

IN THE TRENCHES

DECEMBER 2019

FROM THE COMMANDER

Edward Campbell

Dear Compatriots:

It is hard to believe that it is now Thanksgiving week and countdown to Christmas. As a Christian, this is truly my favorite time of the year.

I love everything about Christmas but I think the music, the great Christmas Carols of the past are among my favorite things at this time of the year. I know that the season is badly commercialized but as Christians, we need to look beyond that to the greatest gift of all, the gift of Salvation through Christ. You hear the word "Emmanuel" a lot this year and most of you probably know that the word literally means "God with Us". God came down to earth in the form of a baby and in the person of Christ to give himself for us as the perfect sacrifice.

That alone makes this truly the greatest time of the year.

Enough of the sermon, our next meeting is Tuesday December 3 at the DAV building. This is also our annual Cover-dish supper Christmas party so please bring something for everyone to eat. Wives and other guests are welcome to attend. I do need to know what everyone is bringing so that I can be sure that we have enough food. Please email or text me and let me know what you want to bring. I need to know by this weekend if possible. The meeting will also be a "Working meeting" With discussion about our upcoming Division Reunion in June and placement of certain jobs with certain members. We need all members to help out with this important event that we are hosting this year.

It is an honor to host the Reunion and we all need to put our best foot forward to make it a complete success. Also at the December meeting,

We will begin selling tickets for our Lee-Jackson Banquet. It will be held on Saturday January 25 at 6 P.M. at Goldies. Tickets must be purchased ahead of time. I have worked with Goldies and come up with a reasonable menu. The tickets are \$16.50 each, and that includes an entree, two vegetables, bread, tea and the tip. You have a choice of entrees between Chicken or Pulled Pork, the vegetables are set with Baked beans and potato salad. This is also an important event for our Camp and with it being a banquet, I am asking everyone to dress in Traditional Church attire. Our speaker will be Commander-in-Chief Paul Grammling from Shreveport. Please come and remember to purchase your tickets ahead of time.

I want to wish each and everyone of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Edward Campbell
Commander



*John Clifford Pemberton
Lt. General, CSA.*

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Decvemberr Meeting and Christmas Party - Tuesday December 3rd at 6:00PM*



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Eddy Cresap

During this Christmas season we should all remember the "reason for the season" the birth of our savior.

As Son's of Confederate Veterans, remember the sacred Christmas seasons our ancestors missed being with their families as they suffered through lack of food and shelter.

They left homes and families to defend hearth and altar from a brutal foreign invader .

God Bless the South

FOR THE BRETHREN

Rev. Bryan Dabney

Usually around the first week of December, we begin a new church year with the season of Advent. During this time, we are to prepare ourselves for the celebration of our Lord's birth and his first coming into our world and we are also supposed to be watching and praying for his return. While it is a joyous time, it is also a serious one where we reflect on our daily need to be forgiven and cleansed of all our sins and trespasses. Thus it is fitting that we offer up to God our prayers of thanksgiving for his gift of the Christ child who came that we might have life and have it more abundantly; who came to announce the coming of God's kingdom to a world darkened by Satan's lies; and who came to free us from Satan's prison house of death and despair.

Now the Devil has sought to deceive as many as he can concerning the truth of God's word written. And under his influence, those so deceived will not accept our Lord as their Saviour because they have not the heart to believe in him (see Acts 8:37). And because they have no faith in our Lord, they will not repent of their fornications, their thefts, their murderous hearts, their greed, their jealousies, their covetousness, their sorceries and their idolatries (see Revelation 9:20-21). The Devil has seared their consciences as one might sear a wound using a hot iron so that they can no longer feel the sting of their sins (see I St. Timothy 4:2). Alas in this life, unless God gives them a spirit of repentance, they will be unable to discern the true nature of their pain until they die. Only then will they know the truth, but it will be a truth learned too late (see II St. Timothy 2:25-26). For it is in this life only that a person possesses the ability to accept God's free gift of grace in Jesus Christ. As the apostle Paul has written, Now is the day of salvation (see II

Corinthians 6:2).

Consider the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God (St. John 3:16-18). Jesus Christ came that none would perish if they would turn from their sins and trespasses and embrace him as Saviour and Lord. Sadly, many of the unregenerate are not willing to part with them. They are like the character of Jacob Marley in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol who appeared to Scrooge with a large and ponderous chain about him. He warned Scrooge regarding his particular chain which was not at that moment apparent to him but was nevertheless there ready to carry him down to perdition once his life expired. The Devil has helped every unregenerate soul forge the very chain that will keep them tied to sinful behavior in this life, and which will sink them into hell in the next.

Jesus Christ came to break the chains of sin and death, and free us forever from Satan's grasp. Isaiah the prophet penned the following description of the Messiah's work on our behalf: The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound: to proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD... (61:1-2). While we cannot force others to accept the Saviour, we can witness to them. We can tell them of the goodness of our Lord and God and encourage them to join us in giving him the glory and praise he deserves for extending to us so wonderful a gift.

