

The Delta General

This Month's Issue observes the Second Battle of Fort Sumter. Camp Meeting is Saturday, August 12, 2023



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Dedicated to the Memory of Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys

Commander's Comments — Larry McCluney

Compatriots,

The National Reunion is over, and a new year in the SCV begins. With the new year, it is dues time again. You should have received the 2023-2024 Membership Renewal Statement in the mail. Send all dues to Dan McCaskill not Mike Moore. Also, The form does not include Camp dues, yes you still have to include the \$10.00 Camp dues to Dan McCaskill. Please make your check payable to B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys # 1625. The bank will not accept the check otherwise. You must pay your dues to remain a member in good standing in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The statement also includes optional giving, which includes Division Operations, SCV Confederate Museum, and so forth. The optional giving portion furthers the Cause & the Charge. Every little bit helps in areas to promote our Heritage & History! In this War of the Second Reconstruction, as we hold the line, a war chest is vital for the battles we face daily.

Dues must be paid to your local camp by July 31. By Sept 1, all dues received will have a late fee of \$5. If you have not received your Annual Membership Renewal Statement or have any questions, please contact your camp commander, and camp adjutant.

The beginning of August usually means a slow down period for the Camp because of the heat, school starting, and people trying to get final vacation days in. However, now is a great time for the camp to work on its agenda and events for the new SCV year and remember this is an election time for our Camp this coming December.

I said this in last month's issue, but I feel it warrants to be said again: "I know life tends to get in the way of things at times but we have a duty as descendants of Confederate Veterans to attend and participate. That duty is stated in our Charge and the oaths you took when you joined this organization. One Saturday evening out of a month is not much to ask of you to participate in your Camp's activities and meetings. Remember, our ancestors gave 365 days of four years. Can you not give one evening a month to participate? There are other ways you can participate such as attend your Camp's Lee/Jackson Banquet once a year, attend your Camp's Memorial Day Service once a year, support our activities such as the new headstone our Camp erected that our Camp paid for or give money toward projects such as the \$1,200 we collected to help with the National project to rebuild the pedestal for the Forrest Equestrian Statue at Elm Springs."

Robert E. Lee once said, "**You should do your duty in all things. You can never do more, you should never wish to do less.**" Remember the Charge? "**To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.**" Let us all rededicate ourselves to carry out our DUTY and set our priorities to set aside this time to attend meetings and support our Camp activities as we wind this fiscal year down. Remember, "If not US, Who? If not Now, When?"

In closing, remember, it is your duty to protect the Confederate Soldier's good name so that his legacy will continue for future generations.

As always, remember compatriots, you are "The Thin Gray Line!"

**"Scorched by the cannon's molten breath,
They'd climbed the trembling walls of death
And set their standards tattered --
Had charged at the bugle's stirring blare
Through bolted gloom and godless glare
From the dead's reddened gulches, where
The searching shrapnel shattered."**

- Excerpt from *The Last Charge at Appomattox* by Henry Jerome Stockard

MEMBERSHIP DUES STATEMENTS

Gentlemen,

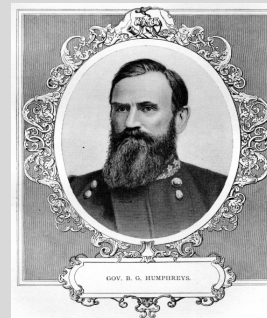
Our annual membership statements should have already arrived. I'm making an urgent plea to each of you to please get your dues in on time and give to the National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs and to the Forrest Pedestal Project.

As most of you know we have been embroiled in many legal fights for awhile now. Our dollars are bullets and we need your help for the Arlington Monument Defense, the National Confederate Museum, and the Forrest Pedestal Project. So get those dues in and give for additional giving's.

Please give all you can when you renew your annual membership dues. All donations are tax deductible and every cent goes toward our fight.

Gentlemen, this is our fight, this is our charge as descendants of Confederate Soldiers. If we don't give this fight all we got then what is our purpose? We have got to fight to win.

Please give to uphold the honor and good name of the Confederate Soldier.



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Adjutant's Report — Dan McCaskill

Our Camp Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commander Larry McCluney. Larry asked Camp Chaplain Earl McCown to open the meeting with a prayer and bless our evening meal. Following the prayer, Color Sergeant Earl Allen led the members in the Pledge and Salutes to the Flags followed by a reading of The Charge.

While the ladies prepared the meal, Larry proceeded with the Officer Reports. Our 1st Lt. Commander Michael Anthony was absent due to an earlier commitment. Adjutant Dan McCaskill gave his report. As of this date, he has received 23 membership renewals, another 2 who still owe Camp dues, one re-instatement which leaves 17 you have not yet renewed. The Camp currently has an account balance of \$3,512 of which \$1,135 raised for the Forrest Pedestal, \$195 for the Confederate Museum and \$87.50 for Beauvoir. Adjutant McCaskill suggested the Camp give \$1,000 for the pedestal, original pledge, and \$430 for the Confederate Museum. All members concurred. Commander McCluney will present the checks at the National Reunion in Hot Springs, AR. After the report, we recessed for the evening meal. We thank the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter #9 for the evening meal: Sandra Stillman and Missy Stillman.

Continuing with Officer Reports, as Editor, Larry asked if everyone liked the last issue of The Delta General and if anyone had problems viewing the newsletter. Everyone responded affirmative to the first and negative to the second.

