

IN THE TRENCHES

JANUARY 2020

FROM THE COMMANDER

Edward Campbell

Dear Compatriots:

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year will bring you all blessings. This is my favorite time of the year and I am always a little sad to see it go, but the year ahead will bring challenges and blessings for all of us. Our next meeting is January 7 and our speaker will be our friend, Dr. Sandy Mitcham from Monroe. Sandy spoke to us about a year ago and he is always interesting and has something for all of us to learn. He will be speaking about his new book, "Why the War was not about Slavery." You are definitely in for a treat so please come and bring a friend. I will also be selling tickets for our next big event, our annual Lee-Jackson Dinner which will be held on Saturday evening, January 25 at Goldie's Bar-B-Que. I have confirmed with Commander in Chief Paul Gramling that he will be our speaker. Tickets are \$16.50 and they include entree, two vegetables, roll, tea and tip.

You will need to choose between Chicken or Pulled Pork. You must buy a ticket and reserve your space. Dress is Traditional Church attire.

I have very little news outside of our Camp except that we are the host for the next Division Reunion here in Vicksburg. The date is June 5-7. Please reserve that weekend and plan to be a part of helping out with the reunion. We need everyone's participation, we are the host Camp and if it goes bad, it is a reflection on us as a Camp. We want to put our best foot forward and make everyone proud that they came to Vicksburg and

that they attended the Reunion.

In Heritage news, the SCV has won an important lawsuit regarding the statues of Forrest and Jefferson Davis in Memphis. As you remember, they were taken down illegally and at night by the city of Memphis. The SCV has been awarded ownership of the statues but must put them up somewhere other than Shelby County. The lawsuit regarding the remains of Forrest and his wife is still in the courts. We can win these battles and we must continue to fight. Let's all be ready for any Heritage violations that may occur in the New Year.

I hope that all of you have a wonderful New Year and I hope to see each of you on January 7.

Edward Campbell
Commander



*John Clifford Pemberton
Lt. General, CSA.*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *January Meeting - Tuesday January 7th at 6:00PM*
- *Lee-Jackson Dinner - Saturday January 25th at Goldie's BBQ, Vicksburg, MS*
- *2020 Division Reunion - June 5th - 7th, Vicksburg, MS*



NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

Eddy Cresap

Looking for a New Year's resolution beyond diet and exercise?

Learn the truth about your ancestors that left their homes to defend their altars and hearths from a brutal foreign invader.

If you are looking for a starting point, Read the Charge and then read "The South Was Right" by the Kennedy Brothers. Their book will propel you on your journey to learn the truth.

Make Dixie Great Again starts with each of us attaching their good name to our cause and passing the truth to others

Put on your kepi, arm yourself with the truth and forward the colors.

FOR THE BRETHREN

Rev. Bryan Dabney

Consider the following passage from the gospel of St. John: These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world (16:33). Our Lord sought to comfort the disciples so that they would not falter or lose heart. He wanted them to trust in his word. Still, he knew all too well their weakness and their lack of faith. He saw the victory, which lay before them which they could not as yet see. And so it was his words to them, and, by extension, to us which have been a source of comfort to faithful Christians across the ages.

As regenerated souls in Christ, we believe and accept that Jesus Christ was no ordinary man. His whole life, as the scriptures tell us, was of one miracle after another. He was born of a virgin in agreement with Isaiah 7:14 wherein the prophet wrote: ...Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. The name Immanuel means "God with us" and this was affirmed by the Council of Ephesus (431 A.D.) which referred to Mary the mother of Jesus as the theotokos or "bearer of God in the flesh." As the Nicene Creed so states, "I believe... in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; begotten of his Father before all worlds... was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man..."

His death was also miraculous in that he, gave up the Ghost (St. John 19:30) and this was agreeable to his prophecy regarding his own death when he said, Therefore doth my

Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have the power to lay it down, and I have the power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father (St. John 10:17-18).

The resurrection and ascension of our Lord were likewise miracles that firmly established the foundation for the Christian faith. We worship not a dead prophet, or equally dead teacher or guru. We worship him who has overcome the power of death and opened the way of life everlasting to all who would believe on him. Our risen Lord speaks to us through the words of Holy Scripture. But such is predicated on our willingness to read and heed what the Holy Ghost has communicated within its pages. The comfort which our Lord gave to his disciples on the night before his crucifixion and death is also available to us. It is a peace which is available to all, but not indiscriminately. To put this matter in perspective, we receive God's peace via the Holy Ghost if and only if we are true believers in Christ Jesus and are living in agreement with his word and commandment. But a caveat is in order at this point. The faithful Christian has godly permission to extend the peace of God only to those who are of the true faith. We are therefore forbidden to extend God's peace to anyone who is of the unregenerate (II St. John, 10-11). The Rev. Matthew Henry once observed that, "Deniers of the faith are destroyers of souls... neither bid [them] godspeed, [nor attend] their service with your prayers and good wishes. Bad work should not be consecrated or recommended to the divine benediction. God will be no patron of falsehood, seduction, and sin. How judicious and how cautious should the Christian be! There are many ways of sharing the guilt of other people's transgressions: it may be done by culpable silence, indolence, unconcernedness, private contribution, public countenance and assistance, inward approbation, open apology and defense."

