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**State Reunion at Beauvoir 2026
Camp Meeting on June 13, 2026**

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Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys**

Commander's Comments — Michael Anthony

Greetings men and ladies of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp, the Brigadier General Charles Clark Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, the Ella Palmer Chapter of the Order of the Confederate Rose, and our friends and followers who read this newsletter. For those of you who listen to contemporary country music, as I do, you are probably familiar with the popular song "McArthur" by country great singers Tim McGraw, Eric Church, Morgan Wallen, and great writer Hardy. The chorus of the song goes like this: "My bloodline bled on this ground, soon we all find that's where we're bound". To any member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, that choral line sounds very familiar: doesn't it? This is the reason the men of the South left their homes and families, their businesses and churches, everything that was familiar to them, to fight an invading enemy. They fought not to preserve an institution many of them had no direct involvement with, but for something that was a direct part of their every being; the land that was home. And do you know where the men who sing "McArthur" are from? McGraw is from Louisiana, Church is from North Carolina, Wallen is from Tennessee and Hardy is from our home here in Mississippi. Coincidence? You decide!

By the time you read this edition of "Commander's Comments" the Mississippi Division reunion may be concluded. If you went to the Reunion, thank you for going. If you did not, consider that attending the Division Reunion is a great way to meet members of the Division from other parts of the State you may otherwise never interact with. Talking to Division members from places like the Pine Belt, the Gulf Coast, Southwest Mississippi or the Golden Triangle region gives you perspective and ideas that you can bring back to our Camp. What are other Camps doing to Live the Charge and recruit new members? What did that do that works and what didn't work? Not only do you learn about other Camps, it is always fun to see old friends and make new ones. One of the great things about being a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is you are surrounded by men who share with you the bond of being a direct descendant of a man who took up arms to defend his homeland and fight for Constitutional freedom and liberty against overwhelming odds in that great war fought mostly on our land so many years ago.

Following the Division reunion will be the National Reunion in Lexington Kentucky. I will not be so fortunate to visit Bluegrass country this summer; however, I am very excited about the National Reunion two years from now which will not only be hosted by our very own Mississippi Division, but for many of us including myself, it will be held in Oxford, which is practically in our backyards. There will be so much for all of us to do there. Now is the time to begin thinking about what we can do to put on the greatest National Reunion ever conducted and show our compatriots from around the world that Mississippi is truly the greatest of all the States and our hospitality and generosity is unmatched.

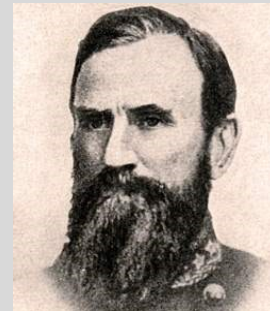
Enjoy the warmer and longer days of late spring. There is so much to look forward to within the Mississippi Division. I hope you are able to share in some of the great events happening.

Deo Vindice,
Michael

The Chaplain's Pen — Earl McCown

Never was there a name so wonderful as the name of our Savior. He is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord; our Master, our King, our Sovereign, our God. Jesus our Savior, our Redeemer, our Deliverer. Christ; Anointed One. He was anointed by God as the Prophet, Priest and King of His people. This is the one whom the Father deemed able to save us and worthy of all glory. He is wonderful in the estimation of the Father, of the heavenly angels and of all His people.

1. He is wonderful in His covenant. In covenant mercy, the Son of God agreed to become our Savior and to accomplish for us a perfect salvation.
2. He is wonderful in His compassion. Behold how He loves us! He has loved us with an eternal, sovereign, distinguishing, personal, perfect and infinite love.
3. He is wonderful in His condescension. In a gigantic step downwards, He took upon Himself our nature. Poverty, pain and persecution followed the Man of sorrows all His days. As great as the humiliation of the incarnation was, it was nothing in comparison with the humiliation he endured upon the cross as our Substitute! He bore shame, scourging, scoffing and spitting for us. At last He was made to be sin for us! Being slain in our place, He was buried in a borrowed tomb.
4. He is wonderful in His crowning. After three days in the grave, the Son of God came forth triumphant over the grave. Forty days later He ascended to the throne of glory as our Mediator King. The God-man is crowned with glory and honor, never to be humbled again. All the universe is under His sovereign rule.
5. He is wonderful in His care. The Son of God rules all people and all events, working all things together for the good of His people. The Lord of glory is our protector, Provider and Preserver.
6. He is wonderful in His coming. 'Behold, He cometh!' Yes, He is coming again. He is coming now. Soon the Son of God, our Savior, will again be upon the earth. All things will be put under His feet.
7. Now is the time for you to examine your hearts to determine if you are indeed, ready for our Lord's return. There are only two answers: Either you ARE, or you're NOT. It is still your choice... choose wisely!



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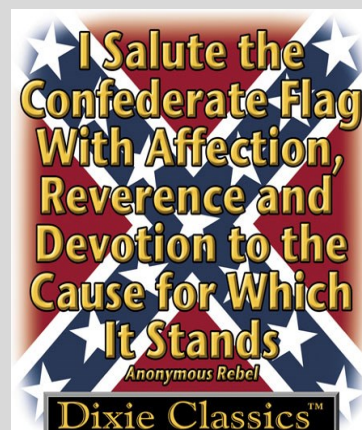
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Adjutant's Report—Dan McCaskill

On a sunny, cool Saturday afternoon, May 2nd, Southern Compatriots gathered at the "UDC Plot" in the Greenville Cemetery to pay tribute to our Confederate Veterans who fought for Southern Independence. The service was hosted by the B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp 1625 and supported by the Ella Palmer Chapter 9, Order of Confederate Rose.



