

The Delta General

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Happy Birthday
President Jefferson Davis

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Dedicated to the Memory of Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys

Commander's Comments — Michael Anthony

Greetings men and ladies of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp and the Ella Palmer Chapter of the Order of the Confederate Rose and our friends and followers who read this newsletter. I often write about the Charge given to us, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, by one of our great Generals: Steven D Lee. I provide suggestions on how to Live the Charge and why living the Charge is so important to the mission of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and to you personally. So it was on Saturday, May 2, a great honor and pleasure of mine to partake in one of the most respectful and honorable ways to Live the Charge, which is attending a Confederate Memorial Ceremony. Each year, the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp remembers our Confederate ancestors by memorializing them in front of their graves at the Greenville Cemetery. We gather under a smiling sun and pleasant spring breeze to remember the sacrifices made to preserve homeland and Constitutional Liberty and Freedom. We recognize some of these men made the ultimate sacrifice for us, and we pay them our deepest respects and give them our truest love. We bow our heads and thank God they came before us, so that we have the chance to be free Americans and try and take back what our Revolutionary fathers gave us, what our Confederate ancestors fought to preserve, and what we must now recover. And we remember that as Sons of Confederate Veterans, it is our duty to do this every year.

April 26 was honored by the State of Mississippi as Confederate Memorial Day. For Mississippians and Americans who understand and recognize the Cause for which our ancestors fought, recognizing this important day should be completely understood. However, we know there are many among us who do not, can not, or will not accept factual American history. One of those people is State Senator Derrick Simmons, who wrote in an opinion column for "Mississippi Today", that celebrating Confederate Memorial Day is an abomination, and a "slap-in-the-face" to all Black Mississippians. He went on to say that the Confederacy was nothing more than an attempt to enforce White Supremacy and perpetuate slavery, and that we should no longer remember people who were "traitors". Now, we can be angry with Mister Simmons; but I believe that instead, he should come to the Greenville Cemetery, which should not be hard for him since he is from Greenville, and stand before one of the graves of the Confederate dead. Perhaps when he sees the tombstone of the young man who was but twenty-five lying in perpetuity, he might begin to understand that this War was not to preserve slavery or perpetuate White Supremacy. This young man fought for his home, his State, his belief in the foundational freedom he knew belonged to him. Mister Simmons, come see the graves of the valiant and noble Confederate dead. Look at their tombstones and think about why they would leave everything behind knowing they might never see their loved ones or homeland again.

When we remember our brave Confederate heroes, they never die. I am proud to be the Son of a Confederate Veteran and am honored to have a man in my family who was willing to die to defend his homeland. He did not die in battle, but his willingness to do so inspires me to continue his fight and Live the Charge. Not for him, but for my children and the children they will bear. What inspires you to Live the Charge? What can you do to inspire someone else to Live the Charge or learn the real reasons the War was fought and for the existence of the Confederate States of America?

Deo Vindice,
Michael

Adjutant's Report — May 3, 2025 Minutes — Dan McCaskill

This will be a multiple Adjutant's Report on the Division Memorial Service, our Confederate Memorial service, and our short Camp Meeting.

April 26, 2025 – Division Confederate Memorial Service, Beauvoir: Ann and I made the trek down to south Mississippi to represent the Camp at the annual Confederate Memorial Service at the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier at the Confederate Cemetery behind Beauvoir. It was a beautiful day with a cooling breeze coming off the Gulf of America. All visitors were treated to a noon day meal prepared by the men of the Rankin Grays with help from their wives. With a full belly, we made our way back to the cemetery.



Our guest speaker was Adam Southern, SCV Executive Director who gave a wonderful address. Adam's address was followed by the laying of floral tributes to our Confederate Ancestors. Following the laying of the floral tributes, a salute, by both infantry and cannon, was fired.

Although attendance was sparse, honor was rendered. In years past, the Tomb of the Unknown would be completely covered with floral tributes.



May 3, 2025 – Camp's 29th Confederate Memorial Service: The Good Lord gave us a beautiful day from us to honor our Confederate Ancestors. Our Service was again held at the United Daughters of the Confederacy Plot in the Greenville Cemetery on a sunny afternoon. This plot was originally given to the local United Confederate Veterans Camp for the burial of Confederate Veterans. Salutes were rendered unto the Flags and Camp Commander Michael Anthony welcomed everyone to our service. We had the honor of dedicating a Confederate Headstone to Richard McAtee, who served with the 7th Kentucky Cavalry during the War, with Larry McCluney leading the "Water Ceremony" that was used by comrades to say goodbye to the fallen. After the headstone dedication, Camp Chaplain Earl McCown gave a very inspirational address. This was followed by the laying of the wreath at the base of the Confederate Memorial Monument by Camp Commander Michael Anthony and OCR Chapter President Sandra Stillman. The Honor Guard fired a three volley salute in honor of our Veterans. Commander Anthony thank everyone for coming to the Memorial Service and dismissed everyone with the singing of Dixie.



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Refreshments were served by members of the Ella Palmer Chapter #9, OCR. Attendance for the service was 20.

