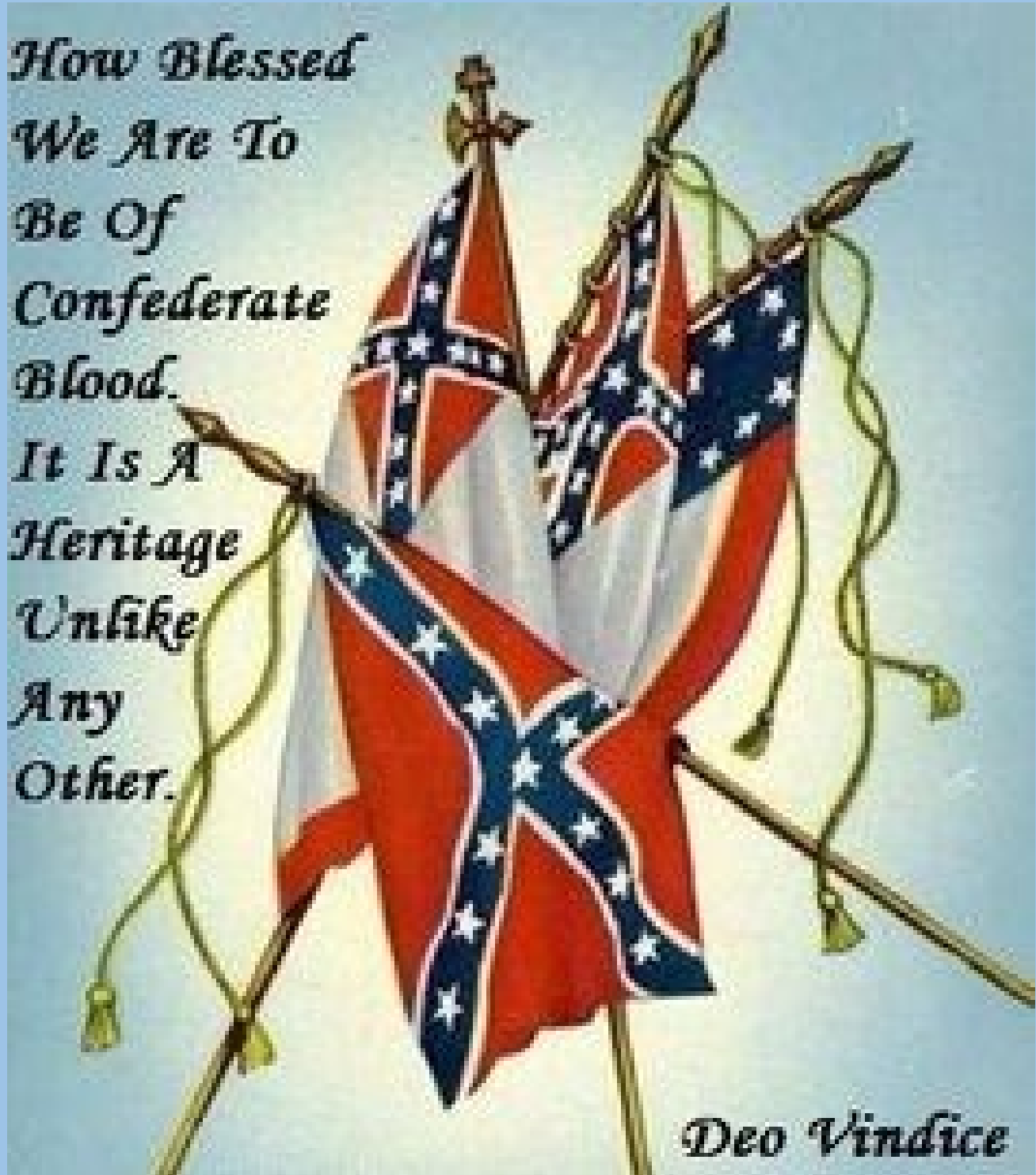


# *The Delta General*

**This Month's Issue is Dedicated to Confederate Heritage Month**

*How Blessed  
We Are To  
Be Of  
Confederate  
Blood.  
It Is A  
Heritage  
Unlike  
Any  
Other.*



*Deo Vindice*

Camp Website: [www.humphreys1625.com](http://www.humphreys1625.com)

March 2023, Volume 26, Issue 3

Dedicated to the Memory of Brig/ General Benjamin G. Humphreys

## Commander's Comments —

### Larry McCluney

Compatriots,

Welcome to the March edition of the Delta General. This issue will highlight the CSS Shenandoah as we honor the Confederate Navy with this issue. I hope you enjoy. We will not have a meeting this month with all of the activities on Division as well as National.

Spring is here and Confederate Heritage Month starting in April. For those not present at our February meeting, it was voted on to have our 27th Confederate Memorial Service on Saturday at 2:00 PM on April 8 at the UDC Monument in the Greenville Cemetery located on South Main Street Greenville, MS. The service will start at 2:00 pm with guest speaker Camp Chaplain Earl McCown. We ask all re-enactors, ladies and gentlemen, to be at the cemetery no later than 1:30 pm ready to go. The uniform of the day will be Confederate Infantry. Refreshments will be provided after the service by the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter # 9, OCR. We need a good turnout for this service. So mark your calendar and spread the word to friends and neighbors and anyone who may be interested. Any questions, please contact Dan McCaskill at danmccas@tecinfo.com or call 662-822-1096. We will also have our regular Camp meeting on the grounds following the service. Please make all efforts to attend since we will be dedicating a new headstone.

Also in April, the Division Monument dedication in April near Calhoun City. Its been a longtime since a new Confederate Monument was erected and dedicated in Mississippi and we do not want to miss this event.

Our May meeting will be special, please make all plans to attend as we observe our Camp's 30th Birthday and the Ella Palmer Chapter, OCR's 25th Anniversary as well. We will have a meal, Fried Chicken provided by the Camp, we are asking everyone to bring a side dish and pay \$5.00 a person to off set the cost. This will be just like our Lee/Jackson Banquet. We will have a special speaker to be revealed in the next issue. There will be lots of dignitaries from National, the Army, and the Division in attendance. Lets turn out in numbers for this event. This will be held at our regular meeting place on May 13, at 6:00 PM.

We have some people who did not renew their dues this year. This is not good. If you have not paid your renewals this could be your last issue of the Delta General so please renew your dues and help us keep up the fight on our enemies who would besmirch our ancestor's good name.

Please bring a friend or potential recruit at our next meeting as we gather to carryout our Camp's business and remember our Confederate ancestors. Remember, "If not US, Who? If not Now, When?"

Confederately,

Larry McCluney, Camp Commander

## Camp Adjutant's Report — Dan McCaskill

Compatriots,

Here are dates for upcoming events:

**April 8:** Camp Confederate Memorial Service at the Greenville Cemetery starting at 2 pm. Speaker will be Earl McCown. Short Camp Meeting after the Service. More information will follow.

**April 15:** Dedication of the Confederate Monument at Bruce, MS at 2 pm. More information will soon follow.

**April 29:** Division Confederate Memorial Service at Beauvoir

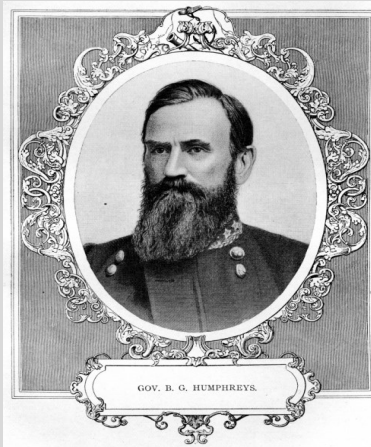
**May 6:** National Confederate Memorial Service at Elm Springs, Columbia, TN starting at 11 am

**May 13:** Regular Camp Meeting. We will be celebrating the Camp's 30th Anniversary, mark your calendars.

**June 9 - 11:** Division Reunion at Beauvoir

**Jul 19 - 23:** National Reunion at Hot Springs, AR. Additional information for all events will be sent as it becomes available.