Camp Business: The first order of business was to determine who would represent the Camp at the National Reunion. With four delegates permitted, the following will act as Camp Delegates: Larry McCluney, Chairman; Gator Stillman, Tommy McCaskill, Jackson McCaskill and Dan McCaskill as an alternate. The second order of business was to review the amendments. After discussion, Kenneth Ray made a motion to have the Delegation vote no on amendment #1 and #2 and yes on #3. Gator Stillman seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection. Concerning other matters that may require a vote, Gator Stillman made a motion to have the Delegation vote in the best interest of the Camp and Confederation. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Ray and passed without objection. The third order of business was to set a date for our Lee-Jackson Banquet and secure a speaker. The dates of January 13 and 20 were considered. Also, our first choice for speaker was Shelby Heidelbaugh who we have tried to secure for a Camp program. Her topic will be about the women who dressed and fought as soldiers. Kenneth Ray made a motion to authorize Michael Anthony to secure Shelby as speaker on either January 13th or 20th depending on her schedule. Gator Stillman seconded the motion and it passed without objection.

Upcoming events: the National Reunion in Hot Springs, AR July 20-23; Camp Meeting August 12th; Fall Muster at Beauvoir October 20-22

With no other business coming before the Camp, Kenneth Ray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tommy McCaskill and the motion passed without objection.

Camp Chaplain closed the meeting with a word of prayer followed by the singing of Dixie.

Chaplain's Corner — Earl McCown

The Problem With Pride

"Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better is it to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." (Proverbs 16:18-19)

Pride is a problem that most of us wrestle with. Those who think they do not have it, probably have more of it. Pride is a very dangerous sin that is doing more to hold back revival than any other sin. It does more to destroy homes than any other sin. It is causing more Christians to live in failure and defeat than any other sin. It is doing more to ruin this nation than any other sin!

Many people who are infected with pride have no idea that they are infected. A thief knows he's a thief. But many times, the proud person does not recognize that he or she is proud.

What is pride? Pride is the most dangerous thing in the universe. Pride is an attitude of independence of God. Thinking that we do not need God. Thinking that we can handle it ourselves. Pride is a spirit of ungratefulness to God. God has blessed us as a people and this nation as a whole. We have so many things. We act like we deserve it and have earned it, and it is ours. We do not have one thing that we have not received.



Pride is the road to ruin! Look at America, we are so proud! The government decided that we didn't need any mention of God in our public school. Out goes prayer! Out goes The Ten Commandments! The government now wants to control every thing in our lives; telling us what to teach our children. Parents have no word in a lot of cases, the school decides what our children will be taught. Pride sets our government up and over all of us. We are no longer voting citizens, we are now subjects of the ruling party.

America is on the road to national ruin. This can be stopper and this nation restored to the Christian nation that our founding fathers meant for us to be. Like all other problems and situations, there is a means to resolve the issue in God's Holy Word.

God tells us in 2 Chronicles 7:14, **"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land."**

News from B/G Charles Clarke Chapter 253 Military Order of the Stars and Bars

Greetings:

I am really excited over the re-activation of this Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars!

The Mississippi Society is on the upward move. We are re-activating Chapters, renewing lapsed memberships and adding new members quite frequently. We, of the B/G Charles Clarke Chapter are looking for new members. The more members that we have, the more active we can become.

Membership in the Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOS&B) will be one of your most meaningful experiences. Membership of the Military Order of the Stars is composed of legitimate male descendants, lineal or collateral, of those who served as officers in the Confederate Army or Navy to the end of the War, or who died in prison or while in actual service were killed in battle, or who were honorably retired or discharged, and descendants of elected and appointed officials of the Executive branch of the civil government. (Copied from MOS&B Chapter Handbook – Revised April 2019).

Should you have an interest in submitting a membership application, we'll be happy to assist you. Contact Adjutant Dan McCaskill; Lt. Commander Tommy McCaskill; or me.



Division News:

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 page



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.

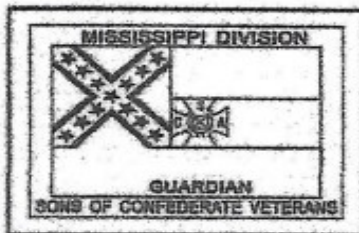
Applicant Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Committee Chairman: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Mail Application, Map and Photos to:

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

Mississippi Division Guardian Program



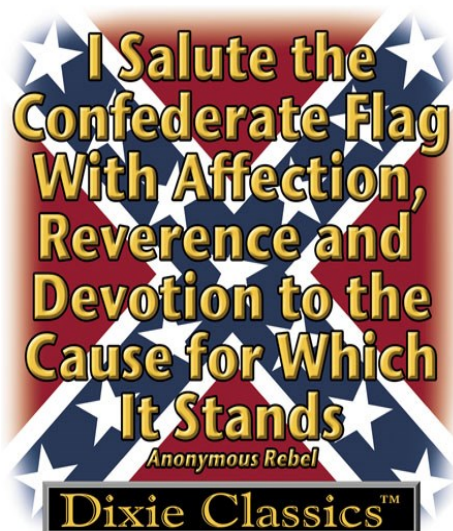
- .. **Purpose:** The program is designed to honor the memory of our Confederate ancestors and through its implementation will provide the preservation of their final resting places and will document for future generations their sacrifices.
- l. **Eligibility:** Any Mississippi Division camp member in 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.
- l. **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.
- l. **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.



Death of a Mississippi Division Icon John Echols



Editor's Comments:

On July 25, 2023, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Military Order of the Stars and Bars lost a good man and true Southern patriot. [John Echols](#) was a Past Commander of the Mississippi Division SCV and Past Commander-in-Chief of the MOS&B. He was a friend, mentor, and sounding board to many of us in both organizations.

