

The Delta General



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Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys

Commander's Comments — Larry McCluney

Compatriots,

Welcome to the newest edition of the Delta General. I hope you are enjoying the new layouts on this fourth issue. Spring is almost upon us and the Covid numbers are starting to go down it seems. Time to get out and shake off Old Man Winter and prepare for Spring.

April is here and that is a busy month for us as we observe Confederate Heritage Month. So many events and so little time to get it done. It seems that I have an event every weekend in April and then some. We will not meet for our regular meeting in April, instead we will meet during our Memorial Service on April 30 at the Greenville Cemetery. Please make plans to attend for the Memorial service, guest speaker is our own Camp Chaplain Earl McCown. We will also be choosing delegates for the MS Division and National Convention as well.

Please bring a friend or potential recruit at our to our April 30 Memorial Service as we gather to carry out our Camp's business and remember our Confederate ancestors. We hope to see you there.

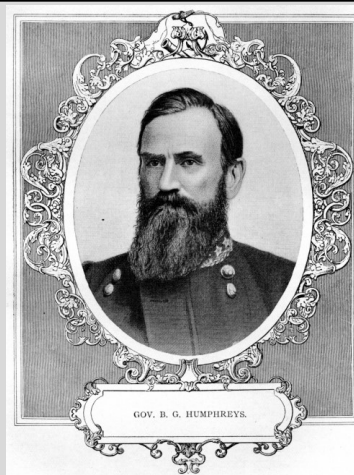


Camp Adjutant's Report — Dan McCaskill - March 12, 2022

6:08 pm: The Meeting was called to order by Commander Larry McCluney. Opening Prayer: Sergeant at Arms Charles "Gator" Stillman Pledge and Salutes: Camp Commander Larry A. McCluney, Jr. Reading of The Charge: Camp Adjutant Dan A. McCaskill Officer Reports: 1 st Lt. Commander Michael Anthony reported that our scheduled speaker John Echols had to cancel because he fell and dislocated his right shoulder. John said when he heals, he would like to come speak at a Camp Meeting. Michael is working to secure future speakers. Our next scheduled meeting is April 9th. Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported on the passing of Compatriot Darrel Haley on January 25, 2022. Our Camp Membership now stands at 43. I erringly reported 47 at the Camp Meeting. The checking account balance is currently \$2,248.31 and a more detailed report will be presented when the Proposed Fiscal 2022 Budget is presented to the membership for consideration. As Camp Newsletter Editor, Larry McCluney inquired if anyone had any problems accessing the newsletter and if they liked the layout and content. Everyone present expressed there was no problem getting the newsletter, it looked good and they enjoyed the articles. As Commander-in-Chief, Larry reported the Forrest statute was now at Elm Springs. The work on the plaza and pedestal has not yet started and the statute which is about 120 years old needs some repair. The Pediment that was taken down from the Confederate Memorial Hall on the campus of Vanderbilt University that the UDC donated to Elm Springs has been re-erected on the grounds. May 6-7, 2022 will be the National Confederate Memorial Service at Elm Springs, Columbia, TN. The event on Friday night (6 th) will be a "red carpet" showing of the Re-interment of General Forrest and Mary Ann Forrest with the Memorial Service on Saturday (7 th) starting at 11:00 am. At this time, Dan McCaskill blessed the food and everyone enjoyed the evening meal. Program: 1 st Lt. Commander Michael Anthony stood in for John Echols and presented a on Jewish Confederates. We all know Judah Benjamin was the highest-ranking Jew in the Confederacy who started out as Attorney General and became Secretary of State. Many ask why around 5,000 Jews would enlist in Confederate Service. Michael gave the simple answer, the South was their home and these men were willing to fight to defend their home. Michael gave an excellent program on a little-known subject which showed the diversity of the South. Camp Business: The first item of business was to approve the minutes from the Lee-Jackson Banquet. Gator Stillman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Kenneth Ray and the motion passed. Second item of business, Adjutant Dan McCaskill presented the Proposed 2022 Fiscal Budget as printed in the February Issue of the Delta General. Kenneth Ray made a motion to approve the fiscal budget as presented, seconded by Gator Stillman and with some discussion the budget was approved. Third item of business, our Confederate Headstone Project that was adopted almost a year ago has raised little money, \$161, toward the \$400 goal. I implore camp members to send a donation for the purpose of purchasing a Headstone for Major Raymond Montaigne, 1st LA Heavy Artillery. Fourth item of business, Larry presented a proposal for the Camp to adopt the Upkeep of Confederate Memorial Hall in Greenwood, MS as a Camp Project. Kenneth Ray made a motion to accept Larry's proposal and directed Larry to choose a proposed date to work on the Hall, the motion was seconded by Gator Stillman and the motion passed. With no other business coming before the Camp, Larry turned the meeting over to Annette McCluney to conduct the OCR Raffle which was won by Michael Anthony. After the raffle, Kenneth Ray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tommy McCaskill and passed. The Meeting was adjourned with the singing of Dixie.

Guardians needed

Everyone knows the atmosphere in this country where it comes to anything Confederate. Last summer we saw how vulnerable our Memorials were to the rioters. Sadly, it has spread to the cemeteries the place where the left wants all the Memorials moved. In the past few weeks, the Sleeping Lion Memorial to the Confederate dead in Oakwood Cemetery in Atlanta, GA has been removed. Our Confederate Dead and our Memorials are at risk to removal and vandalism. This why we need Guardians to watch over our Memorials and burial sites of our Confederate Dead. Most of our members live in Counties with Confederate Memorial Monuments and all live near a cemetery where Confederate Dead are buried. The Mississippi Division has the MS Division Guardian Program for burial sites where a person adopts a burial site or several sites and watches over the site ensuring it is properly cared for. The Division now has the MS Division Monument Guardian Program. With this program, a person signs up to keep watch on a Memorial. There is a contact person to report any vandalism and/or threats of removal. If anyone is interested in either or both of these programs, please contact me by either email: danmccas@tecinfo.net or cell phone: 662-822-1096. One or two people cannot be everywhere. It takes a group effort. This is one way you can live The Charge given to the Sons by Gen. Stephen D. Lee.



