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COMMEMORATING THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF THE WAR FOR SOUTHERN INDEPENDENCE

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**THE CHARGE GIVEN BY GENERAL STEPHEN D. LEE
 TO THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS**

"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"



PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU NEED TO PUT SOMEONE ON THE PRAYER LIST.

E-mail: jay_b_good@msn.com or csaford@hotmail.com
 call 601-649-1867 or call Joe Cosper at 601-649-7060.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

Ephesians 2:8

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of Yourselves: it is the gift of God."

Grace is the love and mercy of God in action. Mercy is Negative, and Love is positive; both, together, mean grace. To show mercy in love is grace. God showed mercy and love when he sent His Son to bear our sins in His own body on the Cross. The grace of God is unconditional.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LAUREL GUN SHOW, MAGNOLIA CENTER

Our camp will have an information/recruitment table set up and John Parker will be there with his Mountain Howitzer at the gun show at the Magnolia Center in Laurel on the weekend of Saturday March 21st & Sunday the 22th.

The doors open to the public from 9 -5 on Saturday, and on Sunday from 10 - 5.

Although CoCo and George enjoy doing this type of activity, we need plenty of people in and out of uniform throughout the day. It does not have to be for a long time, however, it would be nice to have someone to sit at the table and give George or Coco a rest and a chance to visit the "facilities!."

This is just another opportunity to be seen in our own county, make information available and work at recruiting people.

We need to take advantage of every chance that is afforded us to increase our membership.

NATCHEZ - ROUTH LAND ON TOUR (Canceled)

Routhland is on the "Pink" tour this year and the date of the 21st conflicts with the Gun Show in Laurel. While Routhland is always fun, we do not have enough people to be in both places at the same time (let's get more members!) So we will concentrate on the gun show.

APRIL - CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH Governor Phil Bryant will sign a Proclamation making April Confederate Heritage Month in MS.

Sunday April 5th at 2:00PM, there will be a memorial service by the Nathan Bedford Forrest camp in Meridian located on Confederate Memorial Drive.

Saturday April 11th is National Tartan Day at Beauvoir presented by the Highlands and Islands Association of Celtic Gatherings, Inc. Entertainment, Refreshments and fun, for more information go on-line to: www.mshighlandislands.org

Friday April 24th at 5:30 our camp will have a brief service on the grounds of the courthouse in Hattiesburg next to the Confederate monument.

Saturday the 25th at Beauvoir the annual Confederate Memorial Services will be held next to the cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Usually this 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.

Also on Saturday the 25th at Landrum's Homestead they will be hosting their annual Pinefest 9:00 am - 5:00pm. George, Coco and John will have a show & tell/Recruitment table set up and we'll let the kids of all ages fire a weapon (we need to get a Yankee target!) You need to there no later than 8:30am so you can get parked, all dressed up and ready to meet and greet the public.

April 26th (Sunday) at 3PM Lauderdale Springs. Memorial service for the W. D. Cameron Camp in Meridian.

April 27th 12:00Noon, in Downtown Meridian at the Court House. Joint Memorial service, both UDC Chapters and both SCV camps will fire a 3 round salute.

Also on the 27th 4:15pm our camp will have a memorial ceremony at the Ellisville Confederate Monument. Followed by one at 5:15pm in Laurel.

There could be other memorial services held in various locations in which some of our color guard members may want to participate the precise date of which are unknown at press time.

Also sometimes there may be families that may ask for a ceremony to be conducted for an ancestor(s). Sometimes these last minute requests could enter into May and or June.

Stay prepared and ready to do your duty!



FRIENDS OF THE SCV PROGRAM

Those of you who attended the Lee Jackson Banquet (BTW, those who didn't missed a great evening of fellowship, fun, good music and food!) watched as Pat Salassi received a beautiful "*Friends of the SCV*" (FOSCV) certificate.

As a way to recognize persons who support the SCV, but do not meet the requirements for membership, the General Executive Council (GEC) has approved the "*Friends of the SCV*".

For a minimum initial donation of \$40, the "*Friend*" receives a nice certificate suitable for framing, a FOSCV lapel pin and a one-year subscription to the Confederate Veteran magazine.

Subsequent donations of \$30 or more each year will maintain the CV subscription and friendship.

Note that "*Friends*" are not SCV members, may not exercise any rights of membership to include claiming to be members.

Suggest it to your friends etc. Who want to support us but don't qualify for membership. Maybe they're even, (Oh horror or horrors!) a yankee!

Access the application here:

http://www.scv.org/pdf/FOSCV_MembershipApplication.pdf .



THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATIONS:

During the War for Southern Independence communication between units on the field, and within those units during battle was difficult at best. Today, to function effectively, military command and control depends on a complex electronic communication network of equipment, personnel, and communication protocols to relay information among forces.

But, imagine trying to run a business or fraternal organization where no one on your staff communicates with each other. Departments would be out of sync, no one would be quite certain what was going on, and it would be impossible to work together on group projects.

A lack of communication causes serious efficiency problems, and at the end of the day that's money out of the company's pockets.

Taking the time to keep everyone in the loop fixes all these issues and for that reason it's absolutely essential for every company to stress communications.

Likewise, civic or fraternal groups like the Sons of Confederate Veterans should work to develop strong communication with each member is a united organization. Each member sharing the same goals, and everyone knowing what everyone else has on their plate. That being said, it should be remembered that feedback is a vital component of communication and it must work both ways. Communication is not communication if it only comes from one direction.

By simply keeping in touch on a regular basis, everyone remains united and working together. This instills a cooperative atmosphere rather than encouraging the idea of having a small bunch of individuals only looking out for themselves or their own particular interest.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans, as a fraternal and historic organization, has a vision for its success, and through good communications, that vision can be spread to every member. The result is; things get done more efficiently and there's a bigger likelihood of retaining members by including them in the on-going efforts of the camps.

Communicating with members is important and there are many ways to do it. This newsletter is the principal method we use but it depends on input from the membership. That input must come from personal contact, e-mails or phone calls. When members feel they are listened to and that their suggestions are implemented accordingly our camp will grow and we will benefit from the positive communications. The more we communicate the closer we will become over time.

Recruiting new members is important and vital to our growth but our true strength lies in retaining the members we have.

Regardless of the manner of the communication in question, as long as the members are understanding each other's motivations and are on the same page regarding the main goals of the camp, we will have a "team" that is happy to work together on all projects.

"Lots of people are talking these days, very few are

communicating!" Your editor

Why do they call it "Generation 'Y'"?



THE BOYS' WAR

Authorities differ, and statistics bristle in the controversy, but this is the offering of the Photographic History of the Civil War: More than 2,000,000 Federal soldiers were twenty-one or under (of a total of some 2,700,000) More than 1,000,000 were eighteen or under. About 800,000 were seventeen or under. About 200,000 were sixteen or under. About 100,000 were fifteen or under. Three hundred were thirteen or under - most of these fifers or drummers, but regularly enrolled, and sometimes fighters. Twenty-five were ten or under!

A study of a million Federal enlistments turned up only 16,000 as old as forty-four, and only 46,000 of twenty-five or more. Yet by other authorities, the Union armies were made up like this: 30 per cent of men under twenty-one; 30 per cent from twenty-one to twenty-four; 30 per cent from twenty-five to thirty; 10 per cent over thirty.

Confederate figures are skimpier, but one sample of 11,000 men produced about 8,000, the great majority, between eighteen and twenty-nine. There was one of thirteen, and three were fourteen; 31 were fifteen; 200 were sixteen; 366 were seventeen; and about a thousand were eighteen. Almost 1,800 were in their thirties, about 400 in their forties, and 86 in their fifties. One man was seventy, and another, seventy-three.

Most of the youths of tender age slipped in as musicians, for there were places for 40,000 in the Union armies alone. There are numerous tales of buglers too small to climb into saddles unaided, who rode into pistol-and-saber battles with their regiments.

Most famous of these on the Union side was John Clem, (mistakenly called the "Drummer boy of Shiloh") who became drummer to the 22nd Michigan at eleven, and was soon a mounted orderly on the staff of General George H. Thomas, with the "rank" of lance sergeant.

No one knows the identity of the war's youngest

soldier, but on the Confederate side, in particular, there was a rush of claimants. Some of their tales belong with the war's epic literature:

George S. Lamkin of Winona, Mississippi, joined Stanford's Mississippi Battery when he was eleven, and before his twelfth birthday was severely wounded at Shiloh.

E.G. Baxter, of Clark County, Kentucky, is recorded as enlisting in Company A, 7th Kentucky Cavalry in June, 1862, when he was not quite thirteen (birth date: September 10, 1849), and a year later was a second lieutenant.

John Bailey Tyler, of D Troop, 1st Maryland Cavalry, born in Frederick, Maryland, in 1849, was twelve when war came. He fought with his regiment until the end, without a wound.

T.G. Bean, of Pickensville, Alabama, was probably the war's most youthful recruiter. He organized two companies at the University of Alabama in 1861, when he was thirteen, though he did not get into service until two years later, when he served as adjutant of the cadet corps taken into the Confederate armies.

