

# IN THE TRENCHES

AUGUST 2018

## FROM THE COMMANDER

*Edward Campbell*

Dear Compatriots,

It is hard to believe that Summer Vacation is almost over. I wish the hot weather was over with also. Robin and I got back into Vicksburg yesterday afternoon, Friday the 27th, after putting 2000 miles on a rental car. The National Convention was great, it is very encouraging to be with fellow Confederates from all over the country who share our common interests and concerns. We have had victories in the Heritage fight that you probably haven't

heard about from the mainstream media, I will give a full report at the next meeting. I visited the Franklin battlefield and after the convention, we drove up to Northern Kentucky to see the Ark and Creation Museum. These are two really fantastic tourist sites that are worth making a trip up that way. I highly recommend them. On the way back, we visited the Jefferson Davis Birthplace site near Fairview, Kentucky and then back into Tennessee and I went by Elm

Springs, our National Headquarters. The Museum is far from being finished but it will certainly be something that we can all be proud of when it is finished. Another trip that I took on the way to Kentucky was to the Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson. Did you know that Andrew Jackson's adopted son and family sided with the Confederacy and his grandson, Samuel Jackson, was killed at Chickamauga.



Cmdr. Campbell at The Moment at Jefferson Davis Birthplace in Fairview, Kentucky



*John Clifford Pemberton  
Lt. General, CSA.*

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *New Soldier's Rest site: [soldiersrestvicksburg.com](http://soldiersrestvicksburg.com)*
- *32nd Annual Fall Muster at Beauvoir: October 20th and 21st from 9am - 5pm.*
- *Beauvoir Branson Style Saturday, August 16th at 10AM, Admission \$14. Contact 601-323-3335 for more information.*



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He is buried at the Hermitage with other members of the family.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday August 7. This is our first meeting since June so please remember that we are now meeting at 6 P.M., instead of 7. Our speaker will be the fabulous Brandon Beck, who will be speaking about his new book on "Lee, Jackson and the military miracle in the Shenandoah Valley." Please come and bring a friend. Before I left for Franklin, Donnie Piazza was working on our plumbing and I believe that it is fixed now. I will call Monday and make sure and if there is any problem, I will let everyone

know. Please come on the 7th and bring a friend. The next National Convention will be closer, Mobile, Alabama, so please make plans to attend. Also, keep in mind that we are making plans to host the Division Convention in 2020, a committee has been formed and we in the early stages of planning. This will require help and assistance in some way from all members. Please put the weekend of June 5-7, 2020 down on your calendar already. The 2019 Division Convention will be in Brandon, a good chance for many of us to go and see what we have to plan for the next year.

Thanks and hope to see you all on August 7.



Cmdr. Campbell at SCV Headquarters  
Elm Springs

## GREENS, GRITS, AND HONEYSUCKLE

*Eddy Cresap*

Many people today, in the what they like to call the "new south", talk about Southern Heritage and Culture. But if you listen carefully to their message, all they talk about is food, weather and hospitality. But we know that the south is much more than grits, greens, and honeysuckle. Any study of Southern Culture is superficial if it does not include the story of:

- The struggle for independence in the Southern States during the Revolutionary War
- The contribution of the

men of the South in establishing the rule of law know as our Constitution

- The people of the South who choose to leave the union of states with the constitution given them by their ancestors rather than compromise the legacy given them by their fathers
- The men of the South, of all colors, creeds and national origins, who left their families to protect their homes, hearths and altars from a foreign invader
- The women and children

of the South who were left at home and endured the burning, looting and raping by the barbarian invaders from the north

- The proud people of the south who endured the indignities of occupation and loss of personal liberties called reconstruction
- The largest revival on the American continent which led thousands to the Lord. These men filled the pulpits of Southern Churches and lead the Southern people in restoring their culture in the midst of adversity

It is in memory of the courage, sacrifice and devotion to duty shown by these strong people, that we exist as an organization. As we think about our ancestors, what do we have to remember them by?

- Symbols passed to us in stone and fabric that scream out for remembrance
- Stories of our ancestors told to us by our fathers and mothers that we know to be true history

Those who hate the memory of the South have spared no effort to deprive us, the an-

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cestors of the greatest army every know on the American continent, of our symbols which are constant reminders of the brave deeds that are part of our glorious southern history.

