

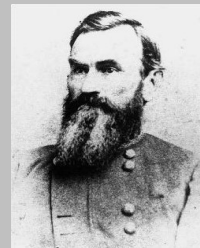


The Delta General

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Dedicated to the Memory of Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys



MEN OF THE GRAY



***“FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH,
THEY ARE CROWNED
WITH IMMORTAL GLORY”***

In this Issue:

- April is Confederate Heritage Month**
- Camp Meeting Moved to April 10, 2021 because of Easter**

Commander's Comments—Larry McCluney

Compatriots,

Spring is here and the month of April is our month, Confederate Heritage Month. It is time to wave the flag, clean up cemeteries, and decorate the graves of our brave ancestors. For us its time to strut a little more with pride and talk a little louder as our organization goes on the offensive. Victories are being established all around us but of course the media will not give it air time. Georgia won their monument bill and is on the offensive, South Carolina has won their chances to be heard in their Supreme Court to bolster up their monument bill, and in West Virginia they have won their monument bill as well. In Tennessee, our compatriots are on the offensive against the Rhino Governor as the legislature, the Lt. Governor, and the Attorney General all have turned against him and looks like a victory they may be in sight. Now we need one in Mississippi as we work to get the signatures needed on the Flag Vote so we may have a chance to get our 1896 flag back.

Remember, May 1 will be the 1st Annual Pilgrimage to Elm Springs and National Confederate Memorial Day (See Page 10 for Details). Our Camp will be sending floral tributes and I expect a lot of representation from our Camp and the ladies OCR. Please read further into the Newsletter for more details.

Because of Easter weekend, our regular camp meeting is moved to April 10, please make all efforts to attend. Also remember, May 8 at 2:00 PM at the Greenville Cemetery will be our Camp Confederate Memorial Day as well as our May meeting. Covid is on the downswing, many people are getting shots more than ever, and the mask mandate is no longer in Mississippi except in some hold out towns. Spring is here and time to come to the meetings and let us renew our Campaign against the enemy and learn more about our ancestors. Soon dues renewals will be starting so get that money ready for our organization needs it more than ever as we march forward. Bring a friend, bring a new recruit, bring yourself and enjoy the comradery.

Adjutant's Report—Dan McAskill

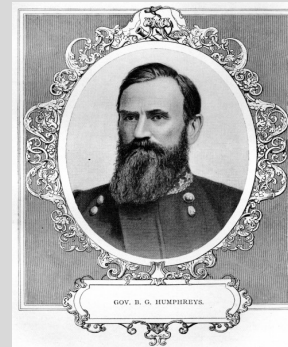
6:00 pm: The Meeting was called to order by Commander Larry McCluney. Due to the very low attendance, the Commander dispensed with all opening ceremonies and the evening meal and proceeded to the Camp business.

Camp Business: Adjutant presented the proposed Annual Camp Budget for consideration. As noted, Operating Funds decreased only \$14 from 2020 due in large part to the Covid-19 shutdown which reduced Camp spending by 45% and influx of member dues. The 2021 Operating Budget will total \$1,090. One change to the budget was merging the JROTC line item with the Emergency Fund line due to changes in the Navy's authorized medals which eliminated the JROTC Medal. The Camp's Overall Assets increased in value by \$161 due to the Carrollton Pilgrimage. With no other discussion, Kenneth Ray made a motion to accept the Budget as amended. Dan McAskill seconded the motion and two of us voted to approve the budget. The second order of business was to set a date for the Camp's Confederate Memorial Service. After consulting the calendar, the date of Saturday, May 8th was recommended. We felt this date would get us further into the Covid-19 vaccination period which would enhance attendance. Kenneth Ray made a motion to accept this date, seconded by Larry McCluney and the motion passed. Service will be at the UDC Plot, Greenville Cemetery starting at 2:00 pm. The speaker will be announced by April. The third order of business was to consider a floral tribute from the Camp at the 1st National Pilgrimage / Memorial Service at Elm Springs on May 1st. Larry McCluney made a motion for the Camp to present a floral tribute at the Pilgrimage, seconded by Kenneth Ray. During discussion, Dan stated that Ann would be willing to put together the wreath. Annette added that the Ella Palmer Chapter would pay half the cost which was limited to \$100. The motion was amended to limit the cost to \$100 with \$50 each from the SCV Camp and OCR Chapter and the tribute would be presented on behalf of the Camp and Chapter. The motion passed.

Upcoming Events: General Executive Council Meeting on March 6th at Elms Springs starting at 8:30 am; Mississippi Division Memorial service on Saturday, April 24th at Beauvoir and National Pilgrimage at Elm Springs on Saturday, May 1st.

Attendance: 4

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Brig. – Gen. Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp # 1625

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Indianola, Mississippi 38751

Financial Statement: January 20, 2020 - February 03, 2021

Beginning Funds	\$ 1,378.06
Deposits	3,700.99
Amazon Smile (1%)	18.49
Checks	-3,548.87
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Account Balance	\$ 1,530.18
Beauvoir	-35.00
Heritage Defense	-404.83
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Available Funds	\$ 1,090.35

<u>2020 Op. Budget as of Feb. 3, 2021</u>		<u>Proposed 2021 Operating Budget</u>	<u>2020 Budget</u>
Newsletter	\$ 19.30	Newsletter	\$ 75.00
Memorial Day	45.00	Memorial Day	75.00
Awards, JROTC	30.00	Awards, JROTC	30.00
Emergency Fund	100.00	Emergency Fund	100.00
Church	0.00	Church (\$ 25 per night)	300.00
Camp Website	0.00	Camp Website	130.00
1 st Lt. Cmdr Fund	225.00	1 st Lt Cmdr Fund	300.00
Lee – Jackson Banquet	62.20	Lee – Jackson Banquet	125.00
Unallocated	69.69	Unallocated	69.69
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Balance	\$ 551.19	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 1,204.69

Certificate of Deposit, (# 8206011183)

as of February 1, 2021

\$ 1,695.88

Distribution of CD

Capitol Reserve (83.42%)

01-01-2021

\$ 1,414.70

01-01-2020

\$ 1,406.11

MOS & B (16.58%)

\$ 281.18

\$ 279.47

Savings Account (12/31/2020)

\$ 1,001.16

\$ 1,001.04

Distribution of Assets

	<u>02-01-2021</u>	<u>02-01-2020</u>	
Checking Account	\$ 1,530.18	\$ 1,379.19	
Certificate of Deposit	1,695.88	1,685.58	
Savings Account	\$ 1,001.16	1,001.03	
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	\$ 4,227.22	\$ 4,065.80	\$ 161.42

Heritage Defense Increase: \$ 235.00

Operating Funds Decrease: \$ 14.69

Chaplain's Pen — Earl McCown

THE RESURRECTION CHANGES EVERYTHING—LUKE 24

As we celebrate the most Holy time of the year, I would like to make a few comments about the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Jesus' death on the cross of Calvary was a terrible experience. But, we have come to recognize that Jesus is the risen King Who is victorious over death, recognized by His disciples, validated by Scripture, and enthroned over all creation. That truth changes our faith, theology, and life. The resurrection also changes our practical living. The resurrection isn't just a doctrine to believe, but a truth that should change our behavior.

If we aren't in awe of the resurrection of Jesus as a historical event, we may only see it as a fairytale. The resurrection is scientifically impossible, but historically true. The resurrection is history-making, earth-shaking, life-transforming, and eternity changing truth. You may believe it, but do you understand how it changes your life? You may comprehend the theology behind it, but has it changed your behavior?

Jesus' resurrection changes our conversations (Luke 24:13-24). Two of Jesus' disciples were walking down the road to Emmaus, having a conversation. They talked about the resurrection of Jesus. A stranger begins to walk with them (Jesus unrecognized). Notice that the conversation wasn't just about the details of the resurrection, but also about Who He was supposed to be, His life, His death, and what it all meant. The truth of the resurrection is just as shocking today as it was the day it occurred. Don't treat the resurrection as some cold truth you've always heard. Don't allow your understanding of the gospel to be about the death of Jesus alone. Let Jesus' resurrection change your conversation. Talk about with the same excitement as if it just happened.

Jesus' resurrection changes our Bible study (Luke 24:25-44). Staying unrevealed with His two disciples, Jesus "the stranger" called them a couple of fools and began a Bible study with them. If there were any conversation in history you would want to overhear, this would be the one! Jesus walked them through the entire Old Testament telling them how it all refers to Him, His death and suffering, and His resurrection and glory. The Old Testament promised and prophesied the whole point: Jesus' resurrection.