Your Servant,  
Dan A. McCaskill, Camp Adjutant



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*Confederate Memorial Service and  
Headstone Dedication  
Saturday, April 8, 2023  
Greenville Cemetery  
South Main Street, Greenville, MS*



*Hosted by  
B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys 1625, SCV  
Ella Palmer Chapter # 9, OCR*

*Service Starts at 2:00 pm at the UDC Plot  
Speaker: Camp Chaplain Earl McCown*

*Headstone Dedication: Major Raymond Montaigne; 1<sup>st</sup> LA Hvy Artillery  
Re-enactors for Color Guard and Rifle Squad, be at the cemetery by 1:00 pm  
Ladies of the OCR will have refreshments afterwards and  
A short Camp Meeting afterwards.  
Please bring a chair, seating will be limited.*

## Chaplain's Corner — Earl McCown



Confederate generals' hope in God took solid form as they practiced works of charity for their fellow human beings. They knew that, as Christians, they were called on to believe, to hope and to practice works of charity. Jesus had called His disciples to show charity to all. We see this call in many Scriptures in the Holy Bible:

Galatians 6:2, (KJV), "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Matthew 20:28, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many"

Mark 12:31, "...Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself..."

The generals were in a position where they could and often did show charity to their soldiers, civilians, and to their enemies. A key component of Christian charity was the spreading of the Good News, and many high-ranking officers spread the Gospel among their men. The motives for performing this duty were both heavenly and earthly. On one hand, every believing Christian had a responsibility to his or her Master to spread the truth as he or she received it. These new believers were supposed to spread the Good News and were called to be more loving and giving than before their conversion. However, these heavenly benefits were not the only ones Confederate generals could expect to produce through the spreading of the Gospel in their regiments.

They also expected Christian converts to be harder working, more loyal, less likely to desert, and more willing to endure trials joyfully and patiently as their Master did when He suffered. Of course, they realized that only in the most fervent converts would all of the above mentioned changes occur, but they expected a degree of change in all who came to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.



**Monument Dedication Ceremony  
Calhoun Avengers Camp 1969  
Sons of Confederate Veterans**



15 April 2023  
496 HWY 32 E, Bruce, MS  
2:00 p.m.

## BEAUVIOR

Beauvoir, the historic post-war home of President Jefferson Davis, is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There are several ways that you can participate in the continued preservation of this beloved landmark located in Biloxi, Mississippi.



*Beauvoir - Post-war home of Jefferson Davis.  
Biloxi, Mississippi*

### Friends of Beauvoir

For as little as \$25 annually, you can become a member of the Friends of Beauvoir. Membership includes tour admission and a 10% discount at the Beauvoir gift shop.



*The Jefferson Davis Presidential Library located on the grounds of  
Beauvoir in Biloxi, Mississippi.*

## 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 this program please see the attached application and information to find out more on the following pages.



**Mississippi Division  
Sons of Confederate Veterans**  
cordially invites you to attend



*Confederate Memorial Day*  
at Beauvoir  
on  
**Saturday April 22, 2023**

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**Dinner on the Grounds at Noon on front lawn**  
Main Entrée and drinks will be provided.  
Please feel free to bring additional meat, side item or your favorite dessert

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**Confederate Memorial Service in the cemetery at 2:00pm**  
All are encouraged to bring a floral tribute for wreath laying ceremony at  
Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier

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Co-hosted by the  
Mississippi Society Order of Confederate Rose  
and the  
Friends of Beauvoir Historical Events Committee

## National SCV News

### Forrest Homecoming

#### Video

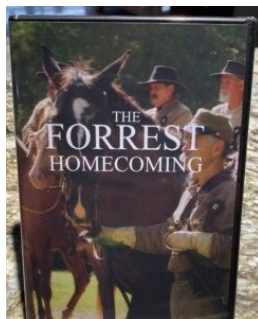
Compatriots:

*The Forrest Homecoming* documentary, covering the reinterment of General and Mrs. Nathan Bedford Forrest, was released to the public during a red carpet premiere at the National Confederate Museum this past Friday. Now that the film has been premiered, it is now available through the SCV Shop.

This DVD, created by the Matthews Film Company, tells the complete story of the Forrest's grave relocation and includes interviews with key individuals and shows original footage from the reinterment services held at the Forrest Boyhood Home and Historic Elm Springs during September 2021.

The price per DVD is \$25 plus processing. At this time, we have a strict limit of five DVD's per customer. To order online, follow this link: (<https://scv.org/product/the-forrest-homecoming-dvd/>). To order by mail, send a check for \$32.75 (\$25 plus shipping/processing) to SCV Sales, PO BOX 59, Columbia, TN 38402 with "Forrest DVD" in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your support!

Adam Southern  
Executive Director



## April Is Confederate Heritage Month

April is Confederate History Month. I know we do things all year long to remember and honor our Confederate Dead. The month of April is recognized as a special opportunity and is set aside to do special events of remembrance. Each of you are encouraged to do something to celebrate and highlight our Confederate Ancestors. Members, Camps, Brigades, Divisions and Armies are encouraged to promote our Southern Heritage and to show our true love and appreciation to all our beloved Confederate Ancestors.

You have so many ways to honor our heroes. Visit the grave of your ancestor, a mass grave at a battlefield and the grave of an Unknown. Have a Memorial Service or Dedication. Clean a cemetery. Let people know you are having these events so people can attend. Attend and support other events. The National event is going to be in Stone Mountain Georgia on Saturday April 29, 2023. Please make plans to attend so everyone will see we take the respect, honor and remembrance very seriously.

A [Proclamation](#) announcing April as Confederate History Month is going to be issued. Make sure to share this Telegraph announcement and [Proclamation](#) on your social media, your newsletter and even in your local paper or radio station. The Confederate Legion has great radio ads that you can run on your local radio stations.

"Don't hide your pride"  
If not us, who? If not now, when?  
R. S. Jason Boshers Commander-in-Chief



## Forrest's Last Ride Forrest's Last Ride

Is the name of the project to reconstruct the gravesite of Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest on the grounds of Historic Elm Springs and the National Confederate Museum. This will be a very large project as the plaza is 50 feet deep and 75 feet wide. Everything that was with the graves is now on the grounds and waiting to be reconstructed. The Equestrian Statue, which is the headstone of the graves will be repaired and returned to its rightful place. This project is for the repair, reconstruction, and placement of the Forrest Gravesite in its entirety and as intended by the artist Charles Henry Neihaus.

On September 18, 2021, we gathered to lay to rest, Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest were on the grounds of Historic Elm Springs. On October 1, 2022, the General Executive Council voted to rebuild the entire plaza as it was originally Constructed. The estimated cost to reconstruct the entire plaza is \$150,000. Currently, \$76,000 has already been raised. This project is being done by the great-great-grandsons of General Forrest and the General Executive Council. This cannot happen without your help and donations. This cannot be built until the money has been raised. If you wish to contribute, please send your donations to SCV National. To pay by check: Please make your check payable to SCV National with Forrest Plaza in the memo line and mail to:

SCV  
P. O. Box 59  
Columbia, TN 38402

To pay by phone: call 931-380-1844, ext. 209 To pay online: <https://scv.org/paypal-donations/> You take them down, and we will put them back up!

# Mississippi Guardian Program Application

Turn Application into Division Guardian Committee Chairman

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SCV Camp Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

## GRAVESITE DETAILS

Confederate Veterans Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Co.: \_\_\_\_\_

Born: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Died: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Condition of site: Poor, Fair, Good, Excellent

(circle one)

Location of Grave: (Include name of cemetery, city and county): \_\_\_\_\_

Marker on Grave denoting Confederate Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Cross of Honor? \_\_\_\_\_

Documentation of Confederate Service: List book, service record, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

I affirm that all the information here is true and accurate. I agree to faithfully care for and protect this Confederate Veteran's grave in accordance with the GUARDIAN PROGRAM rules for as long as I am able. In the event I cannot carry out my duties, I shall notify the Review Committee immediately. I also understand that the Review Committee can revoke my status as a GUARDIAN for good cause.

