

# IN THE TRENCHES

JANUARY 2021

## FROM THE COMMANDER

*Edward Campbell*

We will meet on Tuesday January 5th at 6 pm. We will have a video entitled "Warriors of Honor". This will prepare us for our upcoming Lee-Jackson dinner on January 23rd. I think you will find the video to be very informative. Our only business will be selling tickets for the dinner. Tickets are \$20 and must be bought ahead of time. Our speaker for the Lee-Jackson dinner will be Brandon Beck. Please come Tuesday night and bring a friend.

Happy New Year!

God Bless each of you and God Bless the South,

Edward Campbell  
Commander

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## THE UNTOLD STORY OF QUITMAN CEMETERY

*Anthony Powell*

Don't make the erroneous assumption that Abe Lincoln's hired killers and arsonists only destroyed larger towns in the War to Prevent Southern Independence. An example of their hooliganism and destruction of very small towns is the Yankee assault on Quitman, Mississippi in February, 1864.

My family and I recently visited the Confederate Cemetery just south of the Quitman city limits, roughly 25 miles from our home in Wayne County. It lies down a narrow dirt road, just off

Highway 145, nestled among the pine trees, and just a few yards from the Meridian Southern Railroad (formerly known as Mobile and Ohio; Gulf, Mobile, and Ohio; and Illinois Central Gulf.) This cemetery contains the remains of approximately 300 Confederate soldiers. Although each tombstone is marked 'Unknown Confederate Soldier,' there are quite a few names of Rebel soldiers engraved in a granite slab at the site.

The cemetery is associated with what was known as the 'Texas Hospital' which was constructed nearby. Citizens of Galveston and Houston helped to construct the hospital in July, 1862, to ensure that Texans and other Confederate soldiers who were wounded, or seriously ill, could be treated and taken care of. They sent Dr. Louis Bryan with wagon loads of medicine which had been purchased in Mexico. Medicine was hard to come by in the CSA during the war, for obvious reasons. Dr. Enos Thomas Bonney, a well-respected surgeon from Enterprise, Mississippi, (a little hamlet about 12 miles north of Quitman) assisted Dr. Bryan, and eventually took charge of the hospital.

In January, 1864, Sherman received approval from U.S. Grant to commence with a raid into the heart of Mississippi in Meridian, meaning, of course, to destroy everything in the Yankee army's path.

Sherman had been planning to make such a raid since October, 1863, when he wrote to General James McPherson about the 'destruction in toto of a large section of the railroad at Meridian, the larger and more perfect, the better.'

On February 3, 1864, Sherman's forces departed Vicksburg in two wings; the right wing commanded by McPherson, and the left wing commanded by Major General Stephen Hurlbut.

This army marched through Jackson, Brandon,



*John Clifford Pemberton  
Lt. General, CSA.*

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *125th MS Division Reunion—June 11-13, 2021*
- *Next Meeting—Tuesday January 5, 2021 at 6pm.*
- *Lee-Jackson Dinner—Saturday, January 23, 2021*



Morton, and Decatur, and arrived in Meridian on February 14. On February 16, Major General Crocker ordered Brigadier General Walter Q. Gresham to invade Quitman, destroy the railroad bridge across the Chickasawhay River, and the trestle work across Alligator Swamp. In an interesting side note, Gresham became Secretary of State in the Grover Cleveland administration. Then, as now, military *heroes* were often rewarded with cushy federal positions in Washington, D.C. for 'jobs well done.'

Gresham did everything he was instructed to do, and more. His forces arrived in Quitman and proceeded to burn the railroad depot, the Methodist Church, (which was doubling as a hospital), the city jail, the courthouse, general stores, a sawmill, and a gristmill, in addition to many other buildings.

Gresham's troops then tore up over four miles of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad track. Part of Gresham's force then proceeded to the Chickasawhay River, where they destroyed the 200-foot covered railroad bridge which spanned the river. Not quite finished with their destruction, the Yankee troops then marched to the Texas Hospital and set fire to all the buildings. The hospital complex consisted of two large buildings, in addition to at least 12 wooden barracks, and a drug store. Providentially, the staff had received word of the impending U.S. Army invasion, and the staff and Rebel soldiers had evacuated into Alabama prior to the arrival of Gresham's forces. Fifteen miles south, at the Langsdale Plantation (the Langsdale antebellum home is still intact today), residents could see the smoke from the fires in Quitman and the Texas Hospital as it burned to the ground. The Quitman 'Texas' hospital serving Confederate soldiers was never rebuilt.