But a positive extension of God's peace to others reveals that God is indeed working within us. He wants all who are sealed of the Holy Ghost to receive his peace into their hearts for comfort and edification. When we see a brother or sister in Christ who is down and out, or suffering under a burden which the world, the flesh and the devil has inflicted upon them, then it is our duty to offer them God's peace. As God has lifted us up so we should endeavor to assist our fellows in the faith. Intercessory prayer is another way to assist those who are in need of a spiritual uplift. God desires that we pray for our fellows in Christ. It has been said in Scripture that, the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much (St. James 5:16). And we should also pray that the unregenerate come to Christ so that they can receive his peace as there can be no blessing without godly obedience.

Our Lord led the disciples out to the garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. Upon arriving, he then went a short distance into the garden to pray. The words of our Lord in the garden are found in St. John 17. His prayer included the disciples as well as all who would believe on him by virtue of their witness (v.20). He prayed for their work in the world but not for the world itself which was and remains dominated by evil (vv.6-9). He prayed for their sanctification— to receive the gift of perfect holiness— that they might be successful in the work to which they were called.

In St. John 14:27 our Lord said, Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. When this verse is combined with the words of our Lord in St. John 16:33, the scope and intent of our Lord becomes clearer. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. The peace of Christ is given solely to his saints because, In the world ye shall have tribulation. The world, the flesh and the devil will work against us in our efforts not only to proclaim the gospel to sinners, but in our very lives lived to God apart from the same. Nevertheless we are to, be of good cheer; Christ our Lord has overcome the world. He has defeated the evil one and has put down death so that all who believe on him are made partakers of his great victory. Therein is the real peace of God revealed but only to those who believe and live in him as their Saviour and Lord.

Our Lord is calling daily for people to come to him and be saved. Therefore, put your trust in him and in his word written. Take his word for comfort to your souls and then encourage others to do so as well. And may God’s peace be with all of you who are in Christ Jesus and walk not according to the flesh.

Let us pray,

Father, we come before thy throne seeking your peace so that we might better serve thee in this life; and this we ask in the name of your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEAUVIOR

Breakfast With Santa

Breakfast with Santa was a complete success! Thank you to Texas Roadhouse - Gulfport, MS for bringing Andy out and to Whisper of Hope for bringing your animals to educate the kids about our local species. A very special thank you to Mcdonald's Descher Organization Office and Dean Foods Company for your donations to help make our event a suc-

cess. Thank you to members of AFSA Chapter 652 Keesler AFB for volunteering to help us serve food and make sure everything runs smoothly. Thank you to Lynn Meadows Discovery Center and IP Casino Resort Spa for your door prizes. We appreciate all that you’ve done for us!

Christmas Wreath Laying Saturday December 7, 2019

This year the Shieldsboro Rifles along with the help of our brothers and sisters in the 5th Brigade, had the honor of conducting a small ceremony. Kitsaa Stevens of Beauvoir reported that: “Thank you to Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 for hosting our annual Laying of the Wreaths even today. A special thank you to Conor Bond and Dr. Brandon Beck for speaking.

Thank you to everyone who came and placed wreaths on the graves of the veterans in the Beauvoir Memorial Cemetery. We had a wonderful turn out.”



*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 sol-

dier.

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 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



A soldier of stone stands guard over the resting place of Confederate Heroes.

Soldiers Rest - Vicksburg, Mississippi

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.

CSS Arkansas Memorial Stones

Because of the hard work of camp members Bryan Skipworth, Wayne McMaster and others, the brave soldiers and sailors that perished on the CSS Arkansas were finally provided with headstones in Soldier's Rest.



Camp Member Wayne McMaster



During the process of excavating for the new markers, and existing damaged stone was discovered. The grave marker for Pvt. T.A Hicks was repaired and reset. A memorial service for both Pvt. Hicks and the men of the CSS Arkansas is tentatively planned for the spring of 2020.

Many thanks to everyone in our organization that made it possible to give these men the proper honor that they deserve.