Jesus resurrection changes our witness (Luke 24:45-49) Jesus revealed His true identity to His disciples, He taught them a very important truth. His gospel presentation explains how their lives will change because of that truth. *"Repentance and forgiveness should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning with Jerusalem."* Don't miss this – repentance does not just mean to turn away from sin! That is only part of the truth. Repentance also means turning to Jesus. Forgiveness means that God will not hold His judgment against us for our sin because Jesus has already been judged in our place. "Nations" means that there is not one person on earth who does not need to hear about the gospel of salvation through Jesus.

Repentance and forgiveness should not be whispered, muttered, or mumbled. Witnessing to lost people to turn from their sin and to Jesus is a joy! Telling sinners who feel the weight, guilt, and shame of their sin about Jesus should be a pleasure. Jesus says that repentance and forgiveness are to be proclaimed because this is the news that people are dying to hear! The nations are looking for ways to relieve their guilt and shame for sin that only the gospel can bring. Let the resurrection change your witness by proclaiming its truth.

Jesus told His disciples that it is our joyous task to proclaim God's offering of repentance and forgiveness through Jesus Christ!

Mississippi Division Updates

INITIATIVE 74

Initiative 74, what is it? For those who do not know, it is an initiative to reclaim the people's right to vote on the State Flag issue. Last Summer and Fall we had the "perfect storm" that accelerated attacks on all things Confederate.

Our Legislative leaders saw their opportunity to rid the State of that "awful" State Flag. The leadership used Covi-19 Stimulus money to "buy" votes in the House and Senate. The results, the Legislature voted to remove the 1894 State Flag that had flown for 126 years and set up a commission to propose a replacement flag that did not have the Confederate Flag as part of that flag. Our current Flag was designed by a person born in Mississippi but lives in California. The selling point of the flag was the phrase "In God We Trust" and was promoted as the IGWT flag not the Mississippi flag. Everyone knows what happened.

This brings me to my point. Initiative 74 is an initiative to give the people a right to vote on a variety of four flags (1894 Flag, Bicentennial banner, Stennis banner, current Flag) to arrive at a true choice for a new flag. The flag that gets the most votes will be the new State Flag and this is a Constitutional Amendment which will make the winner the official State Flag and will take changing the flag out of the hands of the Legislature and putting it back in the hands of the people.

The kicker. To get this on the ballot, we need to collect 21,600 certified signatures from each Congressional District before October 1, 2021 to get the initiative on the 2022 ballot. If we do not meet this goal, the second goal is to get the required signatures on or before December 1, 2021 to get the initiative on the 2024 ballot. If we do not reach either goal, the 1894 Flag will be lost to history.

We need help to attain these goals. Our Camp has 43 members that live within Mississippi. Of those, there are only six trying to collect signatures along with six non-SCV members I have recruited to collect signatures. Out of the 43 Camp Members, 13 signed plus six wives with two signatures that were disqualified. So far 30% of the membership has signed and 14% are working to collect signatures. It would be nice to bring both of those percentages up to 100%. If anyone wants to help or just sign the petition please contact me by phone: 662-822-1096 or email: danmccas@tecinfo.net and I will send you a petition form. Everyone has friends and most of us get out. Warmer weather and more people getting vaccinated will help.

Sincerely,
Dan A. McCaskill



I salute the flag of Mississippi and the Sovereign State for which it stands, with pride in her history and Achievement, and with confidence in her future under the Guidance of Almighty God!



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JANUARY 1, 2021

RE: 2021 MISSISSIPPI DIVISION REUNION

Dear Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans,

The LTG. John C. Pemberton Camp in Vicksburg is honored to host the 125th Reunion of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the 27th Reunion of the Mississippi Society, Order of the Confederate Rose. We have looked forward to this event for some time and have been planning for over two years. The COVID-19 crisis forced us to postpone this Reunion twice last year. We are confident, now that lifesaving vaccines are being administered daily, that we will gather in Vicksburg, the River City on June 11-13, 2021. All events except for the Sunday Memorial Service will be held at the Vicksburg Convention Center downtown.

The Agenda remains basically the same as last year. Registration begins Friday, June 11th from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Convention Center entrance lobby with vendor set up from 2 - 8 pm. The Commanders Reception which will cost \$15 per person to attend and begins at 6 p.m. with a cash bar provided. Period music is planned for entertainment along with an exciting talk by famed historian Grady Howell.

The Convention continues on Saturday morning June 12th with our Opening Ceremonies, Business meeting with elections of Division Officers for the next two years, and our Awards Banquet on Saturday evening with keynote speaker Dr. Samuel "Sandy" Mitcham of Monroe, LA. Dr. Mitcham is a wonderful historian and Southern scholar who will be giving a talk on an interesting facet of the Vicksburg Campaign.

Saturday afternoon, for those who choose to return to the Convention Center after a short meal on their own, author Scott Bell, will speak on his book, "The Camel Regiment," A History of the Bloody 43rd Mississippi Volunteer Infantry, CSA 1862-65. Scott will give you more insight into "Old Douglas" that our camp's first commemorative coin was patterned after. Others may want to use the free time for self-guided tours of the Vicksburg Military Park, Old Courthouse Museum, Old Depot Museum, or other historic venues in our city. Local shopping is just a few blocks away from the Convention Center historic Washington Street.

The Reunion ends Sunday morning June 13th with a memorial service at historic Soldiers Rest Cemetery, where memorial gravestones and an historic marker for those who served aboard the C.S.S. Arkansas will be dedicated. Compatriot Bryan Skipworth has spearheaded this on-going project with support from the SCV, UDC and OCR and we are honored to closeout our Reunion with this event. Dr. Brandon Beck of Columbus, MS will be the keynote speaker for this dedication.

I had the honor over 2019 and 2020 to visit a number of SCV Camps and personally invite you to this Reunion. I hope to do the same this Spring, and hope to include some that I did not get to visit last year. We are here to assist in any way, so don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions you might have. Please join us on June 11-13, 2021 for the Reunions of the MS Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Order of Confederate Rose. Due to scheduling conflicts with the Convention Center, this year's reunion will be held at the same weekend as the Rankin Rough and Ready's Relic Show in Brandon. If you choose on Saturday afternoon to attend the Relic show, it's a quick hour drive to Brandon.

Hotel information with group rates is listed on the registration forms, which are now updated on the Division website, our Camp website and our Camp Facebook page. Each registrant from last year with an email, will receive a registration package by email. Feel free to call me for any additional questions. See you in the River City this June.

Sincerely,

Edward Campbell

Edward Campbell Commander
LTG John C. Pemberton, Camp #1354



2021 SCV MS Division Reunion Registration Form

125th Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
27th Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose



Vicksburg, Mississippi – June 11-13, 2021

Hosted by the LTG John C. Pemberton Camp #1354 And Mary Ann Forrest Chapter #23, MSOCR
All Events Will be Held at Vicksburg Convention Center, 1600 Mulberry St., Vicksburg, MS 39180

SCV Member Name _____
Title / SCV Camp Name & Number _____
Title / OCR Chapter Name & Number _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone # _____ Email _____
Spouse/Guest _____ / Guest _____

*All registered SCV members will receive a name badge, a convention medal, a program, and a bag of goodies (quantities limited).
Registration at the door will receive the same as long as supplies last. OCR members will have a Tea in lieu of receiving a medal.*

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV Member - on or before May 3, 2021, \$50.00 / After May 3, 2021, \$55.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

OCR Member - on or before May 3, 2021, \$20.00 / After May 3, 2021 \$25.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

* Friday Night Commanders Reception - \$15.00 (Adults and Children) QTY _____ \$ _____

* Awards Banquet: \$35.00 per Adult QTY _____ \$ _____

\$15.00 per Child (12 years & under) QTY _____ \$ _____

* (No Reception or Banquet Registration after May 28, 2021, including walkups.)

Ancestor Memorial: \$10.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

Please type or print memorials on a separate page or back of form & submit by May 3, 2021

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT => \$ _____

**Please Make Checks Payable to SCV Camp #1354 & Mail to:
Edward Campbell, 128 Lightcap Blvd, Vicksburg, MS 39180**

Contact Information: SCV Contact: Edward Campbell: 601-405-0719 or ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com
OCR Contact: Joy Redwine at (662) 654-1590 or joyredwine1973@gmail.com

HOTEL INFO

Hampton Inn & Suites at 3330 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS SCV Rate - **\$139.00 plus tax** Ph: 601-636-6100.