Inexplicably, the cemetery became forgotten for over 50 years, when a farmer in the 1930s, breaking ground to put in a corn crop, turned up buttons from a Confederate soldier's uniform. He had discovered the long-forgotten Confederate cemetery. The cemetery was formally dedicated on May 25, 1987.

For those interested in the history of our CSA, a visit to the Confederate Cemetery in Clarke County, Mississippi is highly recommended.

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## WHY THEY FOUGHT

"...who die {d} grandly, gloriously, nobly; dyeing the soil of old mother earth, and enriching the same with their crimson life's blood, while doing what? Only trying to protect their homes and families, their property, their constitution and their laws, that had been guaranteed to them as a heritage forever by their forefathers. They died for the faith that each state was a separate sovereign government, as laid down by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of our fathers." - *The words of CSA Soldier Sam Watkins*

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## THE KWANZAAFICATION OF AMERICA

*Jason Morgan, The Abbeville Institute*

Kwanzaa is an invented tradition. Billed as a kind of "black Christmas"—you can even buy Kwanzaa greeting cards at the store and mail them with Kwanzaa stamps—the odd holiday was created out of spite by a certain Ronald Everett in the 1960s in a fit of pique after the Watts Riots in Los Angeles. Kwanzaa begins the day after Christmas, but Kwanzaa is not the celebration of the birth of the Savior but a kind of faux-African harvest thanksgiving.

In other words, Kwanzaa is an attempt to replace Christmas with a racist, pagan substitution meant to lure people into an anti-Christian militant mindset. It's the perfect holiday for softening up a population for Marxist revolution.

This may sound like the typical marketing ploy of the race-baiter, and to be sure we have seen this schtick a thousand times before. But the audience for Kwanzaa, it is crucial to bear in mind, is not really American blacks, but Yankees. Yankees hold the reins of power in the United States, and so if they can be made to sufficiently loathe themselves—or more importantly the non-Yankee—then the Marxist revolution will be at hand.

It was the Yankees who last hung their revolution on ginned-up racial animus—remember that it was a little white woman who started that great war—and it is Yankees who again are throwing matches into the racial powderkeg.

The 1619 Project, ostensibly fronted by New York Times editor Nikole Hannah-Jones and presented as a corrective to white supremacist American history, is the application of the Kwanzaa principle to an entire country. The 1619 Project is the Kwanzaafication of America. The point is not to supplement a pre-existing entity, but to destroy it and replace it with something else. What is needed is not real history, but a good

imitation so the Yankees can congratulate themselves for their intellectual prowess while calling for the destruction of their homeland. The racial discord which the 1619 Project (borrowing the Kwanzaa playbook) foments is the most proximate by-product, but it is the dictatorship of the proletariat which is the ultimate goal.

It is of profound significance that both Kwanzaa and the 1619 Project are openly racist. The reason that Marxist revolutionaries in the United States—Abraham Lincoln being just one of many such hatemongers—almost always choose race as the pretext for their revolutionary aims goes to the heart of the American experience. The only pathway to Marxist revolution in America is racial animus. Class warfare doesn't work—the Left tried that here already. (Haymarket, anyone?) Only racial hatred can set the Leninist nightmare into motion.

America is a place where people of different races find themselves, from the moment of birth, living in one another's company. If America is a Christian country, then it is possible, with God's help, to live with our brothers and sisters in peace—race is meaningless in the eyes of God, and we are called to look on everyone in the same way. But if that can be corrupted, if racial harmony can be upended and racial hatred made to take root, then the United States is a violent revolution just waiting to happen. And that is precisely where we find ourselves today.

To put the matter in perspective, consider that in 2001, Kwanzaa impresario Ronald Everett eulogized a man named Harold Moore. Like Everett, who preposterously styled himself “Maulana Ndabezitha Karenga” to emphasize an imagined African identity (Everett was born in Maryland—and by the way I'm Judy Garland), Moore adopted a “non-white” name, too: Khalid Abdul Muhammad. Moore was from Houston and used to be a Methodist minister, but race-hatred got to him and he became a militant race-despiser.

In 1993, Moore, as Khalid Muhammad, gave a speech at a New Jersey teachers' college in which he delivered himself of the opinions, as even Wikipedia attests, that Jewish people were “bloodsuckers” and Pope John Paul II was a “no-good cracker”. He then advocated the murder of whites in South Africa. Moore survived an assassination attempt at the hands of the Nation of Islam, his erstwhile group, and afterwards continued to give speeches in which he spewed ongoing hatred for whites, Jews, homosexuals, and others. He was a savvy operator. He knew that the words were just the tickets, doled out one by one, to the big show: the Marxist revolution. (No wonder he kept getting invitations to speak at universities.)

