



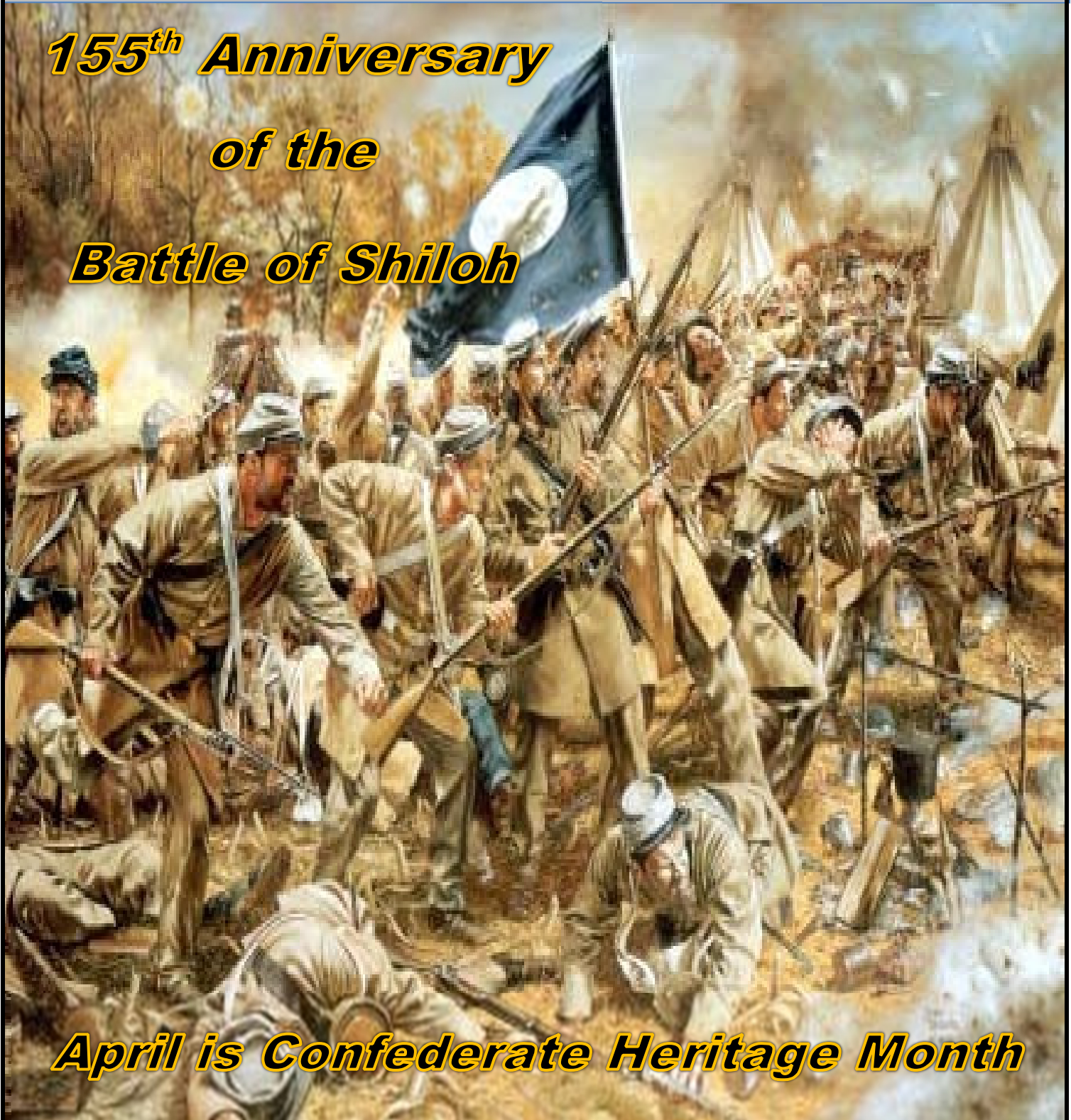
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# *The Delta General*

Richard Dillon, Camp Commander

***155<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of the  
Battle of Shiloh***



***April is Confederate Heritage Month***

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Dedicated to the memory of Brig. General Benjamin G. Humphreys

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Camp Meeting – Thursday, April 6, 2017, 7:00 PM at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in Indianola**

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## **Camp News:**

### **Commander's Report – Richard Dillon**

Compatriots,

As I'm sure you know, April is Confederate Memorial Month. Please do your part in paying homage to your Ancestor(s) by attending our Camp Memorial Service. It will be held at 2:00 PM, on April 30th, at the Greenville Cemetery.

It seems that all of those who have different ideas than ours concerning "The Southern Cause" now feel it is incumbent upon them to do anything within their power to disrupt our efforts to honor our ancestors. The management of the Cemetery has gone so far as to tell Dan McCaskill that Confederate flags cannot be left on the graves of the 125 or so Confederate soldiers buried in that cemetery.

Please, come out to the Service and show your support for the great men and women of the SOUTH. I hope to see each of you at our Camp Meeting & our Camp Memorial.



## **Camp Meeting, March 2016**

### **Adjutant's Report – Larry McCluney**

There was a crowd on hand for our March meeting that Larry McCluney, our AoT Commander and Camp Adjutant, who presented a power point on his newest book that was released March 6 titled The Yazoo Pass Expedition: A Union Thrust into the Delta.

During the business session, the camp's budget was approved for the next year. The Camp also voted to set the Camp's Confederate Memorial Service on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

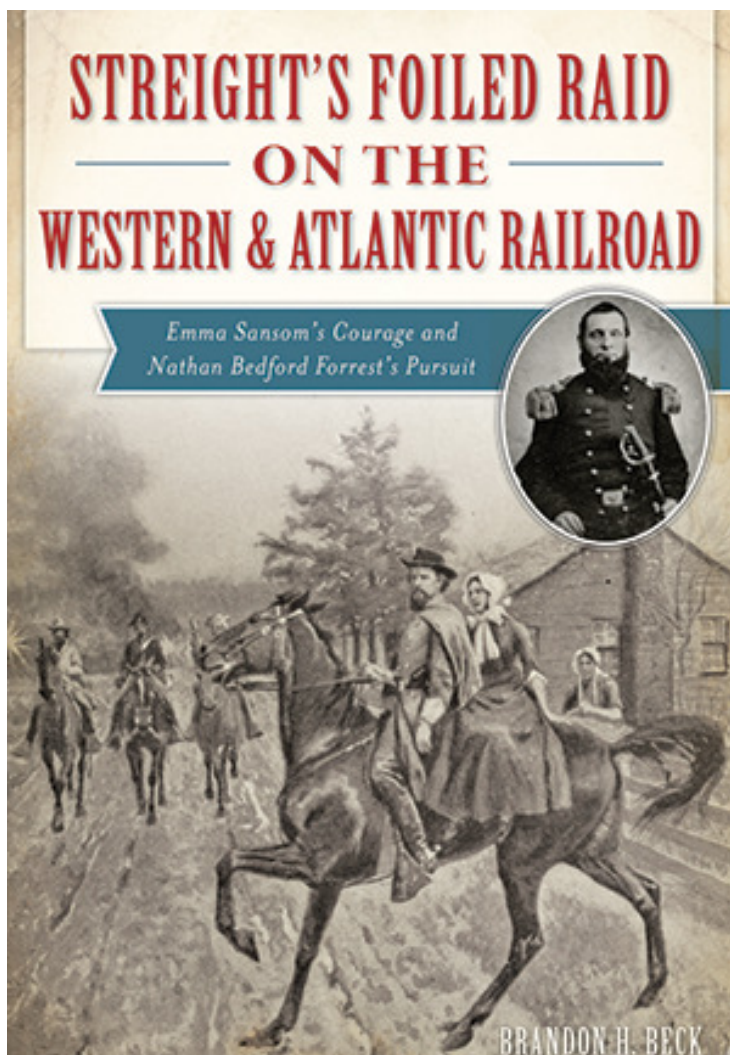
## **April 6, 2017**

### **Camp Meeting**

Dr. Brandon Beck will be our guest speaker at our Camp meeting who will speak on everyone's favorite Confederate Hero, General Nathan Bedford Forrest. He will focus on his newest book about Steight's Raid that was foiled by General Forrest. Copies of his latest book will be on hand to sell and autograph. I hope you will join us and increase the numbers of attendance.