VICKSBURG GIBRALTAR OF THE SOUTH

Vicksburg is interesting in many ways from a historical perspective. Situated on high bluffs above the Mississippi River, it was settled in 1811 and incorporated in 1825. Long an important port on the Mississippi River, it would play a vital role in the War Between the States.

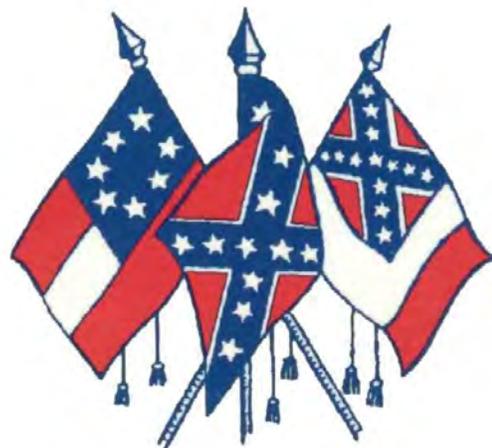
At the outbreak of the war, The Mississippi River was the main economic highway from the heartland of the United States, allowing transport of crops and cargo of all kinds to the port of New Orleans. The Vicksburg and Meridian Railroad, finished in 1846, was the only East-West Railroad between New Orleans and Memphis, and would be vital in supplying munitions to the Trans-Mississippi Confederacy and moving cattle and hogs to the Eastern Confederacy.

Jefferson Davis, the only president of the Confederate States of America owned a plantation a few miles south of town. On February 9, 1861, after Mississippi and six other states had seceded from the Union, the provisional Confederate Congress met in Montgomery, Alabama and elected Jefferson Davis as President of the CSA. Two days later, in Vicksburg, President Davis gave his first address as the President of the Confederate

States of America.

Vicksburg has a strong connection with the SCV founder, Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee, who in later years, worked tirelessly to establish the Vicksburg National Military Park. Stephen Dill Lee was an American soldier, and the youngest Confederate lieutenant general of the American Civil War. He was the first president of the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College (Mississippi State University) and served from 1880 until 1899. General Lee died in Vicksburg on May 28, 1908, becoming ill after giving a speech to former union soldiers from Wisconsin and Iowa. He is memorialized by a statue in the Vicksburg National Military Park.

Located high on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River, the Confederate earthworks formed a crescent-shaped ring of manned gun emplacements aimed at all potential Union avenues of approach to the city by land and by river. The earthworks were initiated in September 1862, and remained untested until the spring of 1863, when, pushing southward from Illinois by land and northward from the Gulf of Mexico by river, the Union army and naval units attacked the Confederate strong points from both ends of the line. They captured post by post and city by city until. . . . Vicksburg alone barred complete Union possession of the Mississippi River. Then began the Union campaign for Vicksburg. Waged between March 29 and July 4, 1863, the campaign included battles in west-central Mississippi at Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hill, and Big Black River Bridge, as well as forty-seven days of Union siege operations against the Confederate forces defending the city of Vicksburg before victory was achieved. The surrender of Vicksburg on July 4, 1863, effectively left the Confederacy split in two and vulnerable to Union attack in the Western Theatre. This decisive campaign, coupled with the fall of Port Hudson, Louisiana, five days later, divided the South and gave the North undisputed control of the river.





THE CAIRO

Joel T. Bailey

**The Cairo was built in 1861 and was called an ironclad
It was one of several the Union navy had**

**On the Ohio and Mississippi it gained a reputation
And was very active in the Tennessee occupation**

**The Cairo made its last run on December 12, 1862
It was hit by a rebel mine and sunk in the muddy Yazoo**

**Altho no one was killed it made a deadly sound
And it took just twelve minutes for it the to go down**

**The Cairo was raised from its watery grave in 1964
Now it rests in a National Park as part of the wars lore**



Tomb of The Unknown Confederate Soldier at Beauvoir



CAMP BIRTHDAYS

January 10—Dr. Fredrick Briuer

January 23—Forrest Boyd

CONFEDERATE BIRTHDAYS

General Robert E. Lee—January 19, 1807

Commodore Matthew Maury—January 14, 1806

Lt. General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson—January 21,
1824

Lt. General James Longstreet—January 8, 1821

Lt. General Richard Taylor—January 27, 1836

Maj. General John Breckenridge—January 15, 1821



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DEFENDING HISTORY SINCE 1896
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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

January 7th—Sandy Mitcham—New Book: *Why the War Wasn't Over Slavery*

January 25th, 6PM—Lee-Jackson Dinner, Goldie's Trail, Vicksburg, MS

June 5-7th—Mississippi 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.