During a memorable appearance on the Phil Donahue show,

Moore was confronted with his own words, namely that Jewish people were “hook-nosed, bagel-eatin', lox-eatin' imposters” who had “just crawled out of the caves and hills of Europe.” Moore was defiant, and stoked the anger of his audience until a third of them were standing up, apparently ready to join him in his crusade against white people: in every one of whom, Moore averred, there was “a little bit of Hitler”. Mission accomplished, Moore looked out with demonic satisfaction at the hatred he had kindled in the hearts of his listeners. America took one step closer to Marxist revolution that day. Yankees don't need to be coached in violent cultural vandalism, only sufficiently inspired.

When Moore finally went to his reward, Everett, the founder of Kwanzaa, lauded Moore at Moore's “ascension” ceremony in 2001. He was a great freedom fighter, we are told. Indeed. So was Che Guevara. So was Gavrilo Princip.

There is a pattern here which, on careful analysis, is unmistakable. Moore's and Everett's historical outlook, such as it is, is Antisemitic Black Zionism—the crackpot theory of cranks such as Louis Farrakhan and Elijah Muhammad, Farrakhan's mentor and the idol of Harold Moore—which teaches that Africans, and not Jews, are the chosen people of the Bible. Jews, therefore, are wicked interlopers who have stolen blacks' rightful place before Yahweh. No wonder Harold Moore and Ronald Everett hate Jews so much. According to Everett and Moore, Jews stole blacks' thunder, and for that they must pay.

This is the disturbing leitmotif for not only Kwanzaa, the ham-fisted attack on Christmas, but also for the 1619 Project, which is basically Elijah Muhammad-ism applied to the eastern seaboard of North America. Blacks have been cruelly left out of the narrative. The truth, we are told, is that—as with the Nation of Islam theory of history—blacks are actually the keystone of human destiny. In the case of the 1619 Project, this Black Nietzscheism is updated to attack the fundamentals of the USA. It wasn't Adams, Jefferson, and Washington who founded the United States, it was black people. The 1619 Project is Antisemitic Black Zionism for the soy-latte crowd.

What is needful now, more than ever, is Southern history. Southern history is Aristotelian. It deals in empirical fact, and it doesn't flinch from the bad ones. As a famous Southern novelist put it, the truth doesn't change according to our ability to stomach it. The 1619 Project is floridly insane nonsense, warmed-over Nation of Islam-ism that could have been cooked up by the master cuckoo of them all, Elijah Muhammad. The patient Southern historian, examining documentary evidence and weighing the facts, could be the unlikely deliverer of our badly mistreated republic.

With the Yankeeified Antisemitic Black Zionists, by contrast, all you get is wild conspiracy theory and incitement to riot. The method is always the same. Hate, hate, hate. Take whatever is good, decent, true, and corrupt it. It is the Marxist way. Moore held that white women were “bitches”. Everett held that Jesus was “psychotic”. When Charles Kesler called the murderous mayhem in 2020 America “the 1619 riots,” Hannah-Jones was flattered, calling it an “honor” to be credited as the authoress of the uprising. Revolutionaries’ favorite color is always fire.

Kwanzaa was, and is, the gateway to racial slaughter. The 1619 Project is the same. By appealing directly to Yankees, however, the 1619 Project ups the ante of Kwanzaa and attempts to involve non-blacks into the very struggle against themselves. It’s a neat trick. The violence bathing the streets of the United States in blood (ironically, all of it the same color) is the opening act, in earnest, to the Marxist revolution in the United States which the New York Times and the liberal establishment—which, news flash, has hated America since at least the Port Huron Statement—has long desired to usher in.

Yankees are destroying our country. They are the real audience for the racial venom spewed by the 1619 Project, the Kwanzaa industry, and outrageous demagogues like Harold Moore. The Kwanzaafication of America is the acting-out of the Yankees’ long-cherished dream to see the United States burned for its sins. It is also the mad project of Antisemitic Black Zionists, who are perhaps the most hate-minded people on the entire planet.

As Ann Coulter pointed out about Kwanzaa, it’s not really for black people. “Blacks,” Coulter reminded us, “celebrate Christmas.” Ditto for the 1619 Project. This is pure racial hatred peddled by a newspaper which has gone from punchline to Pravda over the past couple of years.

If you want black lives to matter, try shopping at a black business sometime, Yankees, instead of burning and looting them. And if you want to share something of value with your black neighbors, I suggest Jesus rather than Kwanzaa. Christianity has always been good enough for black Americans. Kwanzaa, on the other hand, is the religion of Marxist murderers, and the 1619 Project is the a-historical rantings of race-haters with a twisted agenda and a horrific past.