To know the man was a privilege, we had many long conversations about life, history, and our heritage. He told me on numerous occasions he admired the man I was, the stand I was willing to take to preserve our history for future generations. He would say he was proud to be my friend, meanwhile I was the one who received the honor to have him as a friend, a brother and a compatriot. He shared his knowledge and his wisdom with me and I will always value that as a treasure! He and I were always in competition for the Newsletter of the Year Award and every time his Camp won, it drove me to try harder. You will be missed sir but you will not be forgotten!!!!!!



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

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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

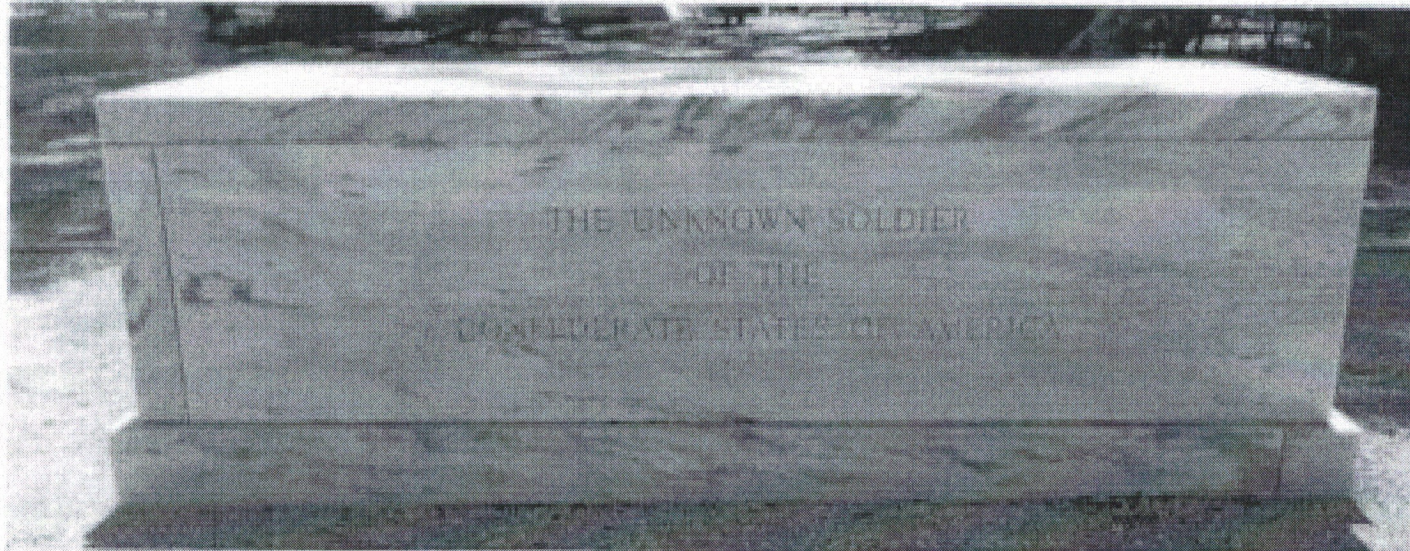
For as little as \$25 annually, you can become a member of the Friends of Beauvoir. Membership includes tour admission and a 10% discount at the Beauvoir gift shop.



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

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

Blount, MS. 39531

OR

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

Example:

Pvt. JAMES W.
McCluney
6th MS CAV, CO. F

National SCV News

128th National SCV Reunion



Part of the MS Delegation

Each July, the Sons of Confederate Veterans holds its National Reunion. This year the Reunion was held in Hot Springs, AR at the historic Arlington Hotel located on the northeastern edge of Hot Springs. This hotel has been in Hot Springs since the late 19th century and is steeped in history and has a few ghost stories. Within a few blocks of the hotel, there are plenty of restaurants, museums and shops. Something for everyone. The Reunion ran from July 19 – 23. The 19th was filled with arrivals, registration and for a few, the Pre-Reunion General Executive Council Meeting. All evenings were spent visiting and socializing with friends until the wee hours of the morning. Thursday started with the Opening Ceremonies for the Reunion followed by the first Business Session. The number one order of business was the presentation and adoption of next year's operating budget with various reports. Always reports! This session was capped off by many monetary donations for the capped off by many donations for the Confederate Museum. The day's activities ended with the Heritage Luncheon.

Friday opened with the Second Business Session. We heard reports on the 2024 Reunion in Charleston, SC and a proposal for the 2025 Reunion in Houston, TX. A few more reports then came the amendments. The first two were dealt with quickly. The third dealing with consecutive terms turned heated. This amendment went to a ballot vote. Things quieted down and some more money was raised for the Museum. The days activities ended with the Awards Luncheon. Compatriot Forrest Daws reported many Mississippians garnered awards. One event that has become a staple at the Reunion is the Oratory. Afterwards, we enjoyed more socializing and libations.

The final day, Saturday, started with the Army Meetings then back to the Third Business Session. This involved mainly approval of the Resolutions. Six of the seven Resolutions were adopted. The result of the ballot vote on the #3 Amendment was the amendment was not adopted. And again, we raised money for the Confederate Museum. The purpose of raising this money is to paid off the Museum Bank Loan as soon as possible. This Session adjourned until the Commander's Reception and Banquet in the evening. The GEC Members had their procession escorting their wife or girlfriend or daughter or granddaughter. The meal was good and was followed by the presentation of a few awards. The highlight was Conor Bond being presented the Robert E. Lee Award, 2nd highest in the SCV. The Debutants were presented and then everyone departed for the ballroom for an evening of Dancing.

I think everyone who attended the Reunion had a great time and are looking forward to the 2024 Reunion in Charleston, South

SAVE THE DATE Stephen D. Lee Institute

February 16-17, 2024 Columbia, TN

Compatriots,

The theme this year is " Who we are- as a people and an organization". The Friday night reception will be held at the National Confederate Museum.