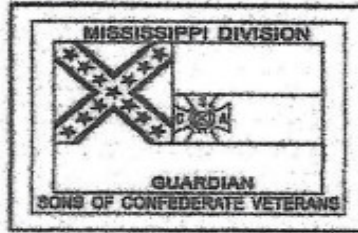
Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Committee Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Mail Application, Map and Photos to:

Mississippi Division Guardian Program  
123 Douglas Street  
Bruce, MS. 38915

# Mississippi Division Guardian Program



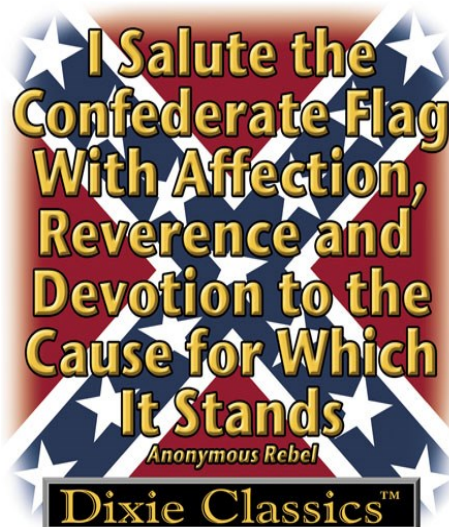
- .. **Purpose:** The program is designed to honor the memory of our Confederate ancestors and through its implementation will provide the preservation of their final resting places and will document for future generations their sacrifices.
- ! **Eligibility:** Any Mississippi Division camp member in good standing, who is at least 12 years of age and who has demonstrated his desire and ability to serve as a GUARDIAN. All compatriots are encouraged to participate in the program to honor our ancestors and to protect their final resting place.
- ! **DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**
  - (A) He shall care for and protect the grave(s) of a Confederate Veteran, ensuring that the gravesite is kept clean and well maintained year round. He shall perform these duties personally unless he is physically unable because of health reasons. At no time shall these responsibilities be passed on to another without the approval of the GUARDIAN committee for the Alabama Division.
  - (B) He will be responsible to appropriately mark the grave so it is designated as a final resting place of a Confederate Veteran. This can be by stone, plaque, Cross of Honor, etc. He will also be responsible for replacing or repairing any marker that is worn, damaged or destroyed.
  - (C) He shall personally visit the grave a minimum of two times a year to include Confederate Memorial Day or at least one week prior. He shall place a wreath or a small Confederate flag or both on the grave.
- ! **APPLICATIONS, REVIEWS & APPROVAL:**
  - (A) Individuals who wish to participate in the GUARDIAN program must complete and submit the Guardian Application form to the Mississippi Division Guardian Committee Chairman. The Committee Chairman will then forward the application on to the Guardian Committee for approval. The application must be accompanied with a map showing the location of the gravesite along with written driving instructions to the cemetery. A before photograph of the gravesite must also be submitted before approval. An after photograph can be submitted for the file as work is completed.
  - (B) The applicant must also remit a one-time \$10.00 fee with the application to cover the cost of the GUARDIAN pin and certificate, which will be awarded upon the candidate's approval for membership in the GUARDIAN program. The fee is non-refundable.
  - (C) Individuals who are not accepted into the GUARDIAN program will be given an explanation in writing by the Review Committee. The applicant can request an appeal of the decision. The Review Committee will review the applicants appeal and render a decision. The decision of the Review Committee is final.

## 5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

**Multiple Gravesites:** GUARDIANS may care for more than one gravesite and will be

recognized by the Guardian Review Committee. Special certificates or indications on the Guardian pin may be authorized to signify the care of multiple veterans' graves. Normally no more than 25 gravesites will be authorized for a Guardian to care for. The Review Committee may authorize more than 25 on a case by case basis under the advice of the applicants Camp Commander.

- (A) **Forfeiture of Guardian position:** A Guardian who cannot meet the requirements of his position due to relocation, health or other reasons must notify the Review Committee. All fees are non-refundable.
- (B) **Bequeathing of GUARDIAN position:** A Guardian may transfer his responsibilities as a Guardian to another SCV member in good standing with prior approval by the Review Committee. There is a \$10 fee for transferring the Guardianship. This fee will cover the new Guardian's membership pin and certificate. If he is already in the Guardian program there will be no fee to cover the certificate designating the new guardianship he is undertaking.
- (C) **Revocation of GUARDIAN status:** The Review Committee may revoke the status of a participant in the Guardian program if he fails to carry out his duties and responsibilities as outlined. The Committee reserves the right to inspect, with or without notice, any GUARDIAN'S Confederate Veteran's gravesite to confirm compliance with all of the rules and regulations specified in the program.
- (E) **Wilderness Gravesite:** This is a gravesite that is completely neglected or abandoned in a remote area. Application for this special designation must be accompanied with before and after pictures of the gravesite and the Guardian must meet all other requirements of the program.





## 2023 SCV MS Division Reunion

### Registration Form

127<sup>th</sup> Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

29<sup>th</sup> Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose

Biloxi, Mississippi – June 9-11, 2023

Hosted by the MS Division 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade and MS Society, OCR

Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531



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 6, 2023, \$55.00 / After May 6, 2023, \$65.00 QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OCR Member – on or before May 6, 2023, \$30.00 / After May 6, 2023, \$35.00 QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Night President Davis Birthday Reception – Free with Cash Bar QTY \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Banquet - \$40.00 per Adult QTY \_\_\_\_\_ / \$25.00 per Child QTY \_\_\_\_\_ QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Reunion Medal (Quantities Limited) - \$30.00 each QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(NO RECEPTION OR BANQUET REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 26, 2023, INCLUDING WALK-UPS)

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

*Please type or print memorials on the back of this form and submit by May 1, 2023.*

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT =====> \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Checks Payable to **MS Division 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade** & Mail to:

Forrest S. Daws, P.O. Box 263, Waynesboro, MS 39367

SCV Contacts: Forrest S. Daws (601) 410-2946 · Oran Thomas (228) 382-2313 · Don Green (601) 270-5316

OCR Contacts: Suzi Bond White (601) 813-1191 or Brenda Arthur (662) 832-3884

### HOTEL INFO

Host Hotels: Edgewater Inn, 1936 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531 Ph: (800) 323-9676

Quality Inn, 2414 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531 Ph: (228) 388-1000

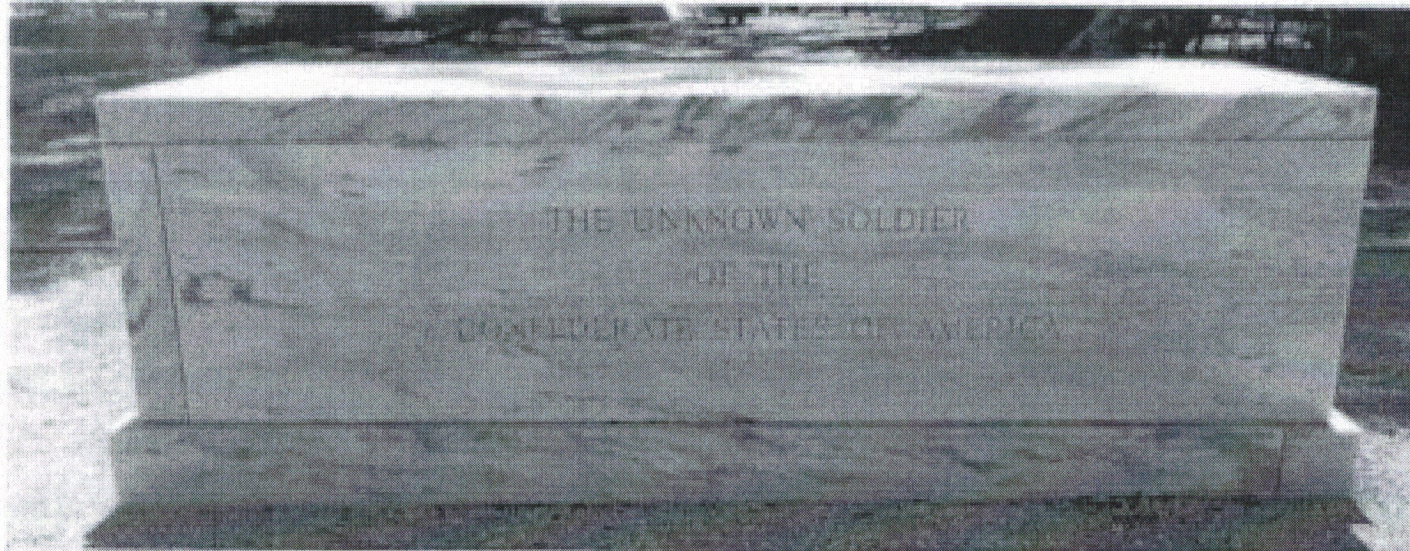
Motel 6, 2476 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531 Ph: (228) 388-2601

SCV Rates: Edgewater Inn - starting \$99.00 per night plus tax/Quality Inn – starting at \$107.96 Friday night plus tax

Registration will be at Beauvoir in the Presidential Library between 12:00 pm & 5:00 pm Friday and between 7:00 am & 9:00 am Saturday.

