

IN THE TRENCHES

A NEWS LETTER OF THE
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"All we ask is to be let alone"
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Commander's Column

Dear Compatriots,

It is almost December and truly the most wonderful time of the year. I want to wish all of you and your families a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. Our next meeting is December 5 and will have our annual Christmas party, guests are invited. We will not have a program but will open the floor to anyone who has a story to tell. I would like to remind all of you to please circulate the flag petitions and bring any that are full to the next meeting so that we can start sending them to the Circuit Clerks office. Please take as many as you can handle and get as many signatures as you can. Use whatever method works for you. I gave one to a friend of mine who lives in Rankin County and he took it to his Church Prayer breakfast and got it completed for me. Whatever method works for you. On the Heritage front, we have just won a victory in Ocean Springs where the state flag has been restored to municipal buildings there. We can win these victories. If you hear of any other victories anywhere in the country, please let me know. FYI- We hear the phrase "Merry Christmas" a lot this time of year but do you really know what it means. The word "Merry" is an Old English word and the meaning has changed over the years, it originally meant "Strong" or "Mighty" such as Robin Hood and his Merry Men. So when you wish someone a Merry Christmas, you are wishing them a Strong Christmas, or to literally "Be Strong in the Lord". Of course, much of the Holiday is commercialized now, but let us always remember what is the "Reason for the Season". Emmanuel, God with Us. God came down to Earth as a tiny baby to save mankind. That my friends is the greatest gift of all.

Deo Vindice,

Edward Campbell

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 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	

Upcoming Events

Lee Jackson	January 20
Confederate Memorial day	April
Spring Flea market	April 14

Jefferson Davis and New Orleans

Jefferson Davis died in New Orleans on Dec 6, 1889. He laid in state at New Orleans City Hall and was buried in Metairie Cemetery in the Army of Northern Virginia mound. The turn out for his funeral was tremendous with over 80.000 mourners paying their last respects. This was one of the first indication to the Yankees how popular the Confederate president still was. The common newspaper article in the south read:

"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

In 1893, at his wife's request, his remains were exhumed and he once again laid in state in Memorial Hall in New Orleans. Jefferson Davis was then moved by train through his south land to Richmond. His statue in New Orleans at Jefferson Davis Parkway and Canal street was erected and was dedicated on 22 Feb 1911. After many instances of graffiti being painted on the monument, the city declared the statue a nuisances. Based on this, Jefferson Davis was removed on May 11, 2017 in an attempt to alter history.

Delta is ready

A message to Yankees and "wanna be" Yankees who want to:

- Destroy monuments to our ancestors who defended our homeland against a brutal invader,
- Make fun of our accent,
- Destroy our heritage and culture,
- Control our children's education,
- Tell us how and what we should eat,
- Change our lifestyles,
- Kill our unborn babies,
- Take away our right to bear arms, and
- Change our state flag.

I am deeply offended by your effort to remake our southland in the image of your idea of perfection. In remembrance of Lewis Gizzard, Delta stands by to return you to your promise land.

Spring flea market

We have a reserved spot for the 2018 Flea Market. The tentative date is April 14. We will need participation as always so I am asking all of you to please be available to help out that day if possible. We will be selling items as well as getting the petitions' signed.

CSS Arkansas

Hello Everyone

We will also talk about this at the next several camp meetings. What I have researched with the help of others are the 23 men who were killed aboard the CSS Arkansas and are buried at Cedar Hill / Soldiers Rest. None of the men have headstones or markers and with the struggle from the VA they probably never will.

So we have designed a memorial for them all to be placed on a single VA style marker (the pattern of Douglas the Camel) and I just got the price. I am hoping we can do this amongst our Camp Members (I would like for this to be our project), right now the total cost is at \$800.00. The blank marker is \$350.00 and to add the design to it costs \$450.00.

I know its the Holiday's and everyone has their expenses but maybe at the first of the year we can get the ball rolling, we can even do it in 2 parts if its easier, I need the blank marker in hand first. I'm not sure if I will make the next brown bag or Dec. meeting so if I don't someone please bring this up and lets talk about it, if you would like to see the design I can bring it to show you also. We have been working on this for about 6 months and was glad to hear it could be done at a reasonable price.

