



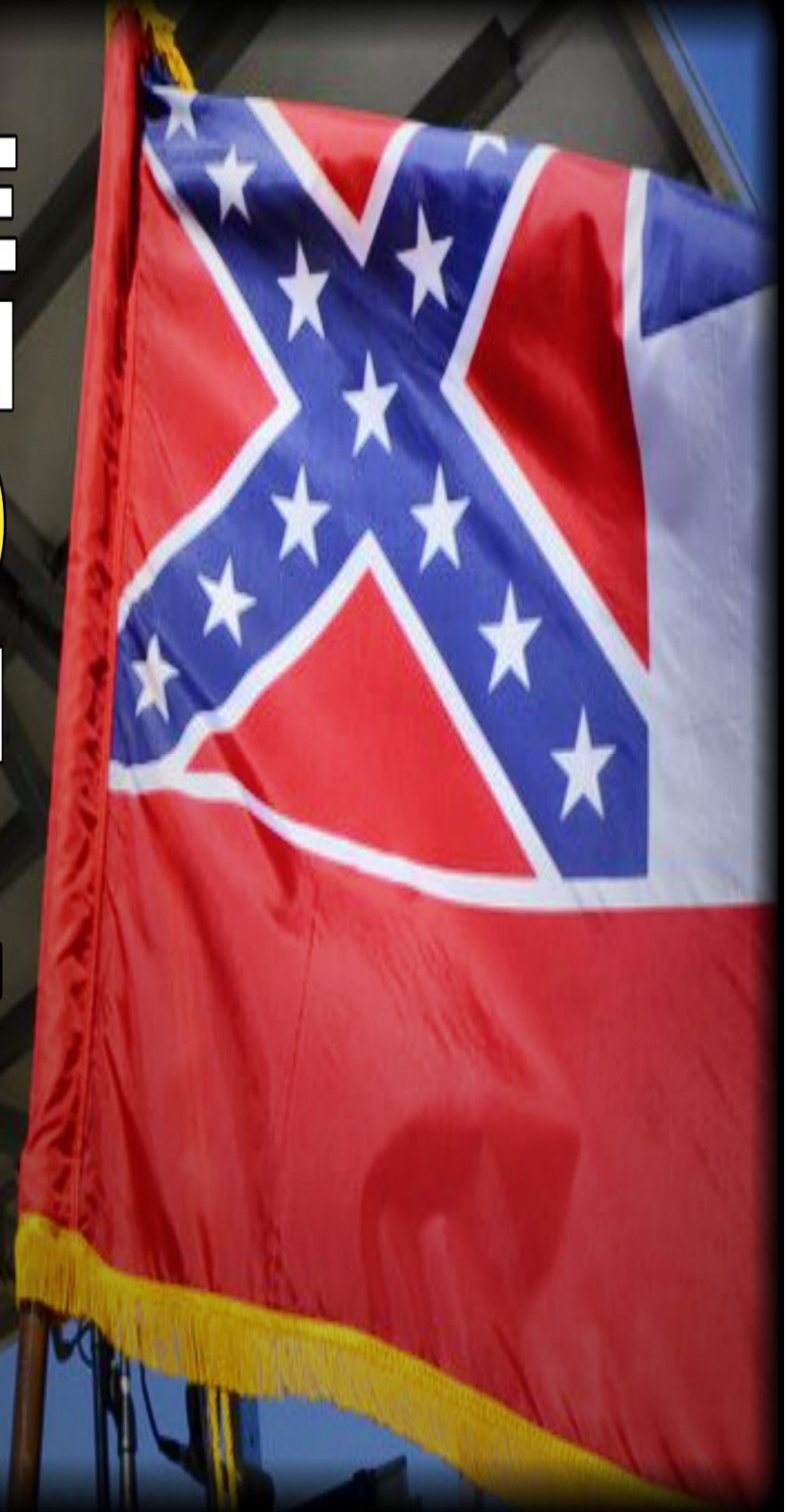
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 3, Confederate Memorial Day Service at Greenville Cemetery at 2:00 PM**
- Camp Meeting – Thursday, April 7, 2016, 7:00 PM at 1st Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in Indianola**
- April 8-10, Holly Springs Van Dorn's Raid and Pilgrimage**
- April 17, Confederate Memorial Day Service in Carrollton, MS at 2:00 PM at the Court House Lawn**
- April 23, Division Confederate Memorial Day Service at Beauvoir, 2:00 PM**

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Camp News:

Commander's Report – Richard Dillon

April is our month for Confederate Memorials. I'm sure you received your notice via email. I think that we owe it to our ancestors to take a couple of hours one day a year to pay our respects, don't you? Please, make every effort to attend.