# 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 to:

Bricks for Beauvoir  
Mail to: Bricks for Beauvoir  
2344 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



Inside the museum



**SCV\_CHAT**  
**RECLAIMING THE NARRATIVE**  
**ONE WEEK AT A TIME**

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

## THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATE MUSEUM AT ELM SPRINGS

The truth about the South's struggle to form a new nation is under attack as never before. The National Battlefield Parks have been taken over by the "it's all about slavery" provocateurs. Museums have changed their collections and interpretations to present what they call the cultural history of the War for Southern Independence. In reality this new perspective is nothing more than South bashing. The forces of political correctness have gone into high gear. They attempt to ban any and all things Confederate through their ideological fascism.

There needs to be at least one place where the people of the South and others can go to learn an accurate account of why so many struggled so long in their attempt to reassert government by the consent of the governed in America!

The General Executive Council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans made the commitment in October of 2008 to start the process to erect a new building that will have two purposes. One of the uses of this new building will be to give us office space and return Elm Springs to its original grandeur. However the main function is to house The Confederate Museum. We are planning a museum that will tell the truth about what motivated the Southern people to struggle for many years to form a new nation. At the SCV Reunion in July of 2009 the GEC set up a building fund for this purpose. 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.

These plans have now become a reality. The ground breaking has taken place and the museum is now open.

Take this journey with us and support the museum as a donor or join the Friends of the Museum today!

Send Donations to:  
 Sons of Confederate Veterans  
 Attn: National Confederate Museum  
 P.O. Box 59  
 Columbia, TN 38402

Or you can call 1-800-MY-DIXIE to pay by credit card.  
[www.theconfederatemuseum.com](http://www.theconfederatemuseum.com)

### National Confederate Museum Saturday Open Dates

April 15  
 May 6 Pilgrimage to Elm Springs  
 June 3  
 July 29 Rebel Rouser Cruise In  
 August 19 - Night at the Museum  
 September 9  
 October 9  
 November 11-Free to Vets  
 December 2- Maury Co. Home tours 5 pm to 8 pm  
 \$10 Admission



# *2023 Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion*

**www.2023scvreunion.org**

*Hosted By The James M Keller Camp #648*

*Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas*

*July 19, 20, 21, 22nd 2023*



**The Arlington Hotel is the Official Hotel of the 2023 SCV National Reunion**



The Arlington Hotel is located at 239 Central Avenue in historic Hot Springs.

The vast majority of the reunion events will happen in facilities at the Arlington Hotel

Tel: (501) 623-7771 (800) 643-1502 Website: [www.arlingtonhotel.com](http://www.arlingtonhotel.com)

email: [info@arlingtonhotel.com](mailto:info@arlingtonhotel.com)

## Room Rates:

Single/One Adult: \$109.00 Double/Two Adults: \$109 Mineral Water Room: \$149.00

\*\*\* Make sure to mention 2023 SCV Reunion to receive the special Reunion Rate!\*\*\*

**Make Your Room Reservations Now! Registration Info will soon follow!**

## Join the Confederate Legion

- 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/>

## SCV Museum Name Change is Not True

To all my SCV friends, there has been NO name change for our museum. It is and will remain, The National Confederate Museum. The same is true for Elm Springs, it is and will remain, Historic Elm Springs and one last thing, there is absolutely no chance of changing our SCV logo. At the recent GEC meeting, we did name the property, The Southern Heritage Center. The SCV owns approximately 80 acres of prime land in Columbia, TN upon which sits Historic Elm Springs, The National Confederate Museum, one family cemetery and the final resting place for General and Mrs. Forrest. The open spaces on our property are used from time to time for various cultural event such as music concerts, cook-offs, antique car show, social gathering, and such. These events bring people to our property that may otherwise never even know we exist and it makes money for the SCV. Since a car-show cannot be held in the museum or the antebellum home, naming our property will help promote these events. The entire property owned by the SCV has never had a name, it does now. Nothing else has changed.

Donnie Kennedy, Lt. CiC, SCV



## Change in Proration Policy effective March 4, 2023

### Proration of members who have been delinquent over 2 years is now allowed

Compatriots:

At the March meeting of the GEC, the Proration Policy was changed, allowing proration for members that have been delinquent for over two years. The GEC hopes this new policy will help camps bring delinquent members back into the ranks.

The policy is included below for your convenience.

Best wishes,  
Adam Southern  
Executive Director

### DUES PRORATION (effective for the year 2022/2023) fiscal year 2022

This is the way the prorated dues system works: The membership voted to raise dues from \$30. to \$35.00. This affects the proration amounts.

The SCV operates on a fiscal year (not calendar) beginning August 1st of one year and going through July 31st of the following year. The current fiscal year, August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023, is shown as status 2022 on your roster, and it means the member's dues are paid through July 31, 2023. Additionally, there is now a 1-month grace period from August 1st through September 1st when members are still current while camps work to collect the annual dues for the next fiscal year. Dues submissions postmarked after September 1st of each year are now subject to a \$5 late fee in addition to the normal \$35 annual dues. This extra \$5 fee also applies to all delinquent/former members wishing to reinstate but cannot be prorated anymore.

If someone joins as a new member in **February, March, or April 2023** (which is technically the 3rd quarter of our fiscal year) he can pay his \$35 yearly dues and the \$5 processing fee, and he has the option to pay an additional \$17.5 for a total of **\$57.50** to join for both the current fiscal year as well as the next fiscal year as status 2022, meaning his dues will be advanced & paid through July 31, 2024. The \$17.50 counts for the remainder of the current year, and the \$35 is for the following year. You may **not** just pay \$17.5 to finish the current without paying for the following year as well.

If someone joins as a new member in **May, June, or July 2023** (which is technically the 4th quarter of our fiscal year) he can pay his \$35 yearly dues and the \$5 processing fee, and he has the option to pay an additional \$8.75 for a total of **\$48.75** to join for both the current fiscal year as well as the next fiscal year as status 2022, meaning his dues will be advanced & paid through July 31, 2024. The \$8.75 counts for the remainder of the current year, and the \$35 is for the following year. You may not just pay \$8.75 to finish the current without paying for the following year as well.

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT NEW NOTICE: CHANGE OF PRORATION POLICY! 3-4-2023**

Proration of reinstatements of members who have been delinquent over 2 years is now allowed.

Please remember that the shortened grace period to pay dues without a \$5 late fee beginning Aug. 1st is now only 1 month ending each Sept. 1st & **this prorated dues option is now only available for brand new members joining in the 3rd or 4th quarter.**

**Proration of reinstatements/delinquents less than 2 years is not an option.**

**There is not an option to pay only the partial dues** for the remainder of the current fiscal year. This prorated dues policy, originally adopted at the 2005 Nashville Convention, is a great improvement over the past practice when men who joined during the last six months of the fiscal year had only one option which was to pay the entire \$35 for the remaining months in the fiscal year only to get hit up for dues again when the new fiscal year begins each Aug. 1st. The proration period does not begin until February 1st of each fiscal year & cannot be prorated until then.

**\*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT JUST SEND THE PARTIAL PRORATED DUES AMOUNT WITHOUT INCLUDING A FULL YEAR'S DUES WITH IT\*\*\***



## Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc.

