

IN THE TRENCHES

NOVEMBER 2018

FROM THE COMMANDER

Edward Campbell

November is finally here and we are all beginning to think about the Holiday season. I hope that you all did not suffer any storm damage, last night as November came in like a Lion. Our next meeting will take place one week later than normal, on November 13 due to the conflict with Election Day. Our own "Historian Emeritus" Mr. Sam Price will speak to us on what will be a very interesting topic I am sure. Please come and bring a friend. We had a very successful Fall Flea Market on the 6th of October. We sold booklets, flags and some of Mr. Joel's poems. It is a great way to put a positive face on the community. I want to thank all of those who helped out on that day. The weather was fantastic. We are of course, moving toward the Holiday season and then toward the new year. I have finalized plans for the 2019 Lee-Jackson Banquet. It will be held at Goldie's Bar-B-Que on Saturday evening, January 19. We will gather at 6

P.M. Our speaker for the evening will be Mr. Scott Bell, who has written the popular book, "The Camel Regiment". It will be a great evening and I urge you all to reserve that evening. We will be selling tickets to this event, starting at the December meeting. In respect for the memory of our Confederate ancestors and the two great men whose birthday we honor, I am asking everyone to dress in Traditional Church attire. It just happened to work out that January 19 is the actual birthday of General Robert E. Lee. What an honor to hold this event on that evening.

You may have heard about the good news from the Confederate Capital of Richmond. The City council voted 6-3 not to petition the state of Virginia to remove the Monument Avenue statues. This is a great victory for our cause. The state of Virginia has a law similar to ours that municipalities cannot remove War statues without state consent. This hasn't stopped the hate mongers to whom the

law means nothing. Fortunately, the city of Richmond has decided to abide by the rule of law. We can win these battles, and we will win more. I have also recently learned that the city of New Orleans will be putting the statues of General Beauregard and General Lee back up again after admitting that they were taken down without state permission.

More on that when we meet in November.

Before we meet, do not forget two very important things. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour this weekend and don't forget to vote next Tuesday. Then don't forget to come to our November meeting on the 13th, one week later than normal.

Have a great weekend and God Bless.

Edward Campbell
Commander



*John Clifford Pemberton
Lt. General, CSA.*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Veterans Day Ceremony - Sunday, November 11th at 11 am, The Rose Garden, Monroe St. Vicksburg, MS*
- *Lee-Jackson Dinner - January 19th, 2019 at 6:00PM*
- *Mid-South Military History and Civil War Show. March 30-31st, Memphis, TN*
- *New CSS Arkansas Website: css-arkansas.com*



THE LOUISIANA MONUMENT

Sam Price

Whatever maybe said of the War, its causes and results, there is no question of the heroism and devotion to duty, of the Confederate Soldiers, and the dated Heroes well – earned all the honors that can be bestowed upon them.

On May 21, 1887 A committee of Louisiana men representing an association of surviving members of Louisiana regiments who fought in the siege of Vicksburg met in Vicksburg to choose a site for a monument. This monument was to honor the Louisiana men who died in defense of Vicksburg. The original site chosen by the committee was in city cemetery where the Confederate dead were buried. After consideration of the original site, it was suggested that the site chosen was undesirable because it was in an isolated spot and they needed a highly visible place within the city limits. They walked the city looking for another location and decided on spot on Monroe street between Crawford street and South street. This area had been used as a drill ground for the Vicksburg Southerons. Let these things be done as an evidence that the brave men who gave their lives for us are not forgotten. Some residents of Vicksburg



thought it was shameful that Vicksburg sent men into battle whose bones are now lying on battle fields of many states and nothing has been done to honor them. It was suggested that the Ladies Memorial Association take on the task for providing this monument.

The Monument is twenty feet high; The base is a solid Granite block Eighteen inches in depth, and cut octagonal in shape, being Five feet in diameter. On this granite Block stands the rest of the Monument, which if of the Finest Italian Marble. The First Section of it is a solid block of marble two and a half feet in diameter and Four feet high, cut in pyramidal form with the corners rounded and a shield elegantly carved on each if the four faces. On top of this marble block will stand another of beautiful shape and purity and on it an urn about three feet high and eighteen inches in diameter, and from the top of which clouds of incense are represented as rising. The Monument was made in Italy, and is a splendid specimen both as to design and skill. This shaft has cost the Association some \$1,500.00 and the members surely deserve much praise for thus honoring their dead comrades. If patriotism and bravery are to be of service to nations, and be appreciated by the defenders

of human liberty, then why not build monuments to those who sacrifice their lives in the defense of their county.

The inscriptions on the monument:

North side Shield with La arms dedicated June 11, 1887

East side "To the Louisianans who died in defense of Vicksburg 1862-1863"

West side "By their surviving comrades."