Some of the presenters include:

Dan Dorrill
Ben Sewell
Forrest Daws
Chris Sullivan
Frank Powell
Ron Kennedy
MC- Chuck McMichael

Registration and Hotel information will be posted by the end of Summer. Make you plans now!



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



Friends of The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs Annual Membership Application

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

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

_____ Is this a Corporate Membership?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Membership Levels & Benefits

<p>Longstreet Level: \$25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership for one • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs 	<p>Judah P. Benjamin Level: \$50</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs 	<p>Patrick Cleburne Level: \$100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs • 10% Gift Shop Discount
<p>N. B. Forrest Level: \$250</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs • Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum • 10% Gift Shop Discount • Free Elm Springs Hat or T-Shirt 	<p>Robert E. Lee Level: \$500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs • Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum • 15% Gift Shop Discount • Free Elm Springs Hat and T-Shirt 	<p>Jefferson Davis Level: \$1000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs • Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum • 20% Gift Shop Discount • Free Elm Springs Hat, T-Shirt and Polo

Please check the following membership level:

_____ Longstreet Level _____ Judah P. Benjamin Level _____ Patrick Cleburne Level

_____ N. B. Forrest Level _____ Robert E. Lee Level _____ Jefferson Davis Level

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

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

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



Friends of Elm Springs

Annual Membership Application

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

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

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

_____ Is this a Corporate Membership?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Membership Levels & Benefits

<p>Elm Tree Level: \$25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership for one • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs 	<p>Cool Spring Level: \$50</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs 	<p>Todd Family Level: \$100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs • 10% Gift Shop Discount
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_____ Cool Spring Level

_____ Todd Family Level

_____ Susan Looney Level

_____ Abram Looney Level

_____ Frank Armstrong Level

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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.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR ARMY OF TENNESSEE COMMANDER IN 2024

Compatriots of the Army of Tennessee,

It has been my distinct honor to serve as your Army Councilman for the past three years. In that time, I've fielded many phone calls and emails and visited many Camps and functions as well as taken part in the carrying out of training workshops put on around our Army. Likewise, I've attended every National Reunion and every GEC meeting in addition to a number of those which were held by teleconference and/or online. I've done my best in this capacity to represent the best interests of our Divisions, our members and our esteemed organization.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans is an organization with a mission that is not only near and dear to my heart, but it is a big part of who I am. I believe absolutely in the Cause that our ancestors contended for and I make every effort to spread the truth of that Cause at every opportunity that I am afforded. Over the years I've done more interviews with media talking heads than I can count and have stood face to face in head-on debate with a well-known group that is highly and militantly adversarial towards our organization and our Heritage. I have long held the belief that it is my mission in life to know the truth of the history of our Southland and to relay that truth.

Having joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 2004 I have served in just about every office at the Camp level in addition to many Division Offices to include Chief of Staff, Brigade Commander, 2nd Lt Commander from 2012 to 2016, 1st Lt Commander from 2016 to 2018 and Alabama Division Commander from 2018 to 2020. I've served as Chief of Heritage Operations for the Army of Tennessee from 2010 to 2012, National Chief of Heritage Operations from 2016 to 2018, National Deputy Chief of Heritage Defense from 2018 to 2020 and AoT Councilman from 2020 until the present.

As Commander of the Alabama Division I undertook the mission of "building the SCV by building the Camps" and worked across Division lines with the Tennessee Division to erect a monument on our property at the Forrest Boyhood Home. I've been instrumental in putting on education conferences that were designed to bring nationally known speakers to our members at an affordable price in an effort to educate us on our history. I believe fervently that the Camps are the backbone of this organization and that by training Camps in areas that will help them to grow and run more efficiently we will likewise benefit the overall health of our entire organization. I stand by that assertion and belief.

The health of our organization is crucial, not only to the perpetuation of "The Charge" given to us by General Stephen D. Lee, but to our entire Southland. The enemies aligned against us are not merely trying to destroy monuments and change the names of schools and streets- They are trying to erase US as a people. The Southern tradition is a threat to the ultra-left and their radical agenda and we must fight back against this with everything we can intellectually muster. The SCV is the premier entity in this fight and at times it seems we are the only entity! We must be as determined as our adversaries and we must work in a manner that is smart and effective to curtail their efforts. We must train and equip our Camps to be our voice and a formidable influence in the local community, and we must attract the general public to take up our Cause. The polls are clear that the public is on our side, but we must harness that support and put it to active use for our purpose and our mission.

While the Camp is the backbone of this organization, to formulate a coherent and cohesive message that will resonate throughout our Army, Divisions, Brigades and Camps we must have strong representation at every level of the SCV, including on the General Executive Council. We must have people with experience and who can bring new ideas to the table, as well as who can work with the others in elected positions. Gentlemen, I believe I have the ideas and that experience and, after much thought and prayer, it is with great reverence for you and all that you are doing for our Cause that I announce my candidacy for the position of Commander of the Army of Tennessee and humbly ask for your support. I am,

Yours in the Cause,
Carl Jones
Councilman, Army of Tennessee
Sons of Confederate Veterans

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR ARMY OF TENNESSEE COMMANDER IN 2024

Fellow Compatriots,

For those who may not know me, my name is Tom Wood, and I currently serve as the Tennessee Division Adjutant and have served in that position for the past eight years. After much thought, prayerful consideration, and discussion with my wife, I have decided to present myself as a candidate for the office of Army of Tennessee Commander in 2024. I am a 7th generation Tennessean proud of my ancestors and my honored heritage and I will always continue to fight to restore the South to its once very valued place in society.