They have also ensured that the true story of the brave Confederate nation is not told. Instead of this truth, they substitute a fairy tale, a mythology, that is substituted for real history in our schools. The news media constantly

bombards us with propaganda that incorrectly shows the symbols and stories of our brave ancestors are divisive. They tell us, as proud southerners, that we should learn to be more tolerant and compromise (which is a code word for surrender)

These haters of the Confederacy know that if they can manipulate just one generation's perception of the Southern cause, then the memory of these brave men will cease to

exist in the south's collective memory.

Southern culture at that point, will become just greens, grits and honey suckle. This lack of knowledge of our history and culture would leave future generations without the deep roots of heritage that give us, as southerners, the courage and resolve to face adversity

It is our responsibility, as passed to us by our Confeder-

ate ancestors to ensure,

- All succeeding generations of southerners know and understand the true history of their ancestor's courage, sacrifice, and devotion to duty.
- We remain steadfast in our resolve to ensure that our descendants are able to gather around symbols dedicated in the memory of a proud people

## FOR THE BRETHREN

*Rev. Bryan Dabney*

In Ephesians 3:17-18, the apostle Paul encouraged his readers with these words: ...that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with the fullness of God. Afterwards, he followed up by reminding the Ephesians of the power of God in their lives when he wrote: Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen (3:20-21). The Rev.

Matthew Henry once observed that, "There is an inexhaustible fullness of grace and mercy in God which the prayers of all the saints can never draw dry. Whatever we may ask or think, still God is able to do more, abundantly more. We should encourage our faith by a consideration of his all-sufficiency and almighty power."

In our reliance upon God, we ought avoid making frivolous requests as he knows all too well what consequences will result. If we are asking amiss then we cannot expect such requests to be answered in the affirmative (St. James 4:1-4). There is also the attendant matter regarding the personage of God. If we expect him to fulfil our requests, then it is incumbent on each of us to accept him as he is—the one, true and living God. In his

first epistle, St. John wrote: Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God... (4:2) He also noted that, Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God (4:15).

Now one might think that every person who claims to be a Christian would be in agreement with these passages regarding the fundamental truths contained therein. No doubt some do, but there are a sizable number of people who do not. The apostates of today peddle every sort of error that clouds men's minds and keeps them from discerning the true doctrines of the Christian faith. They deny the virgin birth of our Lord as well as his resurrection, and

ascension. They also deny his second coming and that he will judge the wicked and establish his never-ending kingdom wherein righteousness will dwell. They further denigrate Scripture by saying that it is a compilation of myths, sagas or legends. While they believe that the gospel writers accept that there was a man called Jesus—a good teacher who was executed by the Romans—they do not believe him to be the living Lord who rose again from death to life that Easter morn so long ago. As a result, they do not teach a saving faith in Jesus Christ because they do not accept him as their Saviour.

Sometime back, the Barna Group conducted a survey where they asked the participants if they agreed with the following six statements: 1)

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that absolute moral truth exists; 2) that the Bible is completely accurate in all of the principles it teaches; 3) that Satan is a real being; 4) that a person cannot earn their way into Heaven by trying to be good or by doing good works; 5) that Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth; and 6) that God is the all-knowing, all powerful creator of the world who still rules the universe today. Barna found that less than one percent of the participants agreed with all six statements. That is disheartening to say the least because nearly every point mentioned by Barna was once an established teaching of the Christian Church nearly a century ago.

But Barna has not been the first to highlight the growing lack of faith in orthodox Christian teaching. Back in 1965, John Stormer warned about the growth of apostasy within the churches in his book entitled *None Dare Call It Treason* (pp. 131-132) wherein he noted that, "Redbook Magazine, in its August 1961 issue, published an article... based on interviews with 100 students at eight seminaries [which] found, 'that 56% of... ministerial students do not believe in the virgin birth of Jesus Christ... that 11% [denied] the divinity of Jesus... that many of the 89% who [affirmed the divinity of Jesus] wanted to define divinity to suit themselves. Belief in the immortality of man ranked as

a major belief of only 2% and only 1% were convinced there will be a Second Coming of Christ... Only 29% believe in a real heaven and hell, 46% believe that Jesus ascended physically into heaven as described in [the gospel accounts]." Rev. Stormer noted parenthetically that the last point revealed a contradiction in that "twice as many reported believing in the Ascension into heaven as believe in heaven." He then went on to credit "Modernist theologians" for their role in the furtherance of apostasy via their denial of the Bible's supernatural origins.

