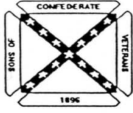
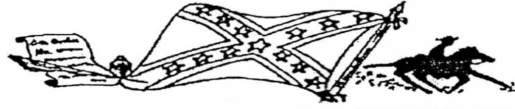


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## SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

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### THE CHARGE GIVEN BY GEN. STEPHEN D. LEE TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS IN 1906

*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals 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."*

**ALERT ! ALERT ! ALERT !**



**ATTENTION!!!!** This is Confederate Heritage Month in Mississippi. The actual holiday in our state is Monday 29<sup>th</sup>. On that day our camp will have two memorial services in Jones County. The first will be in Ellisville next to the Confederate Monument and courthouse at 4:15 PM. The second will be in Laurel also next to the Confederate Monument and the courthouse at 5:15PM. Other than our color guard members, our other members of the camp need to

make an effort to attend at least one of the ceremonies, if not both. We need as large a crowd as possible. This means not only you the member but, your neighbor, fellow church member, friends, if you have any (Joe Cosper), your in-laws or outlaws, as you prefer. The point is, to bring at least one person with you. We fuss and complain about the lack of participation in Southern and Confederate functions. This is a time when **YOU** can make a difference. It's up to you.

Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM - 5 PM at Landrum's Homestead they will be hosting their annual Pinefest. We usually have a couple of tables of items and guns plus several flags flying. As always, we will have small children as well as the big children (adults) wanting to shoot a rifle. This event is beginning to grow in the number of visitors and it has always been great weather. Of course CoCo will have his artillery piece with him. It looks like a shotgun but, it'll fool ya! It's the loudest two barreled shotgun in history!!

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM in Paulding there will be a memorial service for a Mr. Nicholson who rode with the 9<sup>th</sup> MS Cavalry. It will be held at the Paulding Cemetery. You will exit I-59 onto Hwy. 503. Continue on 503 until you reach Paulding. Travel about 300 yds. past the courthouse to arrive at the cemetery. A battle flag should be flying to direct you to the exact place. For more info 649-7060.

On Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> at Beauvoir the annual Confederate Memorial Services will be held next to the cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Usually there is a potluck dinner around noon and at 2 PM the ceremony will begin. We have always had representation in the color guard so put this down on your calendars so we will be well represented again.

W. D. Cameron Camp in Meridian will have their's the last Sunday in April and this year that will be the 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 3 PM. The cemetery is located above Meridian at Lauderdale Springs with around 1100 buried there, with about 70 Union soldiers included.

On Monday, the 29<sup>th</sup> at noon, in downtown Meridian, there will be a joint service of both SCV camps and two UDC chapters in front of the courthouse.

Same day at 4:15 our camp will have a brief service on the grounds of the courthouse in Ellisville next to the Confederate monument. At 5:15 our camp will have a second service in downtown Laurel on the grounds of the Laurel courthouse next to the Confederate monument.

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#### GUN POWDER & CAPS

As of the writing of this newsletter, CoCo Roberts has in his possession 10 cans of black powder for \$15.00 each, 5 cans of caps for \$10.00 each and 8 bags of 20 pre-rolled rounds for \$10.00 each.

#### MISSISSIPPI DIVISION REUNION

This year's host camp is The Lowry Rifles located in Pearl, MS. This year's event will be held on June 21 - 23. All registered SCV members will receive a name badge, a convention medal, a program, and a bag of goodies. Registration at the door will receive the same as long as supplies last. Contact Bill Hinson - 601-936-9048 or [BHLH87@aol.com](mailto:BHLH87@aol.com)

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#### CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

April is here again, Confederate Heritage Month. SCV camps are busy with honoring our Confederate ancestors all across our beloved country, The Confederate States of America. We, and our families are blessed by the Almighty living God to be born true Southerners. We still needed a Savior, so He sent His son to die for us. And as we have just celebrated His resurrection our hope is in Jesus being raised from the dead. We need on to believe on Jesus to be saved, just ask Him to save you. This same Jesus saved many of our Confederate ancestors. Great revivals occurred in the army camps during that awful war.

Proverbs 29:2

When the righteous are in authority. The people rejoice! But when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.