South side "in life the shock of battle, in death's sleep peace and endless fame"

The monument was dedicated on - June 11th, 1887

The parade from the court House to the monument included Military Companies from Jackson, New Orleans and Vicksburg. The dedication was opened with a prayer. The site was presented by city of Vicksburg to the Louisiana veterans. Colonel Patton of the 26th La accepted the site and delivered the Monument to the City charging the Ladies Confederate Cemetery Association. The city of Vicksburg accepted the Monument in perpetual charge.

FOR THE BRETHREN

Rev. Bryan Dabney

In St. John 8:46-59, we find our Lord encouraging those about him to view his works as being from the Father. Sadly, many refused to accept his works and even accused him of being a devil. But the thing which drove them to derisive anger was his utterance of the following five words: before Abraham was I am. These five words left those present with but two choices: either to fall down and worship him as the Messiah, or take up stones to slay him as a blasphemer. They chose the latter, and in so doing we can see the hand of evil in their intentions. For though what the Bible presents us is appalling, it should not be at all surprising that Satan sought to use Christ's earthly brethren to kill him under the rubric of the Law of Moses.

Even today, the unregenerated have sought to silence all who are born again of the Holy Ghost. A favorite tactic of theirs has been to heckle the faithful by calling them names such as "Fundamentalists" or "Bible-thumpers." They may influence church boards and schools to restrict their words and works in public places via the use of political correctness. In some parts of the world, believers have been attacked both verbally and physically for publicly proclaiming their faith in Jesus Christ. Their houses of worship have suffered degradation and even destruction at the hands of those who are the Devil's charges. The unregen-

erated may even attempt to use the tactics of peaceful co-existence and compromise to diminish the actions of true and faithful Christians.

Still, the Bible makes it rather plain that we are not to compromise, neither are we to negotiate with those who are part of this evil world system. We are further forbidden to submit to its sever- al, sordid practices. We Christians have been sealed by the Holy Ghost and are thus expected by our heavenly Father to exercise proper discernment in our lives. The Bible tells us that a daily regime of prayer and scripture reading will open the gates of heaven to us and assist in every good word and work as well as keep us from the power of the evil one.

Still, we will face the stone-throwers of our day. While those in our Lord's time attempted to use scripture against him, their modernist counterparts are more interested in condemning the Bible for being politically incorrect. For instance, they have sought to set aside the concept of original sin, but not their sinful behaviors. I have a relative who was once a lay-minister in a modern denomination. On one occasion he was asked by a local priest to serve in his stead for Sunday worship. In his sermon, he mentioned the concept of sin which disturbed many in that congregation. Needless to say, my

relative was not asked to preach in that church again. As St. Stephen cut the unregenerate among the Jews to the quick with his inspired message to them, so also are the unregenerated of this time cut to the quick by the word of God spoken to them by one of God's own (see Acts 7:51-60 and Hebrews 4:12).

An unregenerate minister cannot cut the consciences of those in his congregation because his preaching does not possess such power. As St. Paul noted in I Corinthians 2:14 that the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. Without a firm belief in the Godhead as sovereign, and Jesus Christ as the only way, truth and life, such a minister will be unable to preach the word to the salvation of men's souls. As the Rev. E. M. Bounds once noted, "Satan is always at church before the preacher is in the pulpit or a member is in the pew. He comes to hinder the sower, to impoverish the soil, or to corrupt the seed. He uses these tactics only when courage and faith are in the pulpit, and zeal and prayer are in the pew; but if dead ritualism or live Liberalism are in the pulpit, he does not attend, because they are no danger to him."

Without a doubt the modern stone-throwers pose no danger to Satan's plans because they are in fact part and parcel

of them. The doubter will cast stones of doubt into the congregation. The denier will cast stones of atheism and agnosticism amongst the flock. The libertine will cast stones of bodily corruption. Additionally, they will—in one form or another— cast the stones of blasphemy and division. How in character it would be for them to take the hymn Crown Him With Many Crowns and change it to Stone Him With Many Stones for such has been done since the founding of the Church even unto this very day, and will be so until our Lord returns.

One in particular, is the stone of the spirit of Jezebel which was made mention of in Revelation 2:20-24. While St. John the Revelator noted that this woman was a prophetess who was permitted to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. In Halley's Bible Handbook (p. 705), we find the following description of that evil personage. "Jezebel... may have been a prominent... devotee of Diana, with a gift for leadership who had a following of influential people in the city, and who was attracted to the growing cause of Christianity, attached herself to the Church, militantly insisting... on the

FOR THE BRETHREN (CONT.)

right to teach and practice licentious indulgence, claiming inspiration for her teaching. She was called Jezebel because, like... The devilish wife of Ahab... she was introducing the same vile practices into the Christian Church. [While not all the local pastors accepted her teaching, they nevertheless accepted her as a fellow pastor] thinking that she might be a help in winning the whole city to the name of Christ.”

