

IN THE TRENCHES

JUNE 2020

FROM THE COMMANDER

Edward Campbell

It is now Memorial Day weekend, a time to reflect on the memory of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country. My own uncle, Sargent Edward Johnson, was killed in a plane crash during the 2nd World War on March 31, 1945. If he had lived until May 8, he would have survived the war in Europe. There is a marker for him in his family plot at Lakewood Cemetery in Jackson but he is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. My mother could never find her brother's grave at Arlington while she was living but my wife, my sister and I came across it almost by accident on one of my trips to the D.C. area. He is buried within site of the Confederate Monument at Arlington, a monument where I had attended on more than one occasion a wreath-laying ceremony on Jefferson Davis's birthday. How ironic that my uncle is buried so close to the Confederate Monument and we only discovered this in the last few years.

It is hard for many of our enemies to understand how we as descendants of Confederate veterans can also be patriotic Americans. If you read your last issue of the "Confederate Veteran", which had great articles, there was one on "Washington's Confederate Family". It discusses in detail many of the great-nephews and cousins and George Washington who fought for the Confederacy. Many of our Founding Fathers had grandsons or great-nephews who fought for the Confederate cause. One I was not aware of was the great-grandson of Benjamin Franklin, who fought for the Confederacy. This was mentioned in the new book by our friend Sandy Mitcham, "It wasn't about Slav-

ery". An excellent, well-researched book by the way that I can recommend. How many of you were also aware of the grandson of Francis Scott Key, author of "The Star Spangled Banner", his grandson was imprisoned illegally by the Great Dictator Lincoln as he was on his way to vote for Secession in the Maryland legislature. He was held throughout the war ironically in Fort McHenry, Baltimore Harbor. I say all this to say that those Confederate patriots who were descended from our Founding Fathers knew what the war was all about, Limited Constitutional government and State's Rights. They knew that what the South did in 1860-61 was no different than what their grandfathers had done in 1776 in seceding from the British Empire. If we know and study the truths of History, we can be both Patriotic Americans and proud of our Confederate Heritage.

Our next meeting is going to on June 2. We will meet in person at the DAV building at 6 P.M. I am going to be over on this Wednesday to give the building a good cleaning. I know that some people may have some concerns about meeting in person, but I believe that it is time and that we do not need to get out of the habit of meeting for too long. There is plenty of room to spread out and you're welcome to wear a mask if it makes you feel better. I will also have plenty of hand sanitizer available for the building. It will not be a long meeting, I will have a video presentation and then I plan to have a short business meeting in which I want our only topic to be the upcoming Reunion. The Reunion has been moved to the weekend of August 21-23 and it is imperative that as many of you as



*John Clifford Pemberton
Lt. General, CSA.*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Next Meeting—Tuesday
June 2, 2020*
- *Arkansas Memorial Dedication—August 23,
2020*
- *MS Division Reunion—
August 21-23, 2020—
Vicksburg, Mississippi*
- *National Reunion—July
15-18, 2020—St. Augustine,
Florida*



possible plan to attend and help out for that weekend. We need you to help out even if you have not attended any previous Reunion meetings. This is a big event for us as the Host Camp and we need to make sure that it goes over well. Every member, including those of us in the Host Camp, will be required to fill out a Registration form and make the necessary payments for you and your family members who will attending with you. I will have these at the meeting on June 2. Please also note that we will be meeting in July, a month that we have previously taken off, but our scheduled date is July 7, after the 4th Holiday.

One more thing, Wednesday June 3 is the 212th Birthday of a great American and a great Southerner, our President Jefferson Davis. I plan to have a cake and some soft drinks for us to celebrate both his birthday and our gathering together again at the next meeting. As you celebrate this weekend, remember that officially in the state of Mississippi, it is "Memorial Day/Jefferson Davis Birthday" on Monday. You are therefore well within your rights to fly both the American and Confederate or State Flag this weekend.