La Quinta at 4160 S. Frontage Rd. Vicksburg, MS. SCV Rate - **\$90.00 plus tax** Ph: 601-802-0525.

Best Western at 2445 N. Frontage Rd. Vicksburg, MS. SCV Rate - **\$89.00 plus tax** Ph: 601-636-5800.

****All Reservations must be made by April 30, 2021****

Registration will be at the Vicksburg Convention Center between 3pm & 7pm Friday and between
7am & 8:30am Saturday.

**Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
& MS Society, Order of Confederate Rose**

2021 Division Annual Reunion

June 11 – 13, 2021 Reunion Agenda

** All activities are located at the Vicksburg Convention Center unless otherwise noted.*

Friday

2:00 - 8:00 pm: Vendor setup and Sales
3:00 - 7:00 pm: Reunion SCV/OCR Registration - Entrance Lobby
6:00 - 8:00 pm: Commanders Reception and Social (Cash Bar)
Period Music and Guest Speaker: **Grady Howell**

Saturday

7:00 - 8:30 am: Reunion SCV/OCR Registration - Entrance Lobby
7:00 am - 3:00pm: Vendor Sales
7:30 am: MS Division Color Guard Muster - Entrance Lobby
8:00 am - 8:30 am: Opening Ceremony/ All SCV/OCR Members and Guests
8:30 am - 12:00 pm: MS SCV Division Business Meeting
9:00 am - 1:00 pm: OCR Business Meeting & Ladies Tea

*******Break for Lunch on Your Own*******

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: **43rd MS Vol. Reg. - Old Douglas - Speaker: Scott Bell**

Self-Guided Tours of:

Vicksburg National Military Park

Old Courthouse Museum

Old Depot Museum

Jesse Brent Lower Mississippi River Museum

Soldiers Rest Cemetery

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm: **MS Division Reunion Awards Banquet**
Guest Speaker: **Dr. Samuel W. Mitcham, Jr.**
Professor and Author

Sunday

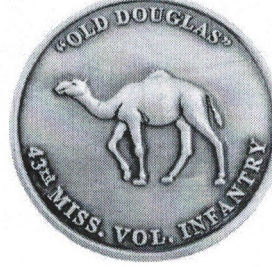
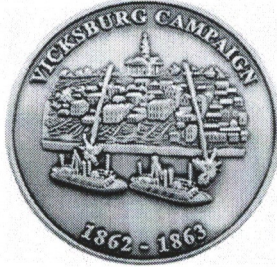
9:00 am: * Memorial Service & C.S.S. Arkansas Memorial
Dedication at Soldiers Rest, Vicksburg Cemetery
Guest Speaker: **Dr. Brandon Beck**, Author and Historian

On behalf of the LTG. John C. Pemberton Camp 1354 membership and staff, we sincerely
hope you enjoyed your stay and hope you have a safe trip home!

DONATION / ORDER FORM

"VICKSBURG CAMPAIGN"

Civil War Commemorative Coin Series
(1862-1863)



Customer / Donor Information:	Customer #:
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Phone No:	Email:

Quantity	Coin #	Description	Item Price	Total
	2020-01-OD	Old Douglas Coin	\$15.00	
Postage & Handling: 1 to 5 coins => \$4.00 , 6 to 10 coins => \$8.00 11 to 30 coins => \$10.00, flat rate, ==> 30+ coins, call for P. & H. charge. (Rates are subject to change.)			Subtotal	
			P. & H.	
			TOTAL	

Mail Donation/Order Form with Check, Cash or Money Order to:

SCV Pemberton Camp #1354
Commemorative Coins
61 Rollingwood Dr.
Vicksburg, MS 39183

Questions:

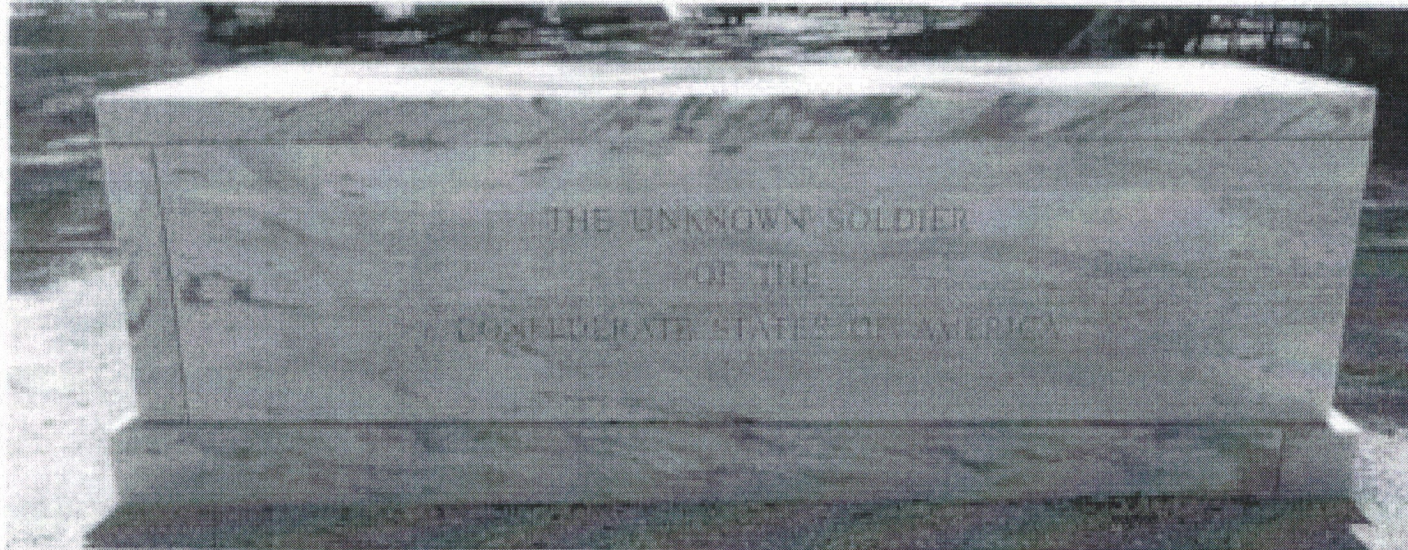
Call 601-415-4535 or email: klholman@bellsouth.net

More information at <http://scv-camp-1354.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/scvcamp1354/>

Donations for the purchase of coins are used to support historical education and heritage operations of our local SCV camp and its perpetual care of Soldiers Rest Cemetery in Vicksburg, MS, where 5000+ Confederate soldiers, sailors, and civilians are buried.

Bricks for Beauvoir and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Honor your confederate Ancestors by purchasing an Ancestral Memorial Brick for \$50.00 each in the Memorial sidewalk of the Confederate Cemetery at Beauvoir. The plans for the sidewalk are nearing completion, so if you want a brick put down for your ancestor you need to get your order in soon, so as not to miss out.



Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit and company. Memorial bricks will be laid, memorializing your ancestor, in a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Solider at Beauvoir.

Detach and send in the form below to the address listed to order your bricks.

Ancestral Brick Order Form

Instructions: Use the lines as laid out no more than 15 spaces per line..You may use abbreviations when necessary. Please include your name and address, for confirmation letter. (See Sample Below)

Line 1: _____

(First and Last Name)

Line 2: _____

(Rank)

Line 3: _____

(Unit)

ORDER YOUR ANCESTOR'S BRICK TODAY!

Make Checks out for \$50.00 per brick for:

Bricks for Beauvoir

Mail to: Bricks for Beauvoir

2244 Beach Blvd

Biloxi, MS. 39531

OR

Visit our gift shop where you
can pay by cash or credit!

Example:

Pvt. JAMES W.

McCluney

6th MS CAV, CO. F

National SCV News:

SCV Chat is Gaining Attention

Compatriots,

For the past nine months, several young men of the SCV with my blessing have been experimenting with a new form of "alternative media". This test has been led by Mississippi Division Commander George Conor Bond, Executive Director Adam Southern, Sam Watkins Brigade Commander Matt Singleton, Compatriot Harrison Daws, Lt. Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers, and myself. If you have not heard of it, it is called SCV_Chat (the _ is intentional) and is broadcast live every Monday at 7 PM CST. The show lasts a little over an hour. The idea is to not only discuss historical topics, but also provide accurate, and up to date information to you the members.

We are utilizing a platform that is launched from Facebook for the shows broadcast. Right now, "alternative media" is growing by leaps and bounds for audiences of all generations. The SCV is in a prime spot to use this to our advantage to give the world the true history of the South and promote the Charge.