I am a retired Air Force Reserve Officer with 20 years of service. I am also a retired construction executive with a 40-year career, retiring from Lipscomb University in Nashville as the Director of Construction and Physical Plant Operations in 2014. My wife, Nancy, is a retired school teacher of 25 years, and an active member of the Order of Confederate Rose. She serves on the Tennessee OCR state staff, as well as an OCR chapter president.

My wife and I both enjoy traveling and would welcome the opportunity and privilege to travel around and visit divisions and camps in the Army of Tennessee as your AOT Commander to provide you strong representation and direct communication to the National level.

It has been my honor to be a member of The Sons of Confederate Veterans for 25 great years. During my tenure as Tennessee Division Adjutant we have experienced a time of growth and many tremendous successes for the division with many added responsibilities to manage. I also currently serve as the commander for the General Robert H. Hatton Camp # 723 in Lebanon, Tennessee. I have served my camp in a variety of staff positions including multiple terms as commander over those 25 years of service. I was honored to be selected as the "Man of the Year" in the Tennessee Division in 2022.

During my tenure as commander our camp has grown and been extremely active in preservation of our Southern Heritage. Last April our camp received the "Outstanding Camp of the Year Award" for 2022-2023 in the Tennessee Division. The camp also received the "Outstanding Media Coverage Award" for the year. Our camp presented the "Robert E. Lee Award" for people outside the SCV for outstanding service to one state senator and a state representative who represents our district and who are strong supporters of the SCV and our heritage. They were very grateful of such an honor and are always supportive of all of our heritage efforts in the legislature.

I am a life member of both SCV National, as well as a life member of the Tennessee Division. I have been a member of Morgan's Men Association and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars for over 20 years. I am part of the Tennessee SCV Speakers Bureau and have spoken many times to camps across Tennessee on a variety of subjects. I have authored several articles for The Sentinel Newsletter and the Tennessee Division Forrest Escort on a variety of topics.

I would now like to use my leadership skills as your representative on the General Executive Council and to be your voice as we go forward. Communications has always been a spirited conversation in our organization, and I would like to be in a position where I can work towards improving communications for our members.

Recruitment and retention are two critical and vital keys to our continued success. I have recruited several over the years and I will continue my efforts in that regard and encourage all members to reach out. Future members are out there, but we must be bold in getting our word out and inviting people to join us. My camp this past year had a 99% retention, but we had one member we could not convince to continue even though we tried hard. We must follow up with members who fall by the wayside, because for them to know they are needed and appreciated is a huge part of retention. Our camps must be active and have worthwhile meetings so our members understand they are part of something important and not just a social club that meets periodically.

This decision to be a candidate for AOT Commander has not been lightly decided but has been well considered for some time. I realize the obligation and dedication that this position needs and requires and I am willing to meet those demands. I now have the time and the opportunity to fulfill the requirements of this position. I am grateful for your consideration in voting for me as your AOT Commander at our next election.

Yours In Service to the South,
Tom Wood
Tennessee Division Adjutant
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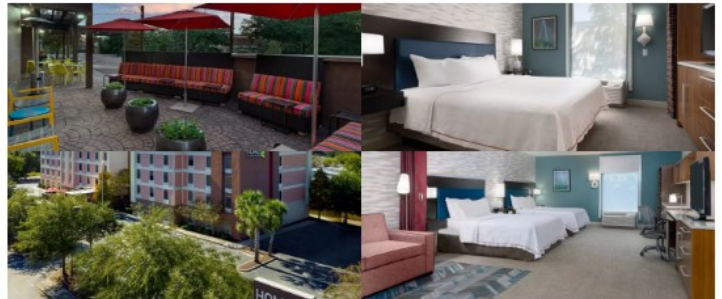
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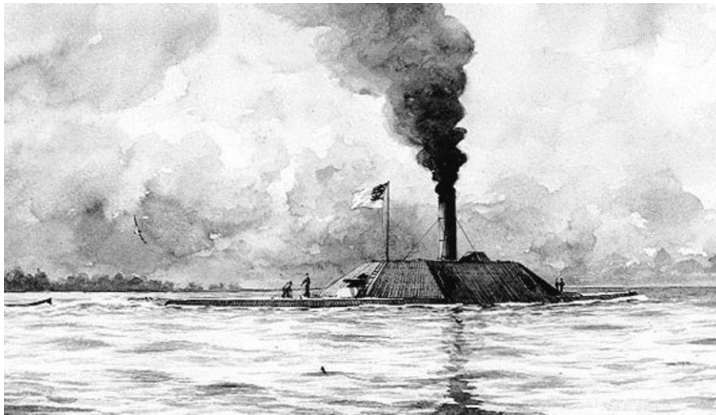
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The CSS *Albemarle* was a steam-powered casemate ironclad ram of the Confederate States Navy. She was equipped with two 6.4-inch Brooke double-banded rifled cannon, each weighing more than 12,000 pounds. Both were positioned along the ironclad's centerline, one forward, the other aft. Their field of fire was 180 degrees, therefore, allowing the delivery of a two-cannon broadside. Through the summer of 1864, she successfully dominated North Carolina's Roanoke River and the approaches to the city of Plymouth by engaging and capturing several Federal steamers and side-wheelers.

As a participant in these naval actions, 14-year-old Benjamin H. Gray served as a "powder boy" aboard the *Albemarle*, carrying bags of explosive gunpowder from the lower magazine to the Brooke guns located in the armored casemate.