As always, the service began with the presentation of the Colors followed by the opening prayer by Camp Chaplain Earl McCown. This was followed by the pledge and salutes to the Flags and a reading of "The Charge".

Camp Commander Michael Anthony welcomed everyone for taking time out of their busy life to come to pay tribute to our Confederate Ancestors. Mrs. Judy Dunn from the J. Z, George UDC Chapter made the drive from Carrollton to attend the service.

Chaplain Earl McCown was our speaker and he gave a wonderful presentation honoring the men who wore the gray and butternut. After Mr. Earl's talk, was the dedication of three Confederate Headstones for men buried somewhere within the UDC Plot. Dan McCaskill gave a brief history of each soldier and Jackson McCaskill unveiled the headstones. At the completion of the unveiling, Larry McCluney led members of the Honor Guard in the "Water Ceremony" which was the soldier's way to say a final farewell to their compatriot. This was followed by the placing of two Confederate Battle Flags by the SCV and OCR.



The Service was concluded with a rifle salute by the Honor Guard, closing remarks from Commander Anthony, closing prayer by Chaplain McCown, and the singing of Dixie. Thank you to the ladies of the OCR for providing refreshments after the service. Attendance for the service was 20.

After the Memorial Service, a short Camp Meeting was held. Those Camp members planning to attend the Division Reunion as delegates were verified, Larry McCluney, Dan McCaskill and Michael Anthony. The Camp is entitled to five delegates. The candidates seeking the position of CIC and Lt. CIC were discussed. A motion was made and duly seconded for the Camp to support Tony Griffin for Commander-in-Chief and Roy Hudson for Lt. Commander-in-Chief and the motion passed without objection. With Larry being the only member planning to attend the National Reunion, the Camp gave Larry the authority to vote on all issues in the best interest of the Camp and Confederation. With no other business coming before the Camp, a motion was made to adjourn, duly seconded and passed without objection. Ten Camp members were present.



Mississippi Division News

MS Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

Vehicle License Plates



At the 2005 MS Division, SCV, convention, the Division renewed its pledge to preserve/conservate MS's original Confederate Battle flags. Show your support for your Division and our Flags by purchasing a Mississippi Sons of Confederate Veterans "vanity" car or motorcycle tag today (if you haven't already done so)! If you've already done so, please continue to purchase the tags when tag replacement time rolls around!

When you purchase a MS SCV car or motorcycle tag, \$26 of your purchase price comes directly to the MS Division. The majority of these funds are used for the restoration of the original MS Confederate Battle flags in the Old Capitol Collection in Jackson. The remainder being used to fight heritage violations.

The Mississippi division has to date restored nine original MS Confederate Battle flags and two more are in process, at a total cost of approximately \$100,000! Thus conserved, these flags should now last for at least two-hundred more years! What a gesture to our noble Confederate grandsires!

A sampling of conserved flags are beautifully framed, then put on display at the Old Capitol (3rd Floor) and Beauvoir (Museum). According to the Department of Archives and History, many more will be displayed in the new Museum of Mississippi History currently under construction and scheduled to open during our state's bicentennial in December of 2017

Restoration of these storied emblems is exceedingly expensive, with typical conservation costs ranging from \$3,000 to \$27,000 per flag. This vital work is done by hand, using the latest methodologies and state-of-the-art materials. One of the finest conservation services in the nation performs all the work in-house in West Virginia.

If not conserved, these most-precious artifacts of our history — the very "colors" that our Patriot forebears fought and died under — will simply crumble into dust. We can't let that happen!

Anyone can buy a MS SCV car or motorcycle tag! You need not be a Member of the Division! You don't have to show a Membership card or any other SCV identification. Ask friends, family, and co-workers to buy one today and, thus, help preserve a little bit of MS's proud history! Make your family fleet of vehicles an "all SCV" fleet!

To purchase a tag, simply go to your county tag office and request a MS Sons of Confederate Veterans tag! Take your present tag, fill out the forms, write a check, and affix your SCV tag to your vehicle, showing all who see your car/truck/motorcycle that you are a Mississippian who cares about your "Heritage of Honor"!

Note: Some tag offices do not have the SCV car tag on display, but it is available. You might respectfully request that your local office display the tag in their tag displays, so that other folks can become aware of its availability for purchase. Make sure that tag office personnel know that anyone can purchase the tag, not just SCV Members!

If you have any problems obtaining a MS SCV tag or employees claim that they can't get such tags, immediately contact the MS State Tax Commission, register a gentlemanly complaint, and respectfully request that

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Life Memberships

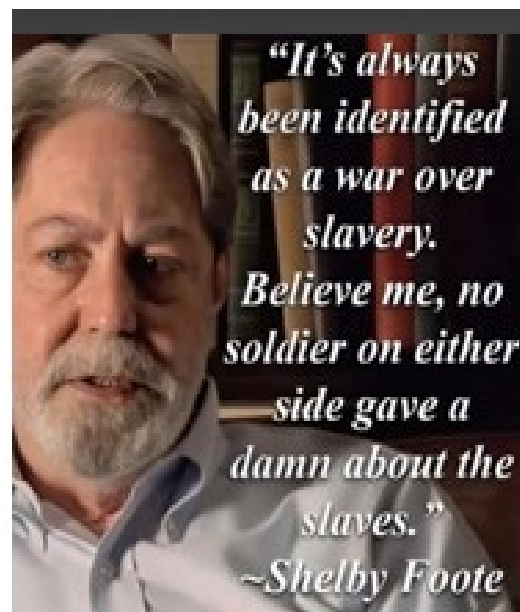
Life memberships in both the International Confederation and the Mississippi Division are available for Members who make a qualifying contribution to the respective Life Membership Endowment Fund.

