

IN THE TRENCHES

SEPTEMBER 2018

FROM THE COMMANDER

Edward Campbell

Summer is almost over and it is now time to think about the Fall. The Holiday season will very soon be upon us also, as I write this column on August 23, I remember that tomorrow, the 24th is 4 months until Christmas Eve. This year has flown by.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday September 4. Our speaker will be Dr. Fredrick Briuer, who will be speaking on the topic, "The Tercentenary of the French fort St. Pierre". This should be a very interesting talk and will include issues dealing with the Confederacy and St. Pierre. Please come and bring a friend. It is also time to

collect and bring in all petitions that are still outstanding. If you have any flag petitions, please bring them to the next meeting so that I can turn them in to the proper person.

Our next big fall event will be the Old Courthouse Fall Flea Market on October 6. If you are able to help out even for an hour on that Saturday, please put it on your calendar. We will need volunteers to help set up the tent and to help stick around and sell some items. We will also be handing out membership applications to those interested. This is a great chance for us to present a positive image to the community.

Please plan to help out or

stop by and visit.

On Monday evening, August 20, Barry Bingham and I met with the local Boy Scout troop about a service project. The Scouts have agreed to help us clean the Louisiana Monument that is located downtown in the Square behind Crawford ST. UMC. There is also a World War I monument that we are going to get cleaned up and hopefully have a rededication ceremony. Please keep a Saturday in September open to come down and help the Scouts with this very worth while project. I want to thank Barry for helping to spearhead this project.



*John Clifford Pemberton
Lt. General, CSA.*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Fall Flea Market - October 5th, Old Courthouse Museum, Vicksburg, MS*

NOW ON TO SLAVERY AS THE CAUSE

Eddy Cresap

First of all, to judge actions of men 150 years ago against today's standards is not fair to the those people in the past. We, in 2018, may be judged 150 years in the future against our now legal abortion and capital punishment. In 1860 slav-

ery was viewed by the vast majority of Americans as legal and moral.

All the states that left the union to form the Confederate States held elections to put the issue of secession to the people of the respective states. Each person in each state who cast a ballot

had their own reasons to cast their ballot to leave the union. Some may have voted to leave the union to preserve the institute of slavery in their states. there were other reasons that the people of the state had to cast their vote for secession. At that time: money, taxes, to support the government



NOW ON TO SLAVERY AS THE CAUSE *(CONT.)*

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operation was gotten from tariffs (taxes on imported items. Over 80% of the money raised was gotten from Southern States with over 80% of that money spent on projects to support the industrialization of the northern states. The people of the South wanted to lower the tariffs and use the money where it was raised (In the South). After Lincoln called for troops to put down a "rebellion" (there was no rebellion in progress just a legal separation), the states of the upper south left the union with one voice. We will not support a government that uses brute force to force our Southern sisters back into a union that they do not want.

The stated purpose of the war given by the Yankee government was to restore the union at the point of a bayonet.

After the deep southern states had left the union, an amendment was passed by the united states legislature that would protect slavery for ever. This was to lure the seceded states back into the union if slavery was the main reason for leaving the union. The Southern states did not return based on the proposed 13th amendment. As a war measure president Lincoln issued the emancipation proclamation. This proclamation did not free slaves in areas under control of the union army. It only decaded slaves be freed in areas where the union government had no control.

The Southern army was made up with a small percentage of men who owned slaves.

Slavery was not ended by Lincoln or the war for Southern Independence but by the 13th amendment in December 1865. The war ended and Lincoln died in April 1865.

So now short statements

- The Southern states left the union for many reasons in a legal way condoned by the Constitution
- The Yankee army invaded a sovereign country to conquer it and force it to rejoin the union for economic reasons
- The people of the south had no desire to wage war on the north and only left their homes to defend their homes, families, and holy altars from a brutal foreign invader.

FOR THE BRETHERN

Rev. Bryan Dabney

In Romans 15:4, we are told by the apostle Paul that *...whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.* God did not intend for us to have a blind faith. He did not intend for us to languish in anxious anticipation for some nebulous response from a mystic, an augur or an oracle. He gave us his word written so that we might

know the truth in the plain language of the Holy Bible, and be transformed by the workings of the Holy Ghost.

