

# IN THE TRENCHES

DECEMBER 2018

## FROM THE COMMANDER

*Edward Campbell*

It is hard to believe that it is almost Christmas again, it is my favorite time of the year as we celebrate the birth of our wonderful Savior and Lord. Please always remember the "Reason for the Season". Our next meeting will be our annual Christmas party on December 4 at the DAV building. We will be having dinner so please bring something to eat and let me know what you are planning to bring so that we can be sure and have enough of everything. I will also that evening begin selling tickets for our Lee-Jackson Dinner which will be held on Saturday, January 19 at Goldie's. Our speaker will be Scott Bell who has written the book "The Camel Regiment" a very interesting account of the 43rd Ms. Volunteer Infantry. You are in for a treat, be sure and put the date down and make plans to attend. I am asking everyone to dress in Traditional Church attire for the Banquet.

Thanksgiving Day was my 10th wedding anniversary and Robin and I took a trip to Alexandria, Louisiana where we toured the Louisiana History Museum a very interesting museum with a good collection from the War for Southern Independence. we also toured the Kent Family Plantation, built in 1800, three years before the La. Purchase, the outbuildings were burned by the union army but the house, fortunately was spared. I recommend Alexandria for a weekend getaway that is not to far away and not terribly expensive. I have heard very little about Heritage issues, which is good. We should all be grateful that Andrew Gilliam was not elected Governor of Florida. I heard from an SCV friend in that state that he stated in public that he would remove all Confederate statues in the state. Whether or not he would have had the authority to do so remains to be seen and thankfully was curtailed by the voters but this is just an example of the type of enemy that we

are facing. Just because things are quiet now should not put into a state of apathy. We should always be alert to what the enemy is about and the type of enemy that we are facing. Many of them are just waiting for the opportunity

to take down our statues or to do something to deny our Southern Heritage. We have the truth on our side and we need to be constantly educating our friends, relatives and neighbors. Let's always remember to do it in a loving, respectful way.

I hope that all of you have a wonderful Christmas. I will see you on December 4.

God Bless each and every one of you and God Bless the South.

Edward Campbell  
*Commander*



*John Clifford Pemberton  
Lt. General, CSA.*

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Camp Christmas Party - Tuesday December 4th at 6:00PM*
- *Lee-Jackson Dinner - January 19th, 2019 at 6:00PM*
- *Mid-South Military History and Civil War Show. March 30-31st, Memphis, TN*
- *New CSS Arkansas Website: [css-arkansas.com](http://css-arkansas.com)*



## THE LOUISIANA MONUMENT

*Sam Price*

Whatever maybe said of the War, its causes and results, there is no question of the heroism and devotion to duty, of the Confederate Soldiers, and the dated Heroes well – earned all the honors that can be bestowed upon them.

On May 21, 1887 A committee of Louisiana men representing an association of surviving members of Louisiana regiments who fought in the siege of Vicksburg met in Vicksburg to choose a site for a monument. This monument was to honor the Louisiana men who died in defense of Vicksburg. The original site chosen by the committee was in city cemetery where the Confederate dead were buried. After consideration of the original site, it was suggested that the site chosen was undesirable because it was in an isolated spot and they needed a highly visible place within the city limits. They walked the city looking for another location and decided on spot on Monroe street between Crawford street and South street. This area had been used as a drill ground for the Vicksburg Southerons. Let these things be done as an evidence that the brave men who gave their lives for us are not forgotten. Some residents of Vicksburg



thought it was shameful that Vicksburg sent men into battle whose bones are now lying on battle fields of many states and nothing has been done to honor them. It was suggested that the Ladies Memorial Association take on the task for providing this monument.

The Monument is twenty feet high; The base is a solid Granite block Eighteen inches in depth, and cut octagonal in shape, being Five feet in diameter. On this granite Block stands the rest of the Monument, which if of the Finest Italian Marble. The First Section of it is a solid block of marble two and a half feet in diameter and Four feet high, cut in pyramidal form with the corners rounded and a shield elegantly carved on each if the four faces. On top of this marble block will stand another of beautiful shape and purity and on it an urn about three feet high and eighteen inches in diameter, and from the top of which clouds of incense are represented as rising. The Monument was made in Italy, and is a splendid specimen both as to design and skill. This shaft has cost the Association some \$1,500.00 and the members surely deserve much praise for thus honoring their dead comrades. If patriotism and bravery are to be of service to nations, and be appreciated by the defenders

of human liberty, then why not build monuments to those who sacrifice their lives in the defense of their county.

The inscriptions on the monument:

North side Shield with La arms dedicated June 11, 1887

East side "To the Louisianans who died in defense of Vicksburg 1862-1863"

West side "By their surviving comrades."