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## 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.

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

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## BEAUVIOR

*During the most recent hurricane, the fence at Beauvoir received a substantial amount of damage. Please consider donating so that repairs can be made. You can sponsor a section of fence repair for \$300 in honor of your ancestor or ancestors. Please mail donations to*

***Beauvoir Fence Project  
2244 Beach Blvd  
Biloxi, MS 39531***

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.



*Beauvoir - Post-war home of Jefferson Davis.  
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***

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## 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.



*"Old Douglas"*  
Near Soldiers Rest in Cedar Hill Cemetery  
Vicksburg, Mississippi

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](http://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.

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## CONFEDERATE BIRTHDAYS

General Joseph Kershaw—January 5th

General James Longstreet—January 8th

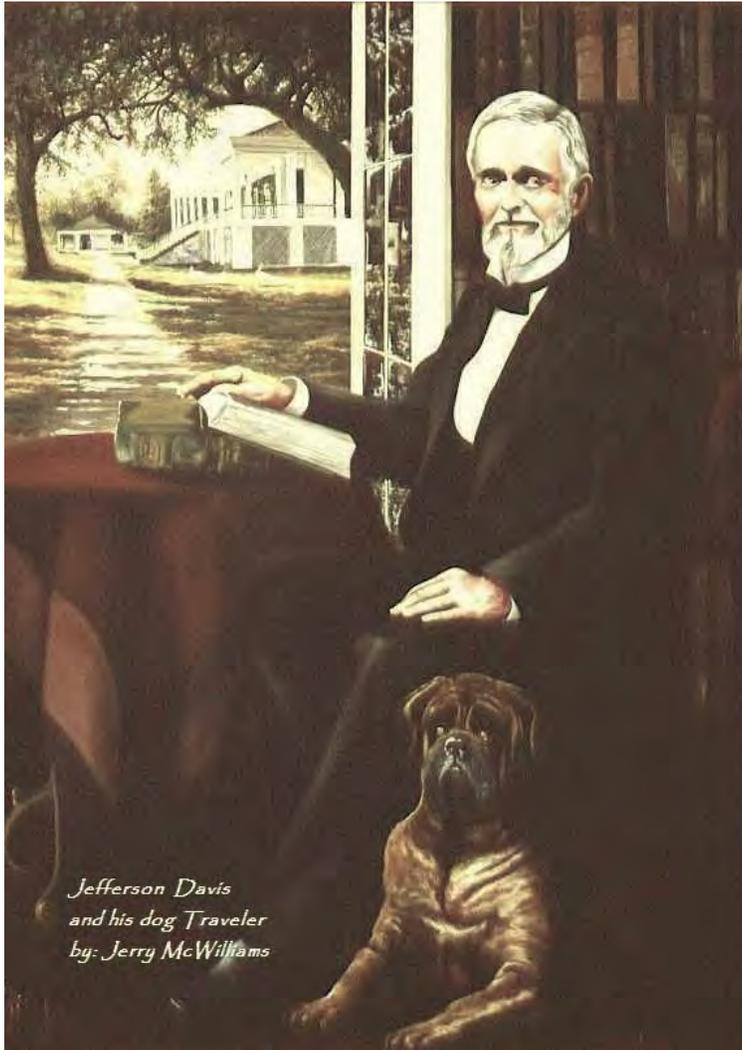
General Robert E. Lee—January 19th

General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson—January 21st

General George Pickett—January 28th



The Tomb of the Unkown Confederate Soldier, Beauvior, Biloxi, Mississippi



*Jefferson Davis  
and his dog Traveler  
by: Jerry McWilliams*

## **DAVIS *and* HIS DOG** *by Joel T. Bailey*

Davis was a soldier, statesman  
And president of the confederacy  
He served his beloved Southland  
With honor and Integrity

He spent his last years at Beauvoir  
His home on Mississippi's gulf coast  
It was here he was the happiest  
Surrounded by things he loved most

His constant companion was Traveler  
A dog that was known for his loyalty  
He lived just to serve Mr. Davis  
And it was a role he took seriously

The two of them walking by the beach  
Would become a common sight  
And as Davis's guard and companion  
He would sleep beside his bed at night

With his head on his masters knee  
Travelers long life came to an end  
And Davis said with sadness  
I have lost my best friend



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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*

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Tuesday January 5, 2021**

**“Warriors of Honor”**

**Saturday January 23, 2021—Lee –Jackson Dinner**

If you are interested in presenting, please contact Commander Edward Campbell : [ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com](mailto:ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com)

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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.*