Don't forget, the OCR will be providing a meal, a door prize raffle, and that elusive "Yankee" that just can't seem to be captured. That pot is almost \$200.00.

Please bring a friend and join us as we learn more about our ancestors during the War for Southern Independence.





## Mississippi Division News

### " Old Enough to Know & Young Enough to Go! "

Mississippi Division Compatriots,

I humbly ask for your vote and support as I am now announcing my candidacy for 1st Lt Commander of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Lord has blessed me in my work for the Mississippi Division and National SCV. I feel it is my duty, with no personal agenda, to serve you and help readvance the Division to its former glory.

At the request of my Camp Commander, my first SCV office was as a Camp Lt Commander at the age of 17.

In 2011, I became the youngest man (18) ever to be appointed to a Division office. I served the MS Division as Color Sergeant for 3 years. I upheld the duties of the office as explained in the Division Bylaws and made improvements to the Jeff Davis Legion and was recognized by several awards. This is when I first started traveling the Division from the Tennessee line to the Gulf Coast and had the pleasure of meeting so many of you.

In 2013, I became the youngest man (20) in MS Division history to be elected to Division office. It was my honor to serve the 4th Brigade as Executive Councilman.

I now serve the SCV Army of Tennessee and its nine separate Divisions as Adjutant, and have been for about 3 years. The amount of knowledge and experience I have absorbed in this office has been extraordinary and will certainly benefit the MS Division. It already has.

The Commander-in-Chief appointed me to his General Staff in July, 2016. It is now my honor to serve as National Deputy Chief of Heritage Promotions.

We are at a pivotal time in our history. During this second period of reconstruction, men all over the Mississippi are awakening. We are on the eve of a what can be a great push back to reclaim our Southern Heritage. We need to strike while the iron is still hot and recruit these men, and get them active in our division. The Mississippi Division is in the top 10 for number of membership nationally. We need to be number one, and under the proper leadership we WILL achieve that.

At every reunion, someone says "we need more young people" and "the youth is the future of the SCV." In order to recruit from the younger generation, we need someone who understands how to reach young men. We also need to move this division into the 21st century. I AM the man qualified for this job.

My positive position and working platform can be found on my new website:

<http://gcbond1stltcmdr.webs.com/>

Forward the Colors,

George Conor Bond

[dixiedude011@gmail.com](mailto:dixiedude011@gmail.com)

## Stuart Denman Announces for 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Councilman

Compatriots;

I am announcing my intention to run and serve as 1st Brigade Councilman. I have been a member of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans many years and a member of the University Greys. I have been active and involved in my camp and the distance from Oxford to my home county led me recently to charter a new camp with the help of many of our friends. The Tallahatchie Rifles is now officially Chartered starting off with almost 25 members and expect to grow.

It is a great honor and privilege to be called to answer The Charge of Stephen Dill Lee.

Thank You

Stuart Denman III

## Yazoo Pass Expedition Released

Gentlemen,

My book is finally released, The Yazoo Pass Expedition: A Union Thrust into the Delta, as of March

6. Please feel free to check it out on the following weblink

<http://yazoopass.homestead.com/Home.html>. If interested in a program on the book go to the link and contact me.

Deo Vindicie,

Larry McCluney, AoT Commander

Sons of Confederate Veterans

## Candidacy announcement for 1st Brigade Commander

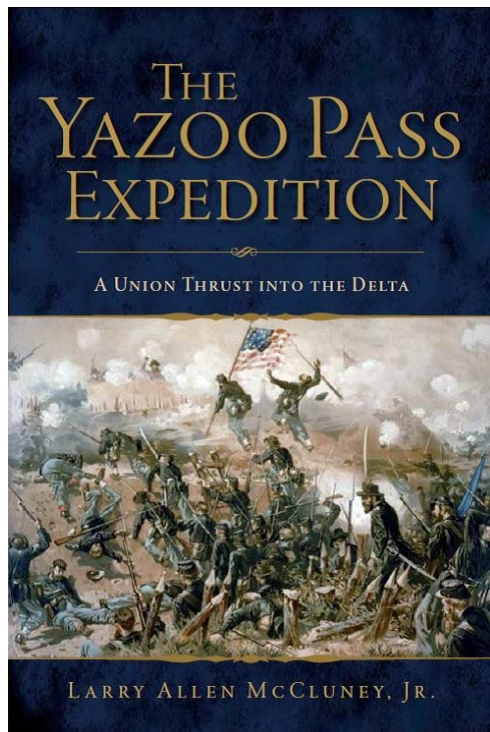
I, Stanley W. Rhoda, hereby announce my candidacy for the office of 1st Brigade Commander of the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans.

I'm a Life member in the Mississippi Division SCV and a National SCV life member. I currently serve as 1st Brigade Councilman. I'm a member of the SCV Mechanized Cavalry 1G presently serving as Corporal in the Northwest Squad.

I was County Captain for the petition (I-58) to Save Our State Flag. I worked Gun shows, flea markets, and town festivals. I attended both Shiloh monument dedications. I attended Confederate memorial services, placed flags on our ancestors graves. I attended Gen. Forrest's birthday celebration. As a member of the Mechanized Cavalry I wear our Stainless Banner to honor my ancestors. It's what we do!

I'm a firm believer that we are going to have to make a stand for our heritage. If you are not then you need to step out of the way and let those that will stand, stand. We are being attacked on every front. We need to do a better job of recruiting and keeping members and if I may add let's not be afraid to put them to work. We are going to have to come together as a Division. We all know that as one we will fail but when we as an organization unite we can get things accomplished. I've had enough! My line is drawn in the sand! Will you stand with me! Deo Vindice! Sic Semper Tyrannis!

Thanks for your consideration!



## Jeff Barnes Announces for MS Division Commander Candidacy

My Fellow Compatriots:

After much prayerful consideration, I, **JEFF BARNES**, do hereby announce my candidacy in the upcoming election for the office of **Commander**, Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

I have been a member of SCV for 30 plus years. I followed in my father, James Barnes, footsteps and was accepted as a member of this honorable organization with the Jeff Davis Camp #635, Jackson, MS. For several years, we commuted from Forest to their monthly meetings. In 1994 we were instrumental in chartering Camp # 1666 in Forest known as East Mississippi Greys. The Forest camp is very active and we have 28 members. I served as its first Commander and am currently 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander.

I have previously held the Division position of 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander and in 2007-09 under the leadership of Commander, Larry McCluney, was 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander.

I am a native of Scott County and my wife, Denise, and I reside in the Homewood Community. I am a self-employed contract painter and she has been a loan officer at Bank of Forest for 34 years.

You need to know that I stand firm in my convictions and the By-Laws of the Mississippi Division. I desire to see this organization united and first and foremost stand fast for what we are about and that is to **HONOR OUR CONFEDERATE ANCESTORS**.