As you have heard, our Division Reunion will be held in June at Beauvoir. I would really like for our camp to have several delegates in attendance this year. We will discuss this at our April meeting. Take the family and make this Reunion a vacation and enjoy Beauvoir and our wonderful Mississippi Gulf Coast.

I look forward to seeing you at our Memorial Service and our Camp Meeting.



NOTE: Remember Our Camp Confederate Memorial Service on Sunday, April 3, 2:00 PM at the Greenville Cemetery. Reenactors should be on site by 1:00 PM to set flags up and go over flag routine.

Camp Meeting, March, 2016

Adjutant's Report – Larry McCluney

7:00 PM – Commander Dillon opened the meeting with a word of prayer from Jr. Stillman. Afterwards, members participated in fellowship with the meal provided by the ladies of the OCR.

7:30 PM – Business – April 3 was voted on as the day the Camp will have its Confederate Memorial Service at 2:00 PM at the UDC plot in the Old Greenville Cemetery. Larry McCluney also accepted an invitation by the Money Chapter, UDC to be their keynote speaker on Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 PM at the Carrollton Courthouse. The Camp was invited to participate as well. The Money Chapter of the UDC also requested the Camp Colorguard to present colors at the State UDC Convention in September to be held at the UDC Memorial Building in Greenwood. The Camp voted to accept.

Program – was given by Larry McCluney on Mississippi Uniforms in the Army of Tennessee during the War.

Attendance was 24.

Meeting was closed with a prayer by Junior Stillman.

Lt. Commander's Report – Brent Mitchell

This month's Speaker is Mr. Ron Kelley from Civil War Helena. His expertise is in Arkansas involvement in the war, General Patrick Cleburne, and the Battle of Helena. He has visited our Camp before, but has recently uncovered some new information in his work at the museum. He tells me our Camp will be the first people outside of the museum staff to hear this new information. I'm excited to hear what he's found, and look forward to seeing him again. Our Camp's Reenactors were fortunate enough to have participated in the 152nd Battle of Helena back in March 2015. Civil War Helena has put a lot of time and money along with countless hours of hard work into their beautiful museum/battlefield, of which Mr. Kelley played a very big part. I highly recommend you go and visit if you have not been. You can see some of what they've done at civilwarhelena.com.

Ella Palmer, OCR Report: Sandra Stillman, President

Dear Ladies of the OCR,

Individuals and the news media are now focusing on the fact Mississippi has a Congregate History Month. Our state governors have written that proclamation yearly as a matter of respect and tradition. However, we must realize a proclamation is not needed to remember and honor our Confederate dead. These men, and often boys, sacrificed time, blood and life to protect their homes, principles and nation. Remembering them should be as natural as breathing. Honoring them is a privilege no one should take lightly. This Sunday, April 3, 2016, is our chosen time to formally honor our Confederates and their mighty spirit. I ask everyone to join us for this celebration of remembrance.

Peace and Grace



Mechanized Cavalry Report

Men of the 1G:

The SCVMC is now working with all States that have MC Annuals scheduled so that the dates will be changed to not conflict with our Division Annuals. We have more 1G members in the Division leadership than ever and that is where we need to be as SCV members. If I am not mistaken Mississippi Division Annual is always the first weekend of June and the Mechanized Cavalry Annual for 2016 will be 15-18 June 2016 at Cedar Key Florida, so start making plans for both now. Budget your time and money for these two events next year starting today even if you have to miss other events.

The following are the scheduled Annuals..... 2016 Florida (15-18 Jun 2016 at Cedar Key Florida); 2017 North Carolina 2018 South Carolina; 2019 Texas



Elections at 2016 Division Convention

At the Mississippi Division 2016 convention, the division will elect a member of Beauvoir board of directors. This is a very important position and we must elect the gentleman we believe will look after the best interest of Beauvoir. It is our choice, choose wisely. The following two gentlemen have announced that they are running for the seat. Mike Wooten and Joe Abbott.