### Reconciliation Memorial

### Arlington National Cemetery

On January 12<sup>th</sup> the General Executive Council Sons of Confederate Veterans voted to enter into a lawsuit to fight the removal of the Reconciliation Memorial located in the Confederate Section of Arlington National Cemetery. SCV National has been working with an attorney and actions will be forthcoming.

The lawsuit will take funding. To contribute to help the SCV fight this travesty, please send your donations to:

Online: <https://scv.org/paypal-donations/> and click on the Donate button under Heritage Operations (Defense).

Phone: call 931-380-1844, ext. 209

Check: Make the check payable to SCV National, write Arlington in the subject line and mail to:

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



Confederate Memorial,  
Arlington Cemetery, Va.

R. S. Jason Boshers, Commander-in-Chief

Walter Donald Kennedy, Lt. Commander-in-Chief

### From the Army Commander

Men of the Army,

There is so much going on right now for us to be involved with at every level of the organization. On the National side, we are involved in the Federal lawsuit concerning the removal of the Arlington Memorial. We need everyone to write your House Representatives and Senators along with the members of the naming commission. This lawsuit will require time and money. Please consider giving to the Heritage Defense fund. This is where the money will come from as the lawsuit moves forward.

By now you should have heard that we have named our "campus" the Southern Heritage Center. It puts a name on the 80 acres that we own. It does not take away from our existing names. We still have the home called Elm Springs, the Museum is still named the National Confederate Museum and Headquarters is still Headquarters. The naming of the campus allows us to target groups for fundraising. It was recommended by the Fundraising Committee and approved by the GEC. Our goal is to pay the museum off early and there will be several initiatives coming that will help us achieve this goal. I believe the museum is an asset in promoting the true history of the South and its struggle against northern tyranny. WE know the truth but how many others (especially the students) have a clue? The museum is a way of educating the people who come. We need artifacts to go into the museum partially because people have that expectation when they come but we also need them to help tell the story of our struggle. More and more people are loaning or donating items. We need those items. There are other items that come available that we will have to purchase. For that reason we have started an acquisition fund. It is on the website under donate or you can send in a donation by check to our PO Box 59 Columbia address, just mark the memo line "acquisition".

At the AoT workshop, discussion was held about the Confederate Legion and Make Dixie Great Again campaign. Their new website will be up hopefully by the time you read this. You will find ideas there on things you can do to help get the narrative out to a wider audience. Recent polls show the majority of Americans believe we are right and we need to tap into that segment of people. It can be done. The Forrest plaza is still a project that we will complete. We will not start the project until we have the funds in place to do the job. It is estimated to cost \$150,000 and we have roughly half of the amount.

With the warmer temperatures on the horizon the Divisions will be in high gear with their activities and their annual Reunions. For some this is an

election year. After the elections are held please remember to send in the Officers Change Form to Eric Previti at GHQ and also email me with the changes so I can get other records updated.

If you have not made plans to attend the National Reunion at Hot Springs, you need to do it sooner rather than later. Rooms go fast at the Host Hotel and some activities are limited as far as attendance goes.

Throughout this issue there are upcoming events that we all should strive to attend. The Confederate Memorial Day Service at Stone Mountain, Georgia on April 29th has been designated as a National event. Last year the protesters numbers were almost as large as ours; this year we are not going to let that happen. The Pilgrimage to Elm Springs on May 6 will be another outstanding event. The Forrest Boyhood Homecoming is an annual event that I have always enjoyed. There are more events than I have space to mention but they are all important. Remember to send pictures of your events to me at [aotcommander@alscv.org](mailto:aotcommander@alscv.org) for publication.

I would like to thank Tommy Rhodes, Chris Rice and all of the members of Fort Blakeley Camp 1864 for hosting the AoT workshop this year. I hope to do one more of these next year at Columbia, Tennessee at Headquarters before my term ends. We can tour the museum as well that day.

Lastly, I would like to thank Commander John Anson and Lt. Cmdr Jesse Ward for their 15 years of service as Commander and Lt. Cmdr of the Ohio Division. They are taking a well deserved break.

Jimmy Hill Commander, Army of Tennessee

### Are Southerners Still Welcomed in the

### US Military

The Sons of Confederate Veterans oppose the recently recommended actions by the Naming Commission in conjunction with the Department of Defense. Their actions to strip the names of Confederate officers and heroes from our military assets will raise serious doubts as to whether young Southerners are welcome in today's military. A vocal and ambivalent minority has embarked on a vicious attack against American history. They have fought long and hard, have lobbied those in power, and have championed the cause to change the names of military bases, naval vessels, and historic flags. In other words, all things connected with Southern valor displayed on the field of battle during the War Between the States are to be purged. This action is a rejection of the same vigor that inspired many Southerners to join the military and heroically defended the United States, many in her time of need, and in communion with the valor displayed by their Confederate ancestors.

This was true when the blitzkrieg raged, and the relentless attacks in the Pacific continued as World War II found the entirety of humanity engulfed in the flames of war. It is meaningful that the highest-ranking general officer to be killed in action was General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., the son of Confederate General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Sr. Moreover, the highest-ranking naval officer in the Pacific Theater during that great conflagration was Admiral Chester Nimitz, the grandson of Confederate Captain Charles Henry Nimitz, while the Commander-in-Chief at the end of WWII, President Harry S. Truman, was the grandson of a Confederate Veteran, who was also the President responsible for desegregating the U.S. Armed Forces in 1948. In every war after the War Between the States, Southerners volunteered in large numbers to patriotically support our nation and to display her might abroad.

Despite the cadre of Confederate descendants, the Naming Commission cannot help but continually berate and even attack Confederate Veterans. As a result, fathers and grandfathers of the South now question if their children are welcome in an environment that displays such animosity toward our shared heritage. Even more capricious is the desire to destroy the Reconciliation Memorial sculpted by Sgt. Jacob Moses Ezekiel (Battalion of Cadets VMI) in Arlington National Cemetery which was meant to reunite a fractured nation after its victory in the Spanish-American War. Evidently, it appears that the official policy is to discriminate against Southern heritage and the esprit décor that transcends from Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and Nathan Bedford Forrest to their descendants today. The Sons of Confederate Veterans oppose rewriting America's history. We understand that it is not only Southern history being attacked, but all traditional American values including our Founding Fathers from Washington to Jefferson, and even Benjamin Franklin.

R. S. Jason Boshers, Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Walter D. Kennedy, Lt. Commander-in-Chief  
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## The History of Confederate Memorial Day

Confederate Memorial Day, also known as Confederate Decoration Day (Tennessee) and Confederate Heroes Day (Texas), is an official holiday and/or observance day in parts of the U.S. South as a day to honor those who died fighting for the Confederate

States of America during the American Civil War. Seven states officially observe Confederate Memorial Day: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas. Taken from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs . . . Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns. Local Observances Claim To Be First. Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, which were neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well.

Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va. The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried. Taken from the May, 1893 issue of "Confederate Veteran," the Origin of Memorial Day. . . It is a matter of history that Mrs. Chas. J. Williams, of Columbus, Ga., instituted the custom of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers, a custom which has been adopted throughout the United States.

Mrs. Williams was the daughter of Maj. John Howard, of Milledgeville, Ga. She married Maj. C. J. Williams on his return from the Mexican War. As colonel of the First Georgia Regulars, of the Army in Virginia, he contracted disease, from which he died in 1862, and was buried in Columbus, Ga. Mrs. Williams and her daughter visited his grave every day, and often comforted themselves by wreathing it with flowers. While the mother sat abstractly thinking of the loved and lost one, the little one would pluck the weeds from the unmarked soldiers' graves near her father's and cover them with flowers, calling them her soldiers' graves.

After a short time while the dear little girl was summoned by the angels to join her father. The sorely bereaved mother then took charge of these unknown graves for the child's sake, and as she cared for them thought of the thousands of patriot graves throughout the South, far away from home and kindred, and in this way the plan was suggested to her of setting apart one day in each year, that love might pay tribute to valor throughout the Southern States. In March, 1868, she addressed a communication to the Columbus Times, an extract of which I give: "We beg the assistance of the press and the ladies throughout the South to aid us in the effort to set apart a certain day to be observed from the Potomac to the Rio Grande, and to be handed down through time as a religious custom of the South, to wreath the graves of our martyred dead with flowers, and we propose the 26th day of April as the day."