Since 1865 we have been occupied by a foreign nation, but by the Grace of God, and the Celtic blood that flows in our veins, they have yet to conquer us.

Israel was governed by Rome before and after Jesus, but God was in control of them. And the same God is still in control today. Trust God to care for and protect us and our families in these perilous times.

Always remember our ancestors, thanked God daily for all He did for them. And remember, you Sons of Confederate Veterans, Gen. Stehpen D. Stephen D. Lee's Charge to us.

P.S. - While still on Earth God also blessed us Southerners with the natural ability to know which end of a Smith & Wesson to stand behind, as well as to know how to operate one.

Camp Chaplain - Rev. Glen Holifield

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#### The Civil War/World War II Connection

By - Stuart Zelman

Here are famous WW II personalities connected in one way or another to famous (and some not so famous) War for Southern Independence personalities. Some names you will recognize; others may surprise you. By no means is this list complete.

*The Wilson home located in Rice, Virginia, was used as a hospital for both Union and Confederate troops during and after the Battle of Saylor's Creek.*

In 1940 Sam Wilson, stirred by one of Churchill's most rousing speeches after the debacle of Dunkirk, jogged 7 miles in the pouring rain to the National Guard armory in Farmville where he enlisted. In 1942 he was sent to OCS after which he taught guerrilla tactics at Fort Benning. By 1942 he found himself in Burma as a 19 year old 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and Chief Reconnaissance Officer in the 5037<sup>th</sup> Composite Unit (Provisional) otherwise known as...Merrill's Maruders. He served the military for 37 years (three of them as a civilian and retired from the army as a Lieutenant General in 1977. He is also an inductee in Army Ranger Hall Of Fame and the Military Intelligence Hall Of Fame. As of this writing he enjoys his retirement at his family homestead still in Rice, Virginia.

*Brigadier General Archibald Gracie III, though NY born and bred, threw his lot in with the Confederacy when the war broke out. He received a commission as a major in the 11th Alabama Infantry. He eventually commanded a Brigade; his most notable battles being fought under Longstreet at Bean's Station and at Chickamauga. He was killed by an artillery shell on Dec. 2, 1864 while observing the enemy during the Siege of Petersburg. He was the ancestor of . . .*

Admiral William F. "Bull" Halsey, Jr., Vice Admiral.

He was on his flagship the USS *Enterprise (CV-6)* when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He planned and led raids on Japanese installations in the early part of the war. Just before the Midway campaign he was side-lined with a chronic skin condition forcing him to take medical leave and giving up his command to Admiral Spruance. He returned in time to take command during the Guadalcanal campaign and the subsequent battles in the Solomon Islands chain. He then received command of the Third Fleet, leading it in the Battles of the Palaus, Leyte Gulf and Luzon. He retire from active seervic3 in 1947. As a civilian he served on the board of ITT. He passed away at the age of 76 on August 16, 1959.

*General Thomas J. "Stonewall" great grandfather of*

Col. Thomas J. Jackson Christian, Jr. - Graduate of West Point, Class of 1939, where he was assigned to

the artillery as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. He shortly transferred to the Army Air Corps. Upon graduation in 1941 he was assigned to the Philippines. When war broke out he flew various missions in the South Pacific area (Bataan, Mindanao, Australia) until shot down. Given up for dead, he survived living with the native un rescued. He returned to duty flying 60 combat missions over Guadalcanal. He was granted leave and returned to the States where he married ans assigned the command of the 361<sup>st</sup> Fighter Group. While in the European Theater he flew 70 combat missions earning the DSC, Air Medal, and Purple Heart. He was shot down August 13, 1944 in a P-51 Mustang over Arras, France. His body was never recovered.

*General Robert Edward Lee, CSA, cousin of...*

Vice Admiral William Augustus "Ching" Lee, Jr., USN. Graduated from the US Naval Academy, Class of 1904. Earned the nickname "Ching" because of his love of the Orient. Participated on the Academy's rifle team. In World War I he served on destroyers. He also participated in 14 events in the 1920 Olympics winning 7 medals; 5 of them the Gold Medal. In WW II he commanded Battleship Division 6 at Guadalcanal (USS *Washington* and *South Dakota*) battering IJN Battleship *Kirishima* in a decisive night-time engagement in November of 1942. This was the first naval battle fought mostly by radar. The *Kirishima* was so badly damaged that she had to be scuttled by her own forces. In 1944 he was promoted to Vice Admiral, Commander Battleships Pacific Fleet. He died of sudden heart attack on August 25, 1945.