## Carl Ford Announces for MS Division 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander

I, Carl D. Ford, hereby announce my candidacy for the office of 2nd Lt. Commander of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, at the Division Reunion in June, 2017, at Oxford, Mississippi.

I am a member in good standing of the Jones County Rosin Heels, Camp 227, a Camp in good standing of the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and, although it is neither here nor there, I have not been convicted of a felony...yet.

I am announcing this candidacy on March 6, 2017, Alamo Day, and, like Colonel Travis, I am drawing a line in the sand, and asking all who want to join the fight to cross over, and Stand Fast, Mississippi!

## **Flag Bills in Mississippi House**

In this secession 14 bills were introduced to the Mississippi House of Representatives to change our State Flag. HB 1270 - HB 1284

They range from changing flag to bonnie blue, magnolia, bicentennial to all out redesigning completely. All of these bills have died in Committee. It also appears the bill to require Universities to fly the State flag has also died.



## Confederate Heritage Month



"And is there any message we would give to the States we loved and on whose behalf we drew our swords more than a generation ago? As we have sorrowed over your devotion, we now rejoice in your prosperity. We chose for you the fortune of war rather than a shameful peace.

We battled for your principles rather than yield them, not to conviction but to force. With breaking hearts we bowed beneath the stroke of fate. We chose the only course worthy of Americans. Better defeat than dishonor, better the long, bitter story of reconstruction than tame surrender of the convictions we received from our fathers, the principles which we cherished as the basis of our liberties. We leave our motives to the judgment of posterity.

In the choice we made we followed the dictates of conscience and the voice of honor. We sacrificed all that men hold dear for the land of our birth, and, while we have no fear that history will record our deeds with shame, we do not regard even the verdict of posterity as the equivalent of a clear conscience, nor ought we to have been false to our convictions even to win the eternal praises of mankind. If our children shall praise us, it is well, if our own hearts tell us we have fulfilled our duty, it is better. "

Stephen D. Lee, New Orleans, LA 1906



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



### PROCLAMATION

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

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

**WHEREAS**, April 24, 2017, is set aside as Confederate Memorial Day to honor those who served in the Confederacy; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as

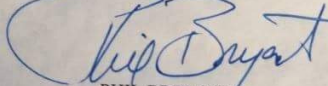
### **CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH**

in the State of Mississippi.



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

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-first.

  
PHIL BRYANT  
GOVERNOR

## **BRIG/GENERAL BENJAMIN G. HUMPHREYS CAMP CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**APRIL 30, 2017**

**AT THE OLD GREENVILLE CEMETERY AT  
2:00 PM**

**WE NEED YOU AND OUR ANCESTORS NEED  
YOU TO BE THERE TO REMEMBER THEM!**



*122nd Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the  
23rd Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose Reunions*



June 9,10 and 11, 2017, in Oxford, Mississippi  
**2017 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**

SCV MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CAMP: \_\_\_\_\_

OCR MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ OCR CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCV EARLY REGISTRATION (before January 31, 2017)..... \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SCV REGULAR REGISTRATION (between 2/1/17 to 5/15/17)..... \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SCV LATE REGISTRATION (post-marked after 5/15/17)..... \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

OCR REGISTRATION .....\$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET..... \$20.00 PER PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

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

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to University Greys and mail the registration to:

Larry Mardis  
University Greys  
P.O. Box 141  
Taylor, MS 38673

Contact information: Larry Mardis  
[secmissanv@yahoo.com](mailto:secmissanv@yahoo.com)  
662-832-4908

Larry Hellums  
[spec@brucetelephone.com](mailto:spec@brucetelephone.com)  
662-800-9228

Registration packet pickup on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> between 4 and 8 pm at Cedar Oaks located at 601 Murry Drive, Oxford  
The Saturday events will be in the Oxford Convention Center, which is located on Sisk Avenue and will start at 8 am  
Saturday night banquet will start at 5:30 pm and will be at the Oxford Convention Center  
Sunday closing will be at the Confederate Cemetery on the Ole Miss Campus at 8:30 am

Vendor tables are available: Please complete attached form

Reunion program advertisement available: Please see attached form

Hotel information: Please see attached information

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

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

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

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

No refunds to be distributed for cancellations on or after May 25, 2017



### Hotel Information

There are two hotels who have agreed to reserve rooms for the Reunion. Both are across the street from the convention center. The room rates are \$129.00 per night plus tax. These hotels are

#### Hampton Inn Oxford Conference Center 103 Ed Perry Dr. 662-234-5565

Arriving	Departing	Room Type	Number of Rooms	Price/night
06/09/2017	06/11/2017	SXQL	15	\$ 129.00 + tax
06/09/2017	06/11/2017	KXTD	10	\$ 129.00 + tax

#### Marriott Towne Place Suites 105 Ed Perry Dr. 662-238-3522

Arriving	Departing	Room Type	Number of Rooms	Price/night
06/09/2017	06/11/2017	STQQ	15	\$ 129.00 + tax
06/09/2017	06/11/2017	STDO	10	\$ 129.00 + tax

The **SXQL** and the **STQQ** room contain two queen size beds and are non-smoking. The **KXTD** room contains one king bed, and is non-smoking. The **STDO** room contains one king bed, and a pull out sleeper sofa and is non-smoking. All guest rooms include a microwave, mini-fridge, iron and ironing board, coffee maker, cable with HBO, and complimentary internet access. **Please have all of your guests' reference the "Sons of Confederate Reunion" block when making their reservations. Please also make your guests aware of the 05/09/2017 group cutoff date. All unreserved rooms will be released at this time.**

**SPECIAL NOTE: THERE ARE LESS EXPENSIVE HOTELS IN OXFORD. PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDING TO YOUR NEEDS.**

### Division Confederate Memorial Service

The Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold its Confederate Memorial Service at Vicksburg, MS April 22, 2017. Service will begin at 2:00 pm. This will take place at Soldiers Rest and 2nd Brigade Councilman Trent Lewis and the Lt. General John C. Pemberton Camp 1354, Vicksburg will heading it up.

See you there -

Ms. Division S.C.V. Commander Louis P. Foley



# Future Site of *The National Confederate Museum* at Historic Elm Springs



The Sons of Confederate Veterans broke ground at Elm Springs for a new building "The National Confederate Museum." The museum that will tell the truth about what motivated the Southern people to struggle for many years to form a new nation. A building fund for this purpose is ongoing. One of the goals is to provide an accurate portrayal of the common Confederate soldier, something that is currently absent in most museums and in the media. We are invited to make a stand for the future by contributing to this fund.

Editorial —

By Lee Millar, Feb 2017

**Apparently in California an item can be (illogically) a racial symbol despite what your Confederate ancestors fought for.**

Culture Wars

## Teacher Forced to Retire After Displaying Confederate Flag During Civil War Lesson



Published January 30, 2017, By Ian Miles Cheong, Heat Street News

A teacher who displayed the Confederate flag to middle-schoolers in his history class was forced to retire amid concerns that he was displaying a symbol of hate.

[yeah, I'm concerned too. What would we do with students who thought that they could stand up against an illegal invasion? Or perhaps to think that states had rights too? Or perhaps think that taxation without representation doesn't work? Why, of course: their brains would be muddled with truth!! We can't have that!!]

70-year-old Sutter Middle School (Folsom, CA) teacher Woody Hart hung both a Confederate flag and a Union flag during his lesson on the Civil War.