Many times, the church has been seduced by those who are possessed of this same spirit of Jezebel. They come bearing an attractive message albeit not a true and godly one. The lure of greater church membership, more money and a more pleasurable experience are her offerings. The spirit of Jezebel is a spirit of defiance against the written word of God. It is also more ecumenical and thus serves as “an open door” or “interface” by which the world may enter and corrupt the church. For it is these

three tokens which modern Christianity holds up as their golden calf before which they bow in reverence. Nevertheless, these are but bruises upon the head of the church for Satan intends to use this spirit of Jezebel to knock its members senseless to his plans and purposes. As Delilah betrayed Samson with her beauty, and her wiles lulled him into a false sense of security through earthly pleasures, so Jezebel mystifies the church with her craft and sleight of hand, ever mingling the grace of God with the spirit of deception making the former of none effect and inflicting harm to all who fall under her sway. And should any man so criticize her, they are ridiculed and scorned for she has all the appearance of innocence and her work has seemingly been proven beneficial.

The Rev. E.M. Bounds once noted that, “The strength of the church lies in its devotion to God. All else is incidental and is not the source of its strength. But in the worldly,

popular language, a local church is called strong when its membership is large, and when it has social position and financial resources. A church is thought to be powerful when ability, learning, and eloquence fill the pulpit, and when the pews are filled by fashion, intelligence, money, and influence. An assumption of this kind is worldly to the fullest extent. The local church that defines its strength in this way is on the highway to apostasy.”

The Devil also encourages regenerated Christians to throw stones of condemnation at our own brothers and sisters in Christ when only a compassionate admonition would suffice. We must make sure that our speech is always seasoned with salt, telling the truth to all, but doing so in love. The Bible teaches us that we ought not separate ourselves from true brothers and sisters, and thus break the unity of the church without cause. Still, differences will exist and we are to be mindful of them. But to cast a

stone is something that carries with it the implication of finality; and many so-to-speak Christians are ready to hurl a stone rather than offer their hand in lifting up one who is simply weak in faith and poor in doctrine, but is otherwise still seeking to know the truth of Christ. We are supposed to help one another not persecute each other. The Devil will provide us with persecution aplenty, so we need not have such as our default response in matters of faith and practice.

Being properly armed for spiritual warfare ought to include a lesson or two in identifying both friends and foes in Christ. It is often difficult at times to know who is and who is not our side in this fight. Nevertheless, we ought to make every effort to discern between the parties so as to avoid the enemy as well as hold to and support the faithful. So the next time you get the call to stone another, cast them the Rock of Christ via the word before you ever cast the stone of condemnation.

MID-SOUTH MILITARY HISTORY & CIVIL WAR SHOW

The Robert E. Lee Camp SCV in Germantown, Tennessee and the James R. Chalmers Camp SCV in Memphis, Tennessee sponsor an event known as the Mid-South Military History & Civil War Show. The 2019 event will be held at the Agricenter Showplace Arena in Germantown, Tennessee on March 30-31st, 2019. For more information, please visit www.midsouthmilitaryhistory.com or email midsouthmilitaryhistory@gmail.com

BEAUVIOR



*Beauvoir - Post-war home of Jefferson Davis.
Biloxi, Mississippi*

Beauvoir, the historic post-war home of President Jefferson Davis, is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There are several ways that you can participate in the continued preservation of this beloved landmark located in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Friends of Beauvoir

For as little as \$25 annually, you can become a member of the Friends of Beauvoir. Membership includes tour admission and a 10% discount at the Beauvoir gift shop.

Bricks for Beauvoir

Honor your Confederate ancestors while supporting Beauvoir. Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit, and company. The memorial bricks will be laid creating a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate soldier.

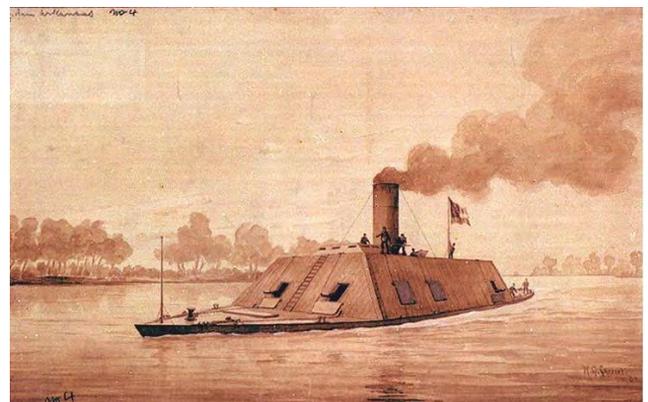
For more information on these opportunities, please visit www.visitbeauvoir.org or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400



CSS ARKANSAS

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 do not have stones.

