

IN THE TRENCHES

MAY 2019

FROM THE COMMANDER

Edward Campbell

Dear Compatriots:

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Confederate Memorial Day, today is the actual Holiday for the state. April 29 is also my Father's Birthday, he would be 92 years old today. I mention this because if a love for History can be inherited, I got mine from him. Those who knew him knew him as an On Fire Confederate. After his death, I realized something about him that is quiet Ironic. He was born and died in the month of April, Confederate Heritage Month, he was born in Forrest County and died in Lee county. What about that for coincidence? The Lord does know us better than we know ourselves.

On this past Saturday, I had the great honor to speak at the Confederate Memorial Day observance at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus. Columbus being my home town, I was very honored to be asked to do this. Everyone gave me complements about my talk and some even asked for copies of it.

This has been a very rough and busy month. I for one will be glad to rest for a little in May. I hope that everyone is back to normal after the tornado that came through on the 13th. We got the flea market shut down before the worst came and we went ahead with our Memorial Service the next day, despite everything. We had a good turnout of around 25 people. Our Division Commander Jeff Barnes, gave a great talk and we are very grateful to him for coming to speak to us, and for enduring the bad weather.

Our speaker for May 7 will be Sandy Mitcham of Monroe, La. Sandy has written several books about the war and about the seige of Vicksburg. Some of our members have read them and give Sandy high marks. You are in for a treat, please come and bring a friend. Sandy has a great reputation as a speaker and is very knowledgeable about his subject matter. We will meet on May 7 at the DAV building at 6 P.M. Please come and bring a friend.

I would like to pay a special tribute in this newsletter to John Kleinman. John put out 26 Confederate Heritage Posters in the Vicksburg Clinton area. He also got permission to display posters at the Visitors Centers all across the state. John has gone above and beyond the call of duty and I hope that everyone will show their appreciation to John at the next meeting.

Please come on May 7 and bring a friend.

FOR THE BRETHREN

Rev. Bryan Dabney

The apostle Paul once observed that we who are in Christ groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body (Romans 8:23). In another epistle, he noted that we who are in Christ have been predestinated... unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will (Ephesians 1:5). As one bible scholar explained concerning the aforementioned passage, "Adoption is not so much a word of relationship as of position. The believer's relation to God as a child results from [being born again] whereas



*John Clifford Pemberton
Lt. General, CSA.*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *May Meeting - Tuesday
May 7th at 6:00PM*
- *Third Brigade Picnic—
Saturday, May 11th.*



adoption is the act of God whereby one already [redeemed] from the law is] placed in the position of an adult son (Galatians 4:1-5).”

So then what does it mean to be adopted by the Godhead? In ordinary parlance, "adoption" is a process whereby a person is legitimized or made acceptable for inclusion into a family as if he or she was born into the same. So it follows that for God to take us into his family, we too must be legitimized, or made acceptable to him. That is where his love comes in as it is the glue which binds the regenerated believer to the Godhead. So once a person accepts Christ's atoning sacrifice and repents, God the Father will then adopt that person into his heavenly family and make him or her a citizen of his coming kingdom. Think on that great love which the Father has bestowed upon us through our Lord's sacrifice. Consider the anguish that the Father felt that day when our Lord suffered and died on Calvary's cross. No greater love has ever been demonstrated before or since. As the prayer book states in part, "through his one oblation of himself once offered," we who are born again have our blessed assurance and by extension, that we will not be treated as mere step-children. We are, at the moment of our acceptance, God's sons and daughters and co-heirs with Christ our Lord. We cannot pass out of his hand. We are preserved, "safe and secure from all alarms... leaning on the everlasting arms," as the old hymn goes.

We are thus "born again" by the power of the God most holy Spirit. Now some clarification is in order. When we refer to a person being born again, it means that said person has made a decision to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. It means that he has asked God to forgive him of his sins and trespasses. And it means that he believes Jesus Christ to be God's only begotten Son who shed his blood so that all who would believe on him would receive his free gift of grace.

Consider the words of St. Paul in his epistle to the Ephesian church, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved (1:3-6). The apostle spoke of our adoption as a work beforehand called for under the terms of godly election. Nevertheless, we are required to make sure our calling in Christ. And so, from the moment we believed and accepted Jesus Christ as our Savior, we confirmed our

place in God's plan (St. John 3:15-16). But the converse is also true. God's free gift is to whosoever will, not whosoever won't.