May 3, 2025 – Camp Meeting: Camp Commander Michael Anthony convened the members present for a short Camp Meeting. 1st Lt. Commander Larry McCluney reported that a “Venmo” button has been added to the home page of the Camp’s Website to make paying dues and making contributions more convenient for the members. Also, he will be looking for a speaker for our June Meeting on the 14th. A need of obtaining a speaker for our next Lee-Jackson Banquet was placed on the floor due to early bookings by other camps. After a brief discussion, Kenneth Ray made a motion authorizing Larry McCluney to ask Jason Boshers to be our speaker for our Banquet on January 17th. The motion was seconded by Tommy McCaskill and the motion passed without objection. Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported that Dr. Andrew Martin has re-joined the Camp bringing our membership up to 47. The Camp Account balance stands at \$2,675.74. As of this writing, the Confederate Headstone Fund stands at \$770 with \$870 needed. 11 out of 47 members have contributed. With no further business coming before the members, Kenneth Ray made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Earl Allen and the motion passed. There were nine (9) members present.

June 14 Camp Meeting Dinner

Annette McCluney reports that for the Camp meeting Dinner it will be Mexican night since she will be preparing Chicken Fajita Casserole and Corn Chips. Tea to drink as and dessert as well. Please make a donation to the ladies as they work hard to prepare these meals for us.

The Chaplain’s Pen — Earl McCown

Remember Not to Forget

“Then beware, lest you forget the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.”
[Deuteronomy 8:12].



Philosopher George Santayana said, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” That usually refers to remembering the mistakes of the past – if we don’t remember them, we are likely to make them again. But the same could be said about blessings. If we fail to remember the blessings of the past, we are more likely to fear the future.

When Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land, he had a stone memorial built after they crossed the Jordan River. It was to remind future generations that God not only dried up the Jordan so they could cross, but He also parted the Red Sea so they could escape the Egyptian army (Joshua 4:19-24). Before Jesus returned to heaven, He instituted a memorial meal by which, when celebrated, future generations of believers could remember His death for them. Remembering the blessings of the past is a powerful motivation for facing the future.

Do you keep a personal journal or diary in which you record what God has done in your life? It is a helpful way not to forget.

Over 16,000 Brave Confederate Heroes Need Your Help!



There is no greater honor that you can pay to our ancestors than to erect a grave marker at an otherwise unmarked grave!

The Oakwood Cemetery Restoration Committee wishes to thank The Society of the Order of the Southern Cross for their generous grant which has allowed us to mark the graves of forty-two Unknown Confederate Soldiers. This project has enhanced the appearance of the cemetery and honors our revered Confederate ancestors who rest here.



We are respectfully challenging SCV Divisions to consider sponsoring upright markers for unmarked graves from your respective states. The Oakwood Restoration Committee will walk you through the process of sponsoring a veteran, ordering the marker, having it properly lettered, etc. **We have found another, less expensive source for upright granite markers. The cost has dropped to \$450 engraved. We will install the markers at no charge!** Donations for the upkeep of the cemetery are also greatly appreciated.

The Confederate soldiers buried in Oakwood Cemetery deserve to be remembered. Won’t you help us?

Oakwood Restoration Committee

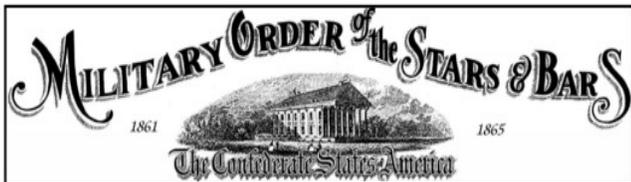
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Learn more about Oakwood at: <https://www.scvvirginia.org/oakwood-overview>



Brig/General Charles Clark Chapter 253, MOS&B Earl's Confederate Memorial Day Speech

"I have come to join you in the performance of a sacred duty."

I borrow these words from President Jefferson Davis. It was 1885, and he was speaking at the dedication of a monument at the cradle of the Confederate government in Montgomery, Alabama. And now, 140 years later, we meet this day, in the place in the performance of a sacred task.

Our solemn commission this day is to honor and remember those brave and most extraordinary men who composed of what Ulysses Grant declared the finest army ever assembled in world history. We certainly do not disagree with him, and we understand just how important it is that we be here to carry out this important and sacred ceremony.

William H. Trescott of South Carolina was a 19th century diplomat and went on to serve with the Confederate States Army. In 1870, he spoke a tribute to General Johnston Pettigrew, and the words that day speaks for us now.

"We who are vanquished in this battle must of necessity leave to a calmer and wiser posterity to judge of the intrinsic worth of that struggle as it bears upon the principles of Constitutional liberty, and as it must affect the future history of the American people. But there is one duty which we owe alike to the living and the dead, and that is the preservation in perpetual and tender remembrance of the lives of those who died in the hope that we might live. Especially is this our duty..."

Their TRUTH is a duty which we relish, not only in honoring those who died but also those who were willing to die – for those who served with undaunted courage in the dark and sobering realization that it might be their last contribution, their greatest sacrifice. And these men did so without hesitation.