The Rev. E. M. Bounds once observed that, "The church is distinctly, preeminently, and absolutely a spiritual institution... Her ministers and doctrines have appeal, relevance, and power only when they are channels of the Holy Spirit. It is his indwelling and inspiration that give the church its divine character and accomplish its divine purposes." And what are those purposes for which it has been called? Bounds supplied the answer: "Its purpose is to regenerate and sanctify the individual, to prepare him by purifying and training him for the high pursuits of eternal life. The church is like a net cast into the sea. The purpose is not to change the sea but to catch the fish... What if fishermen spent all their energies trying by some chemical process to change the essential elements of the sea, vainly

hoping to improve the stock of fish? They would never catch any fish! If the church used this method, personal holiness would be impossible, and heaven would be stricken from our creed, life and hope. To attempt to save the world while ignoring the individual is not only Utopian but also destructive in every way."

Sadly, too many so-to-speak Christians believe differently. They have rejected St. John's admonition from his first epistle to, Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (2:15-17). The truth is, these faux Christians practice a meaningless religion fit only to be cast out. In turn, their churches have been rendered powerless to successfully proclaim the gospel because they do not have the permission of the Holy Ghost to assist them in their efforts.

What better explanation is there for why so many young people are leaving the Christian faith? They have done so because they see it as a fruitless exercise as the Redbook and Barna Group surveys reveal. And with the rejection of Biblical Christianity, the

door has been opened to a whole host of pagan cults and practices from man's ancient past. The early twentieth century writer, G. K. Chesterton once noted that, "When a man ceases to believe in God, he does not believe in nothing. He believes in anything." And so with the rejection of God comes the worship of all sorts of things and none of them will do the worshiper any good.

Time is short, my friends, and there is no guarantee of success in winning back those who have willingly given themselves over to the service of evil. If we are to have any success, we must present to the lost a clear and consistent gospel message which says what it means and means what it says. But this will not be devoid of difficulty. The Devil and his minions have done much to prepare the ground of their hearts for the bad seed of the world as opposed to the good seed of the Word. They have labored to spread tares among the wheat, bad fish among the good, apostates among the saints, and ravening wolves versus the true pastors and shepherds of our Lord. They have won victory after victory within the various denominations and are now poised to sweep away the last vestiges of sound doctrine within the very near future.

Nevertheless, we must not lose hope. Our Lord proclaimed that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the

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one true Church. In spite of the seeming triumph of our adversary, we ought to have confidence that our Lord will defeat the forces of darkness. God foresaw the rise of evil; has judged it, and will call an end to it in his time. Our duty is to occupy until he comes for us.

The wretched figment of the modernist church is but the synagogue of Satan. It has no real power to save, and has only the power to destroy those of its membership. God's wrath will fall upon it

much as he poured out his fury on Sodom and Gomorrah. Our job is to call out to the righteous who, like Lot, have had their souls vexed by the things they have witnessed within those churches. If Christ dwells in us, then we must preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall

turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables (II St. Timothy 4:2-4).

No doubt we are approaching the end of days. If we love the Lord, we will follow his word and commandment. Seek therefore then to be a beacon for the gospel. Spread the true message of Christ to those around you and live as becomes the name "Christian" proving that Jesus Christ does indeed dwell within your heart.

Let us pray,

Holy and gracious God, grant to us the courage to spread the truth of the gospel of Christ to those who are as yet in darkness and the shadow of death; that they being so informed might turn unto thee and give thee thanks for the free gift of salvation in that name which is above every name, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **MEMORIALS of STONE**

**Eddy Cresap  
Joel T. Bailey**

**Across the great Southland  
Are many memorials of stone  
For the confederate soldiers  
Who fought and died unknown**

**They make not a sound  
Their names known only to God  
They have left the battlefield  
To lay under this hallowed sod**

**Who will remember their fame  
These great warriors of old  
Their names are lost to history  
But their stories should be told**

**Some want to destroy their stones  
They hate all that was good  
Their memory should be respected  
And their story be understood**



## 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.

### *Friends of Beauvoir*

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



### *Bricks for Beauvoir*

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

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

### *New Executive Director*

Beauvoir's Board of Directors has named Stephen McKinney as the new Executive Director. The board has stated that they have great confidence in Mr. McKinney's leadership and management skills.