Articles governing Beauvoir

As announced last July, an independent committee began rewriting the articles governing Beauvoir and their work was approved by a unanimous vote of the Combined Boards of Beauvoir on Feb 13, 2016. By state corporate law a copy of the articles must be mailed to every member of the corporation (you) at least 30 days prior to a meeting of the corporation. As you read this notice Greg Stewart is printing copies and addressing envelopes to achieve this end but as you can imagine with over 1400 members this is quite the task so be patient as some will get their copy before others. If you have not received a copy by May 1 please let myself or Greg know so we can try to get a copy to you. If you have recently moved or had a change of address that is different than what Division Adj. Dan McCaskill might have please let us know asap. The amended articles will be voted on as a whole at our meeting in June during the SCV Ms Div Reunion in Biloxi.

Beauvoir Executive director

Beauvoir is extending the search for a new Executive Director until April 23. The plan voted on by the combined boards is to conduct interviews after the business meeting on Saturday June 11, allowing the newly elected Trustee and Director to set in on the interviews, select the new ED, and present them during the banquet that night to the membership.

Friends of Beauvoir

Beauvoir the Home of Jefferson Davis is Owned and Operated by the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Here is an Invitation to give the Past a Future!

Go to http://www.beauvoir.org/Support_Beauvoir/index.html for details



**121st Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
and the 22nd Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose Reunions**
Beauvoir
June 10-12, 2016 in Biloxi, Mississippi
2016 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM



SCV MEMBER NAME: _____ CAMP: _____

OCR MEMBER NAME: _____ OCR CHAPTER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (____) _____ - _____ EMAIL: _____ TITLE: _____

GUEST'S NAME FOR BADGE: _____

SCV EARLY REGISTRATION (PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31st, 2015)*****QTY. ____ (X'S) \$30.00 _____

SCV REGULAR REGISTRATION (JAN. 1st, 2015 TO MAY 22nd 2016)*****QTY. ____ (X'S) \$35.00 _____

SCV LATE REGISTRATION (POST-MARKED ON OR AFTER MAY 23rd 2016)*****QTY. ____ (X'S) \$45.00 _____

OCR REGISTRATION ON OR BEFORE MAY 22nd, 2016, \$10.00 EACH. AFTER MAY 23rd, 2016 \$15.00***** _____

ADULT SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET*****QTY. ____ (X'S) \$20.00 PER ADULT _____

CHILD'S PLATE (12 AND UNDER) SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET****QTY. ____ (X'S) \$12.50 PER CHILD _____

ANCESTOR MEMORIAL (COMPLETE ATTACHED FORM)*****QTY. ____ (X'S) \$10.00 EACH ANCESTOR _____

VENDOR TABLE (AS SPACE IS AVAILABLE, COMPLETE ATTACHED FORM)

REUNION PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT (SEE BELOW RATES / COMPLETE ATTACHED FORM)***** _____

LAST HOME OF PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON TOUR
(DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT LOCATION)*****QTY. _____ FREE TO REGISTERED ATTENDEES!

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

All Registered SCV / OCR members will receive a Name Badge, Reunion Medal, Reunion Program, and a "Reunion goodie bag".

Late Door Registration will receive the same only as long as supplies last.

OCR Registrants will have a Ladies Tea in lieu of a Reunion Medal.

All registrations submitted for the amounts specified above must be post-marked appropriately within the specified time-frame.

No refunds to be distributed for cancellations on or after June 01, 2016.

For your convenience, ALL events will be held at Beauvoir

Host hotels
South Beach Biloxi
1735 Beach Blvd
228-456-9003/888-599-7093
www.sbbeachhotel.com
discount code: JDPL

Reunion Contact Information:
Host Camp Commander:
Jessie Sanford
Jessiesanford101@comcast.net
Phone: 601-447-1929

Make Checks Payable to:
LTG Nathan Bedford Forrest
#353
**Mail Registration Form
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May 1st 2016.