Thank you

The Terrible Truth about Lincoln and The Confederate War

continued

Only after the Union had suffered two years of crushing defeats in battle did Lincoln resolve to “emancipate” the slaves, and only as a war measure, a military tactic, not for moral or humanitarian purposes. He admitted this, remarking, “We must change tactics or lose the game.” He was hoping, as his original draft of the document shows, that a slave uprising would occur, making it harder for Southerners to continue the war. His only interest in freeing the slaves was in forcing the South to remain in the Union. His Emancipation Proclamation was denounced by Northerners, Southerners and Europeans alike for its absurdity and hypocrisy; for, it only “freed” the slaves in the seceded states—where he could not reach them—and kept slavery intact in the North and the border states—where he could have freed them at once.

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. Take the initiative and support 62.

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.

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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 Dec 19 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



SILENT SENTRIES

Joel T. Bailey

*They stand on a hillside
Above the city they defended
They stood the test of battle
Until the seige had ended*

*Manned by gallant men
They did their job so well
Only to be heard no more
After the city fell*

*They've long been silent
The smoke long blown away
Now they're reminders
Of the war of the blue and gray*

*So as part of the past
They stand proud for all to see
And like silent sentries
They guard our history*



Chaplain's Corner Thanks Bryan

In St. Luke's gospel account (2:1-14) we are told of certain shepherds being startled by an angel's appearance. They were all amazed at what they had seen and heard. But why did God send his messenger to those lowly shepherds? Our 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). Shepherds were regarded as the dregs of Jewish society. Still, God often chooses the least of persons to carry out his will. And so it was fitting for God to send his angel to these men as a token of his intention to have our Lord later serve in a somewhat similar capacity, to wit: Jesus Christ came into the world to be the shepherd of men's souls (St. John 10:1-16; I St. Peter 2:21-25). As we enter the season of Advent, we begin a new church year with our celebration of the first coming [advent] of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is a joyful time, but it is also a serious one where each of us ought to examine ourselves and seek God's forgiveness and cleansing of all unrighteousness. Furthermore, it is fitting that we offer up to God our prayers of thanksgiving and to give him the glory for his gift of the Christ child, his only begotten Son: who came to seek and save the lost; who came that we might have life and have it more abundantly; who came to announce the coming of God's kingdom to a world darkened by Satan's lies; and who came to free those who have been imprisoned in Satan's dungeon house of death and despair. For nearly two thousand years, unbelievers have questioned the truth of our Lord's coming, his nature and his bona fides. Unregenerated mankind cannot accept him as their 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. Only then will they know the truth, but it will be a truth learned 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 while one remains in this sphere of mortal existence.

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 Saviour and Lord. Unfortunately, for many, the IF in the last sentence is a hurdle which 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). While we cannot force others to accept the Saviour, we can witness to them. We can tell them of the goodness of our Lord and God and encourage them to join us in giving him the glory and praise he deserves for extending to us so wonderful a gift. As regenerated souls, our worship— both in the spoken word and humble song— ought to reflect our love for God and our acceptance of his gift of grace. And it should reflect our willingness to figuratively go to Bethlehem and seek out the presence of our Lord and Saviour, and this we can do in several ways, 1) by cheerfully being present every time the church door opens; 2) through our prayer time each day where we lay before God our cares and concerns for those around us as well as ourselves; and 3) through our reading of the scriptures as they tell us of God's expectations for us. God has given us his word written for our good if we would but read and heed it. From the beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelation, God has set out for his own in plain language who he is and what he has planned for us who have been born again of the Holy Ghost. As St. Paul noted in his second epistle to St. Timothy, All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works (3:16-17).

Since the beginning, God has provided mankind with a liberty of choice. As Moses spoke to under the influence of the Holy Spirit: I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live (Deuteronomy 30:19). And God knew mankind would take that liberty and turn away, so he planned from before time to send the second person of the Trinity to take on mortal flesh and walk among us. He came to experience what we experience, to see all that we see and feel all that we feel. He came not only to witness our infirmities, but to face them as well. He came, he faced them, and in so doing he did not sin. He did not succumb as each of us has done in the past to the lures of the world, the flesh and the Devil. He gave himself for us and died that we might live with him forever if and only if, we accept him as our personal Saviour and Lord. I said this before and it bears repeating that you cannot expect God to bless you and save you if you are not willing to be obedient to his word written. Several years ago, I found an apt description of the Bible which is as follows:

The Bible: God's Holy Book This Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, the Christian's charter. Christ is its subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is given to you in life, will be opened in judgment, and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy precepts. Author Unknown So as we celebrate the first advent our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, let us give thanks to God 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 as King of kings and Lord of lords; all of which we ask in that name which is above every name, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Cooper's Well Stones come to Vicksburg



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. A dedication is planned but at this time the date has not been set."