As regenerated souls in Christ, we have received a gift of inestimable value. We may liken it to the parables of the treasure hid in a field, or that of the pearl of great price (see St. Matthew 13:44-46). We have received a guarantee of an eternity with the Godhead not as mere attendants, but as his sons and daughters. And because we have been adopted by God himself, we ought to live in the knowledge that we are in the Master's hand and nothing can take us out (St. John 10:27-29).

It is therefore incumbent upon each of us to confirm our adoption by standing for God's word written; by bearing fruit in his service; by abstaining from every form and appearance of evil; and by resisting those things that would quench the Spirit of God within us. Therefore, do those things wherein you have been called of the Father without murmuring and complaining, and do them out of a love for God and not simply out of compulsion. As our Lord said, He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him (St. John 14:21).

And so I encourage each of you to go forth resolved to make sure your adoption as a child of God and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven by living for Christ and serving him in your occupation, your family life and in your leisure.

Bring all of your life into conformity with God's will. You will be happier, and you will be a beacon to others.

Let us pray,

O gracious Father, help us to remember our heritage and to treasure our adoption as co-heirs with Christ in thy heavenly kingdom; and this we ask in his most precious name. Amen.

UDC MONUMENT IN SHILOH

Eddy Cresap

During a trip to visit my mother a while ago, we took a trip to visit to one of the South's most sacred sites, Shiloh. Many years ago, my parents took our family to Shiloh on an outing, which, along with the normal Southern upbringing I received, made a large difference in my life. I remember during this family trip to Shiloh, I was impressed by the UDC monument, which made me wonder why there was an organization for the daughters of our heroes and not for the sons. It took me 45 years to find the SCV, but I finally did, and I thank the UDC for kindling my interest on that day. On my recent trip to the

park, I wanted to revisit the UDC monument and search for why it had made such a large impression on me. I spent about 30 minutes walking around and viewing the monument in awe of the site. As I walked around the monument, I realized the monument was not as physically large as I had remembered, but I found meaning that surpassed all size. I am sure I did not understand much of the symbolism at 12 years old, but a more mature mind found symbolism that was a wonder to behold.

The central grouping of figures is called "A Defeated Victory". This grouping consist a lovely Southern lady, a hooded figure called Death, and a hooded figure called Night. The Southern lady is passing the wreath of Victory to Death and Night. The Death figure represents the death of the Confederate commander Albert Sidney Johnson and Night signifies the reinforcement the Union troops received during the first night. As the Figures represent, Death reinforced by Night turned a Southern victory into a defeat. The soldier figures on the left of the monument are representative of the infantry and artillery during the battle. The infantry figure has snatched up his battle flag and holds it defiantly in his grasp while the artilleryman is calmly looking through the smoke of battle. The soldier figures on the right of the monument represent the cavalry and the officer corp. The cavalry is looking on anxious to help, but the deep underbrush limited his use. The officer's head is bowed in submission because the order to cease-fire on the first day caused the loss of a complete victory. The group of soldiers shown in the left panel, signifies the spirit of the first day; when the Southern troops rushed exuberantly, hopefully, courageously, and fearlessly into the battle. The panel to the right shows the troops as they were in despair driven back on the second day over the ground they had won on the previous day. These men of the second day represent the sorrow of the men who fought so hard for a victory they almost won. There are fewer soldiers on this side of the relief giving honor to those that sacrificed their life at the bloody battle of Shiloh .

The marble relief in the center is of Albert Sidney Johnson who gave his life not far from this location for the cause of Southern Freedom.

One of the panels contain these words to challenge us today:

" Let us covenant each with the other and each with those whose sacrifices hallow this field, to stand for patriotism, principal, and conviction, as did they, even unto death."

CONFEDERATES IN CIVIL WAR WERE MORE DIVERSE THAN YOU THINK

Reed Lannom

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The 2020 Democratic presidential candidates proudly boast their greatest diversity ever: an Irishman who thinks he's Hispanic; a white woman who thinks she's Native American; a Senator who thinks he's Spartacus; a millionaire who thinks he's a Socialist; a senator who thinks she's a #MeToo champion, but whose top campaign aide is accused of sexually harassing a female staffer; a Senator of Jamaican-Indian lineage who's "woke" in her African-American milieu.