The amount of the qualifying contribution shall be twenty-five (25) times the amount of annual dues for applicants up to 65 years of age, twelve and one half the amount of annual dues for applicants 65 to 80 years of age and six and one fourth the amount of annual dues for applicants 80 years of age or older.

International Life Members shall be exempt from the payment of per capita dues to General Headquarters.

Mississippi Division Life Members shall be exempt from the payment of per capita dues to the Division.

Life Members may receive such special recognition, certificates and badges as the respective Executive Council shall deem proper. Request and Send applications





Brig/General Charles Clark Chapter 253, MOS&B

I am happy to report that one of our Chapter members, Larry McCluney, has won the MOS&B National Literary Award in History, the Douglas Southall Freeman Award, for his book *Paradox of Freedom*. Please join me in congratulating him and bringing honor to our Chapter.

The MOS&B national reunion is being held in Harrison, Arkansas this year where Larry will be attending to formally be recognized for the award and represent our Chapter.

Earl McCown, Chapter Commander

THEY ARE NOT COMING FOR YOUR STATUE. THEY ARE COMING FOR YOUR COUNTRY



The Southern Legal Resource Center just published something that has never existed before in the history of this movement.

A documented record. Not an opinion piece. Not a fundraising appeal. A legal organization's systematically sourced catalog of organizations and ideological frameworks currently engaged in the campaign to erase Southern American historical heritage from public life. A campaign to erase CSA Americans. Names. Locations. IRS filings. Federal court records. Dates. Sources.

Read it. Share it. Because what I am about to tell you only makes sense once you understand that what that report catalogs is not a collection of isolated activists with hurt feelings about statues. It is a machine. And it has a purpose.

I have been telling you about the Red/Green Alliance. The documented operational partnership between the Marxist progressive left and the political Islamist network in America. I have written about its European preview, what it looks like when it wins in Rotherham and Dublin and Stockholm. I have written about how it is not ethnic, it is ideological. And about how too many people in our own movement still do not understand what they are actually up against. I have written about the SPLC as the credentialing arm, the organization that converts ideological targeting into institutional fact.

Today I am going to tell you what they are actually after. And then I am going to tell you why they came for us first. Let me be precise about this. Vague answers are how serious arguments get dismissed.

The Marxist left does not want to destroy America because it hates America. It wants to replace America. The constitutional republic as founded, with its dispersed power, its property rights, its individual sovereignty and limited government, is the single greatest structural obstacle to the centralized state they have been building toward since 1848. You cannot build that state on top of a population that believes in the founding. You

have to first convince that population that the founding was a crime. That the document is illegitimate. That the men who wrote it were criminals. That the nation they built deserves no loyalty and no defense. Once you have accomplished that, the population is available. Not for replacement of people. For replacement of the governing idea.

The political Islamist network travels the same road to a different destination. They do not need to convert anyone. They need the existing culture to lose confidence in itself. A people who will tear down their own monuments will not defend their own civilization. That calculation is not speculation. It is the explicit strategic framework of the Muslim Brotherhood's own 1991 internal memorandum, entered into evidence in the Holy Land Foundation trial, which describes their mission in America as a grand jihad aimed at eliminating and destroying Western civilization from within.¹ They do not agree on what comes after. They do not need to. They only need to agree on what must come down first.

That is the machine. That is its purpose.

Now look at what sits alongside CAIR and the SPLC and Black Lives Matter in the SLRC's documented catalog. The 1619 Project. That entry tells you the full scope of what this campaign is. The 1619 Project's purpose is not to document the arrival of enslaved Africans in 1619. It is to establish that 1776 is a false founding.² That the Declaration, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, everything, rests on a corrupt foundation that cannot be repaired, only replaced.

The Founders owned slaves. Erase them. The Pilgrims displaced Native Americans. Erase them. The Constitution protected property including enslaved persons. Discard it. The military named installations for Confederate generals. Rename them. Every single step of that campaign follows the same template, applied to the same target. The legitimacy of the American founding and the civilization it produced.

That is what they are after. The whole thing. Root and branch. Now you understand why they came for us first.

The Confederate States of America was not an impulse. It was a constitutional argument decades in the making, advanced by serious legal and political minds, documented in primary sources that remain available to anyone willing to read them.³ The men who made that argument did not invent the idea of state sovereignty. They inherited it from the Founders, argued it in courtrooms and legislative chambers for generations, and ultimately staked everything on it. That argument did not die in 1865. It was suppressed. And it remains the most coherent, most thoroughly documented, primary source challenge to the proposition that Washington is the final authority on the limits of its own power.

That is what makes us dangerous to this agenda. Not the flags. Not the monuments. The argument. A population that knows this history, that has read these documents, that understands that Americans have stood on constitutional ground against federal overreach before, is a population that cannot be easily convinced the founding was purely criminal. We are living proof that the constitutional tradition is not a myth. We carry the receipts.

You cannot build a replacement America on top of a population that knows that. So they came for us first. Discredit the Confederacy completely. Attach it permanently and without appeal to the worst evil in American history. Make the constitutional argument it advanced unsayable. Do that, and you have removed the most well-documented obstacle to the narrative that federal power is unlimited and the founding is indefensible. The SPLC's neo-Confederate designation does exactly that. It places heritage organizations whose members put flowers on veterans' graves on the same hate map as organizations that advocate racial extermination.⁴ Once that designation sticks, no evidence changes it. The designation is ideological, not factual, and ideology is immune to facts. That is the point. That has always been the point.

