

# IN THE TRENCHES

July 2020

## FROM THE COMMANDER

*Edward Campbell*

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday July 7 at the DAV building at 6 P.M. We will have a short program followed by a business meeting to prepare for our Division Reunion in August. Please come and bring a friend.

Much has happened since our last meeting. As you all know, our political enemies are hard to work to try and dismantle our History. We must remain diligent and not allow them to do it. It appears as if the Legislature is going to change our flag, and they are trying to satisfy us by putting the phrase, "In God we Trust" on the new flag. After all, they are thinking, who could be opposed to that. I contacted both members of the Legislature from Warren County and the Lt. Governor's office and I truly feel that we have done all that we can do. We do not have to vote for the new design and if we get everyone to vote NO on a new design, then maybe we can still get our voices heard. Our state officials have caved in to political correctness and they are scared. We no longer have Statesmen, who do what is right for the state and the country, but we only have politicians who are looking toward the next election. We are still voters and we need to remember who voted for changing the current flag and vote against them at the next election. We need to remain informed and diligent and hope and pray for better days. Even if the flag is changed, I intend to use our current flag at all of our meetings and Reunions. I still plan to fly it proudly from my home and to wear the lapel pin of the current flag on my suits and sport coats. That is one way that we can

make our voices heard.

Our enemy is alive and active but we will win some battles and we will also lose some battles. Please keep informed and in prayer for our country and our President who is fighting on our behalf. I listen to Laura Ingram on Fox News, she is smarter than most of the men on that channel. She says that the current fight is not about the Confederate monuments or symbols but it is about fundamentally changing America and completely erasing our History. This is evident by the fact that they are going after our Founding Fathers and even our Union foes in the War Between the States. We cannot rejoice or be glad in the destruction of any monument, we must stand firm against vandalism and lawlessness in any form. The sad thing is that many Christians and Christian leaders are falling for the lie that is being spewed out by our enemies. We must inform our Christian brothers and sisters of the truth and when we speak the truth let's always remember to speak it in love and like Southern gentlemen.

This will be our last meeting before the National Convention convenes in Jacksonville/St. Augustine Florida. It will be July 15-18 and I am proud to be going and to representing the Pemberton Camp. If anyone else from this Camp plans to attend, please let me know so that I can make sure that you are properly credentialed as a voting member. This is an election year and a Mississippian, Lt. Commander in Chief Larry McCluney is running for Commander-in-Chief. Speaking of Conventions, many of you in the Pemberton Camp have still not registered for the Reunion here in



*John Clifford Pemberton  
Lt. General, CSA.*

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Next Meeting—Tuesday  
July 7, 2020*
- *Arkansas Memorial Dedication—August 23,  
2020*
- *MS Division Reunion—  
August 21-23, 2020—  
Vicksburg, Mississippi*
- *National Reunion—July  
15-18, 2020—St. Au-  
gustine, Florida*



August. It is very important that as the host Camp we have a good representation. I will be bringing Registration forms to the meeting for those of you who haven't yet signed up. \$55 is the cost of Registration and to attend the Business meeting.

One more thing and don't run me out of the Camp for saying this. If anyone is eligible to join the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War you might want to consider it only because they have been and continue to be our strongest ally in the Heritage fight among Heritage groups. I have information if anyone is interested. In this day and time, it is important that we stand together in our fight against the common enemy.

Have a Safe and Happy Fourth of July and please come to our next meeting on July 7.

God Bless all of you and God Bless America and the South,  
Edward Campbell  
Commander

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## FROM THE ADJUTANT

*Larry Holman*

I would like to challenge all Pemberton Camp #1354 members to participate in some way in our hosting of the upcoming 2020 Mississippi Division Reunion to be held in Vicksburg August 21st - 23rd. The camp sought to host the 2020 Reunion for two main reasons, statewide compatriots wanted to come to Vicksburg, and we needed an event to raise funds to financially operate our camp.