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D'Iberville, MS 39540
228-396-1570
regencyinmbiloxi@yahoo.com
discount code: Beauvoir

Tartan Day at Beauvoir

Gentlemen of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

Tartan Day will be at Beauvoir Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 9-4. The SCV has been invited to set up tables for Prop 58 and recruiting. Armed soldiers are needed to be the Color Guard for the Tartan parade around noon. Besides carrying the battle and state flags, we'll also carry all the Celtic flags, so we need a good number of uniformed participants. This will be good for Beauvoir, SCV and the Highland and Islanders who have been very Confederate friendly for over 20 years.

We not only need a good showing for Prop 58, we need to make Tartan Day a success so it will be held annually at Beauvoir.

Carl Ford

Buy One Now . . . Show Your Pride in Your Southern Heritage

Gentlemen,

Beginning July 1, 2015 you can now get the original issue Division License plate design for your car again. Simply take the photo attached to this email and show it to the person where you renew your vehicle license plate and request this design. You can use the initials CV along with the picture to let them know which one to get. The additional cost is still \$31 added to your tag's cost.

If you wish to keep the tag with the Beauvoir design you can. The Department of Revenue does not make you turn them in like other tags. However, none of the money from the old Beauvoir tag will go to Beauvoir. They have received permission for their own tag. You would need to contact the people at Beauvoir to find out how to get that tag if you wish to run it on your car.

As in the past money raised from the sale of the Division License plate will go to restore the battle flags in the possession of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.



First Brigade Meeting April 9th in Batesville, MS

Dear 1st Brigade members,

I am calling for a Brigade meeting on April 9th at 3pm at the VFW on hwy 51 south. For more information call me at 662-934-6211. Also I need your camp reports April 9th too. If you have something to bring up let me know before April 9th. The meeting will be in Batesville, Ms.

Your 1st Brigade Commander Donald Wright, Jr.

BATTLE OF HERNANDO, MS - JUNE 18-19, 2016, Hernando Mississippi

The Plantation at Mussacuna Creek will be hosting the 153rd anniversary of the battle of Hernando. All military and emergency personnel free admission with I.D. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts free with troop leaders admission. There will be battles on both days, Saturday and Sunday, registration for reenactors \$5, Sutlers \$25 (Meal, firewood, water and hay for horses provided to reenactors and sutlers). Cavalry, Artillery, Infantry, Federal, and Confederate forces needed. Proof of coggins required upon entry. \$100 bounty per cannon (first six). Public admission one-day pass \$10, two-day pass \$15. Live music and dance will be held on Saturday night.

Phone/Text:

Eddie Burks (901)-553-3878, Adam Burks (901)-238-4393, Email: Adam.burks@ymail.com Tim Cradock (901)-482-5444, Larry Dixson (901)-491-3275



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April is the month in which the Confederate States began and ended a four-year struggle; and

WHEREAS, on Confederate Memorial Day, we recognize those who served in the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, April 25, 2016, is set aside as Confederate Memorial Day to honor those who served in the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Americans to reflect upon our nation's past, to gain insight from our mistakes and successes, and to come to a full understanding that the lessons learned yesterday and today will carry us through tomorrow if we carefully and earnestly strive to understand and appreciate our heritage and our opportunities which lie before us:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of April 2016 as

CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the tenth day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fortieth.

Handwritten signature of Phil Bryant in blue ink.

PHIL BRYANT
GOVERNOR

National SCV News:

Veteran Discrimination at Crown Hill Cemetery

In 1931 the War Department had 1,616 Confederate American soldiers removed from Greenlawn Cemetery to Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana. These soldiers represent nearly all of the Confederate States of America. In this relocation, the Confederate American soldiers were buried not individually but rather in a "mass grave." These soldiers died as prisoners of war in Indianapolis at Camp Morton.

April of each year the Sons of Confederate Veterans honor these American veterans with a public ceremony and wreath placement. In past years the grave site was decorated with Confederate American flags (the American flags under which these veterans served and died). This year the Indiana Division Sons of Confederate Veterans are prohibited by the Cemetery from the display of the Confederate American Flag or any other Confederate American symbol.