So far, the topics have been geared towards positively promoting southern culture, and our beloved heritage. On top of the weekly episodes, we have had three specials. So far, we have topics scheduled till April of 2021.

To watch us live, look us up on Facebook, and click on the link Monday at 7 PM CST. While there please take advantage of the T-Spring gift shop and order SCV Chat merchandise and the Nathan Bedford Forrest Reinternment shirts that will fund the NBF Funeral at Elm Springs. Simply search for SCV_Chat and there is a T-Spring link for that merchandise.

If you have not seen the program, do take time out to view it live or see some of the replays. I know you will enjoy it. This is another step to taking the organization into the 21st Century and moving forward by provided needed communication of what is happening in the organization as well as learning more about our ancestry. The program has SCV commercials about new products in our Gift Shop, highlights Make Dixie Great Again, and of course promotes our organization. Please check it out sometime or become a subscriber which proceeds will go to the National Confederate Museum.



Join the Confederate Legion

Membership fees & donations support the Southern Victory Campaign

- Individuals and organizations can join. Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is not required.
- Businesses, associations and S.C.V. camps can join.
- An individual member can organize an independent Confederate Legion group and name it whatever he/she likes.
- Members are expected to follow moral standards, obey the law, and participate in the Southern Victory Campaign.
- Credit cards and checks are accepted. Credit card payments can be recurring.
- Payments are tax deductible because the S.C.V. is a 501 (c) (3) entity.
- Members receive an ID card, certificate, access to support and communications. Most of all, you get the satisfaction of knowing you're part of the offensive!

Dues and donations are used to mount a two-prong offensive that we call the Southern Victory Campaign. It's led by the Heritage operations Committee of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Prong One of the campaign offensive involves direct action by the Heritage Operations Committee of the S.C.V. Prong Two involves direct action by individual and group members of the Confederate Legion.

Objectives include:

- Reestablishing public support for the principles of liberty held by the founders of the United States and the Confederate States of America.

Rebuilding respect for the Confederate States of America that preferred to leave the Union rather than abandon the principles of liberty like the Northern states were doing under Leftist influences of that day and age.

For those interested in more information on how you can help "Make Dixie Great Again" go to <https://www.makedixiegreatagain.com/>



Forrest Funeral Fund

Compatriots,

As I am sure you are aware, there is a plan in the works for the re-internment of General and Mrs. Forrest at Elm Springs. Some needed steps are finally starting to happen and we hope to have the ceremony this fall.

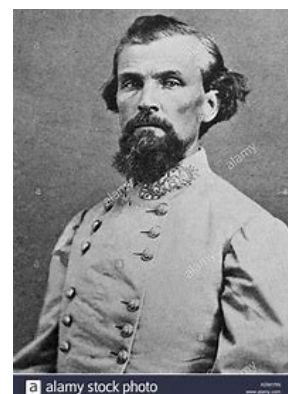
You are also probably aware that this ceremony is not budgeted and requires multiple fundraising resources to cover costs. Here is one of those ideas which I hope you will all adopt.

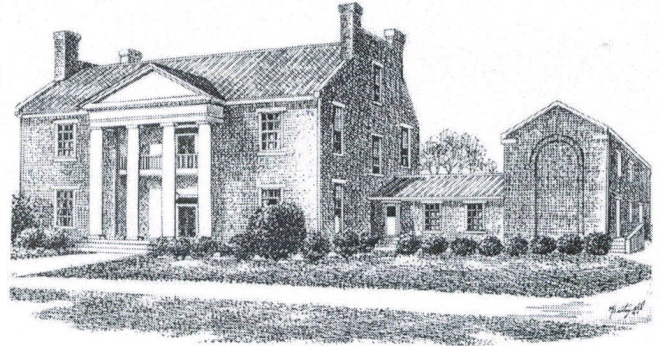
Throughout Southern history, when a family member passes the rest of the family will meet to pool their resources together to cover the expense of the funeral. I feel confident that we consider the General and his wife to be a part of our family. Our most frequent family gatherings are our monthly camp meetings. I am asking you all to have a donation jar (or hat, etc.) for the Forrest Funeral Fund at your April camp meeting.

Please announce to your camps in advance of the meeting that this will be happening so they can prepare to bring their donation. Then send your camp's donation to HQ marked for the Forrest Funeral Fund. As many camps as we have, I believe this could be a significant addition to the fundraising for this once in a life time event.

Deo Vindice
Chuck McMichael
71st Commander in Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Let's Bring Him Home!





Pilgrimage and National Confederate Memorial Service

At Historic Elm Springs and

The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

May 1, 2021

9:00 AM to 4: PM

Floral Tribute Service begins at 11:00 AM

Individuals, Camps, Brigade, Divisions and Organizations are encouraged to bring a floral tribute and be announced as they lay their floral arrangement at the Jefferson Davis Monument.

Other events are being planned and will be announced as they are confirmed.



2021 National Reunion Change of Host Hotel

Gentlemen, as with many things in 2020, few things have not been affected. The host hotel for the 2021 Reunion, Copeland Tower & Conference Center, will be closing on May 1, 2021 to be converted into residential living space which has resulted in our having to find a new host hotel for the event. The change is in no way due to any anti-confederate sentiment or politics by Copeland Tower or its staff. They have been instrumental in almost immediately securing a new host hotel and making it a smooth transition. The new host hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton at the New Orleans Airport. The hotel has recently been completely renovated and all rooms and suites are comparable to those of the Copeland Tower and all rates will remain the same.

For those who have already made hotel reservations (71 presently), the Copeland Tower is in the process of transferring your reservation to the DoubleTree. Beginning Monday, January 4, 2021, the Copeland Tower staff will be calling each person with a reservation to explain the situation and assist you in confirming your reservation at DoubleTree.

For those who have not made reservations yet, new online booking links will be available on the reunion webpage in the next few days.

<https://www.scv-bcamp130.org/2021-national-scv-reunion>

The Double Tree hotel is on the Veterans Memorial Blvd, the main throughfare, that is filled with shopping and dining options. It sits on the edge of the boundary of Metairie and Kenner. Kenner is a small town with deep roots in the Confederacy and named for the Kenner family. Duncan Kenner was a member of the Confederate Congress and the Confederacy's Ambassador to Europe and 15 members of the Kenner family fought for the Confederacy. The hotel is only 2 miles from the New Orleans airport and operates a free 24-hr airport shuttle for those who will be flying in for the event. Additionally, for those interested, the Treasure Chest Casino on Lake Pontchartrain is just 5 minutes away.

The staff at DoubleTree is very excited about hosting our event. For several years now, they have hosted the Louisiana UDC Regional Conventions so they are familiar and comfortable with our organizations.

We regret any inconvenience this change may cause but we are confident you will have an enjoyable, memorable reunion.

Please help us with our planning by registering now. Registration forms are on the website. Limited edition numbered medals are still available but going fast. Be sure to order now if you want one.

Until we see you in July, please stay safe and stay healthy.

Deo Vindice

2021 National Reunion Committee
Beauregard Camp 130

DoubleTree by Hilton New Orleans Airport



2150 Veterans Memorial Blvd Kenner, Louisiana 70062

Suites: \$129.00 per night plus tax

Standard Rooms: \$99.00 per night plus tax

Hotel Direct Booking: 504-467-3711

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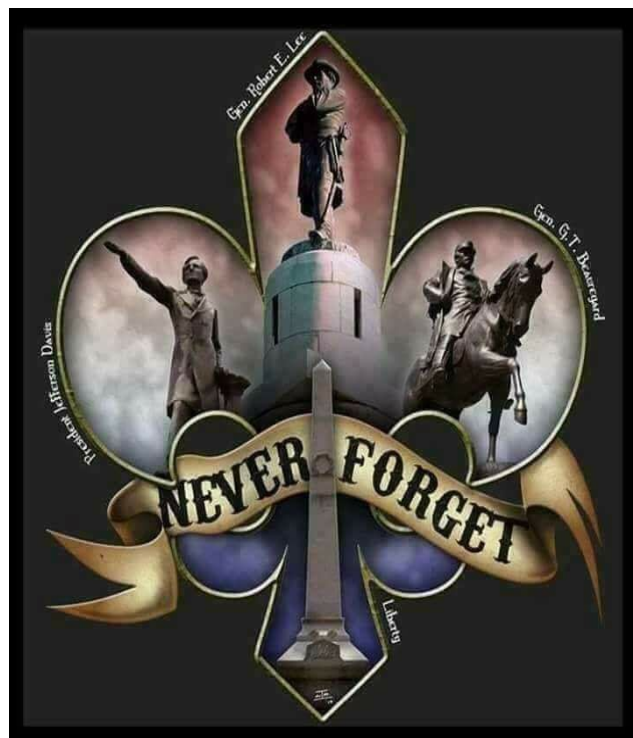
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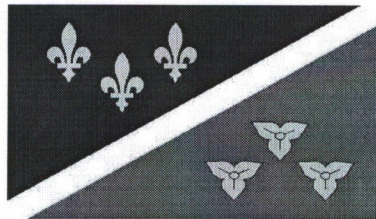
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Official Registration Form (Page 2 of 2)
~ Sons of Confederate Veterans 2021 Reunion ~
Metairie, Louisiana * July 21-24, 2021
Beauregard Camp 130