Our nonprofit, voluntary, historical, and heritage organization is no different from other nonprofit organizations. And by that, I mean, 20 percent of our camp membership do 80 percent of the camp work. We need all of you to do something. We need all of you if we are going to have a successful and enjoyable reunion for all. We are in the spotlight statewide.

We need members to sell advertising for the Reunion program, stuff registration packets in early August, attend the Reunion, assist with security, help with Military Park bus tour, run errands, help with Friday reception and Saturday night awards banquet, and finally Sunday morning memorial services for the CSS Arkansas marker dedication at Soldiers Rest. You don't have to know what to do because we have it all figured out for you; we just need you to be present to help.

There are many of you who don't live in Vicksburg and are unable to attend regular meetings, but have been loyal members of this camp for many years by renewing dues each year. One thing all of you can do regardless of geography, including those who live in Vicksburg, and that is purchase one Ancestor Memorial listing for the Reunion program. You had to have a Confederate ancestor to get into the Sons of Confederate Veterans. If you don't do anything else, at least remember and honor that ancestor who you chose to enter this great organization. It costs only \$10 per ancestor, and if all 50 current camp members honored their ancestor that would be \$500 that would go toward our camp operations such as rent, flea market fees and supplies, speakers expenses, and maintenance of Soldiers Rest cemetery.

So, the challenge is before you, will you honor at least one of your Confederate ancestors? If you can meet the challenge and maybe honor more than one ancestor, send me a letter with this information in it for each ancestor; your ancestor's full name, rank, company and regiment, just like what you did when you filled out your application. Include \$10 per ancestor and write how you want your name listed. If paying by check, make it out to SCV Pemberton Camp 1354. Do this by June 15th and mail to me at: Larry Holman, 61 Rollingwood Dr., Vicksburg, MS 39183. Do your part for the 2020 Reunion. Thanks.

Larry Holman  
Camp Adjutant  
601-415-4535

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## NATIONAL DUES INCREASE 2020-21

Members in attendance at the 2019 SCV Reunion in Mobile, AL voted to increase the national dues to \$35 or an increase of \$5. Three dollars of this increase will be used for the new Confederate Museum in Elm Springs, TN and the other \$2 for the General Headquarters. This increase in National dues will go into effect August 1, 2020. So don't be surprised when you see your SCV annual statement showing your total dues for next year being \$52, or broken down as \$35 for National, \$10 for MS Division and \$7 for Camp dues. If you have any questions contact Larry Holman, Camp Adjutant at [klholman@bellsouth.net](mailto:klholman@bellsouth.net) or 601-636-7276.

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## MS DIVISION REUNION

Division Reunion August 21-23 Vicksburg Convention Center. All members who attend must inform their Camp Commanders and Adjutants of their attendants so that they can receive credentials papers from their Camp.

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## NATIONAL REUNION

National Convention- July 15-18 Jacksonville/St. Augustine, Florida. any member who attends must inform their Camp Commander/Adjutant for proper National Credentialing.

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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](http://www.theconfederatemuseum.com)



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

National Convention- July 15-18 ...The Joseph Warren Chapter Sons of the American Revolution is meeting on Wednesday July 8 at Goldies Bar-B-Que at 11:30 A.M.

The Speaker will be Mr. Stephen Haller, a member of the Central Ms. Chapter. He will be speaking on "The Other Washington, William Washington". If anyone is interested in attending, please let Commander Campbell know. You do not have to be a member of the SAR to attend.

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## BEAUVIOR

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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## COAST FEST

I am writing to you today because we, at Beauvoir, are having our annual Coastfest Car Show July 18th. Attached to this email is a form to fill out for sponsor a trophy for this Car Show. If you are interested in sponsoring please fill it out and send it and your donation to Kitsaa Stevens at Beauvoir. If you are interested in registering your own vehicle for a fee of \$25,

I have attached that form as well because we are encouraging pre-registration. If you wish to participate and register on the day of the event, registration is from 8am to 10am and the judging starts at 11am. If you have any questions please let Kitsaa or myself know and we will be happy to help in any way we can.