*Major John William Puller, 5<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry, grandfather of...*

Lt. General Lewis. B. "Chesty" Puller

Puller was influenced from the tales of Confederate Veterans and the exploits of Stonewall Jackson growing up in is home state of Virginia.

He attended VMI and enlisted in the Marines after graduation. Superiors recognized his abilities; he was sent to the NCO and OC Schools. He graduate with the rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt., but in the streamlining of the Armed Forces after the war he was demoted to the rank of Corporal. In this capacity her served in Haiti fighting the Rebels. He returned to the States and regained his officer's commission. A stint fighting in Nicaragua followed . He then commanded a detachment of the China Marines and then served as the head of the Marine Basic Training School based in Philadelphia. During World War II, Puller led Marines at

Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester, and Peleiu racking up an impressive array of decorations: 5 Navy Crosses, the Silver Star, The Legion of Merit and Distinguished Service Cross, to name a few. Puller served in the Korean War and was forcibly retired with the rank of Lt. General in 1955 after suffering a stroke. He passed away on October 11, 1971.

**This information was found and submitted by LTC (Ret) John Cox, MSSG, of the Rosin Heels camp. By the way, heavy emphasis on the LTC portion of his name! This is noted here for your own safety when in his presence.**

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### I LOVE BEING SOUTHERN

Southerners know grits come from corn and how to eat them.

Only a Southerner knows how many, collard greens, turnip greens, peas, bean, etc. make up a "mess".

Every Southerner knows tomatoes with eggs, bacon, grits, red eye gravy, and coffee are perfectly wonderful breakfast foods; fried green tomatoes are not.

Every Southerner's summer delight is that seasonal delicacy. "New Crop" boiled peanuts!

Only true Southerners say "sweet tea" and "sweet milk". Sweet tea indicates he need for sugar and lots of it. "Sweet milk" means you don't want buttermilk!

Only a Southerner knows instinctively that the best gesture of solace for a neighbor who has trouble is a plate of hot fried chicken and a big bowl of cold potato salad. If the neighbor's trouble is a real crisis, they also know to add a large banana puddin'!

True Southerners know not to scream obscenities at little old ladies who drive 30 mph along the freeway. They simply pass, say, "Bless her heart", and go on their merry way.

To those of you who are still having a hard time understanding all this Southern stuff, bless your hearts! I hear they are fixin to have classes on Southernness as a second language!

And for those who are not from the South, but who have lived here a long time, y'all need to hang a sign on your front porch that reads. "I ain't from the South, but I got here as fast as I could!"

BLESS YOUR HEARTS — Y'ALL HAVE A BLESSED DAY!

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### WHAT HAS AMERICA BECOME?

*This got nationwide attention. Where is Tawas City, MI? Actually, it is on Lake Huron and has a population of just over 2,000!! Go figure, a small MICHIGAN NEWSPAPER EDITORIAL.....Short and to the point.*

Editor,

Has America become the land of the special interest and home of the double standard?

Lets see; if we lie to the Congress, it's a felony and if the congress lies to us its just politics; if we dislike a black person, we're racist and if a black dislikes whites, it's their 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment right; the government spends millions to rehabilitate criminals and they do almost nothing for the victims; in public schools you can teach that homosexuality is OK, but you better not use the word God in the process; you can kill an unborn child, but its wrong to execute a mass murderer; we don't burn books in America, we now rewrite them; we got rid of the communist and socialist threat by renaming them progressives; we are unable to close our border with Mexico, but have n problem protecting the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel in Korea; if you protest against President Obama's policies you're a terrorist, but if you burned an American flag or George Bush in effigy it was your 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment right.

You can have pornography on TV or the internet, but you better not put a nativity scene in a public park during Christmas; we have eliminated all criminals in America, they are now called sick people; we can use a human fetus for medical research, but it's wrong to use an animal.