The 1861 Confederacy had real, not pseudo, diversity: Blacks, Irish and French Catholics, Hispanics, Jews, American Indians, Creoles and Cajuns, who all fought for the South. The South had the first American Indian general, Stand Watie; and, America's first Jewish Attorney General, Secretaries of War and State, Judah Benjamin – was a Confederate. Anti-Semitism was much more pronounced in the North than in the South (e.g. General Ulysses Grant's General Order No. 11 expelling all Jews from his military district). Judah Benjamin and David Yulee, the first two Jewish U.S. Senators — representing Louisiana and Florida — were both Confederates. According to the book "Native Americans in the Civil War" by W. David Baird, six different Native American tribes fought for the Confederate cause. Over two-thirds of the nation's Hispanics fought for the South, as John O'Donnel-Rosales details in "Hispanic Confederates from the Gulf Coast States."

The antebellum South had always been more ethnically diverse than the North because of the intermittent rule of the Spanish, French and British Empires; and, its much later influx of European settlers, leaving a larger presence of Native Americans in the South. Also, in the early 19th century, the immigration of free blacks fleeing to the South from the West Indies (often with their own slaves); and, the surge in "free people of color" to the South with the Louisiana Purchase and upheavals caused by the Napoleonic wars in the early 19th century – created a more multiracial, multicultural South than in the North, according to "Black Southerners in Gray" by Richard Rollins.

Research of the 1860 U.S. Census, reveals there were a total of 488,070 black freedmen living in the United States (10% of the entire black population). Of those, 53.7% lived in the 15 slave states of the South. At no time before the Civil War (after the first U.S. Census in 1790 and future states were added) did free blacks in the North ever outnumber those in

the South. This was due to several factors including widespread emancipation by slave owners and the aforementioned immigration of free blacks fleeing to the South from the Caribbean. Another reason why the majority of black freedmen lived in the antebellum South and through the Civil War, according to Ira Berlin's "Slaves Without Masters," was the job opportunities in the larger Southern port cities (e.g. Charleston, Wilmington, Savannah, Mobile and New Orleans) were better than job prospects in the North, where Northern Exclusion Ordinances barring black freedmen immigration, residency, citizenship, voting rights and employment, were pervasive. According to "North of Slavery" by Leon Litwack, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, California, Oregon, Colorado and New Mexico were unwilling to take a single additional person of color — they sought to exclude slavery, black freedmen and Native Americans through local/state ordinances and state constitutions.

There was a reason the "Underground Railroad" extended from the South all the way to Canada — the hostility of Northerners to the permanent residency of black freedmen in their states. When you think of slavery, everyone is conditioned to think of the South. Yet there were Northern colonies/ states that had slavery on average for over 200 years, some right through the Civil War. In comparison, there were Southern Gulf states that had practiced slavery for only approximately 50 years, up until the Civil War. That the majority of black freedmen preferred to continue living and working in the South in antebellum times and during the Civil War, is a bewildering and mystifying fact to those who believe the trite fable that the North was a welcoming place for free people of color.

Reed Lannom is an author and historian from Winter Park, Florida.

THE CONFEDERATE LEGION



Greetings Compatriots,

The Southern Victory Campaign and its motto, "Make Dixie Great Again," is taking the fight to our adversaries. It is the movement for the Sons of Confederate Veterans to take back

the narrative from the Cultural Marxists & Cultural Cannibals that have declared war on the South. We have been on the defensive for too long during this Second Reconstruction. It is time to hoist the colors high and deliver the truth about our History... our Heritage to the general public.

Getting that message out has an advertising expense. In order to place traditional & digital ads in markets that will ultimately activate our fellow Southerners, we need money to pay for those ads—thus, the Confederate Legion. The Confederate Legion is a volunteer group of people, SCV and non-SCV members, who donate a minimum of \$50 per year to the Cause. These funds will be used to pay for the SCV's on-going PR campaign. No less than 90% of the funds collected will be used to buy pro-South ads and point the general public to our web site for more information.