In a public statement (via the Sacramento Bee), Folsom Cordova Unified School District stated:

"We recognize that regardless of context, to many of our students, families, and staff, the Confederate flag is a racist symbol of hate," the statement reads. "Although this matter is under investigation, it is important to reiterate: Any employee who is found to engage in behavior that creates an unsafe environment for students will face full consequences, including the possibility of initiating termination proceedings."

"In this case, the flag — which was found across the room from a Civil War Union flag, potentially in preparation of a history activity — was removed from the classroom before school began today," it continues. "It is our schools' responsibility to provide a safe learning environment for all children."

Absurd? Oh, yes. A teacher is forced out simply for equally displaying two historic flags, though one of which is a Confederate battleflag. So — what was the Civil War about? It was about the Union Army fighting some other guys (we're not allowed to say 'Confederate'), and they saved the world from hate.

Here's hoping that their next earthquake is successful.





Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

SCV Camp & number \_\_\_\_\_

(check one) \_\_\_\_\_ AOT \_\_\_\_\_ ATM \_\_\_\_\_ ANV \_\_\_\_\_ OCR

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, ST \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Hm ph \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Guest/spouse name \_\_\_\_\_

#### Registration and meals

Early Registration (Before Apr 1, 2017) (Only SCV members are required to pay registration fees) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 60.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration (After Mar 31, 2017) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 70.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Reunion medal Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- Numbered Special Edition Medal (1-75)

Chaplain's Breakfast (Thursday) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 100.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Heritage Luncheon (Thursday) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Forrest Cavalry Breakfast (Friday) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Luncheon (Friday) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Gov. Harris Breakfast (Saturday) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Debutante Luncheon (Saturday) (Free for debutantes; female guests only - \$35) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Ball and Banquet (Saturday) \$70 single/\$130 couple Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Tours

Shiloh Battlefield w/ guide & lunch (all day Tuesday) (\$55 single/\$100 couple) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 55.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CSS Little Rebel Dinner Cruise (Wednesday evening) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies' Victorian Village Tour & Tea (Thursday morning) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

USS Carondelet Civil War Museum and chicken/fish fry (Thursday evening) (\$30/\$50) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies' Davies Plantation Tour & Tea (Friday morning) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Forrest's Memphis Raid & Civil War sites (Friday) (\$40/\$75) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Historic Elmwood Cemetery & Soldiers' Rest (Saturday afternoon) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fort Pillow field trip (& lunch) (Sunday, 8am to 3pm) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 55.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor Memorial (Recognition in Reunion Program) Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please complete Ancestor Memorial form and include it with your registration. **Deadline is May 15**)

**GRANT TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total (check one) \_\_\_\_\_ personal check \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*PayPal \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_

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(\*\*3% fee will be added for PayPal and credit card pymts) (PayPal/credit card pymts will be accepted online or at the door. Cash accepted at the door. Checks will NOT be accepted at the door.) In the unlikely occurrence that an event is cancelled your cost will be refunded.

- Medals are available while supplies last. Each registrant receives one medal. The purchase price of extra Reunion medals will be refunded if supplies run out. \*Special Edition Medals are numbered 1-75 and numbers will be assigned on a first-come first served basis, as long as supplies last. If you would like a specific number(s), please make a note on your registration form.

- **Meals, tours and numbered Special Edition medals will be available for at-the-door registration on a space-available basis. To guarantee meal tickets and tours, registration MUST be received by June 15, 2017.**

Hotel reservations: you can make your own here on the website: [www.scvmemphis2017.org](http://www.scvmemphis2017.org) rooms are \$139 per night.

Or call Sheraton Memphis reservations, 901-527-7300. Ask for the SCV Reunion Special Rate. All prices subject to state and local taxes.

N. B. Forrest Camp 215

[www.scvmemphis2017.org](http://www.scvmemphis2017.org)

Mail checks to: ScvMemphis2017, PO Box 11141, Memphis, TN 38111



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

## Sons of Confederate Veterans

*"Historic Elm Springs"*

March 15, 2017

### Notice from the Adjutant-in-Chief:

The General Executive Council (GEC) met in Elm Springs on Saturday, March 11, 2017 and voted, without objection, to change two (2) items which will affect doing business going into the 2017-2018 fiscal Year.

First – As you all know a grace period of 90 days has been afforded to members to renew their dues and not be considered as becoming delinquent on August 1<sup>st</sup> each year. That period will now change to only 30 days, meaning that a member who fails to renew by **September 1<sup>st</sup>** will become delinquent.

Second – Currently we prorate dues for both new and delinquent renewing members. Beginning with the 2017-2018 fiscal year proration will apply to only new members. Delinquent renewing members will no longer be able to prorate.

Respectfully,

Douglas W. Nash, Jr.  
Adjutant-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
nc46e@hotmail.com

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# THE 154TH BATTLE OF HERNANDO

## AT MUSSECUNA PLANTATION HISTORICAL EVENTS

**INFO: EDDIE BURKS: 901-553-3878**

**ADAM BURKS: 901-238-4393**

**5000 ROBERTSON GIN RD. HERNANDO MS, 38632**

**DATES: MAY-(19-21)-2017**



Mussecuna Plantation Historical Events will be hosting the 154<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Hernando, May 20-21.

On May 19, the U.S.S Hunley will be on display for school children and tours of the plantation. The C.S.S. Hunley will also be on display Sat.-Sunday for general public with admission.

Public admission one day pass \$10 adult, kids under 10 free. Two day pass \$15. The home is the oldest in Hernando, built in 1849 and the second oldest in DeSoto County. This home has been used as a civil war hospital, cotton plantation, stagecoach stop, First Catholic Church of Hernando and post office in its life time.

Battles will be held on Sat. and Sun.

Period dance with live music will be held on Sat. night, free admission for those dressed in period clothing and admission to the public at \$10 per person for dance.



### RENACTORS

ALL MILITARY AND  
EMERGENCY PERSONEL  
FREE WITH LD.

REGISTRATION FOR  
REENACTORS \$5,  
SUTTLERS \$25

CAVERLY, ARTILERY,  
INFANTRY, FEDERARL,  
AND CONFEDERATE  
FORCES NEEDED.

PROOF OF COGANS  
REEQUIRED WITH  
ENTRY.

100\$ BOUNTY PER  
CANON (FIRST 6).  
HAY,MEAL,FIRE,WATER  
PROVIDED FOR  
RENACTORS

## 2017 Oratory Topic and Rules

By now, each division should be arm-twisting some Compatriot to represent them in this year's Oratory in Memphis this summer.

The topic of this year's (2017) John C Calhoun Oratory contest is:

"What are the most essential items/artifacts that need to be in the National Confederate Museum and why"

The following rules, as are typical, will apply.

1. Speech must be somewhat on topic.
2. Must last 5-8 minutes.
3. No throwing of objects at speakers. (Gilbert rule)
4. Language must be family friendly.
5. Can not be noticeably inebriated.
6. No singing.
7. No politicking. (Unka Jeff rule)
8. Only one participant per speech. (Brother Kirk rule).
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## 6th Mississippi Infantry – Research

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- Company A — Rankin Rough & Readies (raised in Rankin County, MS)
- Company B — New Guard (raised in Rankin County, MS)
- Company C — Quitman Southrons (raised in Leake County, MS)
- Company D — Lowry Rifles (raised in Smith County, MS)
- Company E — Lake Rebels (raised in Scott County, MS)
- Company F — Crystal Springs Guards (raised in Copiah County, MS)
- Company G — Rockport Steel Blades (raised in Copiah County, MS)
- Company H — Simpson Fencibles (raised in Simpson County, MS)
- Company I — Rankin Greys (raised in Rankin County, MS)
- Company K — East Mississippi Greys (raised in Scott County, MS)
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Colonel — John J. Thornton, wounded at Shiloh, resigned; Robert Lowry, promoted as Brigadier-General February 4, 1865. Lieutenant-Colonels — Enoch R. Bennett, to May, 1862; A. Y. Harper, Thomas J. Borden. Majors — Robert Lowry, to reorganization; J. R. Stevens, Thomas J. Borden, W. T. Hendon. Surgeon — William Aills. Assistant Surgeon — Jackson L. Riley. Quartermaster — John P. Stevens. Commissary — Edward G. Williams. Adjutant — Abram B. Willis; William Thornton, to May, 1862. Chaplain — Joseph W. Ard. Sergeant-Major — William Sharkey, discharged, disability, 1861. Aggregate original enrollment, 601 officers and men. No data to show promotion of company officers.