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Confederate Soldier's Prayer

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked God for health, that I might do greater things,
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of
God.

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for - but everything I had
hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were
answered.

I am among men, most richly blessed.

Found on the body of a valiant Southern
soldier, 1861-1865
Known but to God



2022 SCV MS Division Reunion

Registration Form

126th Reunion—Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

28th Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose

Columbus, Mississippi – June 10-12, 2022

Hosted by the MS Division 2nd Brigade and MS Society, OCR

Courtyard Marriott, 1995 6th Street N., Columbus, MS 39701



SCV Member Name: _____

Title/SCV Camp Name & Number: _____

Title/OCR Chapter Name & Number: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/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 and receive a medal if payment is provided below.

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV Member – on or before May 7, 2022, \$50.00 / After May 7, 2022, \$60.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

OCR Member – on or before May 7, 2022, \$25.00 / After May 7, 2022, \$30.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Friday Night Commander's Reception – Free with Cash Bar

Saturday Morning Buffet Breakfast - \$15.00 per person QTY _____ \$ _____

Awards Banquet - \$35.00 per Adult QTY _____ / \$20.00 per Child QTY _____ QTY _____ \$ _____

Additional Reunion Medal (Quantities Limited) - \$25.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

(NO RECEPTION OR BANQUET REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 27, 2022, INCLUDING WALK-UPS)

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

Please type or print memorials on a separate page or on the back of this form and submit by May 1, 2022.

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT ===== \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable to MS Division 2nd Brigade & Mail to:

John Wiggins, P.O. Box 7722, Columbus, MS 39705-0004 SCV

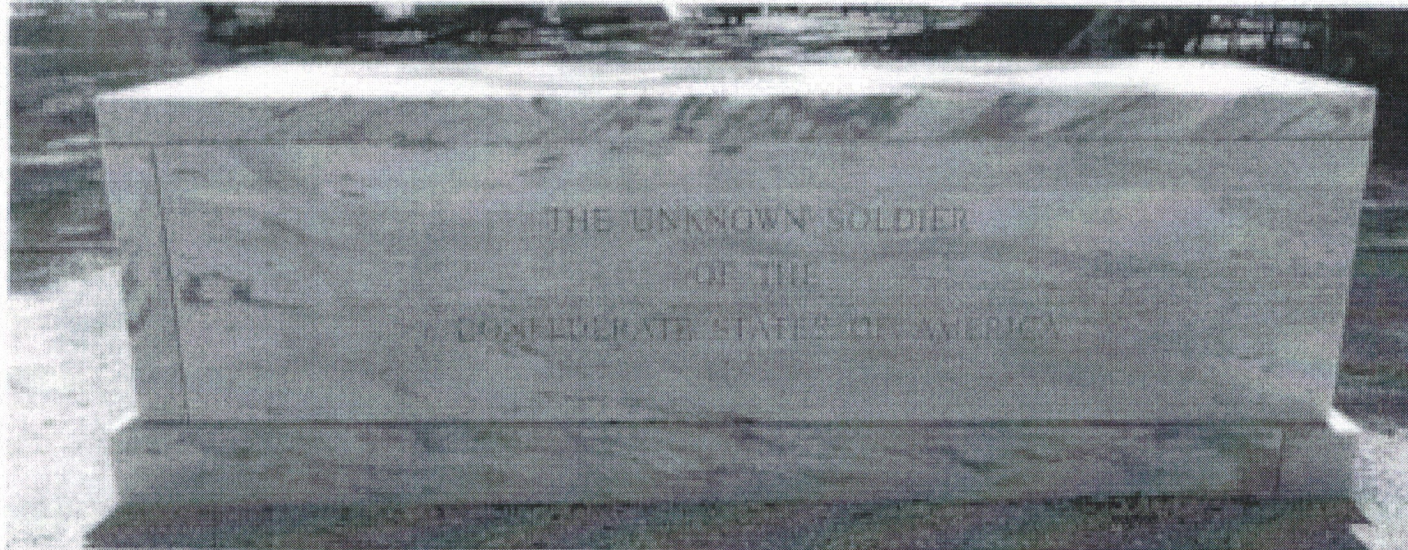
Contacts: John Wiggins (662) 386-5107 · Dennis Brown (662) 212-4621 · Buddy Ellis (662) 665-1419

OCR Contacts: Joy Potts Redwine (662) 654-1590 or Laura Moore (662) 554-0810

HOTEL INFO Host Hotel: Courtyard Marriott, 1995 6th Street North, Columbus, MS 39701 Ph: (662) 245-1540 SCV Rate: \$95.00 per night plus tax PLEASE NOTE: Hotel registration deadline is May 27, 2022

Bricks for Beauvoir and the Tomb of the Unknown Solider

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



Sons of Confederate Veterans

127th National Annual Reunion, July 2022

Official Registration Form

Cartersville, Georgia * July 19 - 23, 2022 *

www.2022reunion.gascv.org

NAME (Print): _____

SCV CAMP NAME & NUMBER: _____

TITLE/POSITION: _____

PERSONAL ADDRESS: _____ Zip _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