South side "in life the shock of battle, in death's sleep peace and endless fame"

The monument was dedicated on - June 11th, 1887

The parade from the court House to the monument included Military Companies from Jackson, New Orleans and Vicksburg. The dedication was opened with a prayer. The site was presented by city of Vicksburg to the Louisiana veterans. Colonel Patton of the 26th La accepted the site and delivered the Monument to the City charging the Ladies Confederate Cemetery Association. The city of Vicksburg accepted the Monument in perpetual charge.

## FOR THE BRETHREN

*Rev. Bryan Dabney*

### **Selected Bits of Wisdom From Christian Sources.**

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**

The preaching of John... drew all to (repentance)... the joyful proclamation of the Apostles: (repent) and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost: '... the Lord Himself... says: 'Come to me all you that labour and are bur-

dened, and I will refresh you: (for all these passages have occurred in to-day's lesson)— [but] you... tarry... You know not what the morrow will bring forth... We call you... to life: why do you shun the call? We invite you to partake of blessings: why do you disregard the gift? The kingdom of heaven lies open to you... why do you delay?... you profess to venerate holiness, while in reality you continue among the reprobate. See, lest you hereafter repent... when your repentance may be of no avail. Let the example of the virgins serve as an admonition. Not having oil in their lamps... they... were without the necessary provision: wherefore the Scripture styled them foolish... Take care, lest putting off... and not taking with you oil to nourish your lamp, the day at length arrive to which you do not look forward, when it will be impossible to live any longer.

**St. Basil of Caesarea— 4th century Christian bishop and author.**

A Methodist (Christian) is one who loves the Lord his God with all his heart, with all his soul, with all his mind, and with all his strength. God is the joy of his heart, and the desire of his soul, which is continually crying, 'Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth whom I desire besides thee.' My God and my all!

'Thou art the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.' He is therefore happy in God; yea, always happy, as having in him a well of water springing up unto everlasting life, and overflowing his soul with peace and joy. Perfect love living now cast out fear, he rejoices evermore. Yea, his joy is full, and all his bones cry out, 'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten me again unto a living hope of an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, reserved in heaven for me.

**The Rev. John Wesley— 18 century English pastor and founder of Methodism.**

If the dead arose continually to declare to us all that takes place there, even this phenomenon would in time also be disregarded; for the tempter could, with the greatest ease, adapt his wicked teaching to such a state of affairs... For even now, when nothing of that kind takes place, the forms of the departed often have appeared in dreams, and have deceived and ruined many. Much more if such a state of things, namely, that many returned from the dead, existed, that subtle spirit would involve many in his wiles, and introduce great deception into our life. Therefore God has closed the portals, and does not permit any of those who have departed to return to tell us the things that take place there; so that the tempter cannot take advantage

of such a state of things... But God, foreseeing all these

things, has prevented such... He has taught us to regard the Holy Scriptures as more worthy of trust than everything else.

**St. John Chrysostom — 4 century bishop at Constantinople.**

When the New Age preaches against 'exclusivity,' they are really talking about Christianity. In the New Age World Religion, worshipers will be allowed to believe anything they wish as long as it isn't based on what the New Age calls separateness, the notion held by Christians that Jesus is the way.

**Texe Marrs— 20 and 21 century American Christian author and commentator.**

Science brings man nearer to God... The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator.

**Louis Pasteur— 19 century French chemist and microbiologist.**

Since friendship of the world is enmity with God (St. James 4:4), the only way to heaven is to avoid all intimacy with worldly people... Your life is at stake... No matter how tempted you are to continue, have no friendship with

## FOR THE BRETHREN (CONT.)

the world... let your fellowship be with those, and those only, who at least seek the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity... How Satan surrounds us! How strongly he holds us! How he entangles, chains, and binds us with worldly associations! We lie in the sweet friendship, the embraces, and the counsel of these worldly ones, while they lie in the arms of the

Wicked One.

*The Rev. E. M. Bounds— 19 and 20 century American theologian and author.*

Every hour has its duty, do thou continue in thy calling as the Lord's servant until he shall suddenly appear in his glory.

*The Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon— 19 century Eng-*

*lish pastor and author.*

Men become sons of God in the day that the Spirit leads them to believe on Jesus Christ for salvation, and not before... Faith unites the sinner to the Son of God, and makes him one of his members... Show me a man that has this faith, and whatever be his church... I say that he is a son of God.

*The Most Rev. J. C. Ryle— 19 century Anglican bishop and author.*

Conscience, that noble faculty, is God's deputy in the soul; it is a candle not only lighted by him, but lighted for him. By the help of conscience we come to know ourselves.

*The Rev. Matthew Henry — 17 and 18 century English pastor and author.*

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

An invitation is extended to you for a very special ceremony at Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library; "Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier." February 16, 2019 at 11:00am.

The Grand Decoration of Chivalry will be presented by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. This is the Highest Honor bestowed on an individual by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.