M.W. Jewett, of Ivanhoe, Virginia, is said to have been a private in the 59th Virginia at thirteen, serving at Charleston, South Carolina, in Florida, and at the siege of Petersburg.

W.D. Peak, of Oliver Springs, Tennessee, was fourteen when he joined Company A, 26th Tennessee, and Matthew J. McDonald, of Company I, 1st Georgia Cavalry, began service at the same age.

John T. Mason of Fairfax County, Virginia, went through the first battle of Manassas as a "marker" for the files of the 17th Virginia at age fourteen, was trained as a midshipman in the tiny Confederate Navy, and was aboard the famed cruiser CSS SHENANDOAH.

Finally, one of Francis Scott Key's grandsons, Billings Steele, crossed the Potomac to join the rangers of Colonel John S. Mosby, at the age of sixteen.

Source: "The Civil War, Strange and Fascinating Facts" by Burke Davis



CADETS IN THE FRAY;

VMI AT NEWMARKET

The most celebrated schoolboy performance of the war was the baptism of fire of the Virginia Military Institute Cadet Corps at the Battle of New Market, Virginia—the only such instance in the war.

The action took place in the Shenandoah Valley outside the village of New Market, in rolling country between a fork of the Shenandoah River and the flank of Massanutten Mountain. It was fought May 15, 1864, between a Federal force of some 6,500 under General Franz Sigel and Confederates about 4,500 strong, under General John C. Breckinridge.

The Cadets had marched in from Lexington, leaving the younger ones on their campus disconsolate, feeling disgraced at missing the opportunity to fight.

The corps was 215 strong when it reached New Market, and was put into the opening battle on Sunday morning. They were eighteen or under, some of them sixteen, and reputedly even younger.

(Tradition has it that some were only fourteen!)

They marched behind their commander, Lieutenant Colonel Scott Shipp, twenty-four, who rode a dappled gray horse. The boy soldiers heard their first cheering near the front, as General Breckinridge rode by "like the Cid," in the words of young John Wise, son of a Virginia governor.

Boys in an artillery battery recognized friends among the cadets as they passed, and called gibes:

"Here come the wagon dogs! . . . Ho, bombproofs, get outa them good clothes!"

Some cadets wanted to fight for their honor on the spot, but were herded on. John Wise and three others were left behind as a baggage guard, but he made a dramatic speech to his crew and they deserted the post, leaving a Negro driver in charge of the wagon; they joined the cadet column.

Henry Wise, another of Governor Wise's sons, was one of their captains; the night before he had chided the boy soldiers for cursing, and for chicken stealing, but had later eaten some cold fowl in camp with them.

About noon, when a black thundercloud hung over the valley, the cadets joined the Confederate line of battle in the center - the place of honor, the history conscious among them thought. They came to a hill crest, passed their own little battery in action, and went down a slope into the open.

They heard musket fire and artillery, but nothing seemed close until a clap burst overhead. Five men went down in C Company: Captain Govan Hill, and Merritt, Read, Woodlief, and John Wise. just before he lost consciousness Wise saw Sergeant Cabell look at him with a pitying expression.

"Close up, men!" Cabell shouted.

The line reached a ravine within 300 yards of a busy Federal battery—the six fine guns of the 30th New York, under Captain Albert von Kleiser. The ravine gave cover from the cannon, which fired from a crest studded with young cedars. The ditch was filled with cedar scrub, briars, stones, and stumps, and the cadets were a few minutes in passing through; even so, they were out before the older veterans on their flank, the 62nd Virginia.

Once the cadets halted under heavy fire while the file straightened, and the advanced flanks came even with the center. A dwelling, the Bushong House, split their line, and by companies they passed on either

side, marking time beyond, restoring the line once more.

Colonel Shipp halted them. "*Fix bayonets,*" he ordered. Almost immediately he was struck by a shell fragment, and fell. Several cadets were wounded at this moment, and the file lay down. Someone yelled an order to fall back on the next Confederate unit, but Cadet Pizzini of B Company swore and said he would shoot the first man who moved backward.

Captain Henry Wise got to his feet and shouted for a charge on the guns, and the line went up after him.

A Federal Signal Corps captain, Franklin E. Town, on the hill beside Von Kleiser's battery, watched the cadets come on with such fascination that it did not occur to him that he might be captured. The big guns had already changed from shrapnel to canister and then double canister, so that the air was filled with murderous small iron balls. The cadet corps did not falter, and in these last yards lost most of its dead and wounded.

Captain Town said:

"They came on steadily up the slope. ...Their line was as perfectly preserved as if on dress parade.Our gunners loaded at the last without stopping to sponge, and I think it would have been impossible to eject from six guns more missiles than these boys faced in their wild charge up that hill."