Our camp has started a fund raising effort to support the setting of a memorial to these men. We took up donations and pledges at our February meeting. If you would like to donate or pledge support please contact Bryan Skipworth at bskip1085@yahoo.com for more information on setting up a pledge or making a donation.



SOLDIERS REST



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

The city of Vicksburg served as a major hospital center in the early years of the Civil War. A section in the Cedar Hill Cemetery was set aside to provide a fitting burial place for Confederate soldiers who died of sickness or wounds. Known as "Soldiers' Rest," the plot in Cedar Hill Cemetery is the final resting place for an estimated 5,000 Confederate soldiers.

A local undertaker, Mr. J.Q. Arnold, was hired by the Confederate government to bury Southern soldiers, and carried out those duties throughout the siege of Vicksburg. Mr. Arnold meticulously maintained records of the soldiers he buried, assigning each one a grave number. Regrettably, his list and map of the cemetery disappeared after the siege, although a portion of his list was re-discovered in the early 1960s, giving the name, rank, com-

pany, 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 soldiers-restvicksburg.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"
Soldiers Rest - Vicksburg, Mississippi*

THEY DIED FOR DIXIE

Joel T. Bailey

Across the South still today
Some battlefields can be found
Where many of our ancestors
Lie beneath this hallowed ground

But their monuments are desecrated
All across the Southland
Many don't want us to remember
Why they made their stand

But we must never forget them
And why they fought and died
And always keep their memory alive
With our Southern Pride

Two things that can't be changed
Is the truth and history
And no matter what others may say
They died for Dixie



FEATURED CONFEDERATE



**Corporal Joseph Green.
Co. E. 42nd Miss Infantry**

Joseph Green enlisted in the Confederate Army in Tippah County Mississippi as part of the 42nd Mississippi Infantry. The 42nd Infantry Regiment was organized at Oxford, Mississippi, in May, 1862, and in June moved to Virginia with about 750 officers and men. Its companies were recruited in the counties of Car-roll, Coahoma, Tate, De So-to, Panola, Lafayette, Union, Pontotoc, Marshall, Benton, and Tippah. For a time it served on garrison duty in the Department of Richmond, then was assigned to General J.R. Davis' Brigade, Army of Northern Virginia.

Corporal Green's widow, Iduma Caroline Green (Adair) resided in Tippah County Mississippi in the Dry Creek Community until her death on November 26, 1876.

He also had several brothers who served in and survived the war and returned to their homes in the Dry Creek community. Most of them are buried at the Old Paul's Chapel Cemetery which is located in the wilderness near the Tippah County – Prentiss County Border. Their son, John Henry Green, was born just before Corporal Green (then the

rank of Private) left for the war. Later in life, John Henry would state that he had no memory of his father. John Henry Green had numerous descendants, many of which still reside in the area straddling the Tippah County – Prentiss County line, or nearby in the Cities of Jumbertown and Booneville, Mississippi located in Prentiss County.

VETERANS DAY COMMEMORATION

There will be a Veteran's Day Ceremony at 11 A.M on Sunday November 11 at the Rose Garden near the corner of Crawford and Monroe Streets in Vicksburg. Following the Ceremony, there will be a Luncheon at the American Legion Post #3 at 1712 Monroe Street. .



VETERANS DAY PARADE

Vicksburg will also host it's annual Veteran's Day Parade. The Parade will take place on Monday the 12th beginning at 10AM in downtown Vicksburg.

PEMBERTON CAMP VETERANS

Joel T. Bailey, GMG3 USN 1964-1968
 Larry Holman, Lt. USAF
 Eddy Cresap, EM1(SS) 1971 - 1979
 Joe Lovizo, USN
 Thomas Collins, Colonel USAF
 Brain Dabney USAF
 Randall Martar

*Hank Hannisee, USAF **
*Joe Gerachc, USN **
*Joe Wedgeworth, Sr. **
*James Calvin Davis, US Army **
*Maj. Robert Anderson **
*Joe Strahan **

Charles (Rusty) Brasfield USN
 Henry Melshimer
 Tony Keene
 Charlie Bass
 Jim Beard
 David Weeks

** indicates a camp member who has passed away.*



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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next meeting will be November 13th at 6:00 PM Sam Price will be giving our presentation.

The Vicksburg Civil War Roundtable will meet on Monday November 19th at 6:30PM at the Baer-Williams House. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. \$15/person, meeting at 7:00. No charge for meeting only. Please RSVP for dinner by November 16. (601) 883-1525. Civil War Author & Historian, Grady Howell Jr., will be our featured speaker.

The Jackson Civil War Roundtable meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from September through may (with the exception of December) at Picadilly Cafeteria located at 4800 I-55 in Jackson, Mississippi. Attendees are welcome to gather as early as 5:00PM with the program beginning at 6:30PM. All are welcome to attend.

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.