This ceremony of Remembrance is for those who have given their lives to preserve and ensure the principals of the "American way of life". This ceremony was first instituted at the Arlington National Cemetery on June 17, 1934, by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows who will be conducting the ceremony for the third time in the state of Mississippi.

Beauvoir's Unknown Soldier was discovered in December 1979 at Port Gibson, the opening battle of the Vicksburg Campaign in May 1863.

Those remains were laid to rest on the Beauvoir property and the IOOF will have their third ceremony of Remembrance to our Unknown. Beauvoir invites you and your family to join us for this sacred and patriotic ceremony.

## MID-SOUTH MILITARY HISTORY & CIVIL WAR SHOW

The Robert E. Lee Camp SCV in Germantown, Tennessee and the James R. Chalmers Camp SCV in Memphis, Tennessee sponsor an event known as the Mid-South Military History & Civil War Show. The 2019 event will be held at the Agricenter Showplace Arena in Germantown, Tennessee on March 30-31st, 2019. For more information, please visit [www.midsouthmilitaryhistory.com](http://www.midsouthmilitaryhistory.com) or email [midsouthmilitaryhistory@gmail.com](mailto:midsouthmilitaryhistory@gmail.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.

### **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.

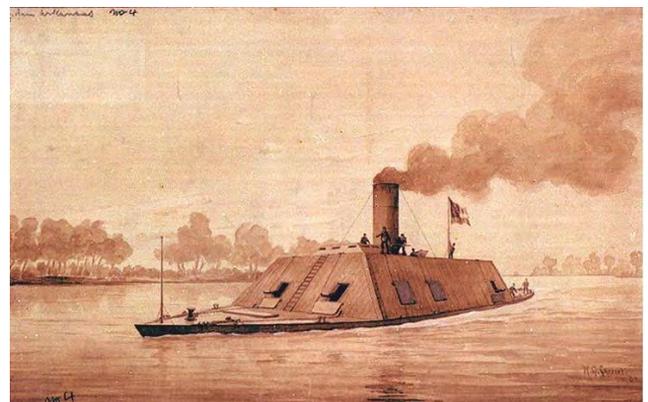
*For more information on these opportunities, please visit [www.visitbeauvoir.org](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org) or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400*



## CSS ARKANSAS

At our December 2017 meeting a resolution was passed to pursue funding for the Stone memorializing the twenty three men of the CSS Arkansas that died in defense of fortress Vicksburg. These men were taken off of the boat and buried in Vicksburg. They do not have stones.

Our camp has started a fund raising effort to support the setting of a memorial to these men. We took up donations and pledges at our February meeting. If you would like to donate or pledge support please contact Bryan Skipworth at [bskip1085@yahoo.com](mailto:bskip1085@yahoo.com) for more information on setting up a pledge or making a donation.



## SOLDIERS REST



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

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 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, com-

pany, 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 [soldiers-restvicksburg.com](http://soldiers-restvicksburg.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.



*"Old Douglas"  
Soldiers Rest - Vicksburg, Mississippi*

## THE REBEL SOLDIER

*Joel T. Bailey*

Just a boy in uniform of ragged gray  
Thankful he survived another battle today.

The sights and sounds run through his head  
The cries of the wounded and so many dead

He hurts inside for all the friends he lost  
Both sides today paid a heavy high cost

He wonders how long they'll have to fight  
The thought of dying fills him with fright

He thinks of his folks now oh so far away  
And the girl he left on their wedding day

Slowly he bows his head in silent prayer  
And puts his life in the Lord's care

With tears in his eyes he drifts off to sleep  
Old enough to die but young enough to weep



## IN DEFENSE OF GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE



*President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Response to Dr. Leon W. Clark of New York, after his appearance at the Republican National Convention.*

August 9, 1960

Dear Dr. Scott:

Respecting your August 1 inquiry calling attention to my often expressed admiration for General Robert E. Lee, I would say, first, that we need to understand that at the time of the War between the States the issue of secession had remained unresolved for more than 70 years. Men of probity, character, public standing and unquestioned loyalty, both North and South, had disagreed over this issue as a matter of principle from the day our Constitution was adopted.

General Robert E. Lee was, in my estimation, one of the supremely gifted men produced by our Nation. He believed unswervingly in the Constitutional validity of his cause which until

1865 was still an arguable question in America; he was a poised and inspiring leader, true to the high trust reposed in him by millions of his fellow citizens; he was thoughtful yet demanding of his officers and men, forbearing with captured enemies but ingenious, unrelenting and personally courageous in battle, and never disheartened by a reverse or obstacle. Through all his many trials, he remained selfless almost to a fault and unfailing in his faith in God. Taken altogether, he was noble as a leader and as a man, and unsullied as I read the pages of our history.

