

IN THE TRENCHES

APRIL 2020

FROM THE COMMANDER

Edward Campbell

I hope that you are all staying well in the midst of all of the news about the Coronavirus. In view of the situation, we thought it best to cancel the April 7 meeting. We will let everyone know about events later in April such as the Flea Market and Confederate Memorial Day closer to the times. I am happy to report that at this time we are still planning on hosting the Ms. Division Reunion in June. We are hopeful that things will be back to normal by then and that we can proceed as scheduled. It is okay to go ahead and send in your Registration forms and we encourage everyone who hasn't yet to do so.

You hear everything and every point of view about the virus and I certainly hope and pray that everyone is staying well and using best practices when you go out. I am not going to live in fear and I am trying to live by the Bible verse 2 Timothy 1:7 in which the Apostle Paul writes to his young protégé Timothy, "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind". It is easy to get depressed when watching the 24 hour news cycle, which is why I am choosing to turn it off and watch something else when I start to get depressed. I am praying for a quick end to this and that we can go on with our normal lives. I also pray for the protection of my family and friends from this virus.

Lets not forget that April is Confederate Heritage Month and we need to honor our ancestors this month in any way that we can. While we are home it would be a good idea to fly your Confederate Flag from your house. If you are concerned about flying your Battle flag, the Stars and Bars is a good

one to fly and the sad fact is that most people do not even know what you are flying. We are winning battles around the country, the SCV in Fort Myers, Florida are dealing again with the vandalism of a bust of General Lee but have recently won a court battle and will go forward with the prosecution of those who have vandalized the bust. It is sad that we have to fight these battles but we have public opinion and the truth on our side. Let's never forget that, most people in this country are sympathetic to our cause, we just have a very vocal opposition that is supported by the news media. The same media that has created the hysteria over the recent virus. Not to sound unsympathetic to those suffering, but there is also much that we have not been told by the media.

I will let everyone know when the poster arrive for Confederate Heritage Month. Please stay well and take care of yourselves and your loved ones, turn off the news, and read the book of 2 Timothy for inspiration and peace. Lord willing, we will get together again in May.

God Bless,

Edward Campbell
Commander



*John Clifford Pemberton
Lt. General, CSA.*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *No April Meeting*
- *Confederate Memorial Day—April 26, 2020*
- *Arkansas Memorial Dedication—August 23, 2020*
- *MS Division Reunion—DATE TBA*



CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH

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Our ancestors left their homes to defend their families, hearths and altars from a brutal foreign invader. The Southern states legally left a union that no longer upheld the ideals their fathers and grandfathers had fought for in the first American revolution, In leaving the union, they took with them the ideals that were implemented by their ancestors in the constitution. They and their families suffered for four long years of war. After the soldiers return, they suffered under bayonet rule for another ten.

Never forget the sacrifice our ancestors made.

Make Dixie great again.

For daily posts during April check out the John C. Pemberton face book page at <https://www.facebook.com/scvcamp1354>

THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATE MUSEUM AT ELM SPRINGS

The truth about the South's struggle to form a new nation is under attack as never before. The National Battlefield Parks have been taken over by the "it's all about slavery" provocateurs. Museums have changed their collections and interpretations to present what they call the cultural history of the War for Southern Independence. In reality this new perspective is nothing more than South bashing. The forces of political correctness have gone into high gear. They attempt to ban any and all things Confederate through their ideological fascism.

There needs to be at least one place where the people of the South and others can go to learn an accurate account of why so many struggled so long in their attempt to reassert government by the consent of the governed in America!

The General Executive Council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans made the commitment in October of 2008 to start the process to erect a new building that will have two purposes. One of the uses of this new building will be to give us office space and return Elm Springs to its original grandeur. However the main function is to house The Confederate Museum. We are planning a museum that will tell the truth

about what motivated the Southern people to struggle for many years to form a new nation. At the SCV Reunion in July of 2009 the GEC set up a building fund for this purpose. One of the goals is to provide an accurate portrayal of the common Confederate soldier, something that is currently absent in most museums and in the media.

These plans are now becoming action. The ground breaking will take place in 2016. Click the link above to see the proposed building!

You are invited to make your stand for the future by contributing to this fund.

Send checks to:
Sons of Confederate Veterans
c/o TCM Building Fund
P.O. Box 59
Columbia, TN 38402

Or you can call 1-800-MY-DIXIE to pay by credit card.

www.theconfederatemuseum.com

BEAUVIOR



*Beauvoir - Post-war home of Jefferson Davis.
Biloxi, Mississippi*

Beauvoir, the historic post-war home of President Jefferson Davis, is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There are several ways that you can participate in the continued preservation of this beloved landmark located in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Friends of Beauvoir

For as little as \$25 annually, you can become a member of the Friends of Beauvoir. Membership includes tour admission and a 10% discount at the Beauvoir gift shop.



Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier at Beauvoir

Bricks for Beauvoir

Honor your Confederate ancestors while supporting Beauvoir. Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit, and company. The memorial bricks will be laid creating a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate soldier.



The Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum

For more information on these opportunities, please visit www.visitbeauvoir.org or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400

SOLDIERS REST

The city of Vicksburg served as a major hospital center in the early years of the Civil War. A section in the Cedar Hill Cemetery was set aside to provide a fitting burial place for Confederate soldiers who died of sickness or wounds. Known as "Soldiers' Rest," the plot in Cedar Hill Cemetery is the final resting place for an estimated 5,000 Confederate soldiers.



*A soldier of stone stands guard over the resting place of Confederate Heroes.
Soldiers Rest - Vicksburg, Mississippi*

A local undertaker, Mr. J.Q. Arnold, was hired by the Confederate government to bury Southern soldiers, and carried out those duties throughout the siege of Vicksburg. Mr. Arnold meticulously maintained records of the soldiers he buried, assigning each one a grave number. Regrettably, his list and map of the cemetery disappeared after the siege, although a portion of his list was re-discovered in the early 1960s, giving the name, rank, company, unit, and date of death for 1,600 soldiers. Approximately 3,500 names are unknown. The document is now part of the archival records at the Old Courthouse Museum in Vicksburg, MS.

Due to the disappearance of Mr. Arnold's records, only a few private headstones marked the plot until 1893. On April 26 of that year, the ladies of the Confederate Memorial Association dedicated a beautiful stone monument featuring the standing figure of a Confederate Soldier. It was not until the early 1980s, following the discovery of the partial list, that the headstones were erected through the combined effort of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Veterans' Administration. The stones were arranged with military precision and placed in state groupings. In 1998, an additional 72 headstones were erected by the Sons of Confederate Veterans to honor soldiers whose identities were established on

a second list which surfaced in the collection of the Old Courthouse Museum.

Soldiers Rest also contains memorial markers for those who died at Cooper's Wells in Hinds County, and an effort is being made to honor the lives lost on the CSS Arkansas. Unfortunately, stones could not be placed at the actual resting places for the soldiers in both of these groups, so a decision was made to honor their memory by placing memorials for them in Soldier's Rest.

Discoveries continue to be made about the history of Soldier's Rest. As recently as August 2018, a new list of more than 150 previously unknown soldier and widow burials was discovered and is in the process of being added to the records. Ms. Anna Fuller, in cooperation with several other volunteers, researches and maintains the information about those Confederate heroes who are interred there.

The information that has been collected can be viewed online at soldiersrestvicksburg.com and on Facebook by searching for "*Soldiers Rest Confederate Cemetery Vicksburg MS.*" Soldiers Rest is located inside Cedar Hill Cemetery, 326 Lovers Lane, Vicksburg, MS.

CONFEDERATE BIRTHDAYS

April 1—Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner

April 10—Lt. Gen. Leonidas Polk

April 6—Maj. Gen. Charles William Field

JOHN CLIFFORD PEMBERTON

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A Pennsylvania native of Quaker stock, John Clifford Pemberton was born on August 10, 1814. Despite his religious background John grew quite social and enjoyed parties, dances, and even the theater. Yet he was a quiet young man who shied away from intimacy and counted few close friends. (Among his boyhood friends was George Meade who was destined to command the Union forces at Gettysburg.) Pemberton's father, a close friend of President Andrew Jackson, secured an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point for his son and John embarked on a military career.

At West Point, Pemberton was an average cadet who did not excel academically and accrued demerits by the score. During his first

class, or senior year, he was even arrested for violation of the academy's prohibition against the possession of alcohol. Only after the entire senior class signed a pledge to abstain from alcohol for the duration of their term were the charges dropped. At graduation in 1837, Pemberton stood 27th in a class of 50 cadets and was assigned to duty with the 4th U. S. Artillery.

Pemberton went on to serve in the Second Seminole War and Mexican War where he saw action at Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, and Matamoras. While serving in Mexico he met a young lieutenant who would play a prominent role in his life during the Civil War. His name was Ulysses S. Grant. During this same period he struck up a close friendship with yet another young officer, this one an ardent Mississippian named Jefferson Davis. Upon his return from Mexico, he married Martha Thompson, a native of Norfolk, Virginia, and a fervent supporter of Southern politics and customs, and the couple had seven children. Patty, as he affectionately called his wife, held tremendous sway over her husband. At the outbreak of the Civil War she wrote John, "My darling husband, why are you not with us? Jefferson Davis has a position for you." Not willing to tum against his wife's interests, on 24 April 1861 resigned his commission in the U.S. Army and sought service in the newly-forming Confederate army. Two of his brothers volunteered in the Union army.

Pemberton offered his sword to his wife's native state, Virginia and Gov. John Letcher appointed him a lieutenant colonel in the state's forces. After Virginia's admission to the Confederacy, Pemberton was elevated to brigadier general and sent to the Department of South Carolina and Georgia. He initially served there under Robert E. Lee, but when Lee was summoned to Richmond to serve as the president's military advisor, Pemberton was elevated to major general and placed in departmental command.