In our opinion there should be equal rights for all American veterans. Confederate American veterans have been recognized by Congress as "American Veterans" and should have all rights and honors consistent to their service -- including the display the American flag under which they served and died. To deny this right is discrimination. In this age, it is important that we all coexist without discrimination and bigotry.

We therefore call upon Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana to allow all American veterans to be honored with the proper placement of the American flags and symbols under which they served and died.

If you agree that there should be equal rights for all American veterans, perhaps you could write a strong but polite note to the cemetery and ask that they allow equal rights for all veterans -- which includes the prominent placement of the colors under which they served and died. The cemetery address is:

Crown Hill Cemetery
700 West 38th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46208

Respectfully,
Ray L. Parker, Chaplain-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

SCV Chaplains' Conference, May 5-6, 2016

The SCV Chaplains' Conference is scheduled for May 5-6, 2016 at the Providence Baptist Church, 1441 Erickson Avenue, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Pastor Lloyd Sprinkle is our host pastor. We thank Pastor Sprinkle and his lovely wife Jacqueline for their willingness to help in this way. The Providence Church is an excellent facility for the Conference. All Chaplains, Compatriots, spouses, and friends are encouraged to attend.

The Chaplains' Conference will feature five inspirational worship services including old fashioned congregational singing, special music, prayer, and a featured sermon. In addition there will be times for fellowship and "browsing" the many display tables in the fellowship area (be sure to bring discretionary funds; you will want to take something home). Refreshments and lunch will be served for the Friday Conference day (no charge).

The schedule and speakers are noted below:

Worship Leaders

- Pastor and Chaplain Lloyd Sprinkle, Host Pastor
- Dr. Ray L. Parker, Chaplain-in-Chief, MC
- Past Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Cecil Fayard, Song Leader
- Jacqueline Sprinkle and Miriam Clark, Pianist / Organist

Special Music

- Jacqueline Sprinkle
- Miriam Clark
- Ruth Parker

The schedule (Eastern Time Zone) for the Conference is:

Thursday, May 5

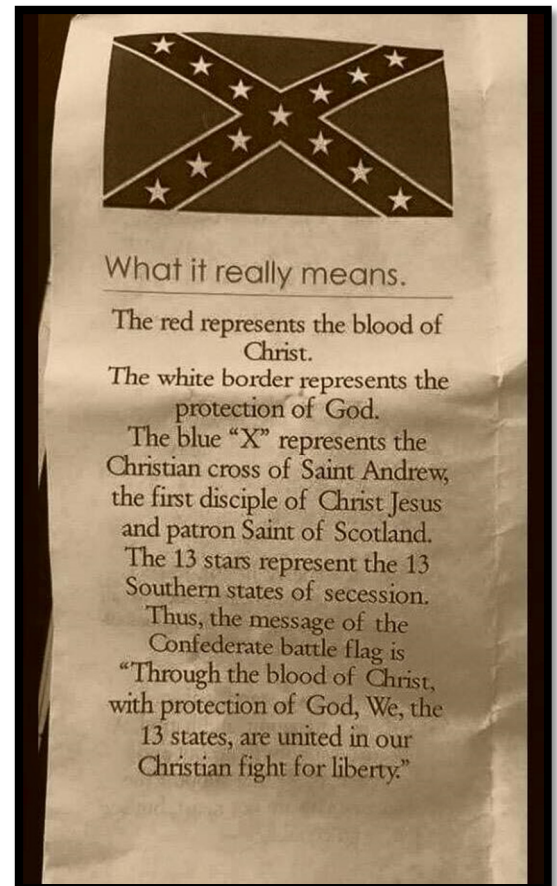
- 7:00 PM WORSHIP CELEBRATION - Pastor and Past Chaplain-in-Chief John Weaver, Preacher
- 8:15 PM Fellowship and Browsing

Friday, May 6

- 9:00 AM WORSHIP CELEBRATION - Pastor and Chaplain Lloyd Sprinkle, Preacher
- 10:15 AM Fellowship and Browsing
- 10:45 AM WORSHIP CELEBRATION - Past Chaplain-in-Chief Charles Baker, Preacher
- 11:45 AM Lunch and Browsing
- 1:00 PM WORSHIP CELEBRATION - Past Chaplain-in-Chief Ron Rumburg, Preacher
- 2:15 PM Fellowship and Browsing
- 2:30 PM WORSHIP CELEBRATION - Pastor and Past Chaplain-in-Chief Mark Evans, Preacher
- 3:30 PM Fellowship and Browsing

I hope you are making your plans now to attend these two inspirational, motivational days in the Old Dominion. No registration is necessary -- just come and enjoy a time of Southern hospitality, Southern preaching, Southern cooking, and Southern singing.