These companies were assigned to the Sixth Regiment, Army of Mississippi, one of the eight provided for by the State organization. The Colonel, Dr. J. J. Thornton, of Brandon, had been commissioned as Captain of the Rankin Greys in 1858, and in 1860 he was commandant of the Second Battalion, Second Brigade, State troops, with the rank of Colonel of Militia. He was noted as the one member of the Constitutional Convention who refused to sign the ordinance of secession. The companies were mustered into the Confederate States' service for twelve months at Grenada, 24 August, 1861, and the field officers of the regiment were elected September 5. In this election Capt. Cornelius McLaurin received a large vote for Lieutenant-Colonel, but was defeated.

September 9, Colonel Thornton was ordered by Gen. Reuben Davis, commanding State troops, to concentrate his companies in a regimental encampment. Later in the same month the regiment was at Trenton, Tenn., whence it moved to Union City,





where, October 14, the regiment received orders from General Polk, at Columbus, Ky., to be in readiness to follow General Hardee to Bowling Green. Under the orders of Col. P. R. Cleburne, Brigade Commander, the regiment moved to Kentucky in the last of October, and was reviewed by General Hardee at Bowling Green, November 3.

When the regiment was received into the Confederate service it was numbered the Seventh by the War Department, and that number was applied to it in official documents for some time, though in November the original number was restored.

In the organization in Kentucky, the Sixth was in Cleburne's Brigade, the Second of the First Division, Central Army of Kentucky, Colonel Thornton being the senior Colonel of the brigade, and when Cleburne took command of Hindman's Division February 12, Thornton commanded the brigade.

In Kentucky the regiment suffered from typhoid fever and measles so that only 150 men were fit for duty, some of the companies being reduced to 10 or 25 men. Some died in hospital at Nashville and elsewhere and many officers were compelled to resign on account of sickness. So severe was this affliction that nearly all the company officers joined in a "round robin" asking that the regiment be sent to some fixed station to recruit.

After the fall of Fort Donelson the Confederate forces were concentrated at Corinth under Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, whence they moved early in April, 1862, to attack Grant's army at Pittsburg Landing on the Tennessee River. The Sixth Regiment went into the battle of Shiloh, April 6-7, with Cleburne's Brigade of Hardee's Corps.

The first attack, on the morning of the 6th, was by Federal skirmishers upon Hardcastle's Battalion, pickets of Hardee's Corps, after which Hardee ordered an advance. Cleburne's Brigade rushed forward toward the Federal camps, in a place where they were outflanked and embarrassed by a morass in their front that broke the line. "They came under a very destructive fire, and though the Sixth Mississippi charged through the encampments they suffered," Cleburne said, "a quick and bloody repulse." But "again and again, unaided, the Sixth Mississippi charged the enemy's line, and it was only when the regiment had lost 300 officers and men killed and wounded, out of an aggregate of 425, that it yielded and retreated in disorder over its own dead and dying. Colonel Thornton and Major Lowry, the field officers, were both wounded. It would be useless," Cleburne wrote, "to enlarge on the courage and devotion of the Sixth Mississippi. The facts as recorded speak louder than any words of mine." Afterward about 60 men reformed, and remained in battle until after noon, when "Captain Harper, commanding the remnant of the regiment, marched it to the rear. Its terrible loss in the morning, the want of all its field and most of its company officers, had completely disorganized it and unfitted it for further service." (Cleburne).

The casualties of the regiment were 48 killed, 247 wounded. Among the seriously wounded were Sergeant-Major Thornton, Captains Alford and Finch, Lieutenants Enochs and Mangum.

## **General Beauregard's Official Report on the Battle of Shiloh**

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE MISSISSIPPI,  
CORINTH, Miss., April 11, 1862.

GENERAL: On the 2d ult., having ascertained conclusively, from the movements of the enemy on Tennessee River, and from reliable sources of information, that his aim would be to cut off my communications in West Tennessee with the Eastern and Southern States, by operating from the Tennessee River, between Cramp's Landing and Eastport, as a base, I determined to foil his designs by concentrating all my available forces at and around Corinth.

Meanwhile, having called on the Governments of Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana, to furnish additional troops, some of them, chiefly regiments from Louisiana, soon reached this vicinity, and with two divisions of Gen. POLK's command from Columbus, and a fine corps of troops from Mobile and Pensacola, under Maj.-Gen. BRAGG, constituted the army of the Mississippi. At the same time, Gen. JOHNSTON being at Murtreesboro', on the march to form a junction of his forces with mine, was called on to send at least a brigade by railroad, so that we might fall on and crush the enemy should he attempt an advance from under his gunboats. The call on Gen. JOHNSTON was promptly complied with. His entire force was also hastened in this direction, and by the 1st of April our united forces were concentrated along the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, from Bethel to Corinth, and on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad from Corinth to Luka.

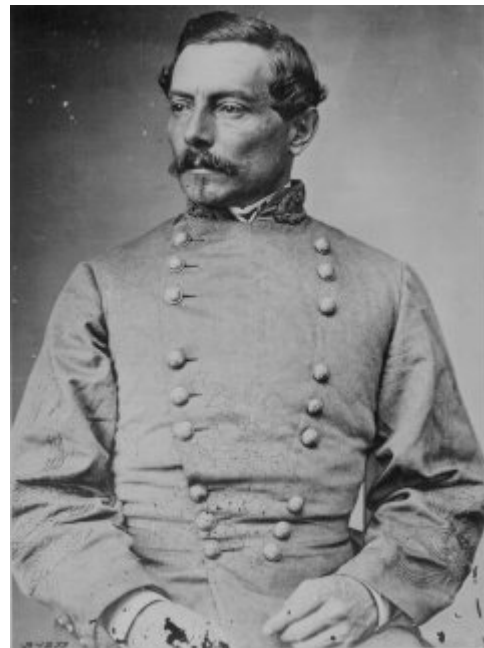
It was then determined to assume the offensive, and strike a sudden blow at the enemy in position under Gen. GRANT, on the west bank of the Tennessee, at Pittsburgh and in the direction of Savanna, before he was reinforced by the army under Gen. BUELL, then known to be advancing, for that purpose by rapid marches from Nashville via Columbia. About the same time, Gen. JOHNSTON was advised that such an operation conformed to the expectations of the President.

By a rapid and vigorous attack on Gen. GRANT, it was expected he would be beaten back into his transports and the river, or captured, in time to enable us to profit by the victory, and remove to the rear all the stores and munitions that would fall into his hands in such an event, before the arrival of Gen. BUELL's army on the scene. It was never contemplated, however, to retain the position thus gained, and abandon Corinth, the strategic point of the campaign.