~ Tickets Purchased ~

Event / Date	Price	Qty.	Total
Reunion Registration (After July 1, 2022 = \$75) includes Reunion Medal	\$65		
Chickamauga Dinner & Presentation at the Clearance Brown Conference Center Tuesday, July 19, 2022 @ 6:00 pm	\$50		
Chickamauga Battlefield Tour (lunch included) / Wednesday, July 20, 2022 @ 10:00 am	\$68		
UDC Tour - "A Southern Tea Outing" Historic Woodstock / Wednesday, July 20, 2022 @ 1:00 pm	\$65		
Resaca Dinner & Presentation at the Booth WBTS / Cowboy Museum. (Admission included) / Wednesday, July 20, 2022 @ 6:30 pm	\$55		
UDC Tour- "A Day in 1850 Cartersville" / Thursday, July 21, 2022 @ 9:30 am.	\$35		
Battlefield Tours of Resaca, Ringgold Gap, & Dalton (lunch included) Thursday, July 21, @12:15 pm.	\$68		
SCV Heritage Luncheon / Thursday, July 21, 2022 @ 12:30 pm	\$40		
Kennesaw Mountain Dinner & Presentation at the Savoy Antique Automobile Museum. (Admission included) / Thursday, July 21, 2022 @ 6:30 pm	\$55		
Prayer Breakfast / Friday, July 22, 2022 @ 7:00 am	\$30		
Battlefield Tours of Kennesaw Mountain, Cheatham Hill & Marietta Confederate Cemetery (lunch included) / Friday, July 22, 2022 @ 12:15 pm	\$68		
SCV Awards Luncheon / Friday, July 22, 2022 @ 12:30 pm	\$40		
UDC Tour - "Gone with the Wind Tour" / Friday, July 22, 2022 @ 1:00 pm	\$45		
Mechanized Cavalry Breakfast / Saturday, July 23, 2022 @ 7:00 am	\$30		
Personalized Tour of the Cyclorama of the Battle of Atlanta and Atlanta History Center Museum. (Admission & Chick-fil-A lunch included)/Saturday, July 23, 2022 @ 12:30 pm	\$68		
SCV Banquet, Debutante Ceremony & Grand Ball / Saturday, July 23, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. Note: Dress/Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform/Civilian	\$70		
Honor your Confederate Ancestor by including his name in a special Remembrance section of the official program book; two lines of 45 characters. Write on back of this form.	\$10		
Final Total - total of Registration, Tours and Meals			

Make Checks Payable to: Georgia Division, SCV

Mail Form & Check to: Georgia Division, SCV, P.O. Box 1081, Macon Ga. 31202

For more information contact Secretary@gascv.org or (478) 305-7862



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

Layout for 8" x 8" brick with 6 lines max and 21 characters per line max (including spaces) \$100

Make checks payable to SCV and write "Bricks" in the memo line. Please fill out this form and mail to:

SCV, P.O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402

Credit card payments are available by calling 1-800-MYSOUTH and contacting Merchandising.

Please include all your contact information so we can contact you.

Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____



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

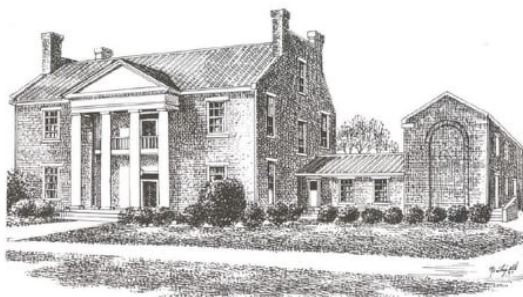
_____ Robert E. Lee Level

_____ 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: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

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

Please check the following membership level:

_____ Elm Tree Level

_____ Cool Spring Level

_____ Todd Family Level

_____ Susan Looney Level

_____ Abram Looney Level

_____ Frank Armstrong 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

National SCV News:

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.

Phase 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/>



**RECLAIMING THE NARRATIVE
ONE WEEK AT A TIME**

**SCV_CHAT
LIVE EVERY WEEK**



Candidacy Announcement For Commander-in-Chief

Men of the Sons of Confederate Veterans,

Unwilling to bear the yoke of tyranny, our Confederate forefathers stood before an invading army to protect their families, their homes, and their freedom. In April of 1906 these men of valor gathered again. Their great numbers had been diminished by the ravages of time. Many had crossed over the river to rest beneath the shade of the trees, and those that remained were beginning their last march. These men, these Confederate veterans, gave us the most wonderful inheritance. As descendants of Confederate soldiers, we have been given our marching orders to continue the fight.

I have had the honor to serve as Army of Tennessee Councilman, Army of Tennessee Commander and Lt. Commander-in-Chief. I am very aware that our enemies are many, and that they will use any and all tactics necessary to eliminate our heritage. It is with this knowledge that I announce my candidacy for Commander-in-Chief.

I have been a member of the SCV since 2004. I am a Life Member of National and the Tennessee Division. I am a member of Samuel R. Watkins Camp #29. I have held positions at the Camp, Division, and National levels. I attend National and Division Reunions and I have visited all over the Southland.

Today we stand in the stead and in the role that our ancestors did all those year ago, and we defend their honor. It will not be an easy fight, but it is necessary and honorable. I appreciate your support, and may we step forward together to do our duty.

May God Save Dixie,
Jason Boschers
Lt. Commander-in-Chief

**Every Monday Night on Facebook at 7:00 PM Central
time and on Thursday Nights at 7:00 PM for Look
Around the Confederation**

From the Army Commander

Compatriots,

First, let me begin by saying thank you to the kind words and prayers for our family in the passing of my wife's mother. It was a hard time for all of us but it helps knowing that people are praying for you.

Since the last newsletter in January we have had the pleasure of attending a chartering service for a new camp in Alabama, the spring GEC meeting and the AoT workshop. This month we have various Confederate History and Heritage Month events and the Tennessee Division Reunion. Please send pictures of your April events to me at aotcommander@alscv.org. I am proud of our camps and the sharing of ideas helps other camps start new traditions. On April 30th, the 19th annual National Confederate Memorial Day service will be held at Stone Mountain Park. The Georgia Division is expecting a large crowd so if you can make the event please come. This event will draw news media so we need to show people that we are still here and will honor our ancestors.