Thomas Parker, the acclaimed 19th century theologian, wrote these words:

"Truth never yet fell dead in the street. It has such an affinity with the soul of man that its seed, however broadcast, will catch somewhere and produce a hundredfold."

Our souls are affected with an affinity for the truth of our people, our homeland, and our soldiers whom we remember today. Be assured your souls will be rewarded as 1 Peter of the New Testament tells us. **"For God is pleased with you when you do what you know is right, and endure unfair treatment."**

What was in the minds of these ordinary men as they left the normalcy of their families, farms, and friends to exist as citizen soldiers and place their lives in mortal peril? What loomed before them was assuredly an ominous unknown.

Captain John A. Ansley of Due West, S.C. of the SC Vol. Infantry gives us a glimpse of their thoughts in his letter to his sweetheart, Belle Jordan, at White Hall, S.C.:

"Our bleeding country calls for help and injured innocence cries for vengeance, and I must go. No if's nor but's. I am gone. And if my humble life can in any way avert the degradation with which we are threatened, then freely let it go. Then to one and all, good bye. I restrain not a tear over the words, as my thoughts come in upon me that perhaps it is the last time." There is no fear or hesitation in his noble words.

Confederate veteran, Robert Stiles gives an even more revealing answer to the question in his famous chronicle, "Four Years Under Marse Robert in 1904, veteran Stiles wrote:

"Here, then, we have the distinctive spirit of the Southern Volunteer. As he hastened to the front in the spring of '61. He felt: **With me is Right; before me is duty; behind me is home.**"

With me is Right.

How could these men not know they were right? The principles which stirred them to move to the killing fields of war, were taught them by their grandfathers and great grandfathers who served in the American Revolution; and were often times living in their grandsons' parental homes when those grandsons left for the war; grandsons spurred on by their knowledge that they were moving into the terrors and tempests of war to defend and die for the same rights and tenets that their grandfathers had bloodily won.

Their own country's founding documents – the Constitution of 1787 – and the Declaration of Independence, taught them they were right.

The Declaration of Independence – history's greatest secession document – plainly states:

"That when any form of government becomes destructive of these ends (life, liberty, pursuit of happiness), it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and institute new government..."

Thomas Jefferson avowed emphatically in the Declaration: "It is their right, it is their DUTY, to throw off such a government, and provide a new one."

The Founders told our ancestors it was NOT just their right, it was their duty!

"Any people, anywhere, having the power, have the right to rise up and throw off the existing government and form a new one that suites them better. This is a valuable right, a most SACRED right, a right which we hope and believe is to liberate the world. Nor is this right confined to cases in which whole people of an existing government may choose to exercise it. Any portion (such as the South) may revolutionize and make their own so much of the territory as they inhabit."

Such noble, constitutionalist words! By whom? Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson? No! Abraham Lincoln in 1848 in a speech before the House of Representatives.

Having just these few mentioned doctrines as his foundation, what other opinion could these loyal men of the South possibly had – other than **they were right.**

Before me is DUTY.

A South Carolina CSA officer spoke to the unique character of our people when duty bound:

"It is almost impossible for anyone not familiar with the habits and thoughts of the South to understand how completely the question of duty was settled for Southern men, Shrewd, practical men who had no faith in the result... had their doubts and misgivings, but there was no hesitation as to what they were to do. Never in the history of the world has there been a nobler response to a more thoroughly recognized duty; nowhere anything more glorious than this outburst of the youth and manhood of the South."

Perhaps the most shining example of the Southerner's response to duty can be found in the waning moments of their country.

At the war's onset, families throughout the South, bid farewell to their sons and fathers as they left home to enlist. Most families were large in those days, so there were usually multiple sons leaving from each family, it had to be a fearful and tearful time. So many times, watching their older brothers, and often times their fathers, leave for the war were 11 and 12 year old younger brothers, who likely idolized their older brothers and imitated everything they did. And now wanted to go with them, but they were too young. So they could only watch them disappear in the distance.

As the war years raged on, these mere boys witnessed death in droves, as their brothers and fathers died one after another. They witnessed inconsolable grief consume their mothers and sisters. They watched their neighbors be swept by the same horrors; watched their kin and friends come home in pain, maimed for life and dying.

All around them for years was nothing but death and terror, grief and pain, decimation and suffering.

Yet:

Despite all the death and terror witnessed by their boyish minds, for 3 years, despite the deaths of their brothers and fathers, cousins and neighboring friends, **DUTY still rang loudest in their hearts and souls.**

By the war's later years 1864 and 1865, they were age 15 or 16, and allowed to enlist. Law didn't demand it, especially with the devastating losses already suffered by so many families. But these boys WANTED to enlist, pleaded with their parents to let them go, and they volunteered in large numbers as soon as they could. And not just in the reserves or militias, but in front line, battle-field regiments throughout the Confederacy. And there many of them died.

From where does such courage come after witnessing so vividly the stark reality of death? Especially in one so young? It comes from the inbred call of DUTY and HONOR.

And not in the young soldier alone. From where does the courage come for a mother and/or father, having already lost 3 or 4 sons, to look upon their youngest – and – perhaps – last son and let him go, give blessing to his enlistment, and then watch that young boy leave for the far away front, where their other sons were slain and buried unmarked?