From deep conviction, I simply say this: a nation of men of Lee's calibre would be unconquerable in spirit and soul. Indeed, to the degree that present-day American youth will strive to emulate his rare qualities, including his devotion to this land as revealed in his painstaking efforts to help heal the Nation's wounds once the bitter struggle was over, we, in our own time of danger in a divided world, will be strengthened and our love of freedom sustained.

Such are the reasons that I proudly display the picture of this great American on my office wall.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

## 32ND ANNUAL FALL MUSTER



### BEAUVOIR'S FALL MUSTER: LIVING HISTORY LESSON

*Toni Miles, WXXV-TV*

From cannonballs to parasols, local students got a preview of this weekend's Fall Muster at Beauvoir.

History came alive at Beauvoir Friday as hundreds of local students learned about different aspects of life that existed hundreds of years ago as part of Fall Muster School Day. Beauvoir Board of Directors President Marc Thompson said, "I think when the kids can hear stories that they can relate to, it becomes things they can remember. To me, personally, that is what it's about, giving them something to take with them when they leave, take it and think about it for the rest of their lives, hopefully."

Like many of these students, third grader Kendyl Burnside had plenty of questions, but one thing was for sure for this third grader, Friday's living history lesson sure beats a typical school day in the classroom. "I get to see new things I have never seen before. I never got to see a cannon get fired or anything like that. On regular Fridays we are taking tests and things like that."

There were plenty of history lessons on tap at Beauvoir and different lessons at different stations such as how to hold a parasol to how to fire a cannon.

North Bay Elementary School teacher Mrs. Girard also left a lasting impression on her students who covered their ears and watched in amazement as their teacher helped fire the cannon at one station. "I was really proud and amazed and I kept saying in my mind 'you've got this Mrs. Girard. You've got this.' (Would you have done it?) "No," said Kendyl.

Even if you're like Kendyl and have no desire to fire a cannon, you can catch all the action Saturday and Sunday at Beauvoir's Fall Muster. "There will be a battle on Saturday as well. Of course, the house is open for tours. Saturday it will be open for tours as usual as well as the museum and the library," said Thompson.

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## CONFEDERACY WINS AGAIN AT BEAUVOIR'S ANNUAL FALL MUSTER

*By Mike Lacy, WLOX*

For the 32nd time, the Confederacy won - at least at the battle during the Fall Muster at Beauvoir.

The re-enactment is dirty, noisy and slightly dangerous just the way a history lesson should be. And with this lesson, students of all ages can face-to-face with the past.

"We hope to get out of the younger folks to express and embrace the history of what was," said provost marshal Oran Thomas. "To come and see it, feel it, touch it and breathe it."

Sixteen-year-old Gabriel Moore of Florida is among those young people who picks up a history book when he picks up his gun.

"It's fun for me, but not just me. Everybody else around gets a show that lets all the younger and even for the people that don't even know about it, learn about it," he said. "It gives us a chance to learn about history and have all around just a great time."

Charles Tucker has participated in Beauvoir's Fall Muster for 20 years. He usually plays a colonel in the Federal Army. "It's hard to Federals this far South," he said with a laugh.

His first area of study was with field commanders. Now, he is just as fascinated with the rank and file.

"Many times, I've done marches for 12 or 13 miles over three or four days and camped out every night and ate what they ate and drank water out of a stream," he said. "And, it's really a moving experience and it gives you a whole new insight on the war and the soldiers that fought."

And one lesson leads to another.

"What you do is you begin to study more personal accounts, like diaries and letters that the soldiers wrote, so you can get and improve your impression," Tucker said. About 280 re-enactors from all over the South represented Confederate and Federal soldiers on the battlefield.

They have been camped out on the grounds for the three day event, using period accommodations and clothing.

"It is expensive, but it is worth the reward," said Wayne Edmonds, a re-enactor from Alabama. "I mean, the guys you meet around here, the fans, the people who come around to see it. It's very worth it. You get a sense - I would say a very small amount - what those soldiers went through."

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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](http://www.scv.org)

Edward Campbell

*Commander*

Larry Holman

*Adjutant / Membership*

Rev. Bryan Dabney

*Chaplain*

Sam Price

*Historian*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Our annual Christmas party** will be Tuesday, December 4th at 6:00PM at the DAV building. Dinner will be potluck. Please contact Edward Campbell as soon as possible at [ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com](mailto:ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com) if you are bringing food.

**Our Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner** will be Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Goldies in Vicksburg. Tickets for the dinner will be sold in advance. Please contact Edward Campbell at [ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com](mailto:ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com) or purchase a ticket at our December Meeting.

**The Jackson Civil War Roundtable** meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from September through may (with the exception of December) at Picadilly Cafeteria located at 4800 I-55 in Jackson, Mississippi. Attendees are welcome to gather as early as 5:00PM with the program beginning at 6:30PM. All are welcome to attend.

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*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.*