We take money from those who work hard for it and give it to those who don't want to work; we all support the Constitution, but only when it supports our political ideology; we still have freedom of speech, but only if we are being politically correct parenting has been replaced with Ritalin and video games; the land of opportunity is now the land of hand outs; the similarity between Hurricane Katrina and the gulf oil spill is that neither president did anything to help.

And how do we handle a major crisis today? The government appoints a committee to determine who's at fault, then threatens them, passes a law, raises ur taxes tells us the problem is solved so they can get back to their reelection campaign.

What has happened to the land lf the free and home of the brave ?

Ken Huber  
Tawas City

**Editor's Note: Well, Mr. Huber, welcome to the club. Now you know what Southerners have known for the past fifteen decades. Oh, I'm so sorry, I have stepped out of line for saying such a thing. After all, we were wrong. Yeah, right!!**

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### SCARY OBITUARY

I have had the quote from bondage to bondage on my refrigerator for the past thirty years. Don't know who the author is as it has been attributed to several people. This I do know. Our country appears to be on the road from apathy to dependence, and I hope each of you saw the illegal immigrants standing in line to sign up for our free amnesty program. Governor Jan Brewer of Arizona appears to be the only governor who will stand up and fight for her State's rights, Hooray for her!!!!

As has been said before, history has a way of repeating itself. I feel sorry for my children and grandchildren.

**HISTORICALLY THIS IS INTERESTING AND THOUGHT PROVOKING REGARDING OUR FUTURE.**

Some folks at the University of Edinburgh, had this to say about the fall of the Athenian Republic some 2,000 years prior: "A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist until the time that voters discover that they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse over loose fiscal policy. (Which is) always followed by a dictatorship."

"The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, these nations always progressed through the following sequence.

**FROM BONDAGE TO SPIRITUAL FAITH;  
FROM SPIRITUAL FAITH TO GREAT COURAGE;  
FROM COURAGE TO LIBERTY;  
FROM LIBERTY TO ABUNDANCE;  
FROM ABUNDANCE TO COMPLACENCY;**

**FROM COMPLACENCY TO APATHY;  
FROM APATHY TO DEPENDENCE;  
FROM DEPENDENCE BACK INTO BONDAGE."  
THE OBITUARY FOLLOWS:**

**Born 1776, Died 2012**

**It doesn't hurt to read this several times. Professor Joseph Olson of Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota, points out some interesting facts concerning the 2008 Presidential election:**

**Number of States won by: Obama: 19 McCain: 29  
Square miles of land won by: Obama: 580,000  
McCain: 2,400,000  
Population of counties won by: Obama: 127 million  
McCain: 143 million  
Murder rate per 100,000 residents in counties won by: Obama 13.2**

**Professor Olson adds: "In aggregate, the amp of the territory McCain won was mostly the land owned by the taxpaying citizens of the country.**

**Olson believes the United States is now somewhere between the "complacency and apathy" phase of Professor Tyler's definition of democracy, with some forty percent of the nation's population already having reached the "governmental dependency" phase.**

**If Congress grants amnesty and citizenship to twenty million criminal invaders called illegal's - and they vote - then we can say goodbye to the USA in fewer than five years.**

**IF YOU ARE IN FAVOR OF THIS, THEN BY ALL MEANS, PASS THIS ALONG, TO HELP EVERYONE REALIZE JUST HOW MUCH IS AT STAKE, KNOWING THAT APATHY IS THE GREATEST DANGER TO OUR FREEDOM.**

**Editor's Note: There is one thing that I agree with liberals about. Our nation has not been this divided since the "Civil War." That is the reason for this article being included in the newsletter. Dear folks, WAKE UP !!**

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**PARTING COMPANY  
By Walter E. Williams**

For decades, it has been obvious that there are irreconcilable differences between Americans who want to control the lives of others and those who wish to be left alone. Which is the more peaceful solution: Americans using the brute force of government to beat

liberty - minded people into submission or simply parting company ? In a marriage, where vows are ignored and broken, divorce is the most peaceful solution. Similarly, our constitutional and human rights have been increasingly violated by a government institute to protect them. Americans who support constitutional abrogation have no intention of mending their ways.