A people who know who they are and where they came from are hard to replace. A people who have been convinced that their history is shameful, their ancestors were monsters, and their cultural inheritance is a crime are much easier to redirect.

That is the end game. Not the removal of your statue. The removal of your identity. The removal of your confidence in the legitimacy of the civilization your ancestors built and defended. The removal of the very ground on which you stand when you say: this is my country, this is my history, and I will not be moved.

The SLRC report is the first time we have walked into this fight with documentation that matches theirs.

I have much more to say about all of it. It is coming, in this space and in my forthcoming book, 1991.

This is not the last report. The machine has funders. The funders have names. Watch this space and watch slrc-csa.org. Now we go to work.

By Mindy Esposito / May 09, 2026 / Nashville, Tennessee
Mindy Esposito is a historian, writer, and director of the Southern Independence Association with 21 years of primary source research specializing in 19th and 20th century American history. She publishes at mespo2006.substack.com. Don't take my word for it. Read the documents.

FOOTNOTES

1. "An Explanatory Memorandum on the General Strategic Goal for the Group in North America," Muslim Brotherhood internal document (1991), Government Exhibit 003-0085, United States v. Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development, N.D. Tex. (2008).

2. New York Times Magazine, The 1619 Project (August 2019). Gordon Wood, Sean Wilentz, James McPherson, Victoria Bynum, and James Oakes, open letter to the New York Times (December 2019). New York Times corrections issued March 2020.

3. The constitutional arguments for state sovereignty and secession are documented extensively in the writings of John C. Calhoun, the debates of the Nashville Convention (1850), the declarations of secession of the Confederate states (1861), and the Confederate Constitution (1861), all available in the National Archives and published primary source collections.

4. Southern Poverty Law Center, "Neo-Confederate," Intelligence Report. SPLC hate map designations published annually. The SPLC has acknowledged in published materials that the neo-Confederate designation is applied on the basis of ideological criteria rather than documented illegal activity.



SCV_CHAT
RECLAIMING THE NARRATIVE
ONE WEEK AT A TIME

Monday and Thursday nights at 7:00 PM CT on Facebook. If you have never seen an episode I highly recommend watching and learning more about what is going on around our nation that is Southern related and vindicating the Cause that our ancestors fought for. They currently have over a million viewers last year and several sponsors that has boosted their programming. Check it out.

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.

130th Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
32nd Reunion- Mississippi Society Order of Confederate Rose
1st Confederation- Mississippi Division SCV Cadets
Beauvoir Biloxi, Mississippi – June 5-7, 2026

The Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Heritage Operations Committee, in conjunction with the State Society of the Order of Confederate Rose, cordially invites you to the 130th Mississippi Division SCV Reunion, the 32nd Mississippi Society OCR Reunion, and the inaugural Confederation of Mississippi Division Cadets. This historic weekend will take place Friday, June 5, 2026, through Saturday, June 6, 2026, at the beautiful and historic Beauvoir.

The inaugural Confederation of the Mississippi Division Cadets represents a special milestone, opening a new chapter in our organization's history as our first-ever cadet-focused event. Cadet Fun Day will be held on the back field or battlefield at Beauvoir, designed for cadets aged 6 and older. This exciting opportunity allows our young cadets to connect with peers, learn the true history of the South, enjoy quality family time, and become familiar with reunion traditions. Activities will include a "Small Muster" with toy muskets (encourage cadets to bring their own, though some may be provided, or purchase one at the Beauvoir gift shop), a guided tour of the Beauvoir Museum, and the honor of a special address from Division Commander Daws and others. Several younger OCR members have graciously volunteered to supervise the cadets. The cadet registration fee covers snacks, water, juices, and sunscreen to keep them hydrated, refreshed, and protected in the Mississippi Gulf Coast summer heat—please dress them appropriately for active outdoor play.

Cadet membership is open to children from birth to age 11. We strongly encourage enrolling any son, grandson, or young person in both the national and our new Mississippi Division Cadet Programs, and bringing them to the reunion to participate in this landmark event. Participation and registration for the Confederation do not require active membership this year, though it is highly encouraged. Stay tuned for updates, as more activities may be added. We hope this becomes an eagerly anticipated annual tradition for our cadets. For more information, please reach out. The Dr. W. D. McCain Memorial Awards Banquet promises a memorable evening on Saturday night, featuring a delicious, well-balanced menu sure to please every palate. Guests will choose between two enticing entrées: the luxurious Pontchartrain Pasta, brimming with succulent shrimp, tender redfish, bold andouille sausage, vibrant bell peppers, garlic, and mushrooms tossed in a silky white wine, cream, and butter sauce, or perfectly seared pork chops served over aromatic herbed rice and smothered in a rich, savory mushroom pan gravy—both accompanied by a refreshing house garden salad, crisp green beans sautéed with colorful carrots, peppers, and onions, and warm artisan dinner rolls. For dessert, indulge in either the decadent White Chocolate Croissant Bread Pudding, with buttery croissants and brioche baked into a rich white chocolate custard and finished with glossy salted caramel sauce for the perfect sweet-salty contrast, or a classic New York Style Cheesecake, ultra-creamy with a buttery graham cracker crust, topped with juicy fresh strawberries and fluffy whipped cream.