Want of proper officers, needful for the proper organization of divisions and brigades of an army brought thus suddenly together, and other difficulties in the way of an effective organization, delayed the movement until the night of the 2d inst., when it was heard from a reliable quarter that the junction of the enemy's armies was near at hand; it was then, at a late hour, determined that the attack should be attempted at once, incomplete and imperfect as was our preparation for such a grave and momentous adventure. Accordingly, that night at 1 o'clock A.M., the preliminary orders to the commanders of corps were issued for the movement.

On the following morning the detailed orders of movement, a copy of which is herewith marked "A," were issued, and the movement, after some delay, commenced, the troops being in admirable spirits. It was expected we should be able to reach the enemy's lines in time to attack them early on the 5th inst. The men, however, for the most part, were unused to marching; the roads narrow, and traversing a densely wooded country, became almost impassable after a severe rain-storm on the night of the 4th, which drenched the troops in bivouac; hence our forces did not reach the intersection of the roads from Pittsburgh and Hamburg, in the immediate vicinity of the enemy, until late Saturday afternoon.

It was then decided that the attack should be made on the next morning, at the earliest hour practicable, in accordance with the orders of movement -- that is, in three lines of battle; the first and second extending from Owl Creek on the left to Lick Creek on the right -- a distance of about three miles -- supported by the third and the reserve. The first line, under Maj.-Gen. HARDER, was constituted of his corps, augmented on his fight by GLADDEN's Brigade, of Maj.-Gen. BRAGG's corps, deployed in line of battle, with their respective artillery, following immediately by the main road to Pittsburgh, and the cavalry in rear of the wings. The



second line, composed of the other troop of BRAGG's corps, followed the first at a distance of five hundred yards, in the same order as the first. The army corps under Gen. POLK followed the second line, at the distance of about eight hundred yards, in lines of brigades, deployed with their batteries in rear of each brigade, moving by the Pittsburgh road, the left wing supported by cavalry; the reserve, under Brig.-Gen. BRECKINRIDGE, followed closely the third line, in the same order, its right wing supported by cavalry.

These two corps constituted the reserve, and were to support the front lines of battle, and being deployed when required on the right and left of the Pittsburgh Road, or otherwise act, according to the exigencies of the battle.

At 8 A.M., on the 6th inst., a reconnoitering party of the enemy having become engaged with our advanced pickets, the commander of the forces gave orders to begin the movement and attack as determined upon, except that TRABUE'S Brigade, of BRECKINRIDGE's Division, was detached and advanced to support the left of BRAGG's corps and line of battle, when menaced by the enemy, and the other two brigades were directed to advance by the road to Hamburg, to support BRAGG'S right, and at the same time, YANCEY's Regiment, of POLK's corps, was advanced by the same road to reinforce the regiment of cavalry and battery of four pieces, already thrown forward to watch and guard Grier's, Banner's, and Borland's Ford, on Lick Creek.

Thirty minutes after 5 o'clock A.M., our lines and columns were in motion, all animated evidently by a promising spirit. The front line was engaged at once, but advanced steadily, followed in due order with equal resolution and steadiness by the other lines, which were brought successively into action with rare skill, judgment and gallantry, by the several corps Commanders, as the enemy made a stand, with his masses rallied for the struggle for his encampments. Like an Alpine avalanche our troops moved forward, despite the determined resistance of the enemy, until after 6 o'clock P.M., when we were in possession of all encampments between Owl and Lick Creeks, but one; nearly all of his field artillery, about thirty nags, colors, and standards, over 3,000 prisoners, including a Division Commander, Gen. PRENTISS, and several Brigade Commanders, thousands of small arms, an immense supply of subsistence, forage and munitions of war, and a large amount of means of transportation -- all the substantial fruits of a complete victory -- such, indeed, as rarely have followed the most successful battles; for never was an army so well provided as that of our enemy.

The remnant of his army had been driven in utter disorder to the immediate vicinity of Pittsburgh, under the shelter of the heavy guns of his iron-clad gunboats, and we remained undisputed masters of his well-selected, admirably-provided cantonments, after over twelve hours of obstinate conflict with his forces, who had been beaten from them and the contiguous covert, but only by a sustained onset of all the men we could bring into action. Our loss was heavy, as will appear from the accompanying return, marked "B." Our Commander-in-Chief, Gen. A.S. JOHNSTON, fell mortally wounded, and died on the field at 2 1/2 P.M., after having shown the highest qualities of the commander, and a personal intrepidity that inspired all around him, and gave resistless impulsion to his columns at critical moments.

The chief command the devolved upon me, though at the time I was greatly prostrated, and suffering from the prolonged sickness with which I had been afflicted since early in February. The responsibility was one which, in my physical condition, I would have gladly avoided, though cast upon me when our forces were successfully pushing the enemy back upon the Tennessee River, and though supposed on the intermediate field by such corps commanders as Major-Gens. POLK, BRAGG and HARDEE, and Brig.-Gen. BRECKINRIDGE, commanding the reserve.

It was after 6 o'clock P.M., as before said, when the enemy's last position was carried, and his forces finally broke and sought refuge behind a commanding eminence, covering the Pittsburg Landing, not more than half a mile distant, and under the guns of the gunboats, which opened on our eager columns a force and annoying fire, with shot and shell of the heaviest description. Darkness was close at hand. Officers and men were exhausted by a combat of over twelve hours without food, and [??] by the march of the preceding day, through mud and water; it was, therefore, impossible to collect the rich and opportune spoils of war scattered broadcast on the field left in our possession, and impracticable to make any effective disposition on for their removal to the rear.

I accordingly established my headquarters at the Church of Shiloh, in the enemy's encampment, with Major-Gen. BRAGG, and directed our troops to sleep on their arms, in such positions in advance and rear as corps commanders should determine, hoping from news received by a special dispatch that delays had been encountered by Gen. BUELL in his march from Columbia, and that his main forces, therefore, could not reach the field of battle in time to save Gen. GRANT's shattered, fugitive forces from capture or destruction on the following day.

During the night, the rain fell in torrents, adding to the discomfort and harassed condition of the men; the enemy, moreover, had broken their rest by discharge, at measured intervals, of heavy shells thrown from the gunboats; therefore, on the following morning, the troops under my command were not in condition to cope with an equal force of fresh troops, armed and equipped like our adversary, in the immediate possession of his depots, and sheltered by such an auxiliary as the enemy's gunboats.

About 6 o'clock on the morning of the 7th of April, however, a hot fire of musketry and artillery, opened from the enemy's quarter on our advanced line, assured me of the junction of his forces, and soon the battle raged with a fury which satisfied me I was attacked by a largely superior force. But from the onset, our troops, notwithstanding their [??] and losses from the battle of the day before, exploded the most cheering, veteran-like steadiness. On the right and centre, the enemy was repulsed in every attempt he made with his heavy column in that quarter of the field; on the left, however, and nearest to the point of arrival of his reinforcements, he drove forward line after line of his fresh troops, which were met with a resolution and courage of which our country may be proudly hopeful. Again and again our troops were brought to the charge, invariably to win the position at issue, invariably to drive back their too. But hour in hour, thus opposed to an enemy constantly reinforced, our ranks were perceptibly thinned under the unceasing, withering fire of the enemy, and by 12 meridian, eighteen hours of hand fighting had sensibly exhausted a large number, my last reserves had necessarily been disposed of, and the enemy was evidently receiving fresh reinforcements after each repulse; accordingly, about 1 P.M., I determined to withdraw from so unequal a conflict, securing such of the results of the victory of the day before as was then practicable.