Since Barack Obama's re-election, hundreds of thousands of petitions for secession have reached the White House. Some people have argued that secession is unconstitutional, but there's absolutely nothing in the Constitution that prohibits it. What stops secession is the prospect of brute force by a mighty federal government, as witnessed by the costly War of 1861. Let's look at the secession issue.

At the 1787 constitutional convention, a proposal was made to allow the federal government to suppress a seceding state. James Madison, the acknowledged father of our Constitution, rejected it, saying: "A Union of the States containing such an ingredient seemed to provide for its own destruction. The use of force against a State would look more like a declaration of war than an infliction of punishment and would probably be considered by the party attacked as a dissolution of all previous compacts by which it might be bound."

On March 2, 1861, after seven states had seceded and two days before Abraham Lincoln's inauguration, Sen. James R. Doolittle of Wisconsin proposed a constitutional amendment that said, "No State or any part thereof, heretofore admitted or hereafter admitted into the Union, shall have the power to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the United States."

Several months earlier, Reps. Daniel E. Sickles of New York, Thomas B. Florence of Pennsylvania and Otis S. Ferry of Connecticut propose a constitutional amendment to prohibit secession. Here's my no-brainer question; Would there have been any point to offering these amendments of secession were already unconstitutional ?

On the eve of the War of 1861, even unionist politicians saw secession as a right of states. Rep. Jacob M. Kunkel of Maryland said, "Any attempt to preserve the Union between the States of this Confederacy by force would be impractical, and destructive republican liberty."

The Northern Democratic and Republican parties favored allowing the South to secede in peace. Just about every major Northern newspaper editorialized in favor of the South's right to secede. *New York Tribune* (Feb., 1860): "If tyranny and despotism justified the Revolution of 1776, then we do not see why it would not justify the secession of Five Millions of Southrons from the Federal Union in 1861. *Detroit Free Press* (Feb. 19, 1861): "An attempt to subjugate the seceded States, even if successful, could produce nothing but evil - evil unmitigated in character and appalling content." The *New York Time* (march 21, 1861): "There is growing sentiment throughout the North in favor of letting the Gulf States go."

There's more evidence seen at the time our Constitution was ratified. The ratification documents of Virginia, New York and Rhode Island explicitly said that they held the right to resume powers delegated, should the federal government become abusive of those powers. The Constitution would have never been ratified if states thought that they could not maintain their sovereignty. The War of 1861 settled the issue of secession through brute force that cost 600,000 Americans lives. Americans celebrate Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, but H.L. Mencken correctly evaluated the speech, "It is poetry, not logic; beauty, not sense," Lincoln said that the soldiers sacrificed their lives "to the cause of self-determination - that government of the people, by the people, for the people should not perish from the earth." Mencken says: "It is difficult to imagine anything more untrue. The Union soldiers in the battle actually fought against self-determination; it was the Confederates who fought for the right of people to govern themselves."

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Confederate soldier's granddaughter, oldest person in the world, dies at 116

Monroe, GA., December 5, 2012 ----- Her snow-white hair gleaming and with a sparkle in her eyes, Besse (pronounced "Bess") Cooper looked astonished at the crowd who came to celebrate her birthday, her 116<sup>th</sup> birthday, this past August. And yesterday, still bright and alert, the oldest woman in the world quietly passed away, still not sure what to make of her recognition by the "Guinness Book of Records."

Mrs. Cooper had her hair done yesterday, had lunch and had watched a Christmas video with friends, when she began having trouble breathing, dying peacefully around 2 p.m.

One of her proudest family connections is that she was the granddaughter of a Confederate soldier, Thomas H. Brown, who served in Company E, 60<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry. His division participated in the battles at Vicksburg, Shiloh and several others. In recognition of his service, Mrs. Cooper was a member of the James M. Gresham Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Georgia Division.

She was very aware of her grandfather's service as a Confederate soldier, and was proud of her induction into the UDC chapter when two members came to her home to present her with her insignia ribbon of membership last year.