Gray was a free Black from Bertie County, North Carolina, who first served in the Wilmington (N.C.) Squadron. In a 1996 article for the *North Carolina Historical Review*, Edwin Combs wrote about the squadron, remarking: "This shipbuilding program implemented at Wilmington ... focused on ironclad construction for harbor defense, torpedo and submarine warfare and commerce raiding on the high seas."

Gray was detached from the squadron in the spring of 1864, to assist in the construction of the *Albemarle* at Edwards Ferry near Scotland Neck in Halifax County, North Carolina. Gray and the entire crew were under the command of John W Cooke. A North Carolina native, Cooke joined the U.S. Navy in 1828, rising to the rank of lieutenant until his resignation in 1861.

As a combat veteran, Gray was eligible to receive a Confederate veteran's pension from the state of North Carolina. A 2012 article in *Fair Winds News* reported: "In June of 1917, while a resident of Bertie County, NC, Gray applied for a Confederate pension. ... It was approved the following month. After his death in 1924, his widow Margaret was granted a pension based on his service."

Even after his death, Gray continued to be remembered. In a 1924 article in the *Roanoke-Chowan Times*, Judge Francis Winston "praised Gray and his service to the Confederate States Navy." Robert G. Elliott, in his book *Ironclad on the Roanoke*, wrote: "Gray became a minister following the war and preached for many years in Bertie County."

Benjamin Gray is buried in Cedar Landing Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, in Windsor, North Carolina.

One of the two Brooke cannon from the *Albemarle* is on display at the Headquarters of the Commander of U.S. Fleet Forces Command at the Norfolk, Virginia, naval base.

Second Battle of Fort Sumter

Union efforts to retake Charleston Harbor began on April 7, 1863, when Rear Admiral Samuel Francis Du Pont, commander of the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron, led the ironclad frigate *New Ironsides*, the tower ironclad *Keokuk*, and the monitors *Weehawken*, *Pasaic*, *Montauk*, *Patapsco*, *Nantucket*, *Catskill*, and *Nahant* in an attack on the harbor's defenses (The 1863 Battle of Fort Sumter was the largest deployment of monitors in action up to that time). The attack was unsuccessful, the Union's best ship, USS *New Ironsides* never effectively engaged, and the ironclads fired only 154 rounds, while receiving 2,209 from the Confederate defenders.^[2] Due to damage received in the attack, the USS *Keokuk* sank the next day, 1,400 yards (1,300 m) off the southern tip of Morris Island. Over the next month, working at night to avoid the attention of the Federal squadron, the Confederates salvaged *Keokuk's* two eleven-inch Dahlgren guns.^[3] One of the Dahlgren guns was promptly placed in Fort Sumter.

The Confederates, in the meantime, were strengthening Fort Sumter. A workforce of just under 500 slaves, under the supervision of Confederate army engineers, were filling casemates with sand, protecting the gorge wall with sandbags, and building new traverse,^[4] blindages,^[5] and bombproofs.^[6] Some of Fort Sumter's artillery had been removed, but 40 pieces still

Sumter crisis had deeply wounded the pride of many officers. If they could reduce Charleston like the Romans had reduced Carthage, so much the better.

During the construction of the battery, Gillmore and his men were firing on Fort Sumter. On Aug 21, Gillmore received word that the "Swamp Angel" was ready to commence firing.

Gillmore sent a message by way of Wagner to Charleston, demanding that Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard immediately evacuate Morris Island and Fort Sumter or Charleston would be fired upon. The note reached Confederate headquarters at 10:45 P.M. Beauregard was not present and since the message was unsigned, it was returned for verification.

At 1:30 A.M., August 22, Lieutenant Charles Sellmer, aiming his gun by the compass reading taken on St. Michael's steeple, fired the first round into the city. Before dawn, the Swamp Angel would send sixteen shells into Charleston. The resulting flames were clearly seen by both Confederates and the Federals.

The next morning at 9 A.M., Gillmore's note, now signed, again reached General Beauregard's headquarters. This time the general was present and an enraged Beauregard sent an immediate reply. The Confederate general considered the firing on the city an act of desperation and barbarity. He asked to be given time to evacuate Charleston and Fort Sumter. The Confederate commander finished by indicating that unless he were given time



were mounted. Fort Sumter's heaviest guns were mounted on the barbette, the fort's highest level, where they had wide angles of fire and could fire down on approaching ships. The barbette was also more exposed to enemy gunfire than the casemates in the two lower levels of the fort.

A special military decoration, known as the Gillmore Medal, was later issued to all Union service members who had performed duty at Fort Sumter under the command of Major-General Quincy Adams Gillmore.

Shortly after the July 18 attack on Fort Wagner, Gen. Quincy Gillmore of the Union army came up with a bold plan. He ordered Col. Serrell to build a 24,000 lb. battery gun capable of hitting Fort Sumter and Charleston from Morris Island. Serrell at first studied the plan and said it couldn't be done. After being persuaded and a promise of anything he needed to get the job done, he began the strenuous task.

The battery was to be built in the marsh area between James and Morris Islands. Work began on August 10th. While working on the battery, Confederates would fire on them with their batteries. To confuse the Confederates, Serrell had a fake battery being built on the southern end of the island. By August 17, the battery was ready for armament. The battery's garrison was a detachment of the 11th Maine Infantry under Lt. Charles Sellmer. On August 21, Sellmer and his men took charge of the new battery, which was now referred to as the "Swamp Angel".