Such was the call of DUTY and HONOR. And such majesty was the Southern response.

“Behind me is HOME...”

General Stephen Dill Lee gave beautiful insight into the minds of the men he led in this regard. He wrote after the war:

“It has not seemed the whole truth to me that the Confederate soldier went into battle to vindicate a constitutional argument. He went to war because he loved his people, because his country was invaded, because his heart was throbbing for his hearthstone. Here was the land which gave him birth; here was his childhood’s home; here were the graves of his dead; here was the church spire where he learned it was not all of life to live nor all of death to die. No hostile foot should EVER trod this consecrated ground except over his dead body.”

You listen to those words and then understand the martial tenacity of the Confederate Soldier. You understand the tenacious dedication to PLACE. He was there for home, there for his family, there for his neighbor, there for the future. And he was most certainly just as much there for us – for OUR time and place.

Obviously, our noble Confederate warriors have a home in our minds – their glory remains fresh with us and stirs us to speech and action – and their story is certainly woven into the stuff of our lives – evidenced by the fact that we are here this day.

Thus, we are here today to proclaim our commitment to defend and protect the TRUTH of their Crusade defined by RIGHT, DUTY, and HOME.

The late Reverend Billy Graham wrote words to bolster and fortify our efforts:

“Truth is timeless. Truth does not differ from one age to another, from one people to another, from one geographical location to another. Men’s idea may differ, men’s customs may change, men’s moral codes may vary, but the great, all prevailing Truth stands for time and eternity.”

Thus, our detractors can say and do what they will, but the TRUTH of our people and our land is timeless, it is touchless, it is unchangeable, unconcealable, unending, and everlasting!

In closing, if they could speak to us, and many would propose that they do, what would these exceptional men say, especially in regard to the efforts we make in their behalf?

I think they would beseech us in words by Archibald McLeash:
“We were young. We have died. Remember us. We have done what we could but until it is finished it is not done. We have given our lives but until it is Finished no one can know what our lives gave.

Our deaths are not ours; they are Yours, they will remain what you make them. Whether for peace, a new hope or nothing We cannot say; it is you who must say this. We leave you our deaths, give them Their meaning.

We were young. We have died. Remember us.”

Mississippi Division News

2025 Mississippi Division Reunion

Pickwick Landing, TN June 6-8, 2025

Compatriots of the Mississippi Division SCV and Ladies of the Mississippi Society OCR,

We are honored to invite you to the 2025 Mississippi Division Annual Reunion, hosted by Col. William P. Rogers Camp 321. The Reunion will be held on June 6-8, 2025, at the Lodge at Pickwick Landing State Park, Pickwick Landing, TN.

Our Annual Reunion serves as a gathering of our compatriots, families, and friends. It is a time when we come together to transact the business of our organization but also as a time to celebrate our shared honorable heritage, reflect on our achievements from the past year, and envision the future of our organizations. Please make plans to join us for a memorable weekend.

Our host hotel is the Lodge at Pickwick Landing, located on the banks of the Tennessee River in Pickwick Landing, TN. The Lodge offers 119 rooms, all of which directly face the Tennessee River, as well as a great restaurant and bar. Room Rates are \$155.00 a night. Please use Group Code 8244 to receive this room rate when booking.

Pickwick is close to many sites of the War for Southern Independence: the battlefields of Shiloh, Brice’s Crossroads, Corinth, and Davis Bridge. The state park also offers some amazing fishing and golfing. Registration is now open, and we encourage you to secure your spot at the reunion at your earliest convenience. Please take advantage of our early registration rates.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Reunion Planning Committee at msdivadjutant@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you next June at Pickwick! In the Bonds of the Old South,

Mike Moore, Chairman
2025 Reunion Host Committee

Commander Michael Anthony Declares for 1st Brigade Councilman

To the Members of the First Brigade of the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; my name is Michael Anthony and I am proud to announce my candidacy for First Division Brigade Commander for the Mississippi Division. I am a proud resident of Clarksdale and I have been a member of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp for four years, where I currently serve as Camp Commander.

I am running for Brigade Commander because as the Camp Commander, I am constantly telling my Camp members to Live the Charge; and one of my personal mottos is “Be the Change You Want to See in Others.” So now is my time to step out of my Camp and step up. I sincerely believe the words of the Charge; trying to “emulate his virtues” every day. As a student of my favorite Confederate: General Robert E Lee, I model my life after his, carrying within me compassion, empathy, grace, honor, and dignity in all I do. I want the Mississippi Division to move forward and move past the personality conflicts of the past. I want our [Division](#) to be a leader among all divisions of the SCV and show the rest of the world how Sons of Confederate Veterans protect, preserve, and promote the Confederate Soldiers’ good name. All of us share one of God’s greatest gifts: we are sons of Confederate soldiers. Men who laid down their plows, their axes, their oars, their ledgers, their pulpits to fight for the Constitutional Liberty and Freedom given to us by our Revolutionary forefathers. Our Confederate ancestors are true American heroes. Our bond should unite us to Live the Charge every day. Whether I personally like you or not, I respect your desire to Live the Charge and promote Confederate history and heritage; and I will work with you.