The cadets were soon among the Federal gunners with bayonets. Lieutenant Hanna felled one with his dress sword, and Winder Garrett caught one with his bayonet. One cadet found Lieutenant Colonel W.S. Lincoln of the 34th Massachusetts on the ground, pinned by his fallen horse, but still defiant, and ready to shoot with a cocked pistol; the cadet subdued him with a bayonet.

With wild yells the cadets greeted the sight of the Institute flag over the guns, waved by their tall ensign, Evans, and celebrated their victory on the hilltop while the rainstorm broke.

Of John Wise's disobedient baggage guard of four, one was dead and two were wounded. The corps had eight dead and forty-four wounded, all told.

The 62nd Virginia, charging beside them, had seven of its ten captains shot down, four dead, and a total of 241 killed and wounded.

The chase went on for three miles as Sigel's force withdrew to Rude's Hill and beyond, and there was fighting, especially by artillery, after dark.

The next day, when he passed the VMI battery at the roadside, General Breckinridge stopped to pass compliments:

"Boys, the work you did yesterday will make you famous!"

Dave Pierce, a boy soldier not too young to understand military life, called back: "*Fame's all right, General, but for God's sake where's your commissary wagon?"*

An impressive ceremony, still a part of VMI life today, commemorates May 15 on the Lexington campus. Selected cadets at roll call snap their replies as the names of the New Market casualties are called: "*Dead on the field of honor, sir!*"

Source: Part of a larger piece entitled "*How Young They Were*" from the book "*The Civil War, Strange and Fascinating Facts*" by Burke Davis

DIVISION REUNION NOTICE:

Make your plans now to attend the 120th Mississippi Division/21st Mississippi Society, Order of the Confederate Rose reunions, June 5 - 7, in Columbus, MS. You can find out more information by going to www.genbarksdale.org, and the registration form is available on the new Division web site (and it's a nice web site for sure!) at www.mississippiusc.org.

Electronic communications note: If you have a "modern" phone (iphone, ephone, youphone, ETphonehomephone, whatever) that you carry in your hand etc. (your interim editor does not, he uses a "real computer" here at the office and at home!) you can send and receive E-mails which is a wonderful way to stay in touch and get information!

Just sign up for a free account on Yahoo or some other search engine and viola!

When you get your e-mail address let the camp adjutant know so we can put it on the roster but most importantly make checking your e-mails a part of your daily "routine!"

Even our Chaplain, the Honorable Joseph Leroy Jefferson Davis Cosper who is over 102 years old, has an e-mail address!

Camp Adjutant's Report:

Balance carried forward \$2,575.28

Income:

Landrum's Country:	\$ 400.00
Lee-Jackson Banquet:	\$ 645.00
"Pass the hat"	\$ 57.00
Total	\$1,102.30

Expenses:

Christmas Parade:	\$ 20.00
Meals: Southern Heritage Conf.	\$ 705.00
Meals: Lee-Jackson:	\$ 675.00
Total:	\$1,400.00

Balance in account 2/26/2015 \$2,227.28

All required non-profit income tax forms have been filed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Shelton "Cotton" Norris, Adjutant, Camp #227

Camp Armorer's Report:

After much difficulty in setting up a separate account in the Camp's name, Coco and George set up an account in their names which will cost \$5.00 a month.

The account balance at this time is: \$1,100.00
With an additional \$262.00 "in the bag, loose"
Total amount: \$1,362.00

We have on hand:
20 Cans of Rifle Powder
5 Cans of Cannon Powder
14 Cannon Rounds
15 Tins of caps

Respectfully submitted:
Carroll "Coco" Roberts
Armorer, Camp #227

Camp Meeting: February 26, 2015

Attendance approximately 13 members plus several guests.

In the absence of our Commander and both Lt. Commanders, Chaplain Joe Cosper took over the duties, and ably conducted the meeting.

Don Green who now works full-time at Beauvoir (in charge of maintenance of the grounds, buildings etc.) gave a report on the conditions at the shrine.

According to Don, much attention has been given by Greg Stewart who replaced Bertram Hayes-Davis in reducing the spending and resulting deficit level at which the attraction was operating and is making progress.

Bricks for Beauvoir is almost complete with a need for about 200 - 300 more. He also said a sidewalk that will be constructed to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier will consist of bricks from the old Hospital (destroyed by Hurricane Katrina) and will thus be a symbolic tie to the past.

He went over the plans for Confederate Memorial Day, and gave a run-down of the events. We will have a complete schedule with times etc. in the April Dispatch.