In this role, Pemberton sought to concentrate his available manpower which would necessitate opening coastal areas to enemy incursions. He even recommended the evacuation of Fort Sumter and quickly fell afoul of local officials and South Carolina Governor Francis Pickens who clamored for Pemberton's removal. In the fall of 1862, with little useful field or combat experience, Pemberton was named commander of the Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana and charged with defense of the Mississippi River and the twin bastions of Vicksburg and Port Hudson.

Throughout the winter of 1862-1863 he was successful in parrying enemy movements, but in the spring of 1863 events would soon prove that Pemberton had been elevated beyond his capacities to command as Union Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant launched his successful campaign against Vicksburg. Despite a valiant defense throughout a 47 day-long siege of the city, Vicksburg surrendered on July 4, 1863. In the aftermath of siege, Pemberton voluntarily resigned his commission and accepted the lower grade of lieutenant colonel and remained in Confederate service for the duration of the war.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April is the month when, in 1861, the American Civil War began between the Confederate and Union armies, reportedly the costliest and deadliest war ever fought on American soil; and

WHEREAS, State law declares the last Monday of April as Confederate Memorial Day, a legal holiday to honor those who served in the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, as we honor all who lost their lives in this war, it is important for all Americans to reflect upon our nation's past, to gain insight from our mistakes and successes, and to come to a full understanding that the lessons learned yesterday and today will carry us through tomorrow if we carefully and earnestly strive to understand and appreciate our heritage and our opportunities which lie before us;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of April 2020 as

CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 3rd day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

Tate Reeves
TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR





**Killed May 12, 1863 during the battle of
Raymond, MS**

COL, RANDAL W. MCGAVOCK CSA

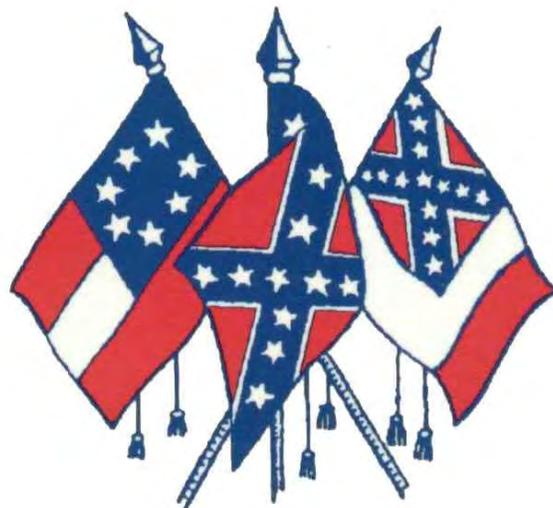
Joel T. Bailey

*With flaming red hair and beard
Astride his noble steed
An Irish son of the Southland
And the pride of the men he'd lead*

*He was a farmer, lawyer, politician
And a natural leader of men
He formed an Irish company
When the war was about to begin*

*They were called the Sons of Erin
His Irish Tennessee brigade
And they were all there with him
When his fatal charge was made*

*With flags flying and saber held high
He led the charging men
Then a minie ball brought him down
And he would never rise agin*





SCV Commander-In-Chief Paul Grammling (Left) speaking at the annual Lee-Jackson Dinner hosted by the LTG John C. Pemberton Camp in Vicksburg, Mississippi

Camp Member Wayne McMaster (Right) assists with setting memorial stones for the crew members of the CSS Arkansas.



Camp Commander Edward Campbell (Left) presenting at the East Mississippi Greys camp's annual Lee-Jackson Dinner in Forest, Mississippi

Completed historical marker and memorial stones for the crew of the CSS Arkansas (Right).





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DEFENDING HISTORY SINCE 1896
WWW.SCV.ORG

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is a hereditary organization for male descendants of Confederate veterans. It was formed in 1896 as the direct heir of the United Confederate Veterans and serves to preserve the history and legacy of the Confederate soldier. There are ongoing programs at the local, state and national levels in the form of preservation work, marking Confederate soldiers' graves, historical re-enactments, scholarly publications, and regular meetings to discuss the military and political history of the War Between the States and the colorful and heroic men who fought it.

Membership is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces, and can be obtained through direct or collateral family lines which must be documented genealogically.

For more information, please visit www.scv.org

Edward Campbell

Commander

Larry Holman

Adjutant / Membership

Rev. Bryan Dabney

Chaplain

Sam Price

Historian

UPCOMING MEETINGS

NO APRIL MEETING

Sunday August 23rd—CSS Arkansas Crew Memorial Dedication—9AM at Soldier's Rest

DATE TBA—2020 Division Reunion—Vicksburg, MS

If you are interested in presenting, please contact Commander Edward Campbell : ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

From the stirring speech delivered by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General of the United Confederate Veterans at the New Orleans, Louisiana

UCV Convention of 1906.