She then wrote to the Soldiers' Aid Societies in every Southern State, and they readily responded and reorganized under the name of Memorial Associations. She lived long enough to see her plan adopted all over the



South, and in 1868 throughout the United States. Mrs. Williams died April 15, 1874, and was buried with military honors. On each returning Memorial Day the Columbus military march around her grave, and each deposits a floral offering. The Legislature of Georgia, in 1874, set apart the 26th day of April as a legal holiday in obedience to her request.

## THE FIRING ON FORT SUMTER, CHARLESTON HARBOR, SC APRIL 12, 1861 EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT BY LT. GENERAL STEPHEN DILL LEE

The election of Abraham Lincoln in November 1860 provoked the secession of the Southern States from the Union. South Carolina was the first to leave. By the time of the convening of a constitutional convention to establish the Confederacy in February 1861, six other states had joined her. The majority of the Southern leaders who attended the convention expected a peaceful secession; they did not anticipate that their action would lead to bloody conflict. They were wrong. Fort Sumter, lying in the harbor off the city of Charleston, South Carolina, would prove the point.

After her secession from the Union, South Carolina perceived herself as a sovereign state - the presence of Union forces in an armed fortress whose guns commanded her principal harbor was intolerable as it belied her independence. For President Lincoln the voluntary abandonment of this fortress was equally intolerable as it would be a tacit acknowledgment of South Carolina's independent status.

Lincoln learned that the garrison at Fort Sumter was in trouble on the day he took office in March 1861. The garrison was running out of food and supplies and had no way of obtaining these on shore. The President ordered a relief expedition to sail immediately and informed the Governor of South Carolina of his decision. Alerted, General P.G.T. Beauregard, commander of the Confederate military forces, realized he had to quickly force the evacuation of the fort before the relief expedition's arrival. He would try threats first, and if these failed he would bombard the fort into submission. "...that shot was a sound of alarm that brought every soldier in the harbor to his feet."

On the afternoon of April 11, waving a white flag, two members of General Beauregard's staff were rowed across Charleston's harbor to Fort Sumter carrying a written demand for surrender. One of the emissaries - Stephen D. Lee - wrote of the experience after the war:

"This demand was delivered to Major Anderson at 3:45 P.M., by two aides of General Beauregard, James Chesnut, Jr., and myself. At 4:30 P.M. he handed us his reply, refusing to accede to the demand; but added, 'Gentlemen, if you do not batter the fort to pieces about us, we shall be starved out in a few days.' The reply of Major Anderson was put in General Beauregard's hands at 5:15 P.M., and he was also told of this informal remark. Anderson's reply and remark were communicated to the Confederate authorities at Montgomery. The Secretary of War, L.P. Walker, replied to Beauregard as follows:-"

"Do not desire needlessly to bombard Fort Sumter. If Major Anderson will state the time at which, as indicated by him, he will evacuate, and agree that in the meantime he will not use his guns against us, unless ours should be employed against Fort Sumter, you are authorized thus to avoid the effusion of blood. If this, or its equivalent, be refused, reduce the fort as your judgment decides to be most practicable."

"The same aides bore a second communication to Major Anderson, based on the above instructions, which was placed in, his hands at 12:45 A.M., April 12th. His reply indicated that he would evacuate the fort on the 15th, provided he did not in the meantime receive contradictory instructions from his Government, or additional supplies, but he declined to agree not to open his guns upon the Confederate troops, in the event of any hostile demonstration on their part against his flag. Major Anderson made every possible effort to retain the aides till daylight, making one excuse and then another for not replying. Finally, at 3:15 A.M., he delivered his reply. In accordance with their instructions, the aides read it and, finding it unsatisfactory, gave Major Anderson this notification: "FORT SUMTER, S.C., April 12, 1861, 3:20 A.M. - SIR: By authority of Brigadier-General Beauregard, commanding the Provisional Forces of the Confederate States, we have the honor to notify you that he will open the fire of his batteries on Fort Sumter in one hour from this time. We have the honor to be very respectfully, Your obedient servants, JAMES CHESNUT JR., Aide-de-camp. STEPHEN D. LEE, Captain C. S. Army, Aide-de-camp."

"The above note was written in one of the casemates of the fort, and in the presence of Major Anderson and several of his officers. On receiving it, he was much affected. He seemed to realize the full import of the consequences, and the great responsibility of his position. Escorting us to the boat at the wharf, he cordially pressed our hands in farewell, remarking, 'If we



never meet in this world again, God grant that we may meet in the next.'

It was then 4 A.M. Captain James at once aroused his command, and arranged to carry out the order. He was a great admirer of Roger A. Pryor, and said to him, 'You are the only man to whom I would give up the honor of firing the first gun of the war'; and he offered to allow him to fire it. Pryor, on receiving the offer, was very much agitated. With a husky voice he said, 'I could not fire the first gun of the war.' His manner was almost similar to that of Major Anderson as we left him a few moments before on the wharf at Fort Sumter. Captain James would allow no one else but himself to fire the gun.

The boat with the aides of General Beauregard left Fort Johnson before arrangements were complete for the firing of the gun, and laid on its oars, about one-third the distance between the fort and Sumter, there to witness the firing of 'the first gun of the war' between the States. It was fired from a ten-inch mortar at 4:30 A.M., April 12th, 1861. Captain James was a skillful officer, and the firing of the shell was a success. It burst immediately over the fort, apparently about one hundred feet above.

The firing of the mortar woke the echoes from every nook and corner of the harbor, and in this the dead hour of the night, before dawn, that shot was a sound of alarm that brought every soldier in the harbor to his feet, and every man, woman and child in the city of Charleston from their beds. A thrill went through the whole city. It was felt that the Rubicon was passed. No one thought of going home; unused as their ears were to the appalling sounds, or the vivid flashes from the batteries, they stood for hours fascinated with horror."

## **THE "GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT" - SURRENDER AT APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE**

On April 9, 1865 after four years of Civil War, approximately 630,000 deaths and over 1 million casualties, General Robert E. Lee surrendered the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia to Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant, at the home of Wilmer and Virginia McLean in the town of Appomattox Court House, Virginia. General Lee arrived at the McLean home shortly after 1:00 p.m. followed a half hour later by General Grant. The meeting lasted approximately an hour and a half. The surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia allowed the Federal Government to bring increased pressure to bear in other parts of the south and would result in the surrender of the remaining field armies of the Confederacy over the next few months.

On April 26th General Joseph Johnston surrendered to Major General W. T. Sherman near Durham, North Carolina (Bennett Place State Historical Park), on May 4th General Richard Taylor (son of Zachary Taylor 12th President of the United States) surrendered at Citronelle, Alabama, on June 2nd General Edmund Kirby Smith surrendered the Confederate Department of the Trans Mississippi to Major General Canby, and on June 23rd General Stand Watie surrendered Cherokee forces in Oklahoma. The following is an account of that event . . .

On the morning of April 9, while General Robert E. Lee realized that the retreat of his beleaguered army had finally been halted, U. S. Grant was riding toward Appomattox Court House where Union Cavalry, followed by infantry from the V, XXIV, and XXV Corps had blocked the Confederate path.

Lee had sent a letter to Grant requesting a meeting to discuss his army's surrender and this letter overtook Grant and his party just before noon about four miles west of Walker's Church (present-day Hixburg). Grant, who had been suffering from a severe headache, later remembered that upon reading Lee's letter the pain in his head had disappeared. He stopped to prepare his reply to Lee, writing that he would push to the front to meet him. The location of the meeting was left to Lee's discretion.