In an interview with me, Ann Hall of Mrs. Cooper's UDC Chapter, emphasized her ongoing love of education. "She read the newspapers daily, was bright and outgoing, and enjoyed conversations with all who came," despite the fact that her hearing difficulties make conversation difficult, Mrs. Hall said.

Mrs. Hall's aunt was also a friend of Bess Cooper, and when her aunt and Besse and another lady "would sit on the phone in the den and have three-way phone conversation," it was just fun to listen to.

It was Mrs. Cooper's second attempt at the world record: in January of last year she was initially certified by Guinness as the oldest person the world, but then a lady in Brazil was discovered, who was 48 days older. She held the title until her death on June 21, 2011, and with that event, Besse Cooper was able to fully claim the title.

She was born in Sullivan County, Tennessee in 1896, the third of eight children born to Richard Brown and Angeline Berry. From childhood on, she was a voracious reader and graduated from East Tennessee State Normal School (now East Tennessee State University) in 1916, and taught in Tennessee before moving to Georgia the following year. She taught in the tiny town of Between, GA. (296 persons) until 1929. The name came from its location being equidistant from Athens and Atlanta.

"She married Luther Cooper in 1924 and had four children. He died in December 1963 after 39 years of marriage. She then lived by herself on their farm until 2001; at that time she finally agreed to move into a nursing facility at the age of 105.

The small town of Between recognized its famous citizen just before her birthday, when the bridge on New Hope Church Road was named for her. In typical Besse Cooper fashion, she said she "was happy the bridge finally had a name!"

She was the last surviving person born during the second administration of Grover Cleveland. When asked the typical question as to what she attributed her longevity, she had a succinct answer: "Minding my own business and avoiding junk food!" Despite her aversion to the latter, when she finally had formal recognition from Guinness, she said she thought she ought to have a box of chocolates to celebrate.

In addition to her four children, she had 11 grandchildren, 13 great-children and two great-great-grandchildren.

One of her sons, Sidney Cooper, said that he was hopeful that her funeral would be a small, dignified event, despite her national recognition. Even with her good sense of humor which all remembered, that's probably what Besse Cooper would want.

My thanks to CofC (Children of the Confederacy), member Chris Page of Fredericksburg, VA. For much of the information on Mrs. Besse Cooper, and Jessica McGowan who took pictures.

Follow the column - Martha Boltz, and by email it's [Mboltz2846@aol.com](mailto:Mboltz2846@aol.com) Read more of Martha's columns on the war at the Communities at the Washington Times.

Editor's Note: I have passed along her information as to where you may ( emphasis on May ), find some factual articles on the war. If you don't like them, don't blame me!!

Also, some of you may know that Mrs. Cooper passed away back in early December of 2012. I saved it to include it in this month's letter because of it being Confederate heritage Month in most, if not all of the Southern States.

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### **ROBERT E. LEE ON BLACK CONFEDERATE TROOPS**

In the waning days of the War, General Robert E. Lee disclosed his thoughts on the subject of negroes as soldiers for the Confederacy.

Also when desperation drove the Confederacy to enlist negroes in the army, General Lee disclosed his thoughts on the subject of negroes as soldiers in two remarkable letters to Lt. General Richard S. Ewell. The letters were written by Charles Marshall, Lee's assistant adjutant general, but the thoughts expressed are clearly Lee's. In

addition, these letters provide rare insights into the unexpected difficulties encountered by the Confederacy in wresting slaves from their owners to preserve a last, slim hope of a Southern Confederacy.

The original letters are located in the Richard W. Ewell Papers, Manuscript Division, library of Congress.