Thank you,

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Jo Sunday

Administrative Assistant

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Beauvoir the Jefferson Davis Home

& Presidential Library

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Biloxi, MS 39531

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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. Ar-

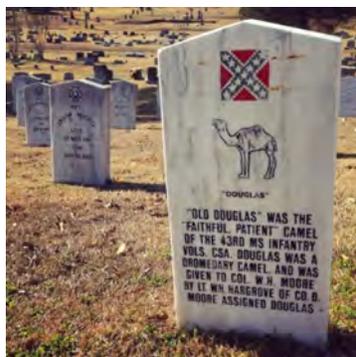
nold meticulously maintained records of the soldiers he buried, assigning each one a grave number. Regrettably, his list and map of the cemetery disappeared after the siege, although a portion of his list was re-discovered in the early 1960s, giving the name, rank, company, unit, and date of death for 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](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.



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

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## CONFEDERATE BIRTHDAYS

July 13—Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest

July 12—Lt. General Daniel Harvey Hill

July 22—Maj. General John George Walker

July 1—Brig. General John Adams

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## CAMP BIRTHDAYS

July 10—Joel Langford

July 19—Edward Campbell

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## NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST

With no formal military training, Nathan Bedford Forrest became one of the leading cavalry figures of the Civil War. The native Tennessean had amassed a fortune, which he estimated at \$1,500,000, as a slave trader and plantation owner before enlisting in the Confederate army as a private in Josiah H. White's cavalry company on June 14, 1861. Tapped by the governor, he then raised a mounted battalion at his own expense.

His assignments included: lieutenant colonel, Forrest's Tennessee Cavalry Battalion (October 1861); colonel, 3rd Tennessee Cavalry (March 1862); brigadier general, CSA July 21, 1862); commanding cavalry brigade, Army of the Mississippi (summer-November 20, 1862); commanding cavalry brigade, Army of Tennessee (November 20, 1862 Summer 1863); commanding cavalry division, Army of Tennessee (summer 1863); commanding cavalry corps, Army of Tennessee (ca. August -September 29, 1863); commanding West Tennessee, (probably in) Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana (November 14, 1863 - January 11, 1864); major general, CSA (December 4, 1863); commanding cavalry corps, Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana January 11 - 28, 1864); commanding District of Mississippi and East Louisiana, Department of Alabama, Mississippi and East Louisiana January 27 - May 4, 1865); also commanding cavalry corps, Department of Alabama, Mississippi and East Louisiana January 28 - May 4, 1865); and lieutenant general, CSA (February 28, 1865).

When the mass Confederate breakout attempt at Fort Donelson failed, Forrest led most of his own men, and some other troops, through the besieging lines and then directed the rear guard during

the retreat from Nashville. At Shiloh there was little opportunity for the effective use of the mounted troops and his command again formed the rear guard on the retreat. The day after the close of the battle Forrest was wounded. After serving during the Corinth siege he was promoted to brigadier general, and he raised a brigade with which he captured Murfreesboro, its garrison and supplies.

In December 1862 and January 1863 he led another raid, this time in west Tennessee, which contributed to the abandonment of Grant's campaign in central Mississippi; the other determining factor was Van Dorn's Holly Springs raid. Joining up with Joseph Wheeler, Forrest took part in the unsuccessful attack on Fort Donelson which resulted in Forrest swearing he would never serve under Wheeler again.

His next success came with the capture of the Union raiding column under Abel D. Streight in the spring of 1863. On June 14, 1863, he was shot by a disgruntled subordinate, Andrew W. Gould, whom Forrest then mortally wounded with his penknife. Recovering, he commanded a division that summer and then a corps at Chickamauga. Having had a number of disputes with army commander Braxton Bragg, Forrest was humiliated by being placed under Wheeler again. His request for transfer to west Tennessee was granted and he was dispatched there with a pitifully small force. Recruiting in that area, he soon had a force large enough to give Union commanders headaches. Sherman kept ordering his Memphis commanders to catch him.