Fill in *Ancestor(s)* Name & Unit (Each - Two Lines of 45 Characters ~ Use Back of Form if Necessary)

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Reunion Program Inclusions/Advertising Option Rates²

FULL PAGE \$150.00
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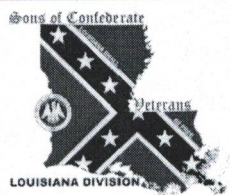
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**Beauregard Camp 130
P.O. Box 10413
New Orleans, Louisiana 70181**



**Host Hotel: Copeland Tower & Conference Center
2601 Severn Avenue
Metairie, Louisiana 70002
Reservation Desk: 800-277-7575 Booking ID: SCV2021**

² Circle selected *Inclusions/Advertising Option* on the Form Above, Include Payment, and Attach Information to be placed in the Reunion Program. Orders and Information for *Ancestor Memorial & Inclusions/Advertising Options* must be received by June 7, 2021 at the MAIL ADDRESS to be included in the Reunion Program.



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Metairie, Louisiana * July 21-24, 2021
 Beauregard Camp 130
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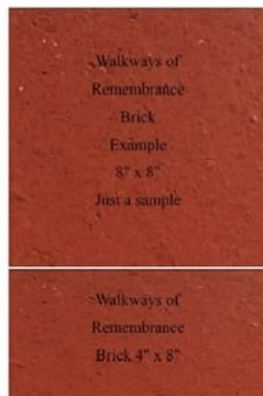
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EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

~ Tickets Purchased ~			
Event / Date	Price \$	Quantity	\$
Reunion Registration (After July 1, 2021 = \$75) ¹	\$65		
SCV Prayer Breakfast Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 6:30 a.m.	\$40		
Ladies' Tour and Luncheon - Beauregard-Keyes House Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.	\$50		
SCV Heritage Luncheon Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m.	\$50		
Confederate Memorial Hall Tour (Limit 110 people) Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m. <i>An overflow tour group, if needed, will be Saturday, July 24th @ 2:00 p.m.</i>	\$40		
SCV Awards Luncheon Friday, July 23, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m.	\$50		
Destrehan Plantation Tour and Dinner (Limit 275 people) Friday, July 23, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.	\$60		
Mechanized Cavalry Breakfast Saturday, July 24, 2021 @ 6:00 a.m.	\$40		
SCV Banquet & Grand Ball Saturday, July 24, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. <i>Note: Dress/Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform/Civilian</i>	\$70		
Ancestor Memorial ~ Each @ 2 Lines per Memorial (See Page 2)	\$10		

¹ Registration includes Medal and Program



Walkways of Remembrance
Bricks and Pavers For the Walkways for the
General Headquarters for the Sons of Confederate Veterans at Elm Springs
and the
Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

Remember and honor your Confederate Ancestor, a family member or any cherished memory with the purchase of a Memorial Brick to be laid for a walkways at the General Headquarters for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs.

Brick sizes:

The 4" x 8" brick will allow 3 lines with 21 characters (including spaces) per line and will cost \$50.

The 8" by 8" brick will allow 6 lines with 21 characters (including spaces) per line and will cost \$100.

Layout for 4" x 8" brick with 3 lines max and 21 characters per line max (including spaces) \$50

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Make checks payable to SCV and write "Bricks" in the memo line. Please fill out this form and mail to:
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Friends of The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs Annual Membership Application

All memberships are tax-deductible and include the E-Newsletter.

_____ Yes, I want to join the Friends of The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

_____ Is this a Corporate Membership?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Membership Levels & Benefits

Longstreet Level: \$25

- Membership for one
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs

Judah P. Benjamin Level: \$50

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs

Patrick Cleburne Level: \$100

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- 10% Gift Shop Discount

N. B. Forrest Level: \$250

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 10% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat or T-Shirt

Robert E. Lee Level: \$500

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 15% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat and T-Shirt

Jefferson Davis Level: \$1000

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 20% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat, T-Shirt and Polo

Please check the following membership level:

_____ Longstreet Level

_____ Judah P. Benjamin Level

_____ Patrick Cleburne Level

_____ N. B. Forrest Level

_____ Robert E. Lee Level

_____ Jefferson Davis Level

Please make checks payable to Sons of Confederate Veterans and mail to:

Sons of Confederate Veterans, P. O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402

If paying by credit card, please call (931) 380-1844 or email at exedir@scv.org



Friends of Elm Springs

Annual Membership Application

All Proceeds go to the restoration and maintenance of the Home
Elm Springs built in 1837

All Memberships are tax-deductible and include the E-Newsletter

_____ Yes, I want to join the Friends of Elm Springs

_____ Is this a Corporate Membership?

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

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Membership Levels & Benefits

Elm Tree Level: \$25

- Membership for one
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs

Cool Spring Level: \$50

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs

Todd Family Level: \$100

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- 10% Gift Shop Discount

Susan Looney Level: \$250

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 10% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat or T-Shirt

Abram Looney Level: \$500

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 15% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat and T-Shirt

Frank Armstrong Level: \$1000

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 20% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat, T-Shirt and Polo

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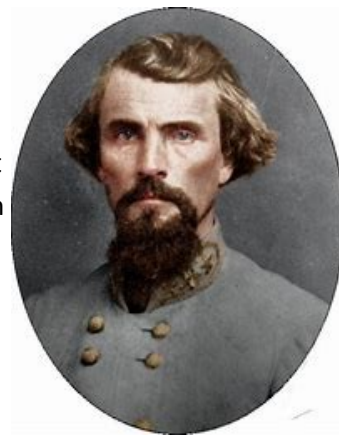
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General Nathan Bedford Forrest Reinterment

The answer is "What is the question you get asked the most." The question is "What about the Forrest Reinternment?" When traveling around and visiting camps, this question has been asked almost without exception. Because everyone is asking, I understand that it is a sensitive subject and people are curious. Currently our beloved Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife, Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest, are still buried in Health Sciences Park, originally Forrest Park, in Memphis.



Due to the pandemic shutdown of the court system, things have been delayed. In November of 2020, we received court approval to take over the remains, since then our permit was approved in January 2021 to begin exhuming operations. Now we must set a date and coordinate this with Greenspace. Both parties have to approve the dates to begin exhuming. Once this begins, it will be an exhaustive task due to it being an archeological exhumation. We also have to figure in the weather because of the granite and marble that makes up the pedestal and plaza. This time of the year will only crack and split such pieces. Thus, at this time, we do not even have a time frame. However, please rest assured in knowing that as soon as we know you will know.

With that being said, we have another big issue and that is funding. To make the reinternment open to members of our organization, this will not be cheap. There is not a line item in the budget to cover the cost. Cost will include security, portable bathrooms, ambulance and fire services just to name a few. Everything that would be needed for a large crowd that could be as large as the Hunley funeral. That expected cost is \$100,000. The bottom line is we have to raise these funds or the reinternment will be a closed private service for the family only.

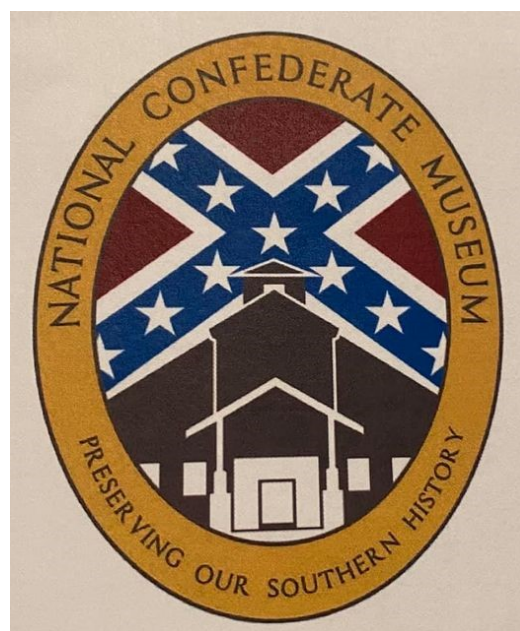
This is an advanced early warning so everyone knows what is happening. At a time when you are being asked to help with the museum and with the social uncertainty, you are being asked to dig deeper once again to make this happen.