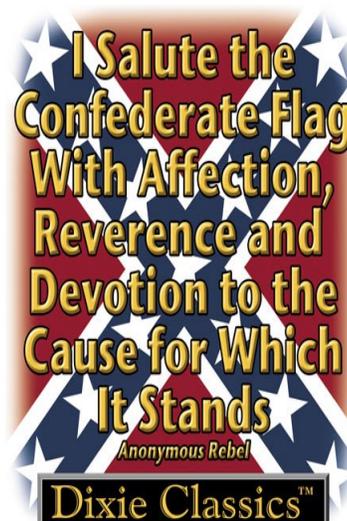
Men of the First Division of the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; I appreciate your vote for Brigade Commander. Your trust and faith in me will never be forgotten or dismissed. I will work for you because we all will work together to Live the Charge. Thank you.

Friends of Beauvior

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

Bricks for Beauvior

Honor your Confederate ancestors while supporting Beauvior. Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit, and company. The memorial bricks will be laid creating a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate soldier. For more information on these opportunities, please visit www.visitbeauvior.org or contact Beauvior directly at (228) 388-4400





2025 SCV MS Division Reunion

Registration Form

129th Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

31st Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose

Pickwick Landing, TN – June 6-8, 2025

Hosts: Col. W.P. Rogers Camp 321 SCV and Ladies of Col. W.P. Rogers Chapter 25, OCR



SCV Member Name: _____

Title: _____

SCV Camp Name & Number: _____

OCR Member Name: _____

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 receive a medal if payment is provided below.

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV Member – on or before May 6, 2025, \$60.00 / After May 6, 2025, \$70.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

OCR Member – on or before May 6, 2025, \$30.00 / After May 6, 2025, \$35.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Commander’s Reception - on or before May 6, 2025, \$25.00 per person QTY _____ \$ _____

Awards Banquet – on or before May 6, 2025, \$50.00 per person QTY _____ \$ _____

(NO RECEPTION OR BANQUET REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 6, 2025, **INCLUDING WALK-UPS**)

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

Half Page Ancestor Memorial - \$40.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

Full Page Ancestor Memorial - \$100.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT =====> \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable to **Col. W.P. Rogers Camp 321** & Mail to:
Camp 321 C/O: Dwight Johnson, 3470 CR 100, Corinth, MS 38834

SCV Contact: Mike Moore (732) 962-5335 OCR Contact: Laura Moore (662) 416-7949

HOTEL INFO

The Lodge at Pickwick Landing
120 Playground Loop, Counce, TN 38326
(888) 867-2757
or online at:

www.tnstateparks.com/lodges/pickwick-landing

Use Group Code **8244** when booking for \$155.00 room rate.

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.



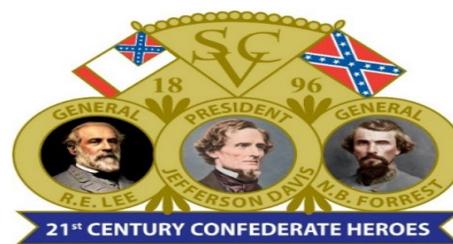
The Jefferson Davis Presidential Library located on the grounds of Beauvoir in Biloxi, Mississippi.



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

SCV National News



21st Century Confederate Heroes

The National Sons of Confederate Veterans welcomes you to the 21st-Century Confederate Heroes. Your generous donation will serve to remember and honor our Confederate Heroes and our beloved Southland. The program comes with many perks.

- 1) Flag streamer or Neck Ribbon a. If you submit as an individual, you will receive a neck ribbon with a 21st Century Confederate Heroes medal on the ribbon. b. If you submitted as a camp, division or organization, you will receive a 21st Century Confederate Heroes streamer for your flag.
- 2) Paver – a paver placed on the Walkway of Confederate Heroes from the Museum to the Forrest Plaza
- 3) Certificate – A certificate documenting for future generations your membership as a Confederate Hero
- 4) A copy of the hardcover book 21st Century Confederate Heroes with a page dedicated to the information provided by you that details the individual or camp, etc. you wish to memorialize. Up to three photos may be included
- 5) Donor recognition in the National Confederate Museum – A Television will be placed inside the Museum's gift shop. This TV will display PowerPoint slides of the information 21st Century Confederate Heroes members provide. It can be you, your family, your ancestor, your camp, etc.
- 6) A Flag flown from the Forrest Plaza – One of the purposes of the 21st Century Confederate Heroes is to restore the Forrest Plaza. Once the plaza has been rebuilt and the flagpole is placed, every month for a year a donor will be drawn to receive the flag flown the previous month.
- 7) A QR Code on a sign will be placed near the Forrest Plaza identifying all those who donated \$1,000 or more to the restoration of the Forrest Plaza prior to the 21st Century Confederate Heroes campaign.

Notes:

Make checks out the Sons of Confederate Veterans and note 21st CCH in the memo line of your check.