We're especially excited to welcome Rev. Cecil Fayard as our keynote speaker—a dedicated Baptist pastor and missionary, Vietnam veteran, author, and a legend in the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV). He has served with distinction as Past Chaplain-in-Chief of the national SCV as well as Chaplain for the Mississippi Division, alongside his decades of service including chaplaincy with Ship to Shore Regions Beyond International ministering to international seafarers in Gulf ports. Rev. Fayard will speak on the religious life of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, exploring Davis's deep Christian faith. Drawing from his lifelong devotion, frequent scriptural references, and reliance on divine providence (as seen in proclamations emphasizing dependence on God and prayers for protection), the address will highlight how faith sustained Davis through personal and national challenges, offering timeless insights into biblical themes, steadfast belief, and everyday Christian living—making Rev. Fayard the ideal voice to inspire us as we honor Dr. W. D. McCain's legacy.

We can't wait to gather with you for this special celebration!

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SCV REGISTRATION FORM

SCV Member Name: _____

Title/SCV Camp 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 MUST REGISTER FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION AND SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET USING THIS FORM. OCR BUSINESS MEETING REGISTRATION ATTACHED.

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV Member – on or before May 6, 2026, \$60.00 / After May 6, 2026, \$70.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Friday Night President Davis Birthday Reception

on or before May 6, 2026, \$25.00 / After May 6, 2026, \$35.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

COMMEMORATIVE Jefferson Davis Cockade- \$25.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Must be ordered before May 6, 2025

Awards Banquet - \$45.00 per Adult QTY _____ \$ _____

Please Indicate:

Blackened Seafood Pasta : _____ Pork Chop: _____

(NO RECEPTION OR BANQUET REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 10, 2024, **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 **Mississippi Division SCV** & Mail to:
MS Division Heritage Operations Committee PO BOX 36, Florence, MS 39073

SCV Contact: George Conor Bond (601) 813-7820 or gbmosb007@gmail.com

OCR Contact: Suzi White (601) 813-1191 or suziwhitemocr@gmail.com

HOTEL INFO

We won't have a host hotel since all events will take place at Beauvoir. June is the peak tourism season on the coast, and hotels aren't offering affordable group rates. You'll find better deals by booking your own room through sites like Expedia or Priceline.

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ALL EVENTS AT BEAUVOIR
JDPL- Jefferson Davis Presidential Library

Friday June 5th

- **12:00 PM- 5:45 PM SCV/OCR Registration**
 - Lobby JDPL
- **5:00 PM-6:00 PM Division Executive Council Meeting**
 - Board Room JDPL
- **6:00 PM- 6:30 PM Memorial Service- Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier**
 - Cemetery
- **6:30 PM- 8:30 PM President's Reception and Birthday Party**
 - Beauvoir Room or Front Lawn depending on weather

Saturday June 6th

- **8:00 AM- Color Guard Muster**
 - Lobby JDPL
- **8:30 AM- Opening Ceremonies**
 - Beauvoir Room JDPL
- **9:00 AM- Mississippi Division, SCV Business Meeting with Beauvoir Corporate meeting to follow.**
 - Beauvoir Room JDPL
- **9:30 AM- Mississippi Society, OCR Tea and Business Meeting**
 - Library JDPL
- **9:30 AM- Mississippi Division SCV Cadet fun day**
 - Beauvoir Battlefield
- **6:00 PM- Cocktail Hour- Cash Bar**
 - Library JDPL
- **6:30 PM- Awards Banquet**
 - Beauvoir Room JDPL

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CADET REGISTRATION

Cadet Name: _____
 SCV Camp Name & Number: _____
 Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Parents: _____

All cadets will receive a name badge and snacks during their events

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Cadet Member – on or before May 6, 2026, <u>\$10.00</u> / After May 6, 2026, <u>\$15.00</u>	QTY _____ \$ _____
Friday Night President Davis Birthday Reception on or before May 6, 2026, <u>\$10.00</u> / After May 6, 2026, <u>\$15.00</u>	QTY _____ \$ _____
COMMEMORATIVE Jefferson Davis Cockade- \$25.00	QTY _____ \$ _____
Must be ordered before MAY 6	
Awards Banquet - <u>\$25.00</u> per Cadet	QTY _____ \$ _____
(NO RECEPTION OR BANQUET REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 10, 2024, <u>INCLUDING WALK-UPS</u>)	
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HOTEL INFO

We won't have a host hotel since all events will take place at Beauvoir. June is the peak tourism season on the coast, and hotels aren't offering affordable group rates. You'll find better deals by booking your own room through sites like Expedia or Priceline.

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 32nd Reunion- Mississippi Society Order of Confederate Rose
 1st Confederation- Mississippi Division SCV Cadets
 Beauvoir Biloxi, Mississippi – June 5-7, 2026**



OCR REGISTRATION FORM

OCR Member Name: _____

Chapter Name & Number: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

*All preregistered OCR members will receive a name badge, a bag of goodies.
 Registrations at the door will receive a name badge and bag of goodies as supplies last.*

. OCR MEMBERS MUST REGISTER FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION AND SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET USING THE SCV FORM.

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

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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

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,

- 1) your camp, etc.
- 2) 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.
- 3) 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.

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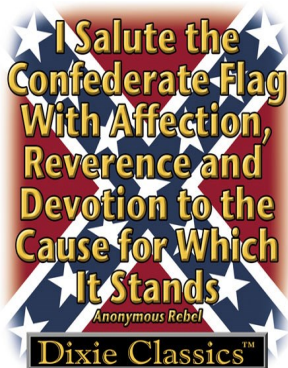
Make checks out the Sons of Confederate Veterans and note 21st CCH in the memo line of your check.

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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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



131st Annual Sons of Confederate Veterans

National Reunion: July 15-19, 2026

Griffin Gate Resort and Conference Center Lexington, Kentucky



Griffin Gate Marriot

See the Marriot

Lexington, Kentucky - the heart of the Bluegrass!