I know it seems vague because we have not set a date but a date will be coming at some point in the next few months once exhuming begins and we need the funding to be in place. I know it is early but this give us time to make it happen.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Won't you give to make this worthwhile event happen for General Nathan Bedford Forrest?

Please make a donation and make your check out to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and in the for line put "Forrest Interment", or call SCV headquarters and make a donation by credit card or debit. Call 1-800-mysouth and ask for Executive Director Adam Southern. Lets bring the general and his wife back home and lay them in a final resting place provided by those who love him most.

Mail checks to
Forrest Reinterment Fund
P.O. Box 59
Columbia, TN 38402



Online Training for Camp Adjutants and Commanders

Compatriots:

I'm excited to tell you about online training opportunities for ALL Commanders and Adjutants (Camp, Brigade, and Division levels).

National Membership Coordinator Eric Previti is now offering online training via Zoom. The training will be extremely helpful for officers (especially Adjutants) and will cover how to use the Salesforce Community Login to download camp rosters and change member's information (addresses and emails). The training also covers how to pay National dues online and how to efficiently use the online discussion forum.

To attend one of the classes, send an email to Eric Previti at member-ship@scv.org. Include your name, Membership ID, Camp, and current office held. Classes will be held on Wednesday afternoons/evenings. Links to join the class via Zoom will be emailed the day before the class.

I encourage all of you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Deo Vindice!
Adam Southern
Executive Director

Recognition for Our Camp Newsletter and a New Book

Dear Larry:

First let me commend you on the excellent Newsletter of the Benjamin Grubb Humphreys Camp 1625.

The purpose of this email is to inform you that my definitive biography of William Barksdale (*William Barksdale, CSA*) has recently been published by McFarland Publishing.

Please see the attachment for the front cover and the following link below for a detailed description.

<https://mcfarland-books.com/product/william-barksdale-csa/>

At 297 pages with 11 maps/55

illustrations/Endnotes/Bibliography/Index it is a treasure trove of unknown facts concerning this controversial US Congressman and fearless Confederate Brigadier General.

Not much has been written about this Mississippian before and what little there is is fraught with factual errors and misconceptions which I now correct.

I'm sure your members will be interested in this biography. It also contains many quotes by and much info concerning Col. B. G. Humphreys mainly derived from his unpublished autobiography.

I am hopeful that you will share news of my book in an upcoming newsletter. Feel free to utilize the cover and any other info in doing so.

Best regards,
Doug Ashton



William Barksdale, CSA
*A Biography of the
United States Congressman and
Confederate Brigadier General*
John Douglas Ashton

RECONSTRUCTION IS BACK

Back in 1868 the Russian radical, Michael Bakunin, commented on the aftermath of the War of Northern Aggression. Considering he was not an American, Bakunin had some interesting comments to make about that war. In the book *Russian Radicals Look To America* it was noted, on page 70 that "Bakunin hoped for the 'triumph' of this minority 'of great and generous...principles,' but at the same time was aware of the limited possibilities of the 'revolution by consent' (as we would call it today), once this minority achieved power. For 'popular self-government' really to become a reality...another revolution...far more profound...would be necessary."

What Bakunin was really saying here is that another revolution, over and beyond the War of Northern Aggression, would be needed to give newly freed ex-slaves the place they really deserved in this country—and that further revolution was what Karl Marx referred to as "the re@construction of a social world"—what we call "reconstruction" in the South. Two things here. One, Bakunin recognized the War of Northern Aggression was a revolution, and it was. It was this country's French Revolution. Two, he recognized that our version of the French Revolution was not quite enough to give the leftist radicals in Washington everything they hoped for and so, to do that, we needed yet another revolution, a revolution that lying "historians" have told us was to rebuild the vanquished South—and they had the gall to call it "reconstruction." Former General Richard Taylor from here in Louisiana called it "deconstruction" and he was right!

If you want to find out how well "reconstruction" really worked for the South and its folk, then read Ron and Donnie Kennedy's book *Punished with Poverty* from Shotwell Publishing in Columbia, South Carolina, and you will get an up close and personal view of how "reconstruction" worked for the South.

The late Frank Conner in his book *The South Under Siege—1830-2000* noted some of what was "accomplished" during "reconstruction" in the South. Mr. Conner observed that "...voter registration boards (named by the military authorities) could arbitrarily deny the vote to anyone: in other words, Southern Democrats would have a very hard time getting registered to vote...Now the South was under martial law. The occupying army could enter and search any Southerner's home at any time and seize whatever possessions it wished...The U.S. Army could arrest any Southerner at any time for virtually any reason and hold him as a prisoner without trial for however long it wished...Woe unto any Southerner who displayed—under any circumstances at all—a Confederate flag or any other symbol of the Confederacy, he would be arrested immediately." Former Confederate soldiers even had to remove CSA buttons off their coats and fasten those coats with string! Does any of this sound remotely familiar given today's political climate—particularly the part about the flags—and that part has now been expanded to include Confederate monuments—the reason given for that? They supposedly promote "racism."

Look at some of what has gone on recently in this country. It looks to me like our current crop of leftists in both parties in Washington has been using the play-book of the Radical Republicans from the 1860s as a guide to what they want to enact in our day. One is left to wonder how long it will be before they start trying to enforce the finer points of this updated "reconstruction." Already Trump voters are all being labeled as "domestic terrorists" who, if not all arrested should at least be forced to attend "re-education camps". They did the same thing in the 1860s in the South—only back then the re-education camps were called public schools and they were a particularly Yankee invention foisted on the South as part of our price for losing the War. Same principle in both cases.

Back in the 1860s Southerners who would not vote Republican were routinely denied the vote. They're not doing that today—yet—rather they are going to cancel out our votes by letting anyone who comes into the country vote, citizen or not and they are talking about even giving the vote to 16 year olds. They plan to make sure those nasty Trump voters never have enough votes again to constitute a majority and should that occur again by sheer accident a bit of creative voting in certain states will solve that thorny problem for them. Actually, "reconstruction" in this country never really ended. It took a slight breather but now it has re-turned with a vengeance. One wonders if Trump voters are the new Confederates in this ongoing story of leftist occupation of the country. So, folks, welcome to the 21st century brand of "reconstruction" designed by the deep state to ensure that you never get your God-given liberties back—ever again!!!

Al Benson is the South's best-known Copperhead (Northern-born patriot), a prolific columnist. and the coauthor of *Lincoln's Marxists*.

In Alabama, a vote to keep Confederate monument protections

Wednesday, March 3rd 2021

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Alabama lawmakers on Wednesday rejected a bill that would give cities and counties a possible avenue to take down unwanted Confederate monuments and relocate them elsewhere for preservation.

The House Judiciary Committee voted 6 to 4 to reject the legislation that would make revisions to the 2017 Memorial Preservation Act. In recent years, cities and protesters have sought to take down many such monuments amid a national reckoning about Confederate symbols more than a century and a half after the Civil War ended slavery.

The legislation by Democratic Rep. Juandalyann Givan of Birmingham had called for allowing cities and counties to request permission from a state committee to move the monuments to another location, such as a local park or state agency land, for preservation. The local governments would have to pay for the relocation.

Givan reporters she was not surprised by the vote, and plans to reintroduce the legislation in the future. She said she believed opposition to the bill was rooted in racism.

"We are in the state of Alabama and there is still much to be done with regards to the issues of the Confederacy and the beliefs of those individuals who believe in the Confederate monuments, in the Confederate flag."

Givan also said after the bill's rejection: "Dr. Maya Angelou once said, 'When people show you who they are, believe them.' They have shown who they are." The 2017 law, which was approved as some cities began taking down Confederate monuments, forbids the removal or alteration of monuments more than 40 years old. Violations carry a \$25,000 fine.

Some cities have just opted to take down Confederate monuments and pay the \$25,000 fine.

Rep. Mike Holmes of Wetumpka filed a bill in the current session that would increase the fine from a flat \$25,000 to \$10,000 a day. Holmes voted against Givan's bill, saying it would weaken protections for the monuments.

"It has nothing to do with race. It has to do with history," Holmes said. He added that a large part of the state has ancestors who lost their lives in the Civil War.