For more information contact Commander-in-Chief Walter D. Kennedy at: CiC@scv.org

Or contact National HQ by mail or email:
SCV, P.O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402
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130th Annual National Reunion Houston, Texas

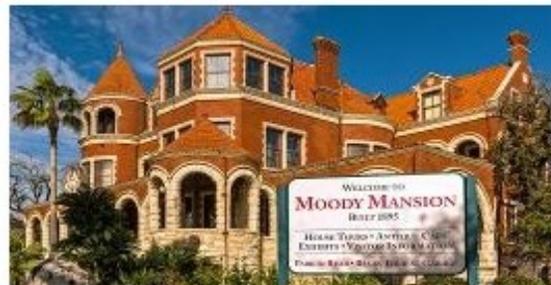
In the heart of Texas, Houston stands as a city of dualities—a place where the “Spirit of the Confederacy” monument whispers tales of valor, while rockets at the Johnson Space Center defy gravity. Here, Hermann Park cradles tranquility—a lush oasis with McGovern Lake and the bronze gaze of Sam Houston. Moody Mansion guards secrets within its red-brick walls, and Sabine Pass, where sea meets land, echoes bravery from the Civil War. But it’s San Jacinto that resonates—a battlefield where Texas won its independence, and the bay murmurs courage and sacrifice. Houston isn’t just a city; it’s a symphony of resilience, launching expectations beyond the stars.



Battle of Galveston Tour



Dick Dowling Grave / San Jacinto Tour



Moody Mansion



Host Hotel

Houston Marriott South Hobby Airport

9100 Gulf Fwy.

Houston, TX 77107

(713) 943-7979



Sons of Confederate Veterans

130th Annual National Reunion

Houston, Texas July 17-20, 2025



Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

SCV Camp Name: _____ Number _____ Division _____

Current Rank, Title, or Position: _____

Spouse Name (For Name Badge): _____

*Note: Please only provide your spouse's name if they are attending a Reunion Meal or Tour. Spouses **DO NOT** need to pay for registration.*

Date	Time	Event	Price	Qty	Total
SCV REUNION EARLY BIRD	REGISTRATION	ALL SCV MEMBERS MUST REGISTER (through May 31, 2025) includes medal & program	\$75.00		
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Friday, July 18, 2025	1:45 PM	Battle of San Jacinto Tour/ Dick Dowling Grave	\$40.00		
Saturday, July 19, 2025	7:30 AM	Mechanized Cavalry Breakfast	\$38.00		
Saturday, July 19, 2025	8:30 AM	Ladies Tour to Galveston - Moody Mansion/ Lunch/ Museum	\$70.00		
Saturday, July 19, 2025	6:00 PM	Commander in Chief Reception	\$30.00		
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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.

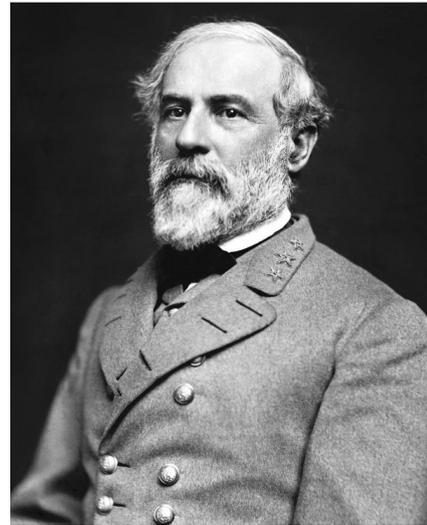
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An Ode to Robert E. Lee

Jeffrey F. Addicott, May 16, 2025, blueandgrayeducation.org



The Civil War, perhaps the most enduring conflict in the American psyche, also brought into sharp focus the extraordinary genius and character of Gen. R. E. Lee. As both a military commander and a role model, Lee left an indelible legacy—so profound that his influence on the U.S. armed forces continues to resonate more than 150 years after his death. This enduring impact is unsurprising when one considers that, even before the war began, Lee was widely recognized as one of the most capable military minds in the young nation.

The Civil War was not only the most consequential event in American history, but its outcome also helped forge a more unified national identity—what might be called a shared Americanism. At the same time, the Northern victory corrected a foundational wrong: the abolition of the morally repugnant institution of slavery. Though the war was not solely about slavery, it ended slavery. In the wake of defeat, the South ravaged, and finding himself in personal poverty, Lee found abiding satisfaction in that outcome. Just five months before his death in Lexington, Virginia, in May 1870, Lee voiced this truth: "So far from engaging in a war to perpetuate slavery, I am rejoiced that slavery is abolished. I believe it will be greatly for the interest of the South. So fully am I satisfied of this ... that I would cheerfully have lost all I have lost by the war and suffered all I have suffered, to have this object attained."

Indeed, out of the ashes of an internal firestorm that claimed the lives of well over 750,000 people, the country moved significantly closer to realizing Thomas Jefferson's aspirational ideal of the God-given rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" for all Americans.