By existing rules of warfare, Charleston was a legitimate target. It was an armed camp. There were fortifications in the city. It was home to a number of munition plants, and its wharves served blockade runners who carried war supplies. But the reasons ran even deeper. To Northerners, Charleston was the symbol of rebellion. It was there that South Carolina officials voted for secession and started the inevitable march toward war. The firing on Fort Sumter, which started the conflict, only increased the North's belief that Charleston was a city of fire-eaters who deserved punishment. For most Northerners, Charleston's destruction seemed just retribution. The Northern military also wanted redemption. Their impotence during the 1861 Fort

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View of Confederate-held Fort Sumter, August 23, 1863.

to evacuate the city's noncombatants, he would use the "strongest means of retaliation. . . ." The request for time

was denied.

Beauregard's demand to allow citizens to leave was backed up by similar requests from foreign consuls. In his answer to Beauregard, Gillmore gave the Confederates one day to clear the city. At the same time, the Federal commander took the opportunity to lecture the Confederates on Charleston's role as an armed camp and munition site, pointing out that it was a legitimate military target and, since the campaign had been going on for forty days, the civilians and military should have known that a bombardment was inevitable.

Throughout the next night of the 22nd, the Swamp Angel remained silent. The next night, firing resumed on the city and Fort Sumter.

Despite a severe pounding, Fort Sumter's garrison held out. Siege operations continued against Fort Wagner on Morris Island.

After the devastating bombardment, both Major General Quincy A. Gillmore and Rear Admiral John A. Dahlgren, now commanding the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron, determined to launch a boat assault on Fort Sumter for the night of September 8–9, 1863. Cooperation between the Army and Navy was poor. Dahlgren refused to place his sailors and marines under the command of an army officer, so two flotillas set out towards Fort Sumter that night. The army flotilla was detained off Morris Island by the low tide. By the time they could proceed, the navy assault had already been defeated and the army flotilla returned to shore.

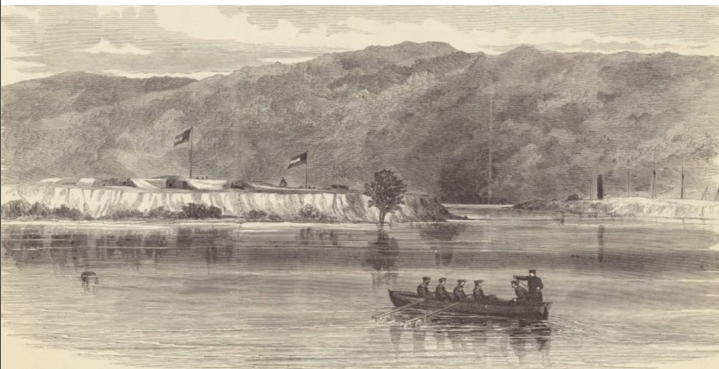
The navy's assault involved 400 sailors and marines in 25 boats. The operation was a fiasco from beginning to end. Poor reconnaissance, planning and communication all characterized the operation. Commander Thomas H. Stevens, Jr., commanding the monitor *Patapsco*, was placed in charge of the assault. When Commander Stevens protested that he "knew nothing of [the assault's] organization " and "made some remonstrances on this grounds and others." Dahlgren replied "There is nothing but a corporal's guard [about 6–10 men] in the fort, and all we have to do is go

and take possession." This underestimation of the Confederate forces on Dahlgren's part may explain why he was hostile to a joint operation wishing to reserve the credit for the victory to the navy. Fewer than half of the boats landed. Most of the boats that did land landed on the right flank or right gorge angle, rather than on the gorge where there was a passable breach. The Union sailors and marines who did land could not scale the wall. The Confederates fired upon the landing party and as well as throwing hand grenades and loose bricks. The men in the boats that had not landed fired muskets and revolvers blindly at the fort, endangering the landing party more than the garrison. The landing party took shelter in shell holes in the wall of the fort. In response to a signal rocket fired by the garrison, Fort Johnson and the Confederate warship *CSS Chicora* opened fire upon the boats and landing party. The boats that could withdraw withdrew, and the landing party surrendered. The Union casualties were 8 killed, 19 wounded, and 105 captured (including 15 of the wounded). The Confederates did not suffer any casualties in the assault.

After the unsuccessful boat assault, the bombardment recommenced and proceeded with varying degree of intensity, doing more damage to Fort Sumter until the end of the war. The garrison continued to suffer casualties. The Confederates continued to salvage guns and other material from the ruins and harassed the Union batteries on Morris Island with sharpshooters. The Confederates mounted four 10-inch (250 mm) columbiads, one 8-inch (200 mm) columbiad rifled, and two rifled 42-pounders, in the left face, bottom tier casemates. The last Confederate commander, Major Thomas A. Huguenin, a graduate from The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina, never surrendered Fort Sumter, but General William T. Sherman's advance through South Carolina finally forced the Confederates to evacuate Charleston on February 17, 1865, and abandon Fort Sumter. The Federal government formally took possession of Fort Sumter on February 22, 1865, with a flag-raising ceremony. One Union soldier was killed and another Union soldier was mortally wounded during the surrender ceremony (see above). Fifty-two Confederate soldiers were killed there during the remainder of the war. While a number of slaves were killed while working at the fort, the exact number is unknown.