When Forrest captured Fort Pillow a controversy developed over reports of a massacre of the largely black garrison. Apparently a massacre did occur there are numerous Confederate firsthand accounts of it. He defeated Samuel D. Sturgis at Brice's Crossroads and under Stephen D. Lee fought Andrew J. Smith at Tupelo. He again faced Smith during August 1864 and then provided the cavalry force for Hood's invasion of middle Tennessee that fall. Finally the force of numbers began to tell when he proved incapable of stopping Wilson's raid through Alabama and Georgia in the final months of the war. His diminished command was included in Richard Taylor's surrender.

Wiped out financially by the war, he resumed planting and became the president of the Selma, Marion & Memphis Railroad, which he helped to promote. Joining the Ku Klux Klan shortly after the war, he was apparently one of its early leaders. Forrest once summed up his military theory as "Get there first with the most men." He died, probably of diabetes, at Memphis on October 29, 1877, and is buried there.

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## 2020 MISSISSIPPI DIVISION REUNION

The John C. Pemberton Camp in Vicksburg will host this year's MS Division Reunion. The meeting originally scheduled for June 5-7 has been rescheduled for the weekend of August 21-23 by the Division Commander and the Executive Committee due to the current corona-virus outbreak.

The Agenda for the Reunion remains the same with all events taking place at the Vicksburg Convention Center downtown, except for the Memorial Service at Soldier's Rest Cemetery. The service on Sunday morning will be a dedication of memorial gravestones for those who served aboard the C.S.S. Arkansas. This memorial service is the culmination of an ongoing project of our Camp spearheaded by Compatriot Bryan Skipworth. We encourage all of you to stay over Saturday evening and attend this very special Memorial Service/Dedication event.

The Pemberton Camp has been working very hard and continues to make adjustments to give you a very enjoyable experience in the River City, and we hope you will be able to make the new date. All preregistrations to date will carry over to the new date. Everyone is highly encouraged to pre-register well in advance to give our camp accurate numbers to better plan to meet your expectations.

Updated forms have been placed on our Camp website, <http://scv-camp-1354.com/>, and our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/scvcamp1354/>. We are now asking you on the registration form if you plan to attend Friday night's Commanders Reception to indicate your attendance and how many will attend. We are also asking all members to honor their ancestor with a \$10 ancestor memorial to be placed in the Reunion program. Every SCV member has at least one ancestor through whom you joined this organization. Please honor that ancestor by placing his name and military unit in the program.

I have had the honor over the past few months to visit a number of different SCV Camps and personally invite you and your members to the Reunion. For those who I have not been able to visit in person, I have called or emailed your Camp Commander and invited them via phone or email to the Reunion. We are here to help and assist in any way, do not hesitate to call or email for any further questions. Please join us in Vicksburg on August 21-23 for the 125th Reunion of the MS Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the 26th Reunion of the MS Society, Order of Confederate Rose.

Hotel information with group rates is posted on the Registration forms, which are now updated on the Division Website and our camp website. Feel free to call me for any additional questions.

See you all in the River City!

Edward Campbell  
Commander  
SCV Camp 1354

## **THE BATTLEFIELD**

*Joel T. Bailey*

***Here on this lonely battlefield  
Men of the blue and grey met  
It was a long and deadly fight  
That they'll not soon forget***

***Now a slow Southern breeze  
Blows across this battlefield  
Stained by the drying blood  
Left by those who were killed***

***The ones who died this day  
Believed in what they fought for  
They answered their countries call  
Left their homes and went to war***

***The roar of guns are silent now  
The smoke is gone from the air  
No sounds of war can be heard  
Only the signs of it linger there***

***Thousands of young soldiers  
On this battlefield met their fate  
Leaving those they left at home  
To prey, to wonder and to wait***





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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 July 7th**—Camp Meeting—6PM at 216 Miller Street

**July 15-18** —National Reunion—St. Augustine, Florida

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

**August 21-23**—2020 Division Reunion—Vicksburg, MS

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.*