Lee's deep and abiding belief in the word of God, with the influence of Christian ethics on his thinking and action and with Americans fighting Americans, Lee understood that the long-term effects of engaging in retribution or reprisal would not be profitable for the nation or the South. He was undoubtedly correct. When the end came for Lee and the Confederacy at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865, his decision to surrender the Army of Northern Virginia rather than to disband it was perhaps one of Lee's greatest moments. Lee could have ordered his decimated soldiers to scatter into the hills and fight a guerrilla war that would have lasted for decades. Instead, he saw no sense in waging a war of terror and ordered his men to lay down their arms, return home, and become once again model citizens. And so, when word of Lee's unequivocal surrender was learned, the rest of the Confederacy quickly followed suit and reflexively laid down their arms as well—Lee was their moral and military leader, not Jefferson Davis. When he quit, the Confederacy ceased to be.

In many respects, Robert E. Lee personifies the spirit of Americanism and manhood, contributing more than any other single officer in setting the very bedrock for some of the most outstanding and valuable attributes of U.S. military power. That bedrock remains so strong that when asked to identify the most notable characteristics of the United States military, one should expect the worldwide response to literally echo Lee's signatures of superior tactical leadership and the highest level of civilized warfare. His adherence to duty and to God are virtues that all Americans need to ever keep and pass to our progeny.



Lee and his Confederate officers in their first meeting since Appomattox, August 1869 | public domain



Editorial.

**“I sometimes hear a whisper, no more, no less.
Just a soft voice in my ear, from another time, another year.
It asks me to tell a story, of blood, of tragic times...and more.
Times of both glory and unimaginable...gore”.**

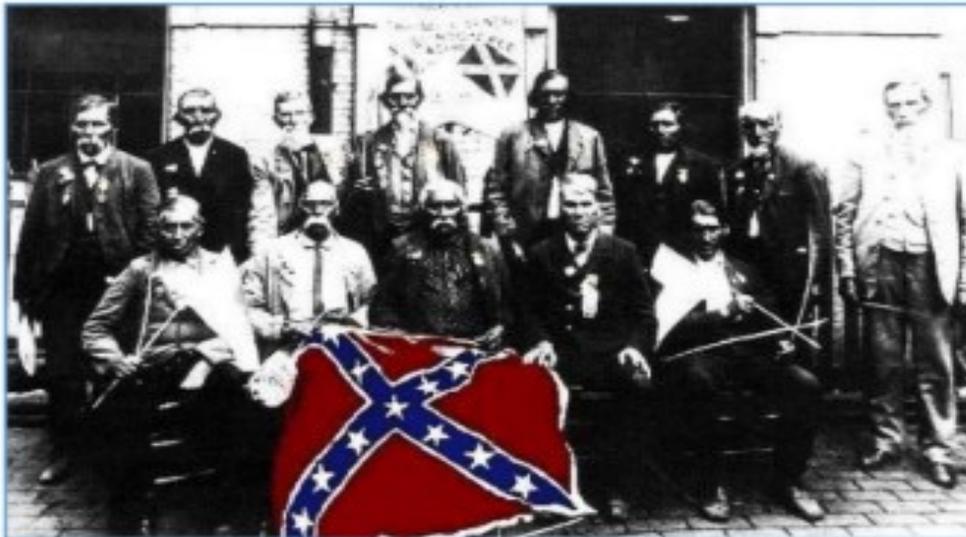
(The civil-war-Robert Taylor).



I apologise for the delay in producing our study journal, caused by cataract issues in both eyes that came on without warning and left me in a world of fog. I could no longer read or write. As with many of our organisations of *Round Tables*, the work of compiling newsletters is left generally to one dedicated person working from home, with welcome contributions from members. I have now had one eye attended to with a new lens but that is currently plagued with spots and while I can see reasonably well with one eye, it tires very quickly. Please forgive the delay in production and any future delays. While incapacitated, I had time to think over the many issues of the war that still grips us many years later. These are my thoughts.

The war in America was fought in some 10 thousand places, from *New Mexico* to *Tennessee*, *Vermont*, the *Florida Coast*, on rivers and bayous, the High Seas off *Cherbourg* in France and in the *Gulf of Mexico*. It was carried to the *Arctic waters*, *Pacific Ocean* and *Australia* by Confederate navy raiders. In the words of *Sam Watkins* of "*Company H*", there was no East, West, North or South, only America. In reality, the war went to all points of the compass as it became an international and multicultural conflict. The nation was heavily divided by that compass, each area actually saw itself as an independent country, in a nation of countries known as States. More than 3 million men fought in it. Over a million soldiers and innocent civilians, some 2.5% of the population, died either during the war, or shortly after from their wounds, or the terrible injustices that came in its wake. Lynching and persecution of paroled soldiers and defenceless families, white and black. Too many on both sides suffered horrific wounds that destroyed their lives. The war also scarred a nation forever, both physically and economically. The year after the war ended, the state of *Mississippi* spent 20% of its annual budget on artificial limbs for its veterans.

Today the wounds are just as deep; once healed now reopened by ignorance, misinformation and a manic manipulation of history. Today, America is still divided, although the lines of separation are not so "*Mason/Dixon*" defined. It's a division of "*Them*" and "*Us*". "*Trump*" and "*Biden*". The round or pointed end of the egg-"*Gulliver's Travels*". Has the bold, adventurous America become a nation of *Lilliputians*? I hope not however this journal doesn't enter into the murky world of modern politics, only history.