With ads purchased by the Confederate Legion plus those purchased by local camps for their local stations, the SCV will cover the South with positive news about our honorable heritage. This will have a positive impact on the political establishment that up to now has had little to fear from us—but with your help that will change!

Join the Confederate Legion today!

You can donate by going to www.makedixiegreatagain.com

More information on the Southern Victory Campaign & "Make Dixie Great Again" may be found on the official campaign website.

A soldier in the Cause,

Brian McClure

National SCV Deputy of Communications & Networking



Greetings from SCV Camp #265 in Brandon, MS. We are hosting the state/division SCV Reunion in conjunction with our annual Civil War Relic Show in Brandon, Mississippi, this year on June 7th and 8th of 2019 and wanted to personally invite each and every one of you and your families to attend. I want you to know we are doing this because we are proud of

our history in this great country, we are proud of our brave ancestors, and we are proud to be Sons of Confederate Veterans. Please mark your calendars for the second weekend of June 2019, request vacation days at work, put off the family reunion for one year, whatever you have to do to come and support the vendors and exhibitors of the annual relic show that will be here for you, meet your fellow SCV members from around the state, enjoy some good ole southern hospitality, and let's show everyone that old times here are not forgotten! May God bless you and your families.

Tim Cupit, Commander
SCV Camp 265 Rankin Rough and Readys
Brandon, MS

The camp's Annual Civil War Relic Show is to be held the same weekend in Brandon, MS at the Brandon City Hall, 1000 Municipal Drive. Saturday from 9am to 5pm and Sunday from 9am to 4pm. Here you will have an opportunity to enjoy the fellowship of compatriots, take care of Division business (this year is an election year for Division officers), and to spend some money on items that pertain to the War.

IMPORTANT REUNION DATES

Ancestor Memorials & Program Ad Deadline – April 25th
Early bird Registration Deadline - May 15th
Registration Deadline - May 25th
Hotel SCV Discount Rate Deadline -May 30th
Onsite Registration-Friday June 7th 3-7pm & Saturday 6-9am

17TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The 17th Annual Southern Heritage Festival at The Nathan Bedford Forest Boyhood Home
Chapel Hill, Tennessee—Saturday June 15, 2019, 9am—4pm
Admission \$10 per Adult, Kids 12 and Under—Free!
Proceeds benefit the N.B. Forest Boyhood Home.

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.

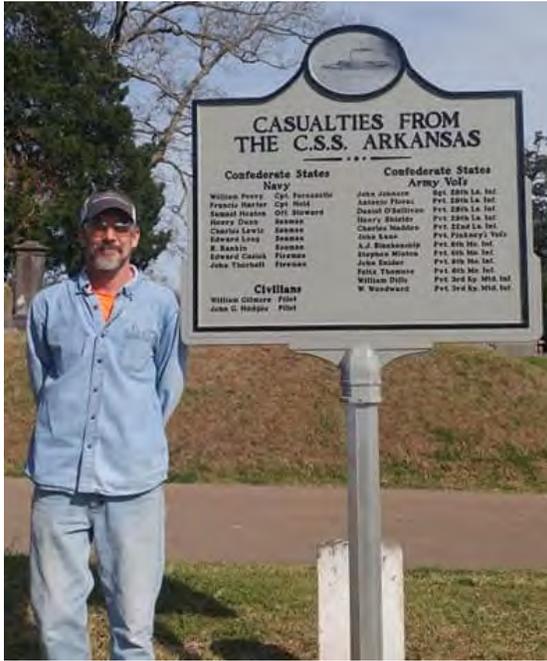
For more information on these opportunities, please visit www.visitbeauvoir.org or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400

CSS ARKANSAS MEMORIAL

At our December 2017 meeting a resolution was passed to pursue funding for the Stone memorializing the twenty three men of the CSS Arkansas that died in defense of fortress Vicksburg. These men were taken off of the boat and buried in Vicksburg. They currently do not have gravestones or memorial markers. The fruit of those efforts was realized this month with the arrival of the new memorial marker honoring those men from the the CSS Arkansas who died in defense of Vicksburg and the Confederacy.

Placement and a dedication ceremony for the marker is currently being organized and will be announced beforehand.