Sincerely,
Ray Parker, Chaplain-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans
drparker@mdivs.edu



The Battle of Shiloh, April 6-7, 1862

In April 1862 General Ulysses S. Grant's army was encamped along the Tennessee River just north of the Mississippi border; poised to strike a blow into the heartland of the South. Grant had been at this location for about a month, awaiting the arrival of additional troops under General Buell before he began his march southward. Twenty miles to the south, in Corinth, Mississippi, Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston ordered his troops northward with the plan of attacking Grant before Buell arrived. The stage was set for one of the Civil War's bloodiest battles. On the morning of April 6, Johnston's force surprised Grant in an attack that slowly pushed the Union troops back from the high ground they occupied towards the Tennessee River. Fighting was fierce. Many of the Union troops fled to the rear upon the initial Confederate assault and by afternoon General Johnston was confident that victory was within his grasp. However, Union resistance stiffened. Fighting around the white-washed Shiloh Church was particularly vicious. In a wooded thicket the Confederates labeled "the Hornets' Nest" the Northern troops struggled for nearly six hours before finally surrendering. The Union soldiers stalled the Confederate onslaught by exchanging their precious lives for time in which reinforcements could arrive. With nightfall, fighting subsided. Grant's forces were pinned against the Tennessee River but the exhausted Confederates were short of their goal of complete victory.

One casualty of the afternoon's combat was General Johnston who lost his life while directing his troops from the front lines. His death severely affected the Confederate's morale and their belief in victory. Buell's reinforcements finally arrived during the night as did forces under General William H. Wallace, strengthening the Union lines with 22,500 fresh troops. With the break of dawn, Grant attacked, pushing the exhausted Confederates steadily back until they finally began a retreat in the early afternoon that left the field to the Union forces.

The confrontation had been a slaughter on both sides. Corpses littered areas of the battlefield to the extent that, as General Grant described, "it would have been possible to walk across the clearing in any direction stepping on dead bodies without a foot touching the ground." Nearly 100,000 troops had faced each other and almost 24,000 ended as casualties. This horrendous outcome was a wake-up call to the nation announcing that the continuing war would be costly for both sides.

The Battle Begins - Violets for Protection:

Henry Morton Stanley earned fame in 1872 for his discovery of Dr. David Livingstone in the interior of Africa (see [Stanley Finds Livingstone, 1872](#)). Ten years earlier, the 21-year-old Stanley had enlisted in the Confederate Army and on April 6, 1862 he found himself preparing for battle at Shiloh. He later described that day and we join his story as his unit readies itself for the fight:

"Day broke with every promise of a fine day. Next to me, on my right, was a boy of seventeen, Henry Parker. I remember it because, while we stood-at-ease, he drew my attention to some violets at his feet, and said, 'It would be a good idea put a few into my cap. Perhaps the Yanks won't shoot me if they see me wearing such flowers, for they are a sign of peace.' 'Capital,' said I, 'I will do the same.' We plucked a bunch, and arranged the violets in our caps. The men in the ranks laughed at our proceedings, and had not the enemy been so near, their merry mood might have been communicated to the army. We loaded our muskets, and arranged our cartridge pouches ready for use. Our weapons were the obsolete flintlocks and the ammunition was rolled in cartridge-paper, which contained powder, a round ball, and three buckshot. When we loaded we had to tear the paper with our teeth, empty a little powder into the pan, lock it, empty the rest of the powder into the barrel, press paper and ball into the muzzle, and ram home. Then the Orderly-sergeant called the roll, and we knew that the Dixie Greys were present to a man. Soon after, there was a commotion, and we dressed up smartly. A young Aide galloped along our front, gave some instructions to the Brigadier Hindman, who confided the same to his Colonels, and presently we swayed forward in line, with shouldered arms. Newton Story, big, broad, and straight, bore our company-banner of gay silk, at which the ladies of our neighbourhood had laboured.