*We have reserved a select number of rooms - Monday & Tuesday nights are already near capacity. Consider staying at **The Beaumont Inn** in Harrodsburg, Kentucky (same group rates) and touring the nearby Perryville Battlefield early in the week.*

Still plenty of available rooms - Thursday thru Saturday, but they are filling quickly. Reserve your rooms early.

If the hotel site will not easily accept your reservation - call 502-229-2925 and we will increase the number of available rooms.

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Name _____ Member # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email _____ Phone _____

SVC Camp Name _____ Camp # _____ State _____

Your Rank, Title or Position _____

Spouse Name (for name badge) _____

DATE:	TIME:	EVENT:	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
ALL		SCV Only Reunion Registration includes 1 Medal (All SCV Members must pay for Registration.) Early Registration at: Houston \$90/After Houston \$110) Registration Ends June 20, 2026	\$90.		
Sat July 11, 2026	5:00 pm	"Welcome to Kentucky!" BBQ No Charge . Please check for attending/how many			
Tues July 14, 2026	6:00 pm	Dinner- Battle of Richmond - Phil Seyfrit	\$85.		
Wed July 15, 2026	9am-5pm	Richmond Battlefield Tour - Lunch included	\$90.		
Thurs July 16, 2026	6:45-7:45	Chaplain's Breakfast	\$55.		
Thurs July 16, 2026	12:30-1:30	Heritage Luncheon	\$65.		
Thurs July 16, 2026	1:45-6 pm	Kentucky Military Museum Tour and Bourbon Tour	\$85.		
Fri July 17, 2026	6:45-7:45	History Breakfast	\$55.		
Fri July 17, 2026	12:15-1:30	SCV Awards Luncheon	\$65.		
Fri July 17, 2026	6:45-7:45	Mechanized Cavalry Breakfast	\$55.		
Sat July 18, 2026	6-7 pm	SCV Awards Banquet and Ball	\$130.		
		EXTRA Ancestor Memorial Ad (1 free with registration) to submit extra ancestor use the back of this form or separate sheet	\$10.		
		EXTRA Reunion Medal (note: 1 medal is included with registration)	\$35.		
		2026 Numbered (1-25) Reunion Medal (<i>This medal is NOT included with registration</i>)	\$110.		
		FINAL TOTAL - Registration Only _____ PAID _____ CHECK			
		<i>Prices for Tours and Meals will be determined at a later date.</i>			

Make Check Payable to : 2026 SCV Reunion
 Mail to: Kentucky Bluegrass 2026 / Kris Hawkins
 P.O. Box 122 Harrodsburg, KY 40330

GAMBLING...



FOR THE BIG STAKES.

Robert E. Lee & Vicksburg

By Australian Correspondent Professor Gerry E. Lefurgy-Echoes Through Time Museum, New York.

Gerry Lefurgy has studied the American Civil War/War Between the States since childhood. Originally from *Vancouver, Canada*, today he is permanently settled in *Sydney, Australia*. Having graduated from both the *Universities of the Fraser Valley* and *Melbourne*, (where he was educated by the late *Stuart Macintyre*), Gerry continues his research and writing on many subjects. He's affiliated with the "*Echoes Through Time Museum*" near *Buffalo, New York*. Gerry asked that his story be dedicated to the memory of the late *Joe McShane, of Pennsylvania*. Joe and his wife were devout re-enactors and historians of the war. They are pictured at the end of this article. We who shoulder the burden of history are all brothers and sisters in arms. Rest In Peace Joe McShane-Editor.



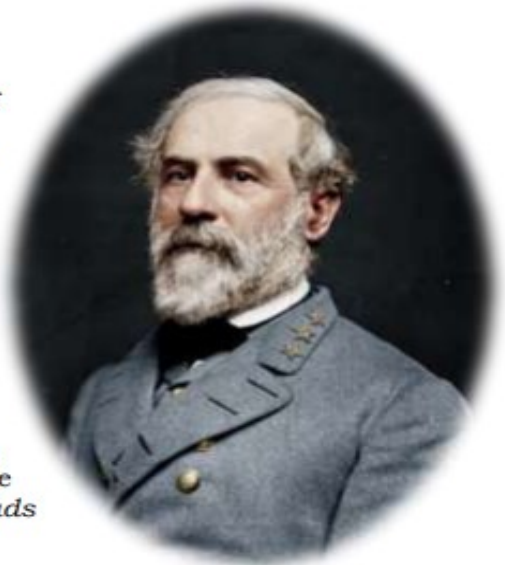
he reluctance of *General Robert E. Lee* to divest troops from the *Army of Northern Virginia* in 1863 to aid besieged *Vicksburg*, one of the last Confederate strongholds on the *Mississippi River* has been a focal point of critical reflection in recent study of the Civil War/War Between the States. The scholarship, which largely originated with the arguments of *Thomas L. Connelly*, generally makes good use of both primary and secondary sources to provide a fresh perspective as to why Lee focused his attention almost wholly upon the *Eastern Theatre* of operations.

While a critical reflection upon Lee, eschewing hagiography, is rightly welcomed, these arguments don't adequately note the East as the Theatre in which overall victory would be determined; *Appomattox*, not *Atlanta*, was recognized even in 1865 as essentially signifying the war's end.