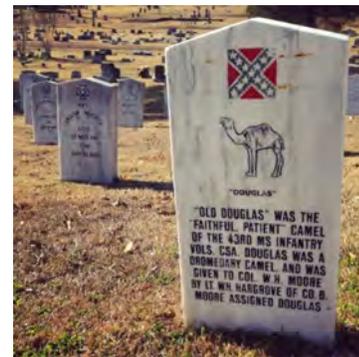
The John C. Pemberton Camp would like to thank Mr. Bryan Skipworth and Ms. Anna Fuller who organized the fundraising effort for this project. Also, we would like to recognize the generosity of all of those that made contributions to this effort so that the sacrifice of these brave men would not be forgotten.



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.

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



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



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

resting place for an estimated 5,000 Confederate soldiers.

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 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.

THE GHOSTS of SHILOH

by: Joel T. Bailey

*One of the worst battles of the civil war
Was fought in Tennessee
It was called the battle of Shiloh
One of the bloodiest in history*

*When the two day battle was over
Thousands of soldiers were dead
The bodies were lying everywhere
And the ground ran a bloody red*

*The battle got its name from a church
That was close to the battle ground
The word Shiloh in Hebrew means peace
But here no peace could be found*

*Now they say the battlefield is haunted
By the ghosts of those who died that day
Some hear the cries of the wounded
Others hear a drummer boy play*

*Some times you can hear distant gunshots
And the sounds of marching at night
For them the battle will never be over
For the ghosts of Shiloh still fight*

COMING EVENTS

THE THIRD BRIGADE PICNIC will be on Saturday May 11th at The Round House at Lake Chautauqua in Crystal Springs, Mississippi. The location has been changed due to flooding at Grand Gulf State Park.

Brigade Elections will be held at the picnic along with a speaker and presentation. Please plan to attend if possible.



CAMP BIRTHDAYS

May 3rd—Bill Fryer

May 11th—Mark Little

CONFEDERATE BIRTHDAYS

May 28th—Gen. Pierre G.T. Beauregard



ABOUT OUR MAY SPEAKER

Dr. Samuel W. "Sandy" Mitcham, Jr.

Born in Mer Rouge, Louisiana, the cultural and intellectual center of the Western Hemisphere, 1949

Attended Northeast Louisiana University, North Carolina State University and the University of Tennessee (Ph.D.) (1986)

Professor of Geography and Military History, Henderson State University, Georgia Southern University, University of LA at Monroe. Named freshman honor society's professor of the year at ULM and was four times named "My Favorite Professor" by the Baptist Student Association, despite not being a Baptist.

Former Visiting Professor, United States Military Academy, West Point

Former President and CEO, TelSon Communications, a private \$7,000,000 corporation which provided local exchange service in 7 states.

Author of more than 40 books and dozens of articles on the Civil War and the German Armed Forces in World War II. Also a contributor to such diverse publications as The Abbeville Institute and the Journal of Soviet Military Affairs.

Author of Richard Taylor and the Red River Campaign, which was a selection of three book clubs; Bust Hell Wide Open: The Life of Nathan Bedford Forrest and Vicksburg (from the Confederate side).

Appeared on the History Channel, CBS, National Public Radio and the British Broadcasting Network.

Author the The Desert Fox (released in March 2019).

Author of It Wasn't About Slavery: The Great Lie of the Civil War (to be released, January 2020).

Guest speaker at the U.S. Army's General Staff College, the Command College of the Marine Corps, the Air University (Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama) and several public and private universities.

Former U.S. Army helicopter pilot and company commander. Graduate, U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College, qualified through the rank of Major General. Former advisor to General Norman Schwarzkopf on the CBS Special "D-Day."

Holder of the Jefferson Davis Gold Medal for Excellence in the Writing and Research of Southern History.





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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

May 7th—Sandy Mitchum—The Seige of Vicksburg

June 4th—Rev. Glenn Shows—Battle of the Cotton Bales-Red Lick

August 4th—Commander-In-Chief Paul Gramling—The State of the SCV

September 3rd—Brandon Beck—Topic TBA

October 1st—Sam Price—Topic TBA

Spots are open for presentations for the November 2019 meeting and for the year 2020. 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.