Fall Muster was a big success and is growing, and he said that the Highland Games which will return in November, was an outstanding success.

They are working to get monies owed to Beauvoir by FEMA, and the lawsuit against the original contractor is ongoing.

The Combined Boards filed a lawsuit against the "Beauvoir Foundation" and is attempting to recover approximately \$30,000.00 that organization gathered.

Don also mentioned the SCV National Reunion in

Richmond, and that the Dedication of the Shiloh Monument is approaching (Your editor missed the exact date but as soon as it is known you'll know!)

The Brigade Meeting schedule is: May 29th, August 21st, and December 4th at Dixie below Hattiesburg.

Don indicated that he is running for the position of Brigade Commander again as there are some things he wished to accomplish that he has not been able to complete.

Charles Mott presented one of his special cannons (he says this is positively the last one!) for auction at the meeting, with the proceeds to be earmarked for the newsletter (postage, paper etc.).

Mr. Bill Smith had the winning bid at \$70.00 then, graciously turned around and offered the cannon up for auction again (even before his lovely wife had finished writing the check!) with the same stipulation!

Bidding this time was a bit more spirited with the able assist of Bvt Cpl John "*Fearless Jack*" Musgrove acting as the auctioneer (the boy is good!) and Daryl Gambrell took it for \$60.00!

Kudos to Charlie and Bill for their generosity! Daryl said, when asked if HE was going to put it up for auction again, "NOPE I want it!"

Discussion about what we can do to make the camp better, how to raise more money, how to draw in younger members, the possibility of changing meeting places took up the final minutes of the meeting. There was also some discussion about the negative impact the upcoming Hollywood movie about Newt Knight is going to have and how best to counter it.

Your editor mentioned that he is in the process of writing and producing a short documentary that we will offer to the schools etc. and possibly put out on social media that will present the facts and not the romance surrounding the legend (and indeed it is a legend) of the "Free State of Jones" and the actions of Newt Knight and his band of cowardly deserters and cutthroats.

This will also be a presentation that we could make to area civic clubs etc.



Possum Sez:

Dey's folks in dis work what just won't work. You can grease 'em and cuss 'em and they just ain't gwine to do it!

TIME LAPSE



JOE COSPER?



BRICKS FOR BEAUVOIR

This has been endorsed by the General Executive Council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

Example:

Pvt. James W.

McCluney

6th MS CAV. CO. F

Make Checks in the of \$50.00 per brick to:

Mississippi Division, SCV

For: Beauvoir Memorial Brick Fund

Mail Checks to:

Mississippi Division, SCV

C/O Larry McCluney, MS-Div AOT Councilman

1412 North Park Dr

Greenwood, MS. 38930

Bricks will be placed in a plaza around the tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier.



THE COST OF THE WAR:

At least 618,000 individuals died in The War for Southern Independence
Of the approximately 3,530 Indians who fought for the Union, about 1,018 were killed
Of every 1,000 Federals in battle, 112 were wounded
Of every 1,000 Confederates, 150 were wounded

During the War, one small section of Virginia became America's bloodiest battle ground.

In an area of barely 20 square miles and including Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, The Wilderness, Spotsylvania and Cold Harbor, more than half a million men fought in deadly combat.

Here, more men were killed and wounded than were killed and wounded in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the War with Mexico and all of the Indian wars combined.

No fewer than 19 generals - 10 Union and 9 Confederate - met death here.

The bloodiest battles of the War were:

Gettysburg (3 days) 51,116 casualties
Antietam (1 day) 22,726 casualties
Seven Days Battle 36,463 casualties

The Confederate regiments sustaining the greatest losses in one battle were:

26th North Carolina 86 killed 588 wounded (Gettysburg)
6th Alabama 91 killed 277 wounded (Seven Pines)
4th North Carolina..... 77 killed 286 wounded (Seven Pines)
44th Georgia 71 killed 264 wounded (Mechanicsville)



Flags for Confederate Memorial day:

We have ordered the flags from Ruffin Flag Company (Army of Tennessee style) for placement during Confederate Memorial Day.

Please begin thinking now about how many graves you are going to require flags for.

Considering the cost of these flags, except in some small private cemeteries or graveyards, it might be a good idea to place the flag, leave it for a couple of days, and then remove and store it for use next year.

Remember that at public cemeteries (and some larger private/Church cemeteries) the grounds crew has no time to remove flags etc. to mow close to the headstones, and then replace them, so they simply mow over them.

They mean no disrespect by these actions (we hope), they are governed by the time available to do their work.

The flags have been shipped and will be available at Carl Ford's office 509 Central Ave., Suite 245 soon.



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