More often than not, in our daily Christian walk, we are faced with those of the unregenerate who cannot accept God's word written. While we might regard them as pitiful creatures who are but the walking dead; they, on the other hand, perceive not their fallen state with any degree of clarity and often revel in their wicked natures. As we are

vessels for the Holy Spirit, they likewise are vessels for the evil one. And as such, they will work against us as their master wills. St. Paul once warned the Ephesian church (6:12) concerning the spirits which are behind the unregenerate when he wrote, *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

FOR THE BRETHREN *(CONT.)*

But the forces of darkness, who control and manipulate the unregenerate, have continually sought to keep their charges away from God's saving grace. That is what makes our duty as witnesses and ambassadors for Christ, so difficult. Our foes are strong. They are implacable. They are without remorse. And they possess a hellish hatred of the Almighty and they have imparted the same to their earthly charges.

Nevertheless, as recipients of God's peace, we ought to proclaim that peace to others. That is the gospel message—Glory to God and peace and good will towards men (St. Luke 2:14). Our love for each other within the body of Christ, as well as for those to whom we might witness, reflects God's love toward us. And that might explain why our witness may spark a nasty outburst from those of the unregenerate, especially from those who are firmly in the grip of the wicked one. They may attack God's word written, and they may even attack us as we are the servants of the Most High. That is why it is so important for us to have on, at all times, our spiritual armour. You cannot hope to stand and fight victoriously if you are not so equipped, and an integral part of our spiritual armour is our knowledge of God's word written.

As regenerate Christians, we have confidence in God's word written which tells us of the great victory that he has

won over the world, the flesh and the devil. We also share in that victory. And because we understand that our Lord has achieved such on our behalf, we have received from his Spirit a peace which truly *passeth all understanding*. And if we are in Christ, then we possess a saving faith which is *the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen* (Hebrews 11:1).

We have been called to lift the veil of spiritual blindness from those of the unsaved as our Lord permits. We may not always succeed, but that does not mean that we have failed. God knows who will come to him and who will not. And because God is sovereign, we ought not to grade ourselves too harshly by measuring our successes or failures based solely upon mere numbers of persons who seem to respond favorably to our witness versus those who do not. That is the nature of things. Still, God's word will sustain and comfort us in all our divinely appointed tasks.

Consider the following passages where our Lord said: *If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever. Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you* (St. John 14:15-17).

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness and of judgment... he will guide you into all truth... he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you (St. John 16:8, 13b-14).

Consider also these verses from the apostles: *...the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God* (Romans 8:16).

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because it maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God (Romans 8:26-27).

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ... We have also a more sure word of prophecy... knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of any private interpretation, for the prophecy came not in the old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost (II St. Peter 1:16, 19a-21).

All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (II St. Timothy 3:16-17).

We have been called upon to evangelize the world around us. If all that has been set forth in Scripture is for our edification, then let us, as St. Paul has said, *run with patience the race, that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith* (Hebrews 12:1-2a).

The Holy Bible provides us with God's assurance of salvation to all who believe on Jesus Christ. We have the comfort of knowing that when we die we will be ushered into God's heavenly kingdom. We have confidence that Christ, who has gone into heaven before us, has prepared a place for us there. And in our comfort and confidence, we ought to go forward every day proclaiming the good news of the Godhead to those around us.

Let us pray:

Thou Lord God, who through thy divine Spirit didst give thy word to the prophets and apostles; instill within thy people the desire to read thy most holy word and to inwardly digest the same; that being filled with the knowledge which it contains, they might ever be confident in their life and witness; for this we ask in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FEATURED HERO

**Virgil Cresap**

Virgil was born November 14, 1835 in Huntsville Alabama as the third of six children to Alexander Hamilton Cresap and Nancy Hess. Alexander Hamilton Cresap was the son of James Michael Cresap and grandson of Captain Michael Cresap. Michael was the son of Thomas Cresap. In 1847 Alexander Cresap moved his family from Huntsville to Gibson County Tennessee. Here Alexander operated a tan yard and shoe shop in the Hopewell community. His parents are buried in the old Shiloh Cemetery in Gibson County.

His service record shows him as a Private in Company E, 1st regiment, 1st Division

Missouri State Guard CSA. The records say their terms had expired and were are honorably discharged from service. The card is not dated. The cards show his residence at New Madrid Missouri with a term of service 6 months.