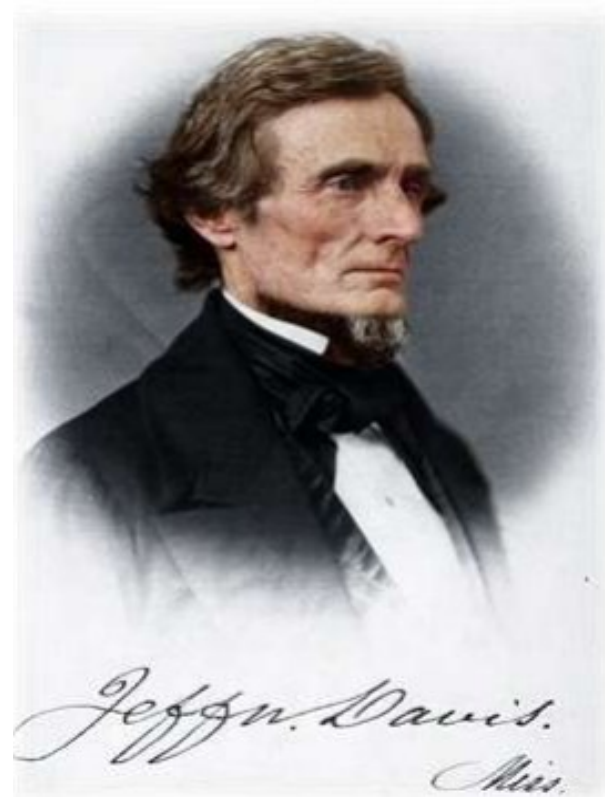


Victory came in military conflicts in the 1850-1945 Era of

Total War in Western Society by the destruction of the ability of one side to effectively resist the other and reality was recognized even while the war was being fought, as highlighted by the commentary of such figures as *Lincoln*, *Grant* and *Lee*. In his correspondence to *Confederate Adjutant General Samuel Cooper*, *Lee* revealed he'd realised the, "vital importance", of *Vicksburg* and expressed gratitude in writings to his wife, *Mary Custis Lee*, that as of early June 1863, *Vicksburg* was still under Confederate control. This article argues that in light of the then-circumstances, *Lee* was making a calculated gamble to obtain Confederate independence, in the only manner this could feasibly be militarily and politically achieved. (Image of *Lee* courtesy Mads Dahl Madsen)



With the Confederacy possessing a similar geographical advantage that Russia traditionally enjoys, that of being able to yield large tracts of territory to a foe, *Lee* was able to see *Virginia* as the key area of the war to concentrate military aims in an attempt to destroy, or at the minimum, reign consummate defeat upon Union forces coupled with political disarray, to force both *Lincoln* and the North's voting populace to concede Confederate sovereignty. In a letter to *Confederate President Jefferson Davis*, *Lee* wrote, "It would seem...*Virginia* is to be the theater of action and this army, if possible, ought to be strengthened...I think you will agree with me that every effort should be made to reinforce this army in order to oppose the large force the enemy seems to be concentrating against it-General *Lee*." Soon after, *Lee* outlined all possible political, strategic and logistical arguments to *Davis* in support of the bold offensive that would culminate in the *Gettysburg Campaign* to achieve independence from military success, the 'Big Stakes'. The *Mississippi River* in Union hands would be a fearsome 'body blow' the Confederacy must be willing to risk in order to achieve decisive victories that either destroyed Union forces, or defeated them in such a manner as to render them



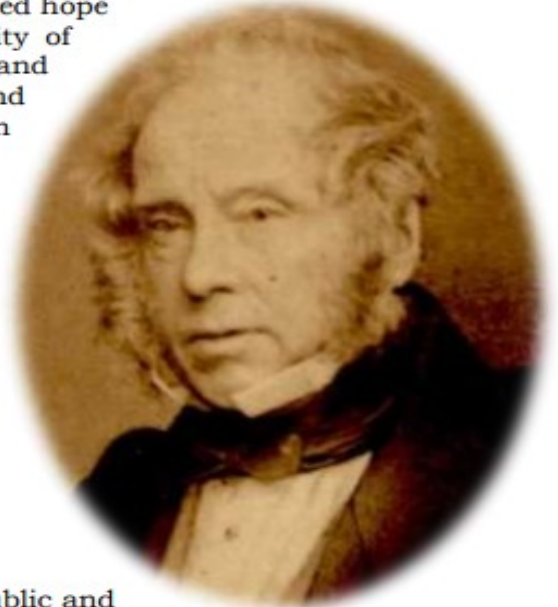
incapable of sheltering key segments of the North's voting populace, the national capital and the federal government. Victory in the East could end the war; the same in the West would not. This was further highlighted by possibility of the Union's large, Eastern cities having been ravaged by *CSS Virginia*. The Union Navy argued to *Lincoln's* government this would have signalled to France and Britain the military inability of the North to prevail.

President *Jeff Davis*. He reluctantly took the leadership mantle and throughout the war it proved a heavy burden. Image coloured by and courtesy of Mads Dahl Madsen-Editor.

Insight into *Davis'* acquiescence to *Lee's* prioritization of the East over *Vicksburg* might be gleaned as early as 5 January 1863. During a speech delivered from the *Confederate White House* during which, *Davis* praised, "Our glorious *Lee*, the valued son...has achieved a victory at *Fredericksburg*, and driven the enemy back...", and extolled optimism for victory in both *Virginia* and *Vicksburg*, coupled with

political dissonance in the Union resulting in Confederate victory. Likely augmenting the value of the military gamble in *Davis'* mind were such factors as European recognition and intervention in the war being within grasp. *Napoleon III* had declined Lincoln's request of military assistance during the *Trent Affair*, (even at the offer of *Quebec* being restored as a French colony). *Napoleon III* offered his services as peacemaker in the conflict on more than one occasion, (notably after the imbrued *Battle of Fredericksburg*), professed hope of a Confederate victory and conferred on the plausibility of recognizing the South, facts that both the Union and Confederate governments were aware of, as was the rank and file of the *Army of Northern Virginia*. However, French recognition would be absolutely contingent upon Great Britain's decision to recognise the Confederacy, first.