The AoT workshop held at Pickwick Landing State Park was a success. Almost 50 people were in attendance and I believe the speakers did an excellent job in providing information to the attendees. I want to thank all of the presenters and the attendees for being there. I want to especially thank the Mississippi Division and Tennessee Division for the joint effort on holding the workshop. I would also like to reiterate that this is not a "meeting", it is a "workshop". The topics are presented for learning purposes. The Q&A sessions were almost as long as the presentations themselves. The old meeting style provided information but it was not the detailed information that helped the members do their jobs more efficient. I was asked if we were going to continue the workshops and the answer was yes. I need a camp or a division to step up and say we want to host one and we will get it planned and set a date.

My presentation at the workshop was on the National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs, OUR MUSEUM. I told the attendees some of the issues that need to be corrected such as excessive light and UV rays to a door that should not open into the museum. Work begins on April 14th to correct these two problems. The museum committee is working on the first phase of our timeline and the narrative we aim to present. We hope to have part of it installed by the Pilgrimage on May 7th. There is a lot of things to get done but the hardest part is writing the narratives and get it right the first time.

Fundraising efforts continue and there are many options to choose from if you so desire. The bricks and pavers

are still available. The first order has been sent off and installation of those will commence when they are delivered. Any persons name can be put on a brick. It does not have to be a Confederate soldier. You can honor a family member, a camp can place a brick memorializing their camp namesake. The "Walkway of Remembrance" is for everyone.

Councilman Jones and I have been talking about the sustaining donation that is available on the website. If you click on the button for donate to the museum you have an option where you can donate a certain amount each month. Simply check the box to sustain the donation and until HQ is notified they will withdraw that amount you have listed. This is especially helpful for those that want to contribute but funds are tight. Any amount can be done monthly from a dollar up, you decide what your budget will allow. We also talked about the program that we grew up with that was in our schools. This is something those over the age of 55 (especially in Alabama). We brought loose change in to put in our jar in the classroom to raise money to bring the USS Alabama home to Mobile. Kids raised over a million dollars this way and the money was donated. Why can we not do the same thing? Instead of bringing the loose change to the school we could set up a jar at our camp meetings and let people donate loose change. It will add up. If a stray dollar or five dollar bill shows up in the jar that works too. You need to get rid of the Lincoln's and especially the Grant's in your wallet anyway. I would like for camp to issue a challenge and then see if other camps will accept that challenge. I know of one division who is fixing to do a challenge. Will others step up to answer, I hope so. The Army of Tennessee in my unbiased opinion is the best Army in the SCV. Lets prove it by helping to pay for this museum. You have heard this plenty of times. **If not us, then who. If not now, then when?** The time is now, our enemies are working hard and they have deep pocket donors who contribute to take down monuments, influence politicians, etc. We have to fund ourselves, plain and simple. Otherwise you turn over the narrative to the those that are in control of funding. There will be announcements coming soon on some new programs that will help us meet our goal.

I will see many of you at the National Reunion in July. Hotel rooms are scarce in Cartersville. The host is working on more overflow rooms. Registration is ahead of schedule If you have someone that can help at the credentials table please let me know by email. aotcommander@alscv.org

Jimmy Hill
Commander, AoT

From the Army Councilman

Compatriots,

As I stated at the recent AoT Workshop, defending Southern History is a mission that we absolutely must be successful at. It is part of our culture, our way of life and it is part of what has made America "great" and free. To be successful we absolutely must increase and retain new members. Since the majority of you were not able to attend I am going to lay out a basic summary here of what I presented at the workshop and hope that you will find it useful. This is by no means comprehensive, but it will give you some food for thought as you seek to build and grow your Camps.

Have a recruiting plan- Set up a recruiting committee. Fill the committee with people who are active, well-spoken and understand the SCV message. It may be a good idea to educate committee members on a basic "sales pitch" they can use to explain the organization to potential members.

THE MESSAGE SHOULD BE IN ALL WAYS POSITIVE! Focus on the nobility of our ancestors and the contributions the South has made to America.

The Camp Commander should coordinate with his Camp 2nd Lt Commander as to upcoming events. These may include- Reenactments, Living Histories, Local Festivals, Gun Shows or any place in your community that will allow you to have a booth. Look ahead for the year, or at least for the next six months and start working to secure a spot in these events.

Have at least two people at the event. Again, those who are working at these events need to be well spoken and willing to communicate with the general public. If all booth workers are in period uniform it sends the message that we are a "reenacting organization" and you will limit your appeal to only potential reenactors. It is good to have maybe one person in uniform, but someone needs to represent that we are "a modern organization". Have a note pad to write down contact information to consist of phone numbers, email, mailing address, etc. FOLLOW UP!!!! This is crucial. Its just like advertising- most people do not respond the first time they see an ad, and they may not respond to your just contacting them once. Invite them to at least your next three meetings by making contact with them. Phone calls work great for this, and it falls under the duties of the recruiting committee.

Give them a reason to attend your meeting- Speaker, Program Topic, Family night, etc. You're competing for their time, so the Camp Program is part of your recruiting efforts.

A Camp Genealogist can be an Immense help in your recruitment efforts, especially if he can do their genealogy at the recruiting table. When you can personalize their contact to our Cause, we win! Appoint someone who likes doing genealogy. If you do not have that person try and get one trained by your Division Genealogist.

Retention:

Retention is almost 100% dependent on the Local Camp. Camps that are well run retain members. Those that are not, see Camp attendance fall, and when this happens retention will fall with it. A well-run Camp has an effective Camp Commander with at least three or four supporting officers- Adjutant, 1st Lt, 2nd Lt, Chief of Staff, Chaplain, etc.

Your Camp Executive Counsel needs to function as a team with each having his own role in the workings of the Camp. All are guided by the Camp Commander who should be considerate of the consensus of the team. If your Camp Commander is left to do it all himself, he will become burned out and the Camp will suffer.

A good Camp meeting is well organized:

Set amount of time for business.