Since the beginning, God has provided mankind with a liberty of choice. As Moses spoke to under the influence of the Holy Spirit: I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live (Deuteronomy 30:19). And God knew mankind would take that liberty and turn away, so he planned from before time to send the second person of the Trinity to take on mortal flesh and walk among us. He came not only to witness our infirmities, but to face them as well. He came, he faced them, but he did not succumb to them as each of us has done in the past to the lures of the world, the flesh and the Devil. He gave himself for us and died that we might live with him forever if and only if, we accept him as our personal Saviour and Lord. I said this before and it bears repeating that you cannot expect God to bless you and save you if you are not willing to be obedient to

his word written. Several years ago, I found an apt description of the Bible which is as follows:

The Bible: God's Holy Book

This Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, the Christian's charter. Christ is its subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. It is given to you in life, will be opened in judgment, and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, rewards the greatest labor, and condemns all who trifle with its holy precepts. - Author Unknown

So as we celebrate the first advent our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, let us give thanks to God for his wonderful gift to us who came as that little babe in Bethlehem and who will one day come again in power and great glory as King of kings and Lord of lords. Truly no happier day will come and it is one which we as regenerate Christians daily seek.

Let us pray, Holy Father, long ago you promised through your prophets that the Messiah would come to save us from this body of sin and death; and, as we remember his humble birth, so help us also to watch for his coming again in glory as King of kings and Lord of lords; all of which we ask in that name which is above every name, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEAUVIOR

Brandon Beck Book Signing

Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 10AM—12PM

Dr. Brandon Beck will be at Beauvoir on December 7, 2019 to lecture on his newest book "Streight's Foiled Raid on the Western and Atlantic Railroad" - please join us from 10am-12pm to learn some history and get your book signed!

Christmas Wreath Laying

Saruday December 7, 2019 at 5PM—8PM

It's that time of year again! The time when we honor our Confederate Heroes and their wives resting on the Beauvoir Property with the laying of Christmas Wreaths!

This year the Shieldsboro Rifles along with the help of our brothers and sisters in the 5th Brigade, will have the honor of conducting a small ceremony. Please make arrangements to be there if you are able. All volunteers must report to the Beauvoir Gift Shop at 1:30pm for check in. Volunteer Admission FREE. There will be a simple ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier starting at :00pm.

Keynote speakers will be Commander Connor Bond, Commander of the Mississippi Division SCV and Mrs. Janice Strohm of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Beauvoir Chapter 623.

Please mark your calendars and come out to support this event!



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.
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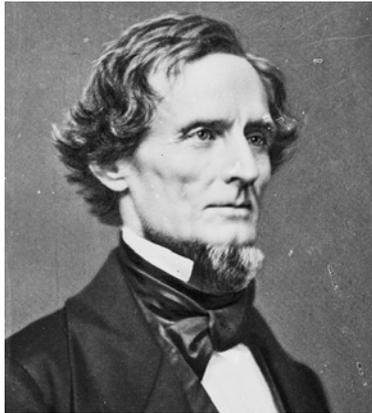
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Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier at Beauvior

Bricks for Beauvior

Honor your Confederate ancestors while supporting Beauvior. 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.visitbeauvior.org or contact Beauvior directly at (228) 388-4400



Jefferson Finis Davis
President of the Confederate States of America

SOLDIERS REST

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

A 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.



A soldier of stone stands guard over the resting place of Confederate Heroes.

Soldiers Rest - Vicksburg, Mississippi

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.

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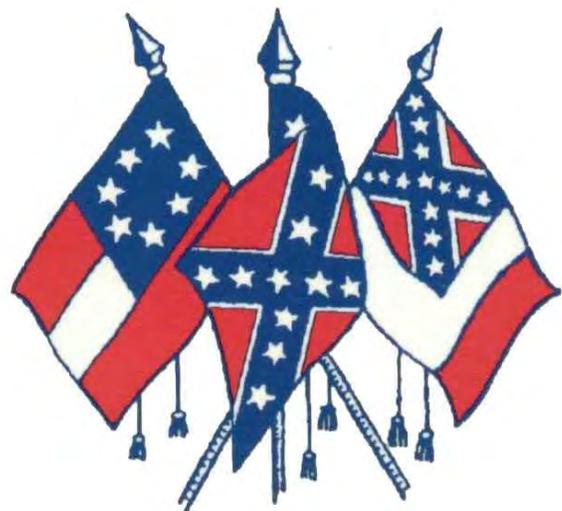


CAMP BIRTHDAYS

December 8th—Eddy Cresup

CONFEDERATE BIRTHDAYS

December 6—Colonel John S. Mosby





THE CAIRO

Joel T. Bailey

**The Cairo was built in 1861 and was called an ironclad
It was one of several the Union navy had**

**On the Ohio and Mississippi it gained a reputation
And was very active in the Tennessee occupation**

**The Cairo made its last run on December 12, 1862
It was hit by a rebel mine and sunk in the muddy Yazoo**

**Altho no one was killed it made a deadly sound
And it took just twelve minutes for it the to go down**

**The Cairo was raised from its watery grave in 1964
Now it rests in a National Park as part of the wars lore**

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Vicksburg—John C. Pemberton Camp—June 5-6, 2020

Tupelo—2nd Brigade Hosting—June 2021

Biloxi—5th Brigade Hosting—June 2022

Jacksonville, Florida—National Reunion—July 2020



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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

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Larry Holman

Adjutant / Membership

Rev. Bryan Dabney

Chaplain

Sam Price

Historian

UPCOMING MEETINGS

November 5th—1st Lt. Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney— *Battle of Yazoo Pass Expedition*

December 3rd—Christmas Dinner

January 7th—Sandy Mitcham—New Book: *Why the War Wasn't Over Slavery*

January 25th, 6PM—Lee-Jackson Dinner, Goldies Trail, Vicksburg, MS

If you are interested in presenting, please contact Commander Edward Campbell : ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com

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

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