Henry Temple, third Viscount Palmerston, was seventy when he became prime minister and remained so, with only a short break, until his death in 1865, just before his eighty-first birthday. Foreign Secretary for many years and a swashbuckling, high-handed promoter of British interests, Lord Palmerston was possibly the most popular prime minister with the mass of the population until the coming of Winston Churchill-Editor.



The government of *Lord Palmerston*, Her Majesty's

Loyal Opposition, (led by *Disareli*), and the wider British public and society, (let alone *Empire*), had layered and fickle sentiments, towards recognition. Despite contemporary assumptions of the high unlikelihood of British recognition of Southern sovereignty, primary evidence indicates that, in the main, the military ability of the Confederacy to attain its independence through its own efforts would determine Britain's willingness towards recognition and intervention. The *British Prime Minister* declared in 1862, "...[Confederate] separate independence [must be] a truth and a fact", adding just prior to *Antietam*, that in the event that *Washington D.C.* or other major cities of the north-east be taken by the Confederates, Britain and France ought to jointly intervene in the conflict to secure American peace and separation. *Palmerston* had already resolved that the success or failure of *Lee's 1862 Maryland* campaign would determine British policy on the matter, leaving open the option of a successful re-attempt in the future.



The future long-serving *Prime Minister*, *William*

Gladstone, then a *Cabinet Minister*, stated in October 1862, "We... may be for or against the South, but there is no doubt...*Jefferson Davis* and the other leaders of the South...have made a nation...We may anticipate with certainty the success of the Southern States, so far as regards effecting their separation from the North. I, for my own part, cannot but believe that that event is as certain as any event yet future and contingent can be-*William Gladstone.*"

Gladstone's political doctrine emphasised equality of opportunity and opposition to trade protectionism that became known as '*Gladstonian liberalism*'. His popularity amongst the working class earned him the sobriquet "*The People's William*". In 1868, Gladstone became prime minister for the first time. That such men held the destiny of Southern independence in their hands is extraordinary-Editor

In the summer of 1864, *Lee* wrote *Davis* that support from Britain and France could be little hoped for, (due to a fixation upon slavery in the South by these trans-Atlantic powers), That these dual objectives had been so nearly achieved in 1862, with the near-clinching of a *Confederate-French-British* treaty, must have figured in his mind in 1863 when mobilising plans for his second invasion of the North. Amongst arranging such issues as trade, **the 1862 treaty would have achieved emancipation of all Black Americans born into slavery, from the date of the treaty's signing.** The inaccuracy of *False Storyite* historians in positing that *Lee* supported, and fought for, the institution of slavery, is disproven by primary records. *Lee* aptly saw that only victory in the *Eastern Theatre* could and would result in Confederate sovereignty, and thereby, was prepared to gamble Confederate control or loss of the *Mississippi River*. Modern author *H.W. Crocker III* likely most accurately describes *Lee's* framed mindset to demonstrate military dominance over the main obstruction to this.



"Lee's strategy was similar to his previous invasion...as always, he wanted to get at the enemy and defeat him whole...He wanted to manoeuvre the Army of the Potomac into the field so that he could land it a devastating knockout blow, complete its destruction...illustrating the futility of the Union's war, and urging an end to hostilities-H.W. Crocker III."

H. W. Crocker III is the bestselling author of *The Politically Incorrect Guide to the British Empire* and *The Politically Incorrect Guide to the Civil War*. He frequently writes about military history and has also written *Robert E. Lee on Leadership, Triumph, and Don't Tread on Me*. His journalism has appeared in *National Review*, *The American Spectator*, *The Washington Times*, and many other outlets. Educated in England and California, Crocker lives on the site of a former Confederate encampment in Virginia-Editor.

Recent and older works have aptly demonstrated that *Robert E. Lee's* non-supportive actions to reinforce *Vicksburg* posed serious risks for the Confederacy's military and political aspirations. Scholars, such as *Connelly* and *Mackowski* argue well that reinforcements from either the *Army of Northern Virginia*, or from other Confederate armies with *Lee's* endorsement, may have prevented



the Union from gaining victory over the last Confederate stronghold on the *Mississippi River* and thereby prevent the South being split in two. However, these historical perspectives don't adequately demonstrate that while Union capture and control of the West would have dealt a severe blow to the South, either the destruction of the *Army of the Potomac*, or, a demonstration of an inability of that force to successfully resist the *Army of Northern Virginia* in the *Eastern Theatre* would alone have resulted in Confederate independence, by occupying key political territory and convincing European powers to Southern recognition and intervention on its behalf. *Robert E. Lee* realised the decisions and actions he compiled towards his *Gettysburg* campaign represented a gamble for the big stakes, in order to achieve the supreme goal in the vital *Eastern Theatre of Operations*: Risk the loss of *Vicksburg* to win Confederate independence-*Gerry Lefurgy*.

This article was contributed by *Gerry E. Lefurgy* in tribute to his friend the late *Joe McShane, of Pennsylvania*. *Joe* and his wife were devout re-enactors and historians of the war, as this image clearly portrays. An unedited version of this article will be found in the Dropbox complete with extensive references-Editor.

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"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."

LT. GENERAL STEPHEN DILL LEE, COMMANDER GENERAL,
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