Keep frivolous discussion to a minimum in business session- Nobody wants to hear it.

The program is the backbone of the meeting- advertise your speaker and his topic to the general public. Invite local leaders, especially educators or government officials.

Make a point to greet new members and guests and introduce them to the Camp. Treat them graciously and make them feel welcome.

Have Camp Projects

Your Camp cannot be a "one focus" kind of Camp- if it is, the scope of both recruitment and retention is going to be narrowed and your appeal within the local community will be diluted. A Camp should be SCV focused. The bottom line is that you must give members and prospective members a reason to want to attend month after month. The meeting must be something that they look forward to.

Again, retention is won or lost by the functions of your Camp.

As I said, this is a basic outline, but it is based on the functions and habits of our most successful Camps. If it works for them, it can work for you.

Confederate Regards,

Carl Jones

Councilman

Army of Tennessee, SCV



Inside the museum



Confederate Memorial Day

Confederate Memorial Day started as small gatherings in southern towns shortly after the end of the war. It was a time when ladies and children placed flowers on soldiers graves, to remember the sacrifices of loved ones who fought for a noble cause. The freedom that these men fought for also led to difficult conditions for their families and by the end of the war and on into reconstruction the southern people remembered their Confederate heroes in varying ways. As economic conditions improved and as the sectional strain improved; the memorial services began to grow in size and attendance. As the veterans began to age, the memorial services grew even more as the people realized the end of an era was fast approaching similar to today as we see the shrinking number of WWII and Korean War veterans still alive. Businesses closed, politicians regularly attended the events and the southern people remembered their soldiers with parades and cemetery decorations.

In the new century, in the new South, an air of political correctness has taken hold. We have witnessed the anti Confederate movement in the removal of flags, the renaming of buildings, streets and the desecration or removal of Confederate monuments. We have entered a second reconstruction. There are those that believe that Confederate symbols are the cause for all that is wrong in this country and it is their belief that by removing these symbols will somehow cure the country of its problems. The education system has taught the victors version of the cause of the war for 150 years. Sectional pride is not allowed unless you live in New York or California. If you live in the south you must be bare footed, back woods and have an IQ just below a grub. By the way if you did not know it, your ancestors were evil, they all owned slaves and fought a war to keep them enslaved. Forget the facts, just believe their version, that is their mantra.

You are not allowed to pray before a sporting event, put up a nativity scene on public property, say Merry Christmas or celebrate Christmas at school. For an athlete, merely raising a finger to the sky giving credit to God for your ability will cost your team a penalty and your suspension from the team because it is politically incorrect to do so. We celebrate men becoming women, non traditional marriage and the removal of the Ten Commandments from public view. We see a rise in violence committed by religious zealots and we call it workplace violence. We believe by avoiding calling it what it really is will somehow make it stop. After all we cannot offend someone by saying what it really is. The silent majority allows this to continue and we wonder why our country is in trouble.

Now the attention has started to shift towards the elimination of Confederate holidays on the state and local level. Lee-Jackson Day is slowly going away as a recognized holiday in most states. The birthday of Jefferson Davis has been eliminated from most state holiday calendars and now the recognition of Confederate Memorial Day has come into the cross hairs of those who seek to remove all things Confederate. The goal is simple, out of sight, out of mind. The latest round of attacks centers on not eliminating the day as a paid day off for state workers but rather it will be a generic paid day off. The idea is the name of the holiday can go away and the state workers will be fine with it because they do not lose time off or a payday. Ingenious isn't it?

How do we stop the cultural genocide? Unless you have had your head buried in the sand, you should have realized by now our southern heritage is under attack. Not only by the usual haters of anything southern but with others who are allowing this to happen for personal or political gain. Are we going to sit idly by and let this happen. I hope not!

We have to get out of the mindset that someone else will handle it. The solution begins at the local level of this organization. We have always heard that the camp is the backbone of the SCV. It is time for all camps to become fully engaged. Our ranks swelled after the taking down of the flags in 2015. Has the momentum died? We need to keep the pressure on our politicians at the local and state levels. They need us to get reelected. **We need them to do the right thing.**

Confederate History and Heritage Month is April and Confederate Memorial Day is April 26. What is your camp going to do to promote Confederate Heritage Month? I challenge each camp to get creative. Confederate Memorial Day services are a prerequisite but we cannot stop on just one event. Letters to the editors of the newspapers need to be written. Take out an ad wherever you can, billboards, flags everywhere they can be seen. Are you flying one at home? Do you have a SCV car tag? Have you talked to anyone lately about being Southern or is that a topic we avoid because of the stigma it could create? We are descendants of remarkable men. We are members of a great organization. It is time that we stood up to be counted.

Remember Confederate Memorial Day, I will.

Jimmy Hill



Pilgrimage and Confederate Memorial Service

At

Elm Springs and The

National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

May 7, 2022

9:00 AM to 4: PM

Floral Tribute Service begins at 11:00 AM

Mike Dunn will be providing the music.

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

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

Bring a lawn chair, sunblock and a cooler (no alcohol allowed) and maybe a snack if you need.



CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL (Arlington National Cemetery)



**Unveiling of the Confederate Monument
June 4, 1914**

The dedication ceremony for the Confederate Memorial was held on June 4, 1914. Although numerous dignitaries and Confederate groups were invited to attend, only a single Union veterans group was asked to do so (because, the UDC said, there was limited seating). The group was the 23rd New Jersey Regiment, which made a major donation early in the fund-raising process, but its leaders could not be reached in time and no representative from the unit attended. The 5th Cavalry Regiment Band provided music for the more than 4,000 people attended the ceremony, including all 450 members of Congress.