Lt. Colonel Orville E. Babcock and his orderly, Capt. Dunn, took Grant's reply and rode ahead. Babcock found Lee resting under an apple tree near the Appomattox River. After reading Grant's letter, Lee, his Aide-de-Camp Lt. Colonel Charles Marshall, and Private Joshua O. Johns rode toward Appomattox Court House accompanied by Federal Officers Lt. Col. Babcock and Capt. William McKee Dunn. Marshall and Johns rode ahead of Lee in order to find a place for the generals to confer. As Marshall passed through the village he saw Wilmer McLean in the vicinity of the courthouse. He asked McLean if he knew of a suitable location, and McLean took him to an empty structure that was without furniture. Marshall immediately rejected this offer. Then McLean offered his own home. After seeing the comfortable country abode, Marshall readily accepted and sent Private Johns back to inform General Lee that a meeting site had been found.

Lee arrived at the McLean house about one o'clock and took a seat in the parlor. A half hour later, the sound of horses on the stage road signalled the approach of General Grant.

Entering the house, Grant greeted Lee in the center of the room. The generals presented a contrasting appearance; Lee in a new uniform and Grant in his mud-spattered field uniform.

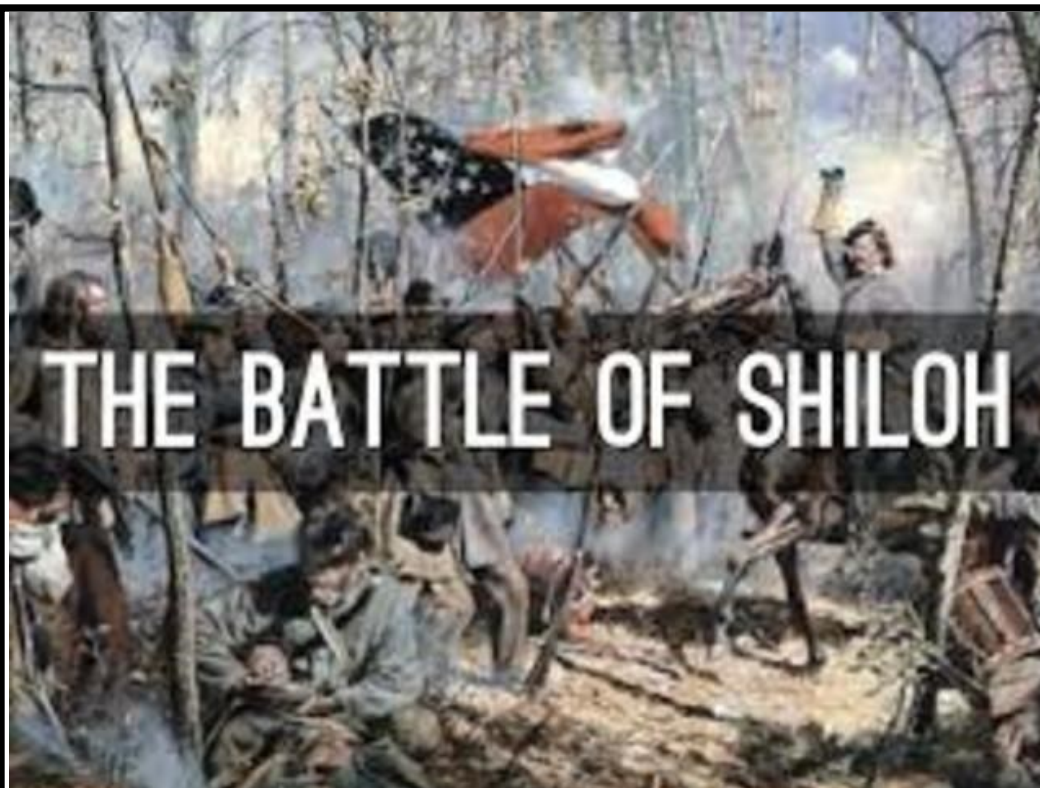
Grant, who remembered meeting Lee once during the Mexican War, asked the Confederate general if he recalled their meeting. Lee replied that he did, and the two conversed in a very cordial manner, for approximately 25 minutes. The subject had not yet gotten around to surrender until finally, Lee, feeling the anguish of defeat, brought Grant's attention to it. Grant, who later confessed to being embarrassed at having to ask for the surrender from Lee, said simply that the terms would be just as he had outlined them in a previous letter. These terms would parole officers and enlisted men but required that all Confederate military equipment be relinquished.

The discussion between the generals then drifted into the prospects for peace, but Lee, once again taking the lead, asked Grant to put his terms in writing. When Grant finished, he handed the terms to his former adversary, and Lee -- first donning spectacles used for reading -- quietly looked them over. When he finished reading, the bespectacled Lee looked up at Grant and remarked "This will have a very happy effect on my army."

Lee asked if the terms allowed his men to keep their horses, for in the Confederate army, men owned their mounts. Lee explained that his men would need these animals to farm once they returned to civilian life. Grant responded that he would not change the terms as written (which had no provisions allowing private soldiers to keep their mounts) but would order his officers to allow any Confederate claiming a horse or a mule to keep it. General Lee agreed that this concession would go a long way toward promoting healing. Grant's generosity extended further. When Lee mentioned that his men had been without rations for several days, the Union commander arranged for 25,000 rations to be sent to the hungry Confederates.

After formal copies of the surrender terms and Lee's acceptance had been drafted and exchanged, the meeting ended. In a war that was marked by such divisiveness and bitter fighting, it is remarkable that it ended so simply. Grant's compassion and generosity did much to allay the emotions of the Confederate troops. As for Robert E. Lee, he realized that the best course was for his men to return home and resume their lives as American citizens. Before he met with General Grant, one of Lee's officers (General E. Porter Alexander) had suggested fighting a guerilla war, but Lee had rejected the idea. It would only cause more pain and suffering for a cause that was lost. The character of both Lee and Grant was of such a high order that the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia has been called "The Gentleman's Agreement."





In April 1862 General Ulysses S. Grant's army was encamped along the Tennessee River just north of the Mississippi border; poised to strike a blow into the heartland of the South. Grant had been at this location for about a month, awaiting the arrival of additional troops under General Buell before he began his march southward. Twenty miles to the south, in Corinth, Mississippi, Confederate General Albert Sidney Johnston ordered his troops northward with the plan of attacking Grant before Buell arrived. The stage was set for one of the Civil War's bloodiest battles.

On the morning of April 6, Johnston's force surprised Grant in an attack that slowly pushed the Union troops back from the high ground they occupied towards the Tennessee River. Fighting was fierce. Many of the Union troops fled to the rear upon the initial Confederate assault and by afternoon General Johnston was confident that victory was within his grasp. However, Union resistance stiffened. Fighting around the whitewashed Shiloh Church was particularly vicious. In a wooded thicket the Confederates labeled "the Hornets' Nest" the Northern troops struggled for nearly six hours before finally surrendering. The Union soldiers stalled the Confederate onslaught by exchanging their precious lives for time in which reinforcements could arrive. With nightfall, fighting subsided. Grant's forces were pinned against the Tennessee River but the exhausted Confederates were short of their goal of complete victory. One casualty of the afternoon's combat was General Johnston who lost his life while directing his troops from the front lines. His death severely affected the Confederate's morale and their belief in victory.

Buell's reinforcements finally arrived during the night as did forces under General William H. Wallace, strengthening the Union lines with 22,500 fresh troops. With the break of dawn, Grant attacked, pushing the exhausted Confederates steadily back until they finally began a retreat in the early afternoon that left the field to the Union forces.

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

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

"Day broke with every promise of a fine day. Next to me, on my right, was a boy of seventeen, Henry Parker. I remember it because, while we stood-at

-ease, he drew my attention to some violets at his feet, and said, 'It would be a good idea put a few into my cap. Perhaps the Yanks won't shoot me if they see me wearing such flowers, for they are a sign of peace.' 'Capital,' said I, 'I will do the same.' We plucked a bunch, and arranged the violets in our caps. The men in the ranks laughed at our proceedings, and had not the enemy been so near, their merry mood might have been communicated to the army.