Hd Qs CS Armies  
27<sup>th</sup> March 1865  
Lt Gen RS Ewell  
Commdg General,

General Lee directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst: and to say that he much regrets the unwillingness of owners to permit their slaves to enter the service. If the state authorities can do nothing to get those negroes who are willing to join the army, but whose masters refuse their consent, there is no authority to do it at all. What benefit they expect their negroes to be to them, if the enemy occupies the country, it is impossible to say. He hopes you will endeavor to get the assistance of citizens who favor the measure, and bring every influence you can to bear. When a negro is will, and his master objects, there would be less objection to compulsion, if the state has the authority. It is however of primary importance that the negroes should know that the service is voluntary on their part. As to the name of the troops, the general thinks you cannot do better than consult the men themselves. His only objection to calling them colored troops was that the enemy had elected that designation for theirs. But this has no weight against the choice of the troop and he recommends that they be called colored or if they prefer, they can be called simply Confederate troops or volunteers. Everything should be done to impress them with the responsibility and character of their position, and while fo course due respect and subordination should be exacted, they should be so treated as to feel that their obligations are to be of any other soldier and their rights and privileges dependent in law & order as obligations pon others as upon their selves. Harshness and contemptuous or offensive language or conduct to them must be forbidden and they should be made to forget as soon as possible that they were regarded as menials. You will readily understand however how to conciliate their good will & elevate the tone and character of the men...

Very respy.  
Your obt. Servt.  
Charles Marshall  
Lt. Col & AAG

Hd Qts. CS Armies  
30<sup>th</sup> March 1865  
It Gen RS Ewell  
Commdg General,

General Lee directs me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> inst: and to say that he regrets very much to learn that owners refuse to allow their slaves to enlist. He deems it of great moment that some of this force should be put in the field as soon as possible, believing that they will remove all doubts as to the expediency of the measure. He regrets it the more in the case of the owners about Richmond, inasmuch as the example would be extremely valuable, and the present posture of military affairs renders it almost certain that if we do not get these men, they will soon be in arms against us, and perhaps relieving white Federal soldiers from guard duty in Richmond. He desires you to press this view upon the owners.

He says that he regards it as very important that immediate steps be taken to put the recruiting in operation, and has so advised the department. He desires to have you placed in general charge of it, if agreeable to you, as he thinks nothing can be accomplished without energetic and intelligent effort by someone who fully appreciates the vital importance of the duty.

Very respy  
Your obt servt  
Charles Marshall  
Lt Col & AAG

**Editor's Note; I know that in our Feb. newsletter there was information about black Confederates, however, this month is just as important to remember the slaves and "free men of color," that ate, slept, fought and in many situations died alongside their white compatriots. Who better to read the words that came from a man of greatness, (which he would readily deny), on this subject of asking , yes asking, for the reinforcement to help the beleaguered troops, than General Robert E. Lee ?**

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#### NEW CAMP MEMBERS

**JOHN MATISON MUSGROVE JOINS ON THE SERVICE OF HIS 3<sup>RD</sup> GREAT UNCLE - JOHN JEFFERSON MUSGROVE FROM JONES COUNTY, MS. A SGT. IN CO. 'A', 40<sup>TH</sup> INF. REG. HE WAS PAROLED DURING THE WAR. HE DIED ON OCT. O, 1910 AND IS BURIED IN EDON CEMETERY LOCATED IN JASPER COUNTY.**

**JOHN THOMAS PARKER JOINS ON THE SERVICE OF HIS GREAT - GREAT - GRANDFATHER, WILLIAM BONNER, FROM JONES COUNTY, MS. HE WAS IN CO. G, 9<sup>TH</sup> MS. CAVALRY. HE WAS BORN IN 1834 & DIED IN 1911. HE IS BURIED IN BONNER CEMETERY, LOCATED IN JONES COUNTY.**



**ROBERT E. McDUFFIE, SR. JOINS ON THE SERVICE OF HIS GREAT - GRANDFATHER, WILLIS E. WINDHAM FROM JONES COUNTY, MS. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> MS CAVALRY CO. 'C' HE WAS RELEASED ON OATH. HE IS BURIED IN HOPEWELL CEMETERY IN JONES COUNTY.**

**GORDAN A. DELK JOINS ON THE SERVICE OF HIS GREAT - GREAT - GRANDFATHER, DAVID DELK. HE WAS FROM SIMPSON COUNTY, MS. HE WAS IN THE 9<sup>TH</sup> MS CAVALRY, AND WAS RELEASED ON OATH.**

**DUANE BART BRYANT JOINS ON HIS GREAT - GREAT - GRANDFATHER, HARRISON BRYANT. HE WAS FROM RALEIGH, MS., AND WAS A PVT IN CO. C, BURIED IN FRANKLIN, TN., IN THE McGAVOCK CONFEDERATE CEMETERY.**