The ceremony began with an invocation by the Rev. Dr. Randolph H. McKim, pastor of the Church of the Epiphany (a historic Episcopal church located at 1317 G Street NW). Hilary A. Herbert acted as the master of ceremonies. Former Confederate general Bennett H. Young, National Commander of the United Confederate Veterans, spoke first, followed by Washington Gardner, a former sergeant with the 65th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. Colonel Robert Edward Lee III (USA), grandson of General

Robert E. Lee, then addressed the audience on the meaning of the memorial. On behalf of the ACMA, Hilary Herbert spoke and turned the memorial over to the UDC. Mrs. Daisy McLaurin Stevens, President of the UDC, accepted the memorial and delivered a brief oration. Following the speakers, the Confederate Memorial was unveiled by 11-year-old Paul Herbert Micou, grandson of Hilary Herbert. A 21-gun artillery salute followed. Mrs. Stevens then presented the memorial to President Wilson as a gift to the American people.

The dedication program was to have concluded with a major address by President Wilson, followed by mass singing, wreath-laying and other floral tributes, a benediction by Reverend Andrew R. Bird of the Church of the Pilgrims (a Presbyterian church located in Washington, D.C.), and a wreath-laying at the Civil War Unknowns Monument. But a thunderstorm broke over the crowd as the President neared the end of his remarks. With no marquee or other shelter nearby for the crowd, most attendees rushed for their automobiles and returned to the city. The President left as well, and the event broke up abruptly.[130] The floral tributes were quickly deposited at the foot of the memorial, and the wreath hurriedly placed at the Civil War Unknowns memorial. The cost of the ceremony was \$2,660.30 (\$62,636 in 2022 dollars).



[https://military-history.fandom.com/wiki/Confederate_Memorial_\(Arlington_National_Cemetery\)#Dedicating_the_memorial](https://military-history.fandom.com/wiki/Confederate_Memorial_(Arlington_National_Cemetery)#Dedicating_the_memorial)



THE REASON AMOST EVERY SOUTHERN COURTHOUSE LAWN HAS A CONFEDERATE MONUMENT

On top is a painting showing a Southern family sending their boy to the Civil War. Below is what happened to so many of those dear boys. Most who died never even got a decent burial. And their families knew that. The photo below is thought to be from the Wilderness Battlefield, taken a few years after the War. I want you to look at it and imagine if one of those skeletons was your son, or brother, or father, or uncle, or best friend.

I don't believe the people who move monuments, that were dedicated to the dead boys who never came home, have EVER looked at such pictures. I live with those pictures and descriptions, nearly every day.

I have just given six Shiloh tours in the last five weeks, and I sit here now, late at night, very tired, both physically and mentally. I have had to stand six groups of people at the largest of the Confederate burial trenches there at Shiloh, and explain to them all about those pits, in detail. It choked me up two or three times out of the six times that I did it. It chokes me up now.

There were 17 University of Mississippi alumni or students who died there at Shiloh in two days of fighting. I can guarantee you there are Ole Miss boys who were thrown into those trenches. They are the fellow alumni of many of you reading this. Nearly every one of those boys left home something like the picture above, only to end up thrown into a hole, with so many others "like they were a bunch of dead chickens". Some did not even get a burial, like the men in the picture. And their families knew that.

Not only those Ole Miss Shiloh boys ended up like that, but 27% of the 1860-1861 UM student body died in the War. Fifty, out of 150 University Greys died in the War, that is one third of them. Thirty two percent of the Class of 1861 Seniors at UM died in 4 years time. Twenty five percent of all the men who went to War from Lafayette County, died in the War. Twenty percent of all military aged Mississippians died in that War. And most of them did not get a decent burial.

THAT is why all over Mississippi, and the

South, we have monuments dedicated to the boys who never came home, and for no other reason. Those Southern Courthouse monuments are the only markers that so many of those boys, and their families, ever got. You have been lied to.

The title of the painting is, "Leaving Home" by Gaul.

Starke Miller

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REMEMBERING THE BATTLE OF SHILOH ♦ SHILOH TREE LINES



I re-found this postcard among my many saved pictures. This is of course the 2nd Tennessee Monument, just South of Shiloh Church, and the Louisiana Crescent Regiment monument on the Hamburg-Purdy Road, across from the Davis Wheatfield. I do not know what year this is. I was amazed by how far back the tree lines are here.

The 2nd Tennessee monument today sits in a fairly small field. The Crescent regiment marker has a tree line to within 10 feet of it.

I know the tree lines at Shiloh were kept pretty close to correct up to World War 2. The War sucked all the men into the Army, or into War vital jobs. I understand the Park Service was somewhat gutted until the late 1940's,

and the tree lines at Shiloh were just left to grow, during the War, and up to about 1950 or so.

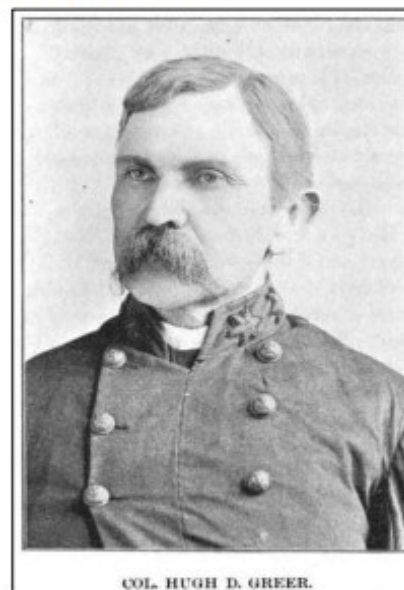
These look like colorized photos. Perhaps they had slightly, or largely, different backgrounds painted in? The Tennessee monument background looks fairly correct, showing Shiloh Branch back to the left.

Starke Miller

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THE LAST CONFEDERATE COUNTER CHARGE at SHILOH, and the UNIVERSITY of MISSISSIPPI ALUMNI WHO LED IT

This is straight out of the book, Old Guard in Gray, which is a collection of biographies of Memphis, and Shelby County, Tennessee Confederate Veterans.