Confederate Blockade of Washington, D.C.
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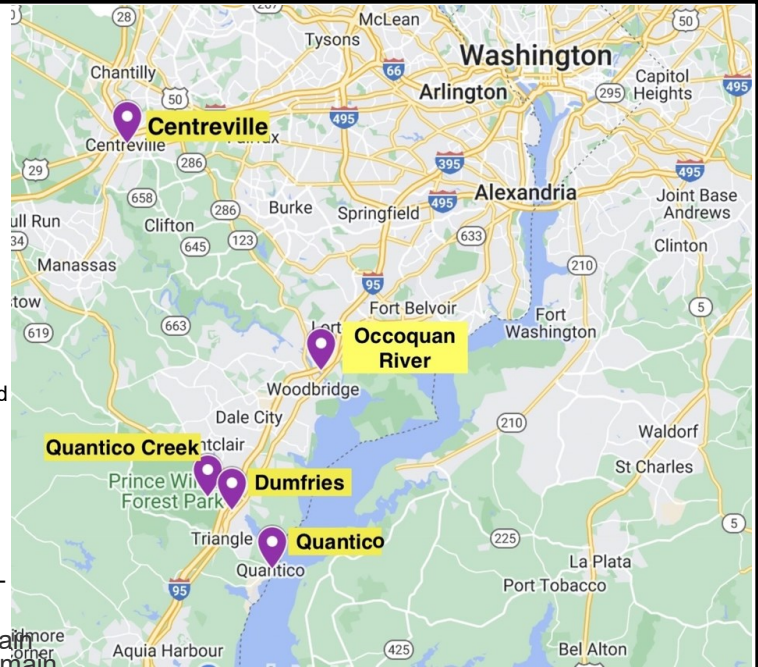
The most important, yet under told, story of the early period of the Civil War did not happen in the Deep South, or in the Western Theater, or the Atlantic, but very close to Washington, D.C. From October 1861 until March



North battery of the Confederates at Shipping Point, on the Virginia side of the Potomac, looking up the river | [New York Public Library Digital Collections](#)

1862, the Confederates effectively blockaded the U. S. capital city with artillery batteries that closed off the Potomac to Union ship traffic into or out of Washington, while allowing supplies to cross the Potomac to Virginia from Confederate-sympathizing Charles County in Maryland.

The Confederates had earlier thought to build their batteries at Mathias Point, just upriver from the current US 301 bridge; but they abandoned that effort because it was too far away from supporting infantry forces. Instead, they worked frantically, and in secrecy, during the August-September 1861, period to build a series of batteries between Occoquan and Quantico Creeks, with the biggest batteries at Evansport and Shipping Point, near



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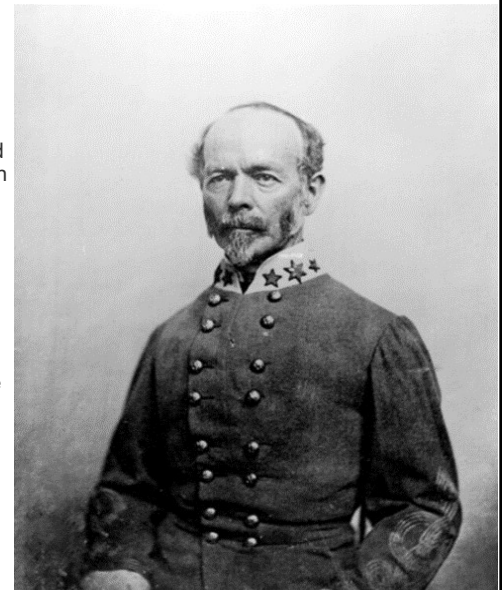
Points of interest of the Confederate offensive

current day Quantico, and Cockpit Point, just to the north of Quantico Creek. The batteries were supported on shore by two Confederate units stationed in Dumfries, each of which would become famous later in the war, the Texas Brigade and Wade Hampton's Legion.

Ready for action and opening fire in mid-October, these Confederate batteries forced the Union Navy to redirect all ship traffic out of the Potomac and to use Baltimore instead of Washington, much to the embarrassment of Lincoln, his Navy, and his Army. By that time, never-ready-for-action George McClellan refused to send Union land troops down the southern side of the river from Alexandria to dislodge the Confederates. Instead, he dispatched a division to the Maryland side opposite the Confederates, where they could do no harm nor any good. The Union soldiers noticed there were few men around in the Maryland homes and assumed that the women were widows, only to discover later that the ladies had husbands who were very much alive and had gone South to fight with the Confederacy.

It was curious. The North had blockaded the Southern ports with its fleet of ships, and the South had used its artillery to blockade Washington, where supplies withered and prices soared, as the overwhelmed Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was its only supply link with the rest of the world. This condition lasted throughout December, January, and February as northern impatience with McClellan's intransigence built.

The breakthrough finally came on March 9, 1862, but not from any Northern action. In February, Jefferson Davis gave Confederate general Joseph Johnston the permission to pull back from Centreville, Dumfries, and the Potomac River. Wasting no time, Johnston burned his supplies, exploded extra ammunition, and moved farther south in the direction of Fredericksburg, giving up the blockade.



General Joseph E. Johnston



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Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

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

Brick sizes:

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

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

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

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

Make checks payable to SCV and write "Bricks" in the memo line. Please fill out this form and mail to:
SCV, P.O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402
Credit card payments are available by calling 1-800-MYSOUTH and contacting Merchandising.

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

Name: _____
Address/City/State/Zip: _____
Phone number: _____
Email address: _____

Memorial Park Bench

Remember and honor your Confederate ancestor, loved one, family member or organization with the purchase of a Memorial Park Bench. These sturdy, long-lasting and beautiful benches will be placed along the walkways and the Memorial Garden on the property of the scenic General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs.

The benches are available to individuals, camps, divisions and organizations. The inscription and use of a logo is of your own choosing. The cost for the bench is \$1,800.

Disclaimer: The General Headquarters of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the General Executive Council reserve the right to approve the use of symbols, logo, wording and placement of the benches.



Will you be using a logo? _____ If so, please attach logo with form or email.

Inscription of up to 5 lines:

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

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

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

Please include all contact information so you can be contacted when your bench arrives.

Name: _____

Address/City/State/Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

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