**CHRISTOPHER KANE IVEY JOINS ON THE SERVICE OF HIS 4<sup>TH</sup> GREAT - GRANDFATHER, HARRISON BRYANT, FROM RALEIGH, MS. HE WAS PVT IN CO. C, 8<sup>TH</sup> MS INF REG HE WAS KILLED NOV. 30<sup>TH</sup> 1864 AT FRANKLIN, TN. HE IS BURIED IN THE McGAVOCK CONFEDERATE CEMETERY THERE.**

**CHRISTOPHER RAY BROOKS JOINS ON HIS 3<sup>RD</sup> GREAT - GRANDFATHER, JAMES JEFFERSON MOTT FROM KEMPER COUNTY, MS. HE WAS A PVT IN CO. K 13<sup>TH</sup> MS REGIMENT. HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY. HE IS BURIED IN ZION BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY, IN KEMPER COUNTY, MS.**

**NOW, CHRISTOPHER, IS TOO YOUNG TO OFFICIALLY JOIN, HOWEVER HE CAN PARTICIPATE IN WHATEVER HE WISHES AT THE CAMP LEVEL. ESPECIALLY SINCE HE HAS THE SAME BIRTHDAY AS THE WRITER OF THIS NEWSLETTER!!!! WE WELCOME HIM TO OUR RANKS!!**

**WE HOPE WE DID NOT LEAVE ANYONE OUT OF THE LINEUP. IF WE DID, IT'S THE COMMANDER'S FAULT. ALWAYS BLAME THE OFFICERS. IF WE DID, IT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WITH OUR APOLOGIES.**

**WE WELCOME ALL OUR NEW MEMBERS TO CAMP 227 THE JONES COUNTY ROSIN HEELS**

### CHILI RECIPE REQUEST

John Cox of our camp is in the process of getting us ready for the next downtown chili competition. He is asking that our members bring a recipe(s) to the next meeting. There will be a chili tasting at our summer cookout by our members and guests. This will help in narrowing the chili that will be entered. It could be that items from different recipes may be combined for the final version. First prize \$500.00. So let's do as John has requested and look for that recipe and bring it to the meeting this month. If you have any questions, you may call Mr. Carl's office M-F from 8AM - 5PM at 649-1867. John is there doing some work and if he is present, you will be able to ask him directly any question(s) you may have.

**SPEECH OF GEN. R. E. LEE WHEN HE WAS INTRODUCED TO THE SECESSION CONVENTION AND INFORMED OF HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMAND OF THE MILITARY AND NAVAL FORCES OF THE STATE VIRGINIA.**

This ceremony took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1861

*"Mr President and Gentlemen of the Convention,-----*  
Profoundly impressed with solemnity of the occasion, for which I must say I was not prepared, I accept the position assigned me by your partiality. I would have much preferred had your choice fallen on an abler man. Trusting in Almighty God an approving conscience, and the aid of my fellow-citizens, I devote myself to the service of my native State, in whose behalf alone will I ever again draw my sword.

## **GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE'S FAREWELL ADDRESS TO HIS ARMY**

Headquarters Army of Northern Virginia,  
Appomattox C. H., April 10, 1865.

General Orders No. 9

After four years of arduous service, marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude, the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources.

I need not tell the survivors of so many hard-fought battles, who have remained steadfast to the last that I have consented to this result from no distrust of them, but feeling that valor and devotion would accomplish nothing that could compensate for the loss that would have attended the continuation of the contest, I have determined to avoid the useless sacrifice of those whose past services have endeared them to their countrymen.

By the terms of the agreement officers and men can return to their homes and remain there until exchanged.

You will take with you the satisfaction that proceeds from the consciousness of duty faithfully performed, and I earnestly pray that a merciful God may extend to you his blessing and protection.

With an unceasing admiration of your constancy and devotion to your country, and a grateful remembrance of your kind and generous consideration of myself, I bid you an affectionate farewell.

*Robert E. Lee, General*



**CAMP MEETING - 25<sup>TH</sup> AT WESTERN SIZZLIN - 7 PM**

**PLEASE EXCUSE THE LATENESS OF THE NEWSLETTER**

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