Late on the afternoon of April 7, which was the second day of the battle of Shiloh, the Confederate Army had been beaten and was in retreat. The wagons with the wounded were the last to get off the field, just South of the Shiloh church, at a small creek crossing at Shiloh Branch. There was only one small bridge there, and the wagons were bunched

up there, trying to get away from the pursuing Union Army.

Confederate General Cheatham, seeing this, ordered the 38th Tennessee Infantry back to the top of the hill, and into the small Cemetery around Shiloh Church. Colonel Looney of the 38th told General Cheatham that they could not do much because they averaged only ONE round of ammunition per man. General Cheatham told Looney to Crescent buy the wagons all the time that he could.

The Lieutenant Colonel of the 38th Tennessee was Hugh D. Greer. He was an 1856 graduate of the University of Mississippi.

Some 3 to 400 hundred brave men of the

38th Tennessee, and several other Regiments, spread across the Church yard and Cemetery, and out into the woods, determined to hold back, at least for a while, the Union pursuit. Those men formed in line of battle in a Cemetery, waiting to die there, if need be, in order to save some of their friends. They fixed bayonets and waited.

They let the Union skirmishers practically walk on top of them, until the main Union troops came into sight. Then they raised up, fired one volley, and made a bayonet charge with a Rebel yell on the Union troops! It is said they drove those blue bellies nearly a quarter of a mile back to the crossroads area. Greer's men were then able to form up, and retreat in good order, all the Confederate wagons having successfully gotten across the bridge to safety.

Hugh D. Greer, in his telling of this charge, stated that the Colonel of the Regiment, Colonel Looney, sat behind the line of battle on his horse, encouraging the boys the whole time! Lieutenant Colonel Greer apparently led the charge, was wounded in the head, and captured on the field. Greer may have had some feelings about the Colonel not participating in the charge. 😊

Colonel Looney was a Shiloh Battlefield Commissioner from 1895 to his death in 1899.

Greer said that as a prisoner, Union General Sherman asked him why his men had only fired one round, and then made a bayonet charge. Greer told him the truth, that most of his men only had one round. Greer said Sherman grasped his hand warmly and shook it, congratulating him on being a member of such a gallant command.

Hugh D. Greer was exchanged from the Union prison Camp in the Summer of 1862. He later became the Colonel of the 38th Tennessee, and he survived the War. He was run over and killed by a train, at what was Buntyn, Tennessee in 1899. Buntyn is now part of Memphis, and is the old train station near the University of Memphis.

Greer was one of the 109 University of Mississippi students and alumni who fought at Shiloh, in 20 different Southern Regiments. I love them all. The University has turned out some brave, fine men.

If you ever go to Shiloh with me, I will stand you there at Shiloh Church, in the small cemetery, and I will tell you this story, and just a few others.

Starke Miller

Miller Civil War Tours



MISSISSIPPI MONUMENT AT SHILOH

THE "BLOODY" SIXTH MISSISSIPPI AT SHILOH

The 6th Mississippi Infantry Regiment was made up of men from Rankin, Quitman, Leake, Scott, Copiah, and Simpson counties. From Corinth they were ordered to carry five days rations and 100 rounds per man. The regiment arrived at Shiloh with only 425 men. There, they would fight in Patrick Cleburne's brigade.

They were in the front line attacking the Federal army near Shiloh Church in a small field known as Rhea Field. Camped there was the 53rd Ohio Infantry under Colonel Jesse Appler. The Federal soldiers were in a good position on the high ground behind their tents. The 23rd Tennessee Infantry was advancing alongside of the 6th Mississippi. All together they numbered about a thousand men.

As the two regiments advanced from the tree line into the open, Appler's Ohio infantry opened a devastating fire. Both Confederate regiments quickly withdrew into the cover of the forest. The 23rd Tennessee broke completely and the officers were unable to reform them. This left the 6th Mississippi to face twice their numbers alone. Colonel Thornton would pick up the colors when the color bearer went down and in turn fall severely wounded. Seven color bearer's would be wounded in the attack at Rhea Field.



Major Robert Lowry

Major Robert Lowry would take command and lead the 6th on another charge. He would

fall with two wounds at the head of the regiment. As this charge soon died away, Colonel Appler of the 53rd Ohio panicked. He yelled, "Every man for himself!" He quickly showed them the way by turning and racing toward Pittsburg Landing. Most of the 53rd Ohio followed his example.

Of the 425 men that went into Rhea Field, only sixty would be present to answer roll call following the fight. After the battle, when they returned to Corinth, they would only muster 100 men. The rest were either killed, wounded or missing.

Colonel Thornton would be forced to resign his commission because of his wounds. Major Robert Lowry would survive his two wounds and later be promoted to brigadier general. He would fight through the rest of the war and surrender in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1865. But, from April 6, 1862 forward, the 6th Mississippi would become known as the "Bloody Sixth".



THE BURIAL TRENCH ABOVE CONTAINS THE REMAINS OF
MANY OF THE MEN OF THE 6TH MISSISSIPPI INFANTRY
LISTED BELOW.

Burkholder, Abraham, Private; killed at Shiloh
Chandler, Wade, Private; killed at Shiloh
Miller, W. D., Private; killed at Shiloh
Myers, Isaac, Private; killed at Shiloh
Ennis, J., Private; killed at Shiloh
Strong, Claiborne F., Private; killed at Shiloh

Henry, D. F., Private; killed at Shiloh
 West, H., Private, 3rd Corporal; killed at Shiloh
 Childers, J. W., Private; killed at Shiloh
 Cook, J. W., Private; killed at Shiloh
 Derrick, Silas H., Private; wounded mortally in lungs at Shiloh
 Reeves, W., Private; killed at Shiloh
 Hix, Josiah, Private; killed at Shiloh

Whitehead, J., Private; killed at Shiloh
 Owen, Gus Roland, Private; killed at Shiloh
 James, James M., Private; killed at Shiloh
 Willis, Thomas H., Lieutenant; killed at Shiloh
 McLendon, Elias, Private; killed at Shiloh
 Gordon, Stephen, Private; killed at Shiloh
 Webb, J. M., Private; wounded mortally both legs and arms at Shiloh

[Tim Kent's Civil War tales: The "Bloody" Sixth Mississippi at Shiloh \(trrcobb.blogspot.com\)](http://trrcobb.blogspot.com)

UPCOMING EVENTS at BEAUVOIR



APRIL 23, 2022:

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY.

*Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney
 will be the guest speaker.*

Wreath Ceremony Beauvoir Cemetery.
 \$12.50 adults; \$10.00 seniors;
 \$7.50 6yrs-18yrs;
 5 and under free

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MAY 7, 2022:



**3rd Annual Chuck Bond Memorial
 Run for Roses**

\$30.00 per bike
 (includes bike, rider, passenger/additional passenger \$10.00)
 (includes meal)

May 7, 2022
8am-4pm
Meal at 1pm

Trophy Presentation 3pm
**Door prizes...50/50...games...raffle...special stop for a
 free card...additional cards for \$1.00. Enjoy a
 beautiful ride through the back roads of Mississippi.**

All Proceeds will be used for Varina's Historical Garden

3rd ANNUAL CHUCK BOND RUN FOR ROSES.


9:00 am-4:00 pm Jefferson Davis Presidential
 Library building.
 Bike registration \$30.00
 \$12.50 adults; \$10.00 seniors;
 \$7.50 6yrs-18yrs;
 5 and under free





JUNE 4, 2022:

JEFFERSON DAVIS BIRTHDAY.

Living History throughout the property, cannon,
 and musket fire. Free cupcakes. 10:00 am – 3:00
 pm.
 \$12.50 adults; \$10.00 seniors; \$7.50 6yrs-18yrs;
 5 and under free



*Happy Birthday
 Jefferson Davis
 214th
 Celebrate with us on June 4, 2022
 June 1868 - December 1889*

CAPTAIN MARSHALL T. POLK'S TENNESSEE BATTERY AT SHILOH, FIRST AND LAST BATTLE

In May of 1861, Tennessee Governor Isham Harris, who was with Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston when he died at Shiloh, began organizing state troops before the state voted to secede from the Union on Jun 8, 1861. In Bolivar, Tennessee, Marshall T. Polk began recruiting young men from Hardeman County and surrounding areas to form an artillery battery. Young men joined the new unit including young Thomas Peter who had just graduated from the University of Mississippi and his friend John Marsh, who was appointed second lieutenant. (Thomas' father Dr. George Peters would become famous after he murdered Gen. Earl Van Dorn for committing adultery with his wife.)

Capt. Marshall T. Polk had been born in 1830 in Charlotte North Carolina, the son of Marshall Polk, Sr., brother to President James K. Polk. When his father died the next year, young Marshall had become a ward of his Uncle James K. Polk and his wife Sarah. When Polk was President he paid for Marshall to attend Georgetown College in Washington D.C. Young Marshall entered the Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in 1852 and was assigned to the 2nd U.S. Infantry. In 1855 Lt. Polk served as an aide to Gen. William Harney and saw action during the Sioux Expedition, 1855 at the Battle of Blue Water Creek also known as the Harney Massacre. In 1856, Lt. Polk resigned and took up farming near Bolivar, Tennessee where he married Evelina McNeal Bills and had ten children.

The newly organized battery received four six-pounder cannons and two twelve-pounder howitzers made at the Quinby & Robinson Foundry in Memphis. They were mustered into Confederate service at Camp Brown,

Union City, on August 7, 1861 and sent to Columbus, Kentucky, which was occupied by Confederates under Gen. Leonidas Polk on September 3, 1861. During the Battle of Belmont on November 7, 1861, Polk's Battery was sent by steamboat to reinforce Confederate forces attacked by Gen. U.S. Grant across the Mississippi River. Unfortunately, as they tried to disembark the gang plank fell off and they were forced to go back to Columbus to obtain a new one. By the time they returned the battle had ended with Grant retreating back to Cairo, Illinois.

After the Confederates withdrew from Columbus, Polk's Battery was among the units gathered at Corinth, Mississippi for Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston's attack on Grant's army at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee. The battery was attached to Gen. Bushrod Johnson's Brigade, but at 9:00 AM was directed by Gen. Braxton Bragg to move to the right into Rhea Field and engage Capt. Allen Waterhouse's Illinois Battery on high ground across a branch of Shiloh Creek. Bragg had commanded an artillery battery during the Mexican War and was following Napoleonic tactics of placing the artillery near the front as an offensive force. What had worked in the Mexican War failed at Shiloh. When Marshall's Battery came under fire from infantry and the rifled cannons of Waterhouse, Capt. Marshall was wounded in the leg and five of the cannon were knocked out. As Union forces fell back, Col. Preston Smith, of the 154th Tennessee Infantry ordered the remaining gun of the battery under Sgt. J. J. Pirtle forward on the hill to fire at the retreating enemy. As the single cannon fired canister into the woods, Union infantry concentrated their fire on it, killing and wounding some of the men and all of the horses. Sergeant Pirtle and Corporal John Kenney could hardly be persuaded to leave their gun and although Col. Smith sent infantry to assist them, it too was lost in the battle.

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Having lost all of their guns and with their commander wounded, Polk's Battery was dissolved after Shiloh, their one and only battle. The remaining artillerists were assigned to Capt. William Carnes' Tennessee Battery. Marshall Polk would lose his leg at Shiloh but would continue serving with the Confederate army as a chief of artillery rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. After the war he farmed near Bolivar and served as Tennessee State Treasurer. He was eventually arrested for embezzling state funds, but died of a heart attack before serving any time for his actions. He is buried in the Polk Cemetery in Bolivar, Tennessee.

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