Officers of my Staff were immediately dispatched with the necessary orders to make the best dispositions for a deliberate, orderly withdrawal from the field, and to collect and post a reserve to meet the enemy, should he attempt to push after us, in this conjunction I will mention particularly my Adjutant-General, Col. JORDAN, who was of much assistance to me on this occasion, as he had already been on the field of battle on that and the preceding day.

About 2 o'clock P.M. the lines in advance, which had repulsed the enemy in their last fierce assault on our left and centre, received the orders to retire; this was done with uncommon steadiness, and the enemy made no attempt to follow.

The line of troops established to cover this movement had been disposed on a favorable ridge commanding the ground of Shiloh Church; from this position our artillery played upon the woods beyond for a little while, but upon no visible enemy and without reply. Soon satisfied that no serious pursuit would be attempted, this last line was withdrawn, and never did troops leave a battle-field in better order; even the stragglers fell into the ranks and marched off with those who had stood more steadily by their colors. A second strong position was taken up about a mile in the rear, where the approach of the enemy was waited for nearly an hour; but no effort to follow was made, and only a small detachment of horsemen could be seen at a distance from this last position, warily observing our movements.

Arranging, through my staff officers, for the completion of the movements thus begun, Brig.-Gen. BRECKINRIDGE was left with his command as a rear guard to hold the ground we had occupied the night preceding the first battle, just in front of the intersection of the Pittsburgh and Hamburg roads, about four miles from the former place, while the rest of the army passed through the rear in excellent order.

On the following day, Gen. BRECKINRIDGE fell back about three miles to Mickey's, which position we continued to hold, with our cavalry thrown considerably forward in immediate proximity to the battle-field.



Unfortunately, toward night of the 7th inst., it began to rain heavily. This continued throughout the night. The roads became almost impassable in many places, and much hardship and suffering now ensued before all the regiments reached their encampments. But despite the heavy casualties of the 6th and 7th of April, this army is more confident of ultimate success than before its encounter with the enemy.

To Major-Gens. POLK, BRAGG and HARDEE, commanding corps, and to Brig.-Gen. BRECKINRIDGE, commanding the reserve, the country is greatly indebted for the zeal, intelligence and energy with which all orders were executed -- for the foresight and military ability they displayed in the absence of instructions in the many exigencies of the battle, on a field so densely wooded and broken, and for their fearless deportment as they repeatedly led their commands personally to the onset upon their powerful adversary. It was under these circumstances that Gen. BRAGG had two horses shot under him, that Major-Gen. HARDEE was slightly wounded, his coat rent by balls and his horse disabled, and that Major-Gen. BRECKINRIDGE was twice struck by spent balls.

For the services of their gallant subordinate commanders, and of other officers, as well as for the details of the battle-field, I must refer to corps, division and brigade commanders, which shall be forwarded as soon as received.

To give more in detail the operations of the two battles resulting from the movement on Pittsburgh than now attempted, must have delayed this report for weeks, and interfered materially with the important duties of my position; but I may be permitted to say, that not only did the obstinate conflict for twelve hours, on Sunday, leave the Confederate army masters of the battle-field, and our adversary beaten, but we left that field on the next day only after eight hours' incessant battle, with a superior army of fresh troops, whom we had repulsed in every attack on our lines, so repulsed and crippled, indeed, as to leave it unable to take the field for the campaign for which it was collected and equipped at such enormous expense, and with such profusion of all the appliances of war. These successful events were not achieved, however, as before said, without severe loss -- a loss not to be measured by the number of the slain or wounded, but by the high social and personal worth of so large a number of those who were killed or disabled, including the commander of the forces, whose high qualities will be greatly missed in the momentous campaign impending.

I deeply regret to record, also, the death of Hon. GEORGE M. JOHNSON, Provisional Governor of Kentucky, who went into action with the Kentucky troops, and continually inspired them by his words and example. Having his horse shot under him on Sunday, he entered the ranks of a Kentucky regiment on Monday, and fell mortally wounded toward the close of the day. Not his State alone, but the whole Confederacy, has sustained a great loss in the death of this brave, upright, and able man.

Another gallant and able soldier and Captain was lost to the service of the country, when Brig. Gen. GLADDEN, commanding First Brigade, WITHERS' Division, Third Army Corps, died from a severe wound, received on the 5th inst., after having been conspicuous to his whole corps and the army for courage and capacity.

- Maj.-Gen. CHEATHAM, commanding First Division, First Corps, was slightly wounded, and had three horses shot under him.
- Brig.-Gen. CLARK, commanding first division of the first corps, received a severe wound also on the first day, which will deprive the army of his valuable services for some time.
- Brig.-Gen. HINDMAN, engaged in the outset of the battle, was conspicuous for a cool courage efficiently employed in leading his men ever into the thickest of the fray, until his horse was shot under him, and he was unfortunately so severely injured by the fall that the army was deprived, on the following day, of his chivalrous example.
- Brig.-Gens. B.R. JOHNSTON and BOWEN, most meritorious officers, were also severely wounded in the first combat; but it is hoped will soon be able to return to duty with their brigades.
- To mention the many field officers who died or were wounded while gallantly leading their commands into action, and the many brilliant instances of individual courage displayed by officers and men in the twenty hours of battle, is impossible at this time; but their names will be duly made known to their countrymen.
- The immediate staff of the lamented Commander-in-Chief, who accompanied him to the field, rendered efficient service, and either by his side or in carrying his orders shared his exposure to the casualties of a well-contested battle-field. I beg to commend their names to the notice of the War Department, namely; of Capt. H.P. BREWSTER and N. WICKLIFFE, of the Adjutant and Inspector General's Department.
- Capt. Thomas O'Hara, Acting Inspector General; Lieuts. Geo. Baylor and Thos. M. Jack, Aid-de-Camp; Volunteer Aids-de-Camp -- Col. Wm. Preston, Maj. D.M. Hayden, E.W. Munford and Calhoun Benham; Maj. Albert J. Smith and Capt. Wickham, Quartermaster's Department.
- To these gentlemen was assigned the last sad duty of accompanying the remains of their lamented chief from the field, except Capts. BREWSTER and WICKLIFFE, who remained, and rendered valuable services as staff officers, on the 7th of April.
- Gov. ISHAM G. HARRIS, of Tennessee, went upon the field with Gen. JOHNSTON, was by his side when he was shot, aided him from his horse, and received him in his arms when he died. Subsequently the Governor joined my staff, and remained with me throughout the next day, except when carrying orders or engaged in encouraging the troops of his own State, to whom he gave a conspicuous example of coolness, zeal and intrepidity.

I am also under many obligations to my own general, personal and volunteer staff, many of whom have been so long associated with me. I append a list of those present on the field on both days, and whose duties carried them constantly under fire, namely: Col. Thomas Jordan, Capt. [??] H. Smith, and Lieut. John M. Otey, Adjutant-General's Department.

- Maj. GEORGE W. BRENT, Acting Inspector-General; Col. R.B. LEE, Chief of Subsistence, whose horse was wounded; Lieut.-Col. S.W. FERGUSON, and Lieut. A. R. CHISOLM, Aid-de-Camp.
- Volunteer Aid-de-Camps Col. Jacob Thompson, Maj. Noma Augustin, Maj. H.E. Peyton, Capt. Albert Ferry, Capt. B.B. [???].
- Capt. W.W. PORTER, of Maj.-Gen. CRITTENDEN's Staff, also reported for duty, and shared the duties of my volunteer staff on Monday.
- Brig.-Gen. TRUDEAU, of Louisiana Volunteers, also, for a part of the first day's conflict, was with the as a volunteer aid.
- Capt. E.H. CUNNINGS, signal officer, also was actively employed as a staff officer on both days.