Forgotten are the many brave people of colour on both sides who stood with their white brethren for the same purpose, defence of home, family and life...defence of freedom! The South had more *free blacks* and indigenous people than the North. They were land owners, employers, tradesmen and women. They stood to lose as much as their white neighbours and the status they shared with a people who accepted them for their significant contributions to the welfare

of life in the South. This confusing mix is not understood by poorly educated people today and not considered significant enough a story to have in our history, so it's being systematically removed.

Southern homes became headquarters; schoolhouses became shelters for wounded and dying. Northern armies swept across Southern farms and burnt Southern towns and libraries. Americans slaughtered each other wholesale in cornfields and peach orchards. In just two days at *Shiloh*, on the banks of the beautiful *Tennessee*, more Americans fell than in all previous wars combined. At *Cold Harbor*, 7 thousand Americans fell in just 20 minutes. The only good thing to come from this war in America was the freedom of all slaves and that only occurred sometime after the war had ended and in reality didn't resolve until the 1960's. Responsibility for segregation must rest with the victors of a war who forced their intentions on the vanquished. In the 1840's, Britain and France had already issued subsidies for plantation owners to free their slaves. This was always an alternative to war and secession, but Lincoln had no desire to free slaves. It only appeared as an issue when he used it as a political tool against *France* and *Britain*, to keep them out of the conflict.

The last person to surrender after the war was a free *African American* sailor on board *CSS Shenandoah*. The last shot of the war was fired from the decks of the same ship, not by an American, but by an *Australian* sailor who had joined the vessel in *Melbourne, Victoria*. The *Burns T.V. series*, while excellent in that it captures the essence of the story, is a subjective narrative, not objective and is heavily sprinkled with bias and propaganda. It continues to be viewed in *Australia* and *New*

Zealand to further cloud the judgement of non-Americans little informed of the truth. *Australians* have no idea of their own involvement, or that many veterans are buried in their country, often in unmarked graves. We call them *The Forgotten Veterans*.



The war in America has many remarkable connections, far beyond the ability of naïve or ignorant culture and history denialists to comprehend. History is! You can't alter the past, any more than you can the future. Only the present is available for change and even then, we ordinary players have little opportunity to influence the course of events, just as the ordinary people of yesterday had no hope of moulding events in their time.

Daniel Emmett with blackened face for his minstrel show. Such shows were very popular in their day, even Lincoln was an avid fan. Now deemed disrespectful but at the time the coloured minstrel was idealised and highly respected-Editor.

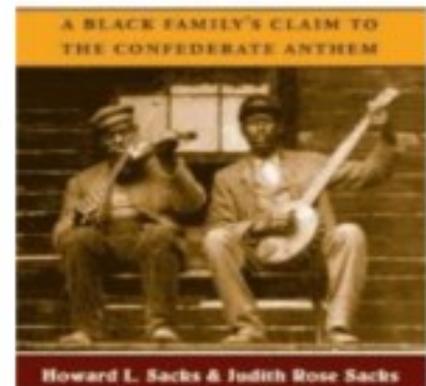
Now history police want to ban books that have become classics of literature, like *Gone with the Wind*. Even music like *Dixie*, not knowing that the song was composed by a Northerner and was a favourite of *Abraham Lincoln*. Information that doesn't exist in their comic book version of history. *Dixie* is credited to *Daniel Decatur Emmett* of Ohio, a Northern minstrel singer and son of an abolitionist. *Daniel* first performed *Dixie* in *New York City* in 1859 but it's believed he originally heard the song sung by a *black man*.



more to America than *'Left'* and *'Right'*, there's every point of the compass. That's what makes America so great, its remarkable history and great diversity of people. We must be allowed to learn from our past, it's a basic human right. As you read this, I sincerely hope you didn't surrender your feelings to anger and rage. These words are presented merely by an old man of 80 years who, lost for a while in a world of blindness, was able to plumb the very depth of his own emotions and convictions, albeit as a faraway Australian. As such, these are personal but honest opinions-*Robert Taylor*.

*"Nor deem the irrevocable past
As wholly wasted...wholly vain,
If...rising on its wrecks, at last
To something nobler...we attain-
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow".*

Way Up North in Dixie



As for the origins of the title? Ten dollar notes issued before 1860 in *New Orleans* by the *Citizen's Bank*, were imprinted on the reverse with the word *'Dix'*, French for the numeral *'ten'*. Hence, *"The land of Dixies"*, then *"Dixie Land"*.

A Louisiana "DIX" Note. New Orleans, Citizens' Bank of Louisiana \$10. Red. The steamer is *Adriatic*. "DIX" on the back. This uncirculated note recently sold at auction for \$325. While some downplay history, it's busy increasing in commercial value, even unauthorised notes like these-Editor.

Once you erase history you remove the very substance that constitutes what you are as a nation and as a person. It's connected to us in many diverse ways and is a positive, not negative influence on present day culture. There's so much

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LT. GENERAL STEPHEN DILL LEE, COMMANDER GENERAL,
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