From the Widow Pension filed by his wife, Nancy Jane Cresap, and a witness, he was in Company D, 26th Ms Infantry and surrendered at Corinth Mississippi. No Confederate on-line record confirms his service with the 26th Mississippi.

His service records show he was a member of Forrest Regiment, Al cavalry, Company H which became Com-

pany H, 18th Regiment Tennessee Cavalry. This regiment was organized on June 1863 by increasing the unorganized battalion known as Julian's Alabama cavalry to a regiment. Virgil is shown with an enlistment date of Feb 1 1864 at Monterey Tennessee. The record shows a Promotion to 2d sergeant on February 1 1864.

Cards show Virgil as a Sergeant in Co H 18th Newsom's Tennessee Cavalry

He was wounded on July 13-15, 1864 at Harrisburg Ms, while in the second division of Forrest cavalry including Mabry's brigade. Virgil was captured near Franklin Tennessee on Dec 16th 1864.

The capture roles shows him as first Sergeant. On Dec 20, 1864 he was transferred from Louisville Military prison to Camp Douglas. His records as a POW also shows him as a member of the 19th Tennessee cavalry. He was received at Camp Douglas on Dec 22, 1864. He was paroled at Camp Douglas and transferred to Point Lookout for exchange on March 23 1864.

He was received at Point Lookout March 31, 1865. He was released from Point Lookout on June 10, 1865 having taken the oath

His release shows his place of residence as Gibson County Tennessee with Light complexion, auburn hair, Lt Blue eyes, and 5 ft 11 1/4 inches.

On June 13, 1865 he reported to the office Provost Marshal office of refuges and rebel deserters in Washington DC and was provided transportation to Gibson county Tennessee. In December 1865 in Tishomingo County, MS, he and Nancy Jane Glidewell were married by the Baptist preacher Jiddy Skinner. She was the daughter of William Glidewell and Elizabeth Cook, and the sister to William, one of Virgil's comrades-in-arms during the war. Together Virgil and Nancy Jane raised twelve children. In the early 1880's, they moved north across the state line into Hardin County, TN to a farm that would later be flooded by the waters of Pickwick Dam. Virgil died on August 15, 1907, and is buried at White Sulphur Springs in Hardin County, TN. in Pickwick state park. Virgil is Eddy and Barty Cresap's uncle. Virgil is the Uncle of Eddy and Barty Cresap. Virgil's brother was Nelson Adair Cresap, Lt in the 47th Tennessee Infantry.

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.

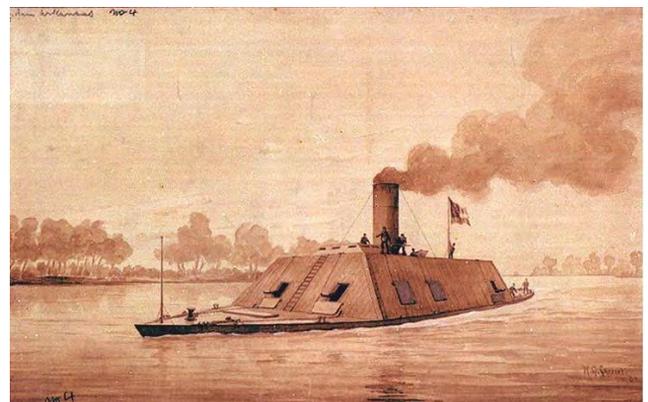
For more information on these opportunities, please visit www.visitbeauvoir.org or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400



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*

21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY A MUST

W.D. Kennedy

SCV Chief of Heritage Operations

Gentlemen:

Below you will find a statement I posted on one of my face-book accounts dealing with issues surrounding the tragic event at Chapel Hill, NC. While I was able to post this, when I tried to "boost" this post-a boosted post will increase the chances of it being read by several hundred times-the boost (which I pay for) was denied by Facebook.