I look forward to seeing you all on June 2, please come if you feel comfortable doing so.

God Bless you all and Happy Memorial Day/Jefferson Davis Birthday,

Edward Campbell
Commander

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

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 or 601-636-7276.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.

MS DIVISION REUNION

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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.

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.

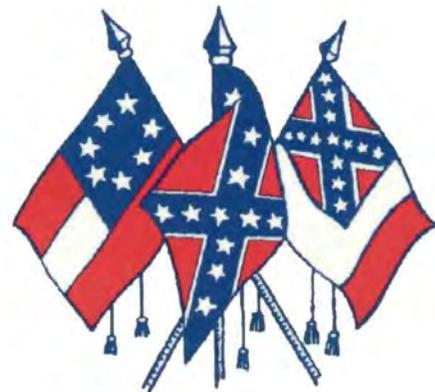


You are invited to make your stand for the future by contributing to this fund.

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



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 or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400

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,

Jo

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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

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

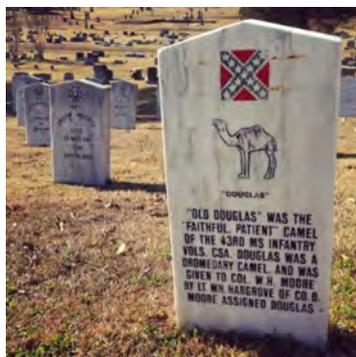
A local undertaker, Mr. J.Q. Arnold, was hired by the Confederate government to bury Southern soldiers, and carried out those duties throughout the siege of Vicksburg. Mr. Ar-

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.



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

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

CONFEDERATE BIRTHDAYS

June 3—President Jefferson Davis

June 1—Brig. Gen. John Hunt Morgan

June 1—General John Bell Hood

June 12—General Samuel Cooper

CAMP BIRTHDAYS

June 24—Chad Couth

JOHN CLIFFORD PEMBERTON

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

At West Point, Pemberton was an average cadet who did not excel academically and accrued demerits by the score. During his first class, or senior year, he was even arrested for violation of the academy's prohibition against the possession of alcohol. Only after the entire senior class signed a pledge to abstain from alcohol for the duration of their term were the charges dropped. At graduation in 1837, Pemberton stood 27th in a class of 50 cadets and was assigned to duty with the 4th U. S. Artillery.

Pemberton went on to serve in the Second Seminole War and Mexican War where he saw action at Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, and Matamoras. While serving in Mexico he met a young lieutenant who would play a prominent role in his life during the Civil War. His name was Ulysses S. Grant. During this same period he struck up a close friendship with yet another young officer, this one an ardent Mississippian named Jefferson Davis. Upon his return

from Mexico, he married Martha Thompson, a native of Norfolk, Virginia, and a fervent supporter of Southern politics and customs, and the couple had seven children. Patty, as he affectionately called his wife, held tremendous sway over her husband. At the outbreak of the Civil War she wrote John, "My darling husband, why are you not with us? Jefferson Davis has a position for you." Not willing to tum against his wife's interests, on 24 April 1861 resigned his commission in the U.S. Army and sought service in the newly-forming Confederate army. Two of his brothers volunteered in the Union army.

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

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

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

20 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 preregister 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, our Camp website and our Camp Facebook page. Feel free to call me for any additional questions.

See you all in the River City!

Edward Campbell
Commander
SCV Camp 1354



THE WAR VETERAN

Jack T. Bailey

They never looked for glory, they never asked for fame
They never thought of war as if it were a game

They did what was needed and never thought twice
They went where ordered and made the sacrifice

They never thought of quitting until the job was done
They dug in and fought until the war was won

They wanted to make the world a better place to live
That's why so many gave all they had to give

In the heat and the cold and in the rain and mud
The road to our freedoms was paved with veterans blood



In Honor Of Memorial Day



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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

Tuesday June 2nd—Camp Meeting—6PM at 216 Miller Street

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

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

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.