As we tramped solemnly and silently through the thin forest, and over its grass, still in its withered and wintry hue, I noticed that the sun was not far from appearing, that our regiment was keeping its formation admirably, that the woods would have been a grand place for a picnic; and I thought it strange that a Sunday should have been chosen to disturb the holy calm of those woods.

Before we had gone five hundred paces, our serenity was disturbed by some desultory firing in front. It was then a quarter-past five. 'They are at it already,' we whispered to each other. 'Stand by, gentlemen,' - for we were all gentlemen volunteers at this time, - said our Captain, L. G. Smith. Our steps became unconsciously brisker, and alertness was noticeable in everybody. The firing continued at intervals deliberate and scattered, as at target-practice. We drew nearer to the firing, and soon a sharper rattling of musketry was heard. 'That is the enemy waking up,' we said. Within a few minutes, there was another explosive burst of musketry, the air was pierced by many missiles, which hummed and pinged sharply by our ears, pattered through the tree-tops and brought twigs and leaves down on us. 'Those are bullets,' Henry whispered with awe."

The Power of the Rebel Yell:

Stanley and his regiment come under fire but advance towards the Union lines steadily firing, loading, and firing their muskets as they proceed:

"After a steady exchange of musketry, which lasted some time, we heard the order: 'Fix Bayonets! On the double-quick!' in tones that thrilled us. There was a simultaneous bound forward, each soul doing his best for the emergency. The Federals appeared inclined to await us; but, at this juncture, our men raised a yell, thousands responded to it, and burst out into the wildest yelling it has ever been my lot to hear. It drove all sanity and order from among us. It served the double purpose of relieving pent-up feelings, and transmitting encouragement along the attacking line. I rejoiced in the shouting like the rest. It reminded me that there were about four hundred companies like the Dixie Greys, who shared our feelings. Most of us,



The "Drummer Boy of Shiloh"
Read his story >>>

engrossed with the musket-work, had forgotten the fact; but the wave after wave of human voices, louder than all other battle-sounds together, penetrated to every sense, and stimulated our energies to the utmost.

'They fly!' was echoed from lip to lip. It accelerated our pace, and filled us with a noble rage. Then I knew what the Berserker passion was! It deluged us with rapture, and transfigured each Southerner into an exulting victor. At such a moment, nothing could have halted us.

Those savage yells, and the sight of thousands of racing figures coming towards them, discomfited the blue-coats; and when we arrived upon the place where they had stood, they had vanished. Then we caught sight of their beautiful array of tents, before which they had made their stand, after being roused from their Sunday-morning sleep, and huddled into line, at hearing their pickets challenge our skirmishers. The half-dressed dead and wounded showed what a surprise our attack had been. "

Under Fire:

Continuing to advance, Stanley and the Confederates come upon another Union camp and are met by a hail of bullets and cannon fire:

"After being exposed for a few seconds to this fearful downpour, we heard the order to 'Lie down, men, and continue your firing!' Before me was a prostrate tree, about fifteen inches in diameter, with a narrow strip of light between it and the ground. Behind this shelter a dozen of us flung ourselves. The security it appeared to offer restored me to my individuality. We could fight, and think, and observe, better than out in the open. But it was a terrible period! How the cannon bellowed, and their shells plunged and bounded, and flew with screeching hisses over us! Their sharp rending explosions and hurtling fragments made us shrink and cower, despite our utmost efforts to be cool and collected. I marveled, as I heard the unintermitting patter, snip, thud, and hum of the bullets, how anyone could live under this raining death. I could hear the balls beating a merciless tattoo on the outer surface of the log, pinging vivaciously as they flew off at a tangent from it, and thudding into something or other, at the rate of a hundred a second. One, here and there, found its way under the log, and buried itself in a comrade's body. One man raised his chest, as if to yawn, and jostled me. I turned to him, and saw that a bullet had gored his whole face, and penetrated into his chest. Another ball struck a man a deadly rap on the head, and he turned on his back and showed his ghastly white face to the sky.

