the Greek inscription in memory of the University Grays:
"Go, stranger, and to Sparta tell, that here, obeying her commands, we fell"

Confederate General Confederate Birthdays in December

Major General Arnold Elzey 18 Dec 1816

Major General Henry Heth 16 December 1825

Major General Samuel Jones 17 December 1819

Major General William Loring 4 December 1818

Major General William Booth Taliaferro 28 December 1822

General Thomas Dockery



General Dockery was born on December 18, 1833 in Montgomery County North Carolina. His family moved to Tennessee and then to Columbia county Arkansas where they established a large plantation. At the start of the War to Prevent Southern Independence, Dockery received a commission in the 68th regiment Arkansas state militia, which became Company B of the 5th Arkansas state troops and was elected Colonel of the new regiment. With this regiment, Dockery participated in the battle of Oak Hills (Wilson creek), fighting for control of Missouri. When these Arkansas troops did not transfer to Confederate service, Dockery raised and was elected Colonel of 19th Infantry Regiment. After the battle of Elkhorn Tavern (Pea ridge), the regiment was transferred east of the Mississippi river and participated in the second battle at Corinth. With this regiment, he fought in Bowen's Division, Green's Brigade and was engaged at Port Gibson, Bakers creek (Champion Hill), Big Black Bridge, and in the trenches during the siege of Vicksburg. When General Green was killed in the trenches during the siege, Dockery was given command of his brigade. After the surrender, he was promoted to Brigadier General and was assigned the task of reforming a brigade of Arkansas men who had surrendered and was ordered to take them to the Trans Mississippi. In May 1865, Dockery signed the instrument of surrender for all Confederate troops in Arkansas. After the war he worked as a civil engineer and lived in Houston Texas. He died in New York City and is buried in Natchez where his daughters lived. A cousin of mine (Lt. Cyrus Carlock) was in the 19th Arkansas infantry (Dockery). His service record shows him being dispatched for recruiting duty on April 30, 1863, with no further record. Family history has him killed in action in defense of fortress Vicksburg.

March in Monroe for Mardi Gras

Want to help the Sons of Confederate Veterans reach close to 100,000 or more people? Make plans now to participate in the Monroe Louisiana Mardi Gras Parade - February 18, 2017 -- 6:00pm. I know this is around eight months away but start making plans now. We need to have the largest showing of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the parade that has ever been seen. Mark your calendars!

John C. Pemberton Camp Website

Go to <http://scv-camp-1354.com/> to view our website. Thanks to our Webmaster Bill Fryer. Bill has creating a "Wall of Honor" for our ancestors. Check it out on the web site and add your ancestor. Also find directions to our meeting location You will also find about three years of archived newsletters

John C. Pemberton on Facebook

Thanks to Sid Johnson, Larry Holman and Jeff Cartwright, the John C. Pemberton camp has a facebook page. It looks real good, thanks guys. Now we have to continue 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 http://www.beauvoir.org/Support_Beauvoir/index.html for details

Bricks for Beauvoir



The plans are for a brick plaza around the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Each brick would cost \$50.00 and would have the name of a Confederate ancestor of members of the SCV who give to the effort. “The Bricks for Beauvoir” Project is spearheaded by Larry McCluney, Past Commander of the Mississippi Division. Thirteen columns, in a crescent, will represent the 13 States of the Confederacy and will fly the flag of each respective State.

2017 Mississippi Division Reunion

This is an election year for Mississippi Division officers. The reunion will be in Oxford Mississippi. The Annual Division Convention shall commence at 12 noon on the Friday following the 3rd of June (Jefferson Davis' birthday) unless otherwise ordered by the Division Convention or the Executive Council. This would put the 2017 meeting on the 9th of June in 2017.

2017 Mississippi Reunion Officer Announcements

Commander of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

- Marc S. Allen

3rd Brigade Commander

- Trent Lewis

Beauvoir Board of Directors

- Mike Wooten

Upcoming Mississippi Division Reunion Locations

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

2018 Private Samuel A. Hughey camp 1452 Southaven, Ms

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

A Challenge

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

Deo Vindice,

Thos. V. Strain Jr.

Commander-in-Chief

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Upcoming National Conventions

2017 Memphis Tennessee July 20-22 2017

2018 Franklin Tennessee

2019 Mobile Alabama

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