Asked by a Montgomery Advertiser reporter about the feelings of slave descendants, Holmes disputed that the Civil War was about slavery and white supremacy.

"Do you have any proof of that?... There is no proof of that." Holmes replied.

Givan said her proposal was a reasonable compromise that would let the monuments be preserved rather than being destroyed or vandalized.

The Southern Poverty Law Center has said that over 160 Confederate symbols were removed in 2020, including 12 in Alabama. While the state ranked third for removals, hundreds of memorials to the Confederacy continue to dot the Deep South landscape.

The SPLC noted that many of these memorials were located in the South, particularly Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, where "preservation laws prohibit communities from making their own decisions about what they want to see in their public spaces."

The Tuesday statement from SPLC Chief of Staff Lecia Brookes added: "These dehumanizing symbols of pain and oppression continue to serve as backdrops to important government buildings, halls of justice, public parks, and U.S. military properties."

Bill would remove all members of the historical commission

Kyle Horan Posted at 6:17 PM, Mar 17, 2021 and last updated 9:04 AM, Mar 18, 2021

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (WTVF) — Not even two weeks after the historical commission voted to remove the bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest from the state capitol, state senators are trying to vote to remove all members from the commission.

Senator Joey Hensley, a Hohenwald Republican, sponsored the bill. It would replace all of the members of the 29 person commission with 12 new members.

Currently, 24 of the commissioners are appointed by the governor of the state. Sen. Hensley's bill would reduce the total number of members to 12. The gover-

nor, Lt. Governor and state speaker of the house would each choose four members.

While not specifically mentioning the bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest in the meeting, members made references to decisions the historical commission has recently made.

The commission voted to remove Forrest's bust from the capitol building on March 8.

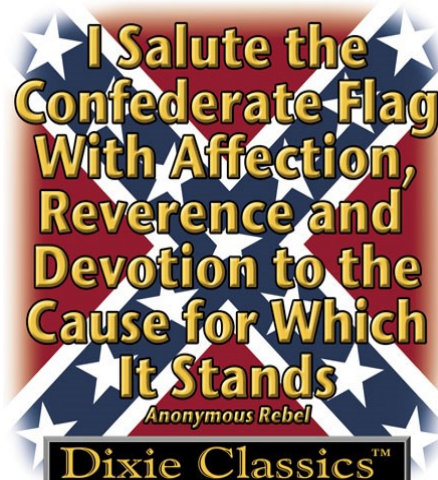
Forrest is a controversial figure in the state's history. He was a slave trader, Confederate war general and one of the first leaders of the KKK. His image displayed prominently outside both houses of the legislature has been the center of many protests through the years.

"In our culture today it seems there is a desire to cancel history, cancel culture, cancel narratives that are just based on fact. I think that that's a dangerous precedent," said Tullahoma republican Senator Janice Bowling.

Another Republican, Senator Mike Bell of Riceville, said he wouldn't support the bill because it's improper to change the rules when the commission makes a decision some lawmakers don't like.

"That's the process that we created for removing a monument," said Sen. Bell. "Every time we get a decision about a monument or a statue that we don't like, then we want to come back and change it again? If we want to put it in our hands, then let's just do a bill to do away with it completely and let the legislature vote on it."

Other legislative leaders said they weren't sure whether or not the historical commission followed the correct path to remove the monument. They're waiting to hear an opinion on the issue from Attorney General Herbert Slatery.



Museums are now to destroy, not preserve

Many denigrate, undermine culture they were founded to sustain

By [WND News Services](#) February 18, 2021 at 12:35pm

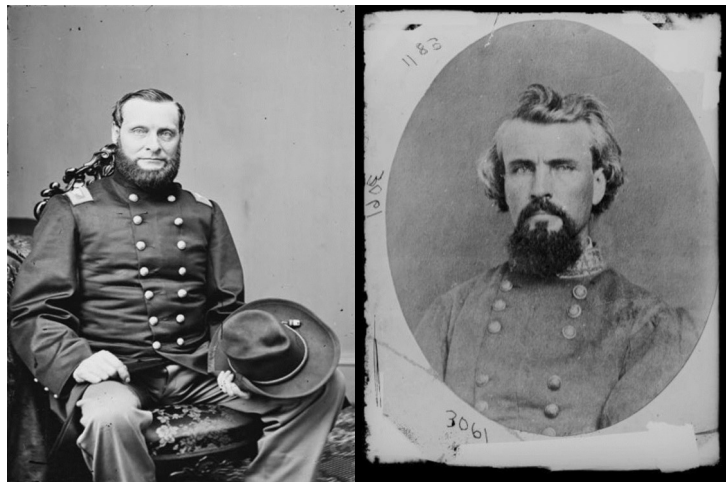
(MOON BATTERY) – In the olden days, the purpose of a museum was to preserve culture, so that it can be sustained from generation to generation. In the Era of Wokeness, the purpose is to destroy culture: "Scotland's oldest public museum has created the position of 'Curator of Discomfort' to take the museum out of its "institutional comfort zone" and confront historical and modern-day 'white supremacy'."

"On Monday, the University of Glasgow's Hunterian Museum, which was founded in 1807, announced the creation of the post on social media, tapping left-wing activist Zandra Yeaman to head up the woke project."

Yeaman barks that she will be "exploring white supremacy as an economic and cultural system in which white western ideals control the power of the text, the material resources and ideas of cultural superiority." The plan is to denigrate and undermine the culture that the museum has helped to preserve for over two centuries.

Forrest Captures All the Yankees

[BlueandGrayeducation.org](#)



Abel Steight

N. B. Forrest

On May 3, 1863, Confederate Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and fewer than 500 cavalymen captured Union Col. Abel Steight and all of his 1,500-plus mounted infantry (many on mules) at the Lawrence Farm, Cherokee County, Alabama, not far from Rome, Georgia.

Forrest began his pursuit of Steight on April 28 as the Yankees started off just outside the town of Tuscumbia in the state's northwestern corner. Steight's goal was to invade Alabama, traveling across the entire breadth of the state from west to east, and then capture Rome, Georgia, in order to destroy its rail connections, the Noble cannon foundry, and other military warehouses located in that city.

By the morning of May 3, Steight's forces had been relentlessly harassed by Confederate cavalry across all of Alabama for several days. With a lack of sleep and the realization that capturing Rome could not be accomplished, Steight met with Forrest near the Lawrence Farm outside Cedar Bluff and there negotiated a surrender of his entire force.

During these negotiations, in order to make his small command appear larger, Forrest adeptly used local geography and some psychological trickery to force Steight to agree to surrender. A nearby round knoll, now occupied by the Lawrence family cemetery, allowed Forrest to alternately bring forward portions of his command from concealment. Then he had those same soldiers, including some of his very limited supply of cannon, move around to the back of the knoll, change uniforms, and return. Forrest also directed hidden officers to yell verbal commands and unseen buglers to sound their horns, directing nonexistent units into line. Forrest later wrote, "I seen him all the time he was talking, looking over my shoulder and counting the guns. Presently he said, 'Name of God. How many guns do you have?'" In addition, Forrest threatened Steight with annihilation if his

force did not surrender. "I've got enough men to whip you out of your boots," remarked Forrest. The ruse worked!

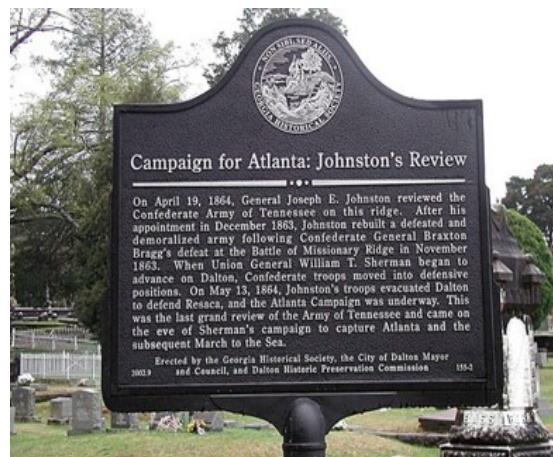
The Yankees were disarmed and escorted into Rome as prisoners of war, and Forrest was hailed as hero by the Roman citizens. Forrest's last words to Steight, as he realized he had been duped, were, "Ah, Colonel, all is fair in love and war, you know."

The Army of Tennessee in Georgia **Where did they Fight?**

Robert D. Jenkins, Sr., February 12, 2021

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Dalton, Georgia, was home to the Confederate Army of Tennessee from late November 1863 to the second week of May 1864. With a force of 40,000 to 50,000 men and camp followers and servants, the little town swelled to look in size, populace, and scope much like Dalton looks today during the encampment. They did not all stay at the Downtown Inn.