Mr. McKinney is a graduate of Auburn University and has over 10 years of experience in the museum tour business, was an instructor of American History at the college level and designed and led the U.S. Military "Staff Rides."



### Beauvoir

The Historic Post-war Home of Jefferson Davis  
Biloxi, Mississippi

## BATTLE OF BATON ROUGE COMMEMORATION

The Battle of Baton Rouge Commemoration will be held on Saturday, August 4, at Magnolia Cemetery. The program is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 12 noon, with displays and exhibits from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; the memorial program begins at 10 a.m., and after the 45 minutes program, the exhibits will again open until 12 noon.

Rifles needed.

It is not necessary for you to arrive earlier than 9:45 a.m. unless you want to view the exhibits.

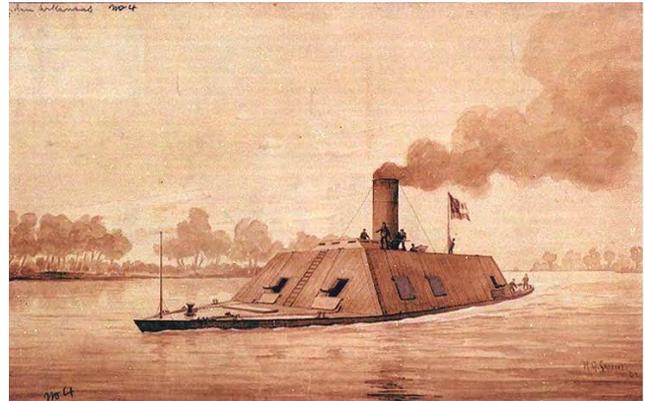


## CSS ARKANSAS

At our December 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](mailto:bskip1085@yahoo.com) for more information on setting up a pledge or making a donation.



## FEATURED HERO



He was one of the lucky ones.

Imprisoned at Rock Island Prison in Illinois – where 679 prisoners died in the first three months of its existence - Peter H. Counce survived the prison, spending most of his time there in the infirmary. His regiment, the 53<sup>rd</sup> Tennessee Regiment, had participated

in battles at Fort Donelson, Port Hudson and Vicksburg. He was captured at New Hope Church in June, 1864, right before the 53<sup>rd</sup> joined the Army of Tennessee and descended into the hell that Atlanta became. The Army retreated into Franklin, then Nashville. In March, 1865, the regiment joined the Army of North Carolina at Wyse Fork. They were paroled at Bentonville. Peter was given a thin gown to defend himself against the assault of the harsh Illinois winters.

He was paroled in Sept., 1865 in New Orleans.

### *Family and Post-War Life*

Peter H. Counce married Evalina White, though it's not clear when. He did not have children until about 15 years

after the war. They had 11 children who survived into adulthood. After his father's death, lawsuits against money his father's estate prevented him from keeping land he had inherited. He took the money he had and bought 300 acres in Northeast Mississippi. The farm operated from 1892 until 1994. He was an alcoholic with a sharp wit and quoted Mark Twain. He never applied for his pension, telling a neighbor once "I have never taken anything from my government, and I never will." He never spoke of the horrors of war, save to small group of people. What he said is unknown, but his devout wife was known for saying "Damn yankees," in spite of her rigid standards of speech and conduct. He donated some of his land for use as a school and church. The church is still in opera-

tion. He died April 16, 1918 at the age of 77 and was buried in Hodge's Chapel Cemetery with no stone to mark the place. His wife remarried soon after.

In the late 1990s, family, including two people who attended funeral, placed a Confederate tombstone at the place he was buried.

*Peter H. Counce is the Great-Great-Grandfather of Joel F. Counce who is a member of the W.P. Rogers Camp in Corinth Mississippi.*



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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](http://www.scv.org)

Edward Campbell  
*Commander*

Larry Holman  
*Adjutant / Membership*

Rev. Bryan Dabney  
*Chaplain*

Sam Price

*Historian*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 7th at 6PM. Brandon Beck will be with us to discuss his new book. We look forward to seeing you there.

### CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

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.

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*To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.*

*From the stirring speech delivered by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General of the United Confederate Veterans at the New Orleans, Louisiana UCV Convention of 1906.*