We loaded our muskets, and arranged our cartridge pouches ready for use. Our weapons were the obsolete flintlocks and the ammunition was rolled in cartridge-paper, which contained powder, a round ball, and three buckshot. When we loaded we had to tear the paper with our teeth, empty a little powder into the pan, lock it, empty the rest of the powder into the barrel, press paper and ball into the muzzle, and ram home. Then the Orderly-sergeant called the roll, and we knew that the Dixie Greys were present to a man. Soon after, there was a commotion, and we dressed up smartly. A young Aide galloped along our front, gave some instructions to the Brigadier Hindman, who confided the same to his Colonels, and presently we swayed forward in line, with shouldered arms. Newton Story, big, broad, and straight, bore our company-banner of gay silk, at which the ladies of our neighbourhood had laboured.

As we tramped solemnly and silently through the thin forest, and over its grass, still in its withered and wintry hue, I noticed that the sun was not far from appearing, that our regiment was keeping its formation admirably, that the woods would have been a grand place for a picnic; and I thought it strange that a Sunday should have been chosen to disturb the holy calm of those woods. Before we had gone five hundred paces our serenity was disturbed by some desultory firing in front. It was then a quarter-past five. 'They are at it already,' we whispered to each other. 'Stand by, gentlemen,' - for we were all gentlemen volunteers at this time, - said our Captain, L. G. Smith. Our steps became unconsciously brisker, and alertness was noticeable in everybody. The firing continued at intervals deliberate and scattered, as at target-practice. We drew nearer to the firing, and soon a sharper rattling of musketry was heard. 'That is the enemy waking up,' we said. Within a few minutes, there was another explosive burst of musketry, the air was pierced by many missiles, which hummed and pinged sharply by our ears, pattered through the tree-tops and brought twigs and leaves down on us. 'Those are bullets,' Henry whispered with awe. 'The Power of the Rebel Yell!'

Stanley and his regiment came under fire but advance towards the Union lines steadily firing, loading, and firing their muskets as they proceed: "After a steady exchange of musketry, which lasted some time, we heard the order: 'Fix Bayonets! On the double-quick!' in tones that thrilled us. There was a simultaneous bound forward, each soul doing his best for the emergency. The Federals appeared inclined to await us; but, at this juncture, our men raised a yell, thousands responded to it, and burst out into the wildest yelling it has ever been my lot to hear. It drove all sanity and order from among us. It served the double purpose of relieving pent-up feelings, and transmitting encouragement along the attacking line. I rejoiced in the shouting like the rest. It reminded me that there were about four hundred companies like the Dixie Greys, who shared our feelings. Most of us, engrossed with the musket-work, had forgotten the fact; but the wave after wave of human voices, louder than all other battle-sounds together, penetrated to every sense, and stimulated our energies to the utmost.

'They fly!' was echoed from lip to lip. It accelerated our pace, and filled us with a noble rage. Then I knew what the Berserker passion was! It deluged us with rapture, and transfigured each Southerner into an exulting victor. At such a moment, nothing could have halted us. Those savage yells, and the sight of thousands of racing figures coming towards them, discomfited the blue-coats; and when we arrived upon the place where they had stood, they had vanished. Then we caught sight of their beautiful array of tents, before which they had made their stand, after being roused from their Sunday-morning sleep, and huddled into line, at hearing their pickets challenge our skirmishers. The half-dressed dead and wounded showed what a surprise our attack had been. " Under Fire:



**The Bloody 6th Mississippi at Shiloh**

Continuing to advance, Stanley and the Confederates come upon another Union camp and are met by a hail of bullets and cannon fire: "After being exposed for a few seconds to this fearful downpour, we heard the order to 'Lie down, men, and continue your firing!' Before me was a prostrate tree, about fifteen inches in diameter, with a narrow strip of light between it and the ground. Behind this shelter a dozen of us flung ourselves. The security it appeared to offer restored me to my individuality. We could fight, and think, and observe, better than out in the open. But it was a terrible period! How the cannon bellowed, and their shells plunged and bounded, and flew with screeching hisses over us! Their sharp rending explosions and hurtling fragments made us shrink and cower, despite our utmost efforts to be cool and collected. I marveled, as I heard the unintermitting patter, snip, thud, and hum of the bullets, how anyone could live under this raining death. I could hear the balls beating a merciless tattoo on the outer surface of the log, pinging vivaciously as they flew off at a tangent from it, and thudding into something or other, at the rate of a hundred a second. One, here and there, found its way under the log, and buried itself in a comrade's body. One man raised his chest, as if to yawn, and jostled me. I turned to him, and saw that a bullet had gored his whole face, and penetrated into his chest. Another ball struck a man a deadly rap on the head, and he turned on his back and showed his ghastly white face to the sky. 'It is getting too warm, boys!' cried a soldier, and he uttered a vehement curse upon keeping soldiers hugging the ground until every ounce of courage was chilled. He lifted his head a little too high, and a bullet skimmed over the top of the log and hit him fairly in the centre of his forehead, and he fell heavily on his face. But his thought had been instantaneously general; and the officers, with one voice, ordered the charge; and cries of 'Forward, forward!' raised us, as with a spring, to our feet, and changed the complexion of our feelings. The pulse of action beat feverishly once more; and, though overhead was crowded with peril, we were unable to give it so much attention as when we lay stretched on the ground.

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

Our progress was not so continuously rapid as we desired, for the blues were obdurate; but at this moment we were gladdened at the sight of a bat-

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

It was all very encouraging, for the yelling and shouting were taken up by thousands. 'Forward, forward; don't give them breathing time!' was cried. We instinctively obeyed, and soon came in clear view of the blue-coats, who were scornfully unconcerned at first; but, seeing the leaping tide of men coming on at a tremendous pace, their front dissolved, and they fled in double-quick retreat. Again we felt the 'glorious joy of heroes.' It carried us on exultantly, rejoicing in the spirit which recognises nothing but the prey. We were no longer an army of soldiers, but so many school-boys racing; in which length of legs, wind, and condition tell."

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

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

With my musket on the trail I found myself in active motion, more active than otherwise I would have been, perhaps, because Captain Smith had said, 'Now, Mr. Stanley, if you please, step briskly forward!' This singling-out of me wounded my amour-propre, and sent me forward like a rocket. In a short time, we met our opponents in the same formation as ourselves, and advancing most resolutely. We threw ourselves behind such trees as were near us, fired, loaded, and darted forward to another shelter. Presently, I found myself in an open, grassy space, with no convenient tree or stump near; but, seeing a shallow hollow some twenty paces ahead, I made a dash for it, and plied my musket with haste. I became so absorbed with some blue figures in front of me, that I did not pay sufficient heed to my companion greys; the open space was too dangerous, perhaps, for their advance; for, had they emerged, I should have known they were pressing forward. Seeing my blues in about the same proportion, I assumed that the greys were keeping their position, and never once thought of retreat. However, as, despite our firing, the blues were coming uncomfortably near, I rose from my hollow; but, to my speechless amazement, I found myself a solitary grey, in a line of blue skirmishers! My companions had retreated! The next I heard was, 'Down with that gun, Secesh, or I'll drill a hole through you! Drop it, quick!'

Half a dozen of the enemy were covering me at the same instant, and I dropped my weapon, incontinently. Two men sprang at my collar, and marched me, unresisting, into the ranks of the terrible Yankees. I was a prisoner!" References: Stanley's account appears in - Stanley, Henry M., *The Autobiography of Henry M. Stanley* (1909); Foote, Shelby, *The Civil War* vol. I (1986).



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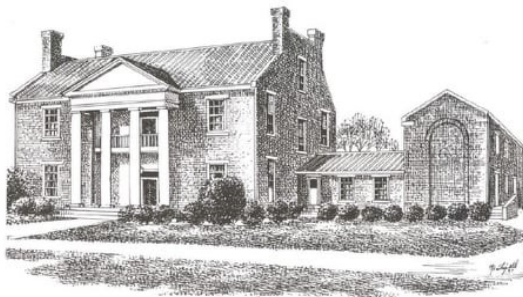
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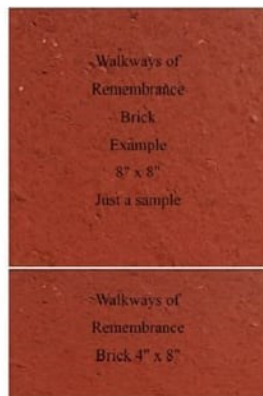
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