This is the second time this month my boosts have been censored and both times it was dealing with my response to an attack upon the South. The first censored Facebook post was in response to Rush Limbaugh's monthly newsletter in which a cartoon characterization of Nancy Pelosi, dressed as a Southern Belle, and Chuck Schumer dressed in a Confederate Officer's uniform were depicted standing in front of the famous Gone With the Wind mansion, Tara. The title of the article was "The Modern-Day Confederacy." The article then proceeds to describe the Democratic Party as the "present-day Confederacy," and the "Old South" as just part of the slave days and the Confederacy fought a war against the rightful rule of the Federal government so as to be able to continue its "unequal treatment of African Americans." Facebook censored this boost to my post, nevertheless, I did reach over 12,000 people! Likewise, my rejected post by Facebook on the Chapel Hill incident has been censored but I am getting the message out.

Here is my point: If we of the SCV do not build, establish, or acquire the tools necessary to fight back in a modern 21st century manner, we are doomed. We need our own "media resource" list of media outlets that will give an ear to our issue; we need a means to inform John Q. Public who the SCV is and why they should be proud of their Southern heritage, such as planned on Radio Free Dixie; and most importantly, in the 21st century we need a way to monitor what is being said about the SCV and our issues. This includes good, the bad, and the ugly, and a means to respond to these people. If we do not establish a 21st century means of responding to the neo-Marxists, other leftists and, as Limbaugh's newsletter proves, neo-conservative attacks, there will be little to defend within ten years!

Facebook's Censured Article

The recent neo-Marxist attack upon a veteran's memorial in Chapel Hill, NC is just one more attack upon everything good and decent about America. The South and especially our Confederate Veterans are hated by the lovers of big government because the South has always stood for Christian values and small government. Today the neo-Marxist left assaults Confederate Monuments. If these thugs are not stopped, this Marxist rabble intends to topple everything of American value including the Constitution itself. As the newly appointed Chief of Heritage Operations for the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) let me assure you that we are even now in the process of acquiring the tools necessary to take this fight to the enemy. The GEC of the SCV has already given the go-ahead for Cmd. Gramling's Southern Victory Campaign. In the upcoming 'Confederate Veteran' magazine you can read about the plan and how you can be a part of our "Make Dixie Great Again" campaign. "Southrons! Hear your country call you! Up! Lest worse than death befalls you!"

W. D. Kennedy

Chief of Heritage Operations

Sons of Confederate Veterans

STATEMENT FROM THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF CONCERNING UNC - CHAPEL HILL AND SILENT SAM

Compatriots,

On Monday, August 20, 2018, the purveyors of Southern destruction struck once again in Chapel Hill, NC, on the UNC campus. They demonstrated their ISIS like actions when they toppled the "Silent Sam" monument that stood in honor of the students that answered the call of the Confederacy to protect their homes. "Silent Sam" has stood for over 100 years on the UNC campus. Despite warnings to the UNC administration and requests for police protection of state property, an unruly gang of activists took the law into its own hands.

The National leadership of the Sons Of Confederate Veterans condemn, in the strongest terms, the action that took place in Chapel Hill, NC. However, this is not enough.....because those who wish to eradicate everything Southern, could care less about what we think. We all know the media, politicians, special interest minority groups and the out-of-control-crowd like we witnessed Monday night, control the narrative. This is why I have been working on a plan with Chief of Heritage Operations, Donnie Kennedy, to take back control of the narrative....."The Southern Victory Campaign." This plan will be explained in the next several issues of the Confederate Veteran Magazine. Once you receive this information, we will need you to become a part of the "Confederate Legion."

Right now, our immediate attention is with our brothers in North Carolina. I have every confidence Commander Kevin Stone, as well as the NC Division, is on top of this situation. However, the National leadership stands at the ready to assist if necessary.

Paul Gramling, Jr.

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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

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Adjutant / Membership

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Chaplain

Sam Price

Historian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next meeting will be September 4th at 6:00 PM with Dr. Fredrick Briuer who will be giving a presentation entitled "The Tercentenary of the French fort St. Pierre."

Fall Flea Market - October 5th, Old Courthouse Museum, Vicksburg, MS. The Fall Flea Market is coming up at the Old Courthouse in Vicksburg on October 5th. Volunteers are needed to help with setup, manning the booth, and tear down at the end of the day.

The Vicksburg Civil War Round Table meets the 3rd Monday of each month at the Vicksburg Country Club located at 127 Country Club Drive in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Dinner begins at 6:00PM with the program shortly after.

Everyone is welcome to attend and bring guests.

The Jackson Civil War Round Table meets the 3rd Thursday of each month from September through May (with the exception of December) at Piccadilly 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.