Thanks to all who were a part of this effort. Go to: Soldiers Rest Cemetery
Vicksburg Ms

or @ SoldiersRestCSA

S.D. Lee Institute

The attacks on our Southern heritage are beyond all reason: emotion and insanity rage while facts, rationality, and logic are being driven from public discourse. It is the purpose of the Stephen D. Lee Institute to provide the antidote to these toxins by bringing together some of the best minds in the South to make the case for Dixie. We are pleased to announce the 2018 Stephen D. Lee Institute will be held February 17, 2018 in Shreveport, Louisiana. Our host hotel for the event is the Hilton Hotel Shreveport; the symposium will take place at the Shreveport Convention center, which is connected to the Hilton. We are once again putting together a very distinguished line-up of speakers, including...

- Marshall DeRosa - professor of American Constitutional Law and author of numerous books including *The Confederate Constitution of 1861: An Inquiry into American Constitutionalism*
- Ron Kennedy - noted trouble-maker and, along with his brother Don Kennedy, perhaps the most prolific author in the modern Southern movement. Among his many books are *The South was Right* and *Dixie Rising: Rules for Rebels* and many others
- Paul C. Graham - editor of Shotwell Publishing and author of *Confederaphobia!*
- Lee Bright - Two-term S.C. State Senator and renowned defender of Southern heritage
- Jeffery Addicott -- law professor and expert on terrorist tactics; author of *Radical Islam Why?: Confronting Jihad at Home & Abroad* among others
- Charles E. McMichael - Educator, Past SCV Commander-in-Chief and relentless defender of Southern heritage

Special Offer for Current SCV Members

Thanks to the support of the SCV General Executive Council, this year, in an effort to make the SDLI as accessible as possible, we are able to offer a special early registration discount for SCV members of just \$95. That's a \$30 savings off our regular registration fee of \$125.

This special \$95 registration fee is only available to current SCV members, and to take advantage of it you must register before January 17.

Registration Package

- Admission to all symposium programs including a special panel discussion with all of our distinguished speakers Saturday afternoon.
- Desert Reception Friday night at the hotel.
- Lunch Saturday

Registration Cost

\$95 for SCV members who register before January 17.

\$125 for SCV members after January 17

\$150 for non-members (the public is invited)

A limited number of scholarships are available for high-school seniors, college students, and high-school teachers.

To register for the event click here:

<http://www.stephendleeinstitute.com/events.html>

Our host hotel is the Hilton Shreveport, 104 Market St, Shreveport, LA 71101, [\(318\) 698-0900](tel:3186980900).

The Hilton is extending a special SDLI rate of \$107 (\$119 double-occupancy, plus applicable taxes). The SDLI rate includes free Wi-Fi and complimentary breakfast.

You can make a reservation online at the special SDLI rate by clicking here:

<https://aws.passkey.com/go/StephenDLeeInst>

Please note: to receive the special SDLI room rate, reservations must be made by January 26, 2018.

Questions may be directed to Chris Sullivan at SDLeeInfo@gmail.com or [\(864\)660-9188](tel:8646609188)

Confederate Flag Day- 3rd Annual

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is once again organizing Confederate Flag Day. The third of these events will be observed March 3, 2018. This has become a very popular event across the entire country. Each Division should be making their plans on how they are going to commemorate the event this year! Please send your information to me at the email on the website.

<http://csaflag.org/index.html>

Let's show the world that we are still here and still proud of our sacred banners!

Deo Vindice

Chuck McMichael- PCiC SCV

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



During the egg bowl last night, some of the commentators were saying that Ole Miss has lost itself, I would say, they as a university, have lost their moral compass. I would suggest rebuilding the identity of the university not on modeling Harvard, and not on identifying with the yankee fairy tale. I would suggest a concentration on character and devotion to duty. The greatest example for Ole Miss would be the students of the university marching off to protect their homes and families from a foreign invader. Quit trying to put context on the confederate monument, rename Confederate Av, let the band play real Dixie, allow the colonel to come back, wave the flags of our ancestors. Build your legacy on a firm foundation.

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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