Nor must I fail to mention that private W.E. GOOLSBY, Eleventh Regiment Virginia Volunteers, Orderly to my headquarters since last June, repeatedly employed to carry my verbal orders to the field, discharged the duty with great zeal and intelligence.

Other members of my staff were necessarily absent from the immediate field of battle, intrusted with responsible duties at the headquarters, namely: Capt. F.H. JORDAN, Assistant Adjutant-General in charge of General Headquarters.

- Maj. EUGENE E. MCLEAN, Chief Quartermaster; Capt. E. DESLONDE, Quartermaster's Department.
- Lieut.-Col. FERGUSON. A.D.C., early on Monday was assigned to command and direct the movements of a brigade of the second corps.
- Lieut. Col. GILMER, Chief Engineer, after having performed the important and various duties of his place, with distinction to himself and material benefit to his country, was wounded late on Monday. I trust, however, I shall not long be deprived of his essential services.
- Capt. LUCKETT, Engineer Corps, Chief Assistant to Col. GILMER, after having been employed in the duties of his corps on Sunday, was placed by me on Monday in command of a battalion without field officers. Capt. FREMAUX, Provisional Engineer and Lieuts. STEEL and HELM, also rendered material and ever dangerous service in the line of their duty.
- Maj. Gen., (now Gen.,) BRAXTON BRAGG, in addition to his duties of Chief of Staff, as has been before stated, commanded his corps -- much the largest in the field -- on both days with signal capacity and soldier-ship.

- Surgeon Foard, Medical Director, Surgeons R.L. Brodie and S. Choppin, Medical Inspectors, and Surgeon D.W. Yandel, Medical Director of the Western Department, with Gen. Johnston, were present in the discharge of their arduous and high duties, which they performed with honor to their profession.
- Capt. Tom Saunders, Messrs. Scales and Metcalf, and Mr. Tolly, of New-Orleans, were of material aid on both days, ready to give news of the enemy's positions and movements regardless of exposure.

While thus partially making mention of some of those who rendered brilliant, gallant, or meritorious service in the field. I have aimed merely to notice those whose position would most probably exclude the record of their services from the reports of corps or subordinate commanders.

From this agreeable duty I turn to one in the highest degree unpleasant -- one due, however, to the brave men under me, as a contrast to the behavior of most of the army who fought so heroically. I allude to the fact that some officers, non-commissioned officers and men, abandoned their colors early in the first day, to pillage the captured encampments; others retired shamefully from the field on both days, while the thunder of cannon, and the roar and rattle of musketry, told them that their brothers were being slaughtered by the fresh legions of the enemy. I have ordered the names of the most conspicuous upon this roll of laggards and cowards, to be published in orders.

It remains to state, that our loss in the two days in the killed outright, was 1,728, wounded 8,012, missing 959, making an aggregate of casualties of 10,699. This sad list tells in simple language of the stout fight made by our countrymen in front of the rude log chapel at Shiloh, especially when it is known that on Monday, from exhaustion and other causes, not twenty thousand men on our side could be brought into action.

Of the losses of the enemy I have no exact knowledge. Their newspapers report it as very heavy. Unquestionably it was greater, even in proportion, than our own, on both days; for it was apparent to all that their dead left on the field outnumbered ours two to one. Their casualties, therefore, cannot have fallen much short of 20,000, in killed, wounded, prisoners and missing.

Through information derived from many sources, including the newspapers of the enemy, we engaged on Sunday the divisions of Gens. PRENTISS, SHERMAN, HURLBUT, MCCLERNAND and SMITH, of 9,000 men each, or at least 45,000 men. This force was reinforced on Sunday night by the divisions of Gens. NELSON, MCCOOK, CRITTENDEN and THOMAS, of Major-Gen. BUELL's army, some 25,000 strong, including all arms. Also, Gen. L. WALLACE's division of Gen. GRANT's army, making at least 33,000 fresh troops, which, added to the remnant of Gen. GRANT's forces, on Monday morning amounting to over 20,000, made an aggregate force of some 53,000 men, at least, arrayed against us on that day.

In connection with the results of the battle. I should state that the most of our men who had inferior arms exchanged them for the improved arms of the enemy. Also, that most of the property, public and personal, in the camp from which the enemy was driven on Sunday, was rendered useless or greatly damaged, except some of the tents.

With these are transmitted certain papers:

- Order of movements marked "A."
- A list of the killed and wounded marked "B."
- A list of captured flags marked "C," and map of the field of battle marked "D."
- All of which is respectfully submitted through my volunteer Aid-de-Camp, Col. JACOB THOMPSON, of Mississippi, who has in charge the flags, standards and colors captured from the enemy.

I have the honor to be, General,

Your obedient servant,

G.T. BEAUREGARD, General Commanding.

To Gen. S. COOPER, Adjutant and Inspector-General

C.S.A., Richmond, Va.

Total Casualties				
	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Total
Army of Tennessee	1,512	6,597	2,828	10,937
Army of Ohio	241	1,805	55	2,101
<b>Total Union Losses</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>8,402</b>	<b>2,883</b>	<b>13,038</b>
<b>Confederate Losses</b>	<b>1,728</b>	<b>8,012</b>	<b>959</b>	<b>10,699</b>
<b>Total Shiloh Losses</b>	<b>3,481</b>	<b>16,414</b>	<b>3,842</b>	<b>23,737</b>



## Why a 'born-again' black Republican is proud of Mississippi's flag

Well into the discussion of the Mississippi state flag at the Harrison County Republican Women's Club on Monday at the Great Southern Golf Club, someone noticed the state flag was not in attendance.

There was what Greg Stewart of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, one of the featured speakers, called the rare "pizza flag," one of the flags once pitched as a replacement. Several people had reproductions of the flag on wallet cards. There was an American flag.

The flag has become toxic in some quarters. Some businesses have stopped flying it. All the public universities took it down. But the GOP women embraced it, standing to say the pledge of allegiance to the missing flag.

Stewart and DeBora Simpson, a black woman who calls herself a "born-again" Republican, both said blacks who embrace the flag realize it is part of their history, too.

"Actually, I'm proud of the flag," said Simpson, "because it reminded me of what my ancestors went through to afford me the chances I have." Stewart said while there is a lot of opposition to the flag in urban areas, in rural parts of the state — where blacks and whites know one another as neighbors — there is far less. He called efforts to change the flag was just a "cheap token" to offer blacks instead of respect.

"There is a portion of black Mississippians who aren't fooled," said Stewart. He said slavery was a horrible institution but "If that's how you got here and that's your journey, you wouldn't want that swept under the rug."

Still, Stewart said, he would accept a new flag if that was the will of the people.

"I live in today's Mississippi," said Stewart, whose ancestors fought for the Confederacy. "If today's Mississippi wants a change, I'd be OK with that."



## Thank You from the Tallahatchie Rifles Our Newest Camp

Gentlemen,

From all the members of the Tallahatchie Rifles camp, a sincere thank you for all the support and especially for so many of The officers of the Mississippi Division to make time to attend our Charter meeting. I can't express how much it meant to us.

Our Division will have some new State Officers soon. The Tallahatchie Rifles wish them well and are at their service.

Friends, all of us have chosen to honor and stand up for our heritage and ancestors. Unfortunately, we have many enemies. We must be completely united in our cause. Nothing else will be adequate. Our cause is just and we must remain vigilant.

Thank you again for everything!

Sincerely,  
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