Georgia Historical Society marker in Dalton, Georgia

A Georgia Historical Society marker located near the West Hill Cemetery along Ridge Street (near its intersection with Cuyler Street) in Dalton explains that on April 19, 1864, Gen. Joseph E. Johnston conducted a review of his army as various units lined up and marched along Ridge Street in front of him. Many people today have mistakenly believed that due to the marker, this was the location of the soldiers during their six-month stay in Dalton.

With a populace of just 3,000 before the invasion of the friendly horde, Dalton suddenly found herself a city of tents, huts, and makeshift cabins for miles around. The 40,000-plus army settled all around the city much in the manner that the neighborhoods surround Dalton today. Most of the men thus were within 3 to 5 miles of downtown Dalton, easy walking distance for these veteran foot soldiers to come and go from camps into town to purchase things, go to church meetings, and, of course, to see the ladies, provided that they had a pass to leave camp. Coming to see the ladies—some of whom had also recently arrived in camp to "ply their wares"—became such a problem that newly appointed Confederate General Johnson banned from the city all women who did not have legitimate business in town or proof of a legal residence in Dalton before the arrival of the army.

Cleburne's Division of perhaps 5,000 men lived out on today's Underwood Street, which was then known as the Upper Spring Place Road. General Cleburne resided at the Hill family residence, which was called Beechland, and his men spread out along the Underwood corridor, which today covers J&J Industries and the neighborhoods surrounding it.

Stewart's Division, also of about 5,000 men, occupied a good part of what is today Brookwood Subdivision and Dug Gap Road. Cheatham's all-Tennessee Division lived out around Airport Road and Walnut Square Mall, while Stevenson's Division took up residence in Crow Valley. Meanwhile, Bate's Division settled down north of Dalton with the Kentucky Orphan Brigade camped between the Hamilton House and Mt. Rachel; Tyler's Georgia and Tennessee Brigade located at today's Rocky Face exit off of I-75 and between it, around the hill just east of today's Kimberly Park Drive; while Finley's Florida Brigade stayed around old US 41 Hwy. from the bypass to the new county jail.

Other divisions found places to stay in the Dalton area as well, as they all waited for the war's drama to unfold in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in northwest Georgia.

The War Officially Begins

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Firing on Fort Sumter

On Wednesday, April 10, 1861, Confederate Gen. Pierre Gustave Toutant (P.G.T.) Beauregard, a French Creole from New Orleans, Louisiana, who was in command of the provisional Confederate forces at Charleston, South Carolina, demanded the surrender of the Union garrison of Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor. The Federal Commander, Maj. Robert Anderson, had taught artillery tactics at West Point where the French Creole was one of his favorite pupils. Anderson, who was born at a place called "Soldier's Retreat, Kentucky," refused.

The crisis in Charleston Harbor began on December 26, 1860, when Major Anderson moved his small force of 80 men out of the other forts surrounding the harbor to Fort Sumter, which was located at the mouth of the harbor and surrounded by water. Anderson made his move in response to the action of the South Carolina Legislature to become the first state to secede from the Union on December 20, but his refusal to voluntarily surrender the fort and his defiant act of flying the Stars and Stripes over the harbor infuriated the Confederates, who felt that Anderson should peacefully vacate Charleston and board a Federal ship for the North.

1861. South Carolina authorities then seized all Federal property in the Charleston area, except for Fort Sumter. As the Confederates strengthened their positions around Fort Sumter, Anderson was rapidly becoming short of men, guns, food, and supplies.

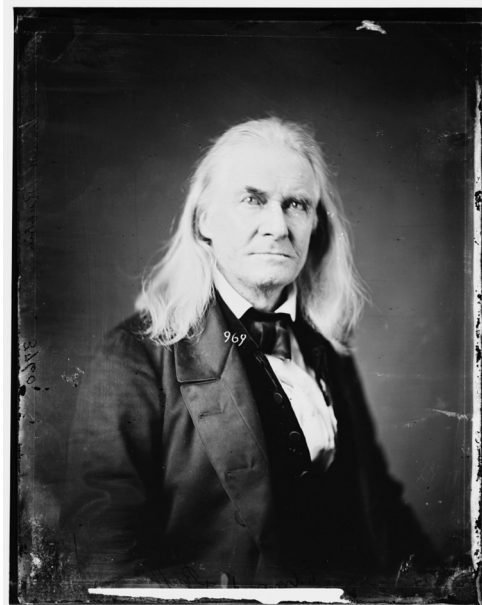
Soon, six other states followed South Carolina in secession, and in February 1861, they formed a provisional government, elected a president, created a Cabinet, and set about arming and equipping an army for the defense of the newly created Confederate States of America. Eventually, four other states would join the Confederacy. As the provisional Confederate States Army began to take shape, many of the South's leading military officers quickly resigned from positions in the United States' Government and offered their services to the Confederacy, including Beauregard, who was appointed as General and sent to Fort Sumter to expel his former teacher.

Beauregard promised to begin firing on the fort at 4:00 a.m. on the morning of April 12 should Anderson's force remain. When Friday, April 12 arrived, anxious Charleston citizens listened for sounds of the guns that would surely mark the beginning of war and the end of an era. Most did not go to bed that night in anticipation of what they expected would be the birth of a new Confederate nation and a glorious celebration. Four a.m. came, and there was still silence. Four fifteen a.m. and no sounds were yet heard. Perhaps Beauregard and the Confederates were bluffing? Or, perhaps Anderson had evacuated during the night?

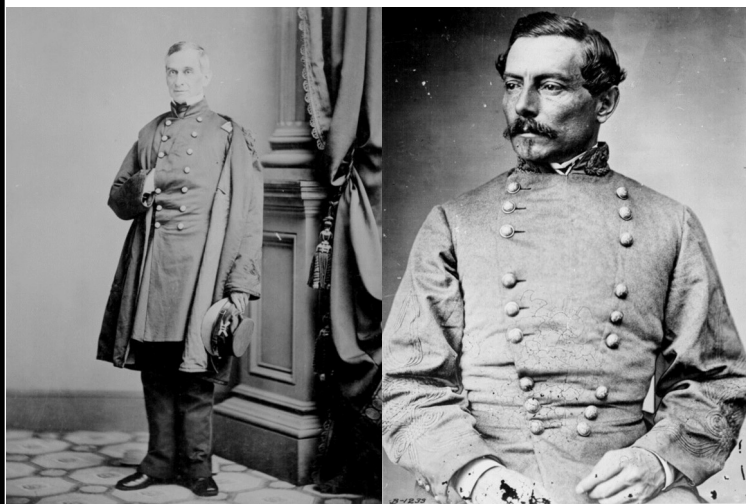
At 4:30, the booms of the thunderous cannon were heard, piercing the night sky with the streaking red-and-yellow fireballs that soared over the harbor toward the small fort. It was clear now that war was on as the unmistakable roaring continued for the next 34 hours. Anderson had ignored Beauregard's ultimatum and Beauregard's cannon had replied with a solemn resolve. Beauregard had allowed the first shot to be fired by 74-year-old fire-eater Edmund Ruffin, a native Virginian who had come to South Carolina to participate. Ruffin had preached the merits of secession for decades and, in 1858, he had founded the League of United Southerners, an organization dedicated to the creation of an independent Southern Nation. Ruffin has been largely credited with firing the first shot of the Civil War.

Unable to mount any effective reply from his outgunned and outmanned post, Anderson ordered the flag of surrender to be raised at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 13. There were no casualties on either side during the four-month siege and the 34-hour bombardment, but before the Federal garrison evacuated on Sunday, April 14, one of Anderson's artillerists was killed and three more wounded, one mortally, while firing off a 100-gun salute prior to their departure. They stopped at 50 salutes when one of the cannon exploded. Anderson and the Federals were welcomed as heroes in the North including in New York City, where the flag that they flew over Charleston Harbor was cheered.

Following the battle of Fort Sumter, there would be widespread support from both the North and the South, and President Lincoln immediately called for 75,000 volunteers to suppress the rebellion, while in the South, thousands of young men and boys flocked to join the Confederate Army. The Civil War had officially begun.



Edmund Ruffin



Major Robert Anderson

General PGT Beauregard

Prior to his departure from office, U.S. President James Buchanan had tried to reinforce and resupply Anderson using the unarmed merchant ship, *Star of the West*, but this failed when the ship was fired upon by shore batteries on January 9,

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