'It is getting too warm, boys!' cried a soldier, and he uttered a vehement curse upon keeping soldiers hugging the ground until every ounce of courage was chilled. He lifted his head a little too high, and a bullet skimmed over the top of the log and hit him fairly in the centre of his forehead, and he fell heavily on his face. But his thought had been instantaneously general; and the officers, with one voice, ordered the charge; and cries of 'Forward, forward!' raised us, as with a spring, to our feet, and changed the complexion of our feelings. The pulse of action beat feverishly once more; and, though overhead was crowded with peril, we were unable to give it so much attention as when we lay stretched on the ground.

Just as we bent our bodies for the onset, a boy's voice cried out, 'Oh, stop, please stop a bit, I have been hurt, and can't move!' I turned to look, and saw Henry Parker, standing on one leg, and dolefully regarding his smashed foot. In another second, we were striding impetuously towards the enemy, vigorously plying our muskets, stopping only to prime the pan and ram the load down, when, with a spring or two, we would fetch up with the front, aim, and fire.

Our progress was not so continuously rapid as we desired, for the blues were obdurate; but at this moment we were gladdened at the sight of a battery galloping to our assistance. It was time for the nerve-shaking cannon to speak. After two rounds of shell and canister, we felt the pressure on us slightly relaxed; but we were still somewhat sluggish in disposition, though the officers' voices rang out imperiously. Newton Story at this juncture strode forward rapidly with the Dixies' banner, until he was quite sixty yards ahead of the foremost. Finding himself alone, he halted; and turning to us smilingly, said, 'Why don't you come on, boys?' You see there is no danger!' His smile and words acted on us like magic. We raised the yell, and sprang lightly and hopefully towards him. 'Let's give them hell, boys!' said one. 'Plug them plum-centre, every time!'

It was all very encouraging, for the yelling and shouting were taken up by thousands. 'Forward, forward; don't give them breathing time!' was cried. We instinctively obeyed, and soon came in clear view of the blue-coats, who were scornfully unconcerned at first;

but, seeing the leaping tide of men coming on at a tremendous pace, their front dissolved, and they fled in double-quick retreat. Again we felt the 'glorious joy of heroes.' It carried us on exultantly, rejoicing in the spirit which recognises nothing but the prey. We were no longer an army of soldiers, but so many school-boys racing; in which length of legs, wind, and condition tell. "

Captured!

The ferocious fighting continues throughout the morning and into the afternoon with horrendous consequences for both sides. As light gives way to dark, Stanley and the remnants of his exhausted unit take refuge in an abandoned Union camp to await the dawn and the continuation of the attack:

"At daylight, I fell in with my Company, but there were only about fifty of the Dixies present. Almost immediately after, symptoms of the coming battle were manifest. Regiments were hurried into line, but, even to my inexperienced eyes, the troops were in ill-condition for repeating the efforts of Sunday. However, in brief time, in consequence of our pickets being driven in on us, we were moved forward in skirmishing order.

With my musket on the trail I found myself in active motion, more active than otherwise I would have been, perhaps, because Captain Smith had said, 'Now, Mr. Stanley, if you please, step briskly forward!' This singling-out of me wounded my amour-propre, and sent me forward like a rocket. In a short time, we met our opponents in the same formation as ourselves, and advancing most resolutely. We threw ourselves behind such trees as were near us, fired, loaded, and darted forward to another shelter. Presently, I found myself in an open, grassy space, with no convenient tree or stump near; but, seeing a shallow hollow some twenty paces ahead, I made a dash for it, and plied my musket with haste.

I became so absorbed with some blue figures in front of me, that I did not pay sufficient heed to my companion greys; the open space was too dangerous, perhaps, for their advance; for, had they emerged, I should have known they were pressing forward. Seeing my blues in about the same proportion, I assumed that the greys were keeping their position, and never once thought of retreat. However, as, despite our firing, the blues were coming uncomfortably near, I rose from my hollow; but, to my speechless amazement, I found myself a solitary grey, in a line of blue skirmishers! My companions had retreated! The next I heard was, 'Down with that gun, Secesh, or I'll drill a hole through you! Drop it, quick!'

Half a dozen of the enemy were covering me at the same instant, and I dropped my weapon, incontinently. Two men sprang at my collar, and marched me, unresisting, into the ranks of the terrible Yankees. I was a prisoner!"

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