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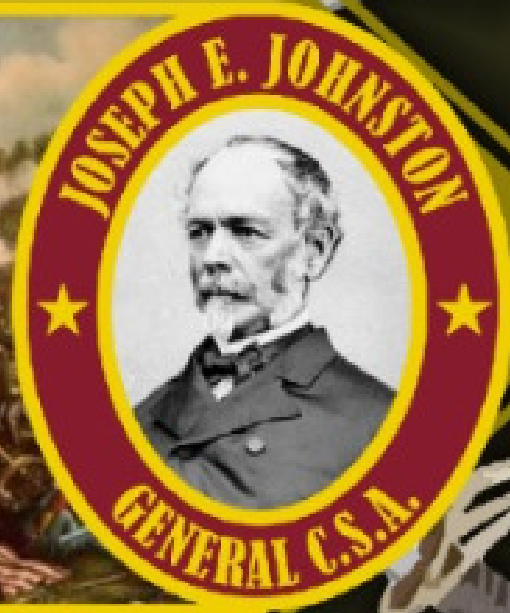
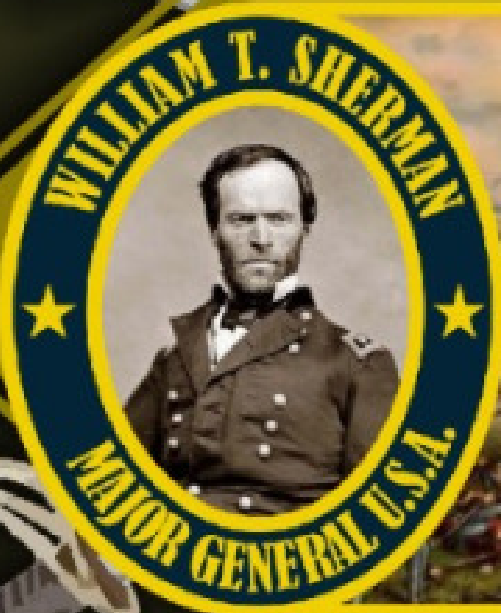
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Joe Nokes, Commander



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# **BENTONVILLE**



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— *March 19-21, 1865* —

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Camp Meeting – Thursday, March 5, 2015 - 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in Indianola, MS



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## Camp News:

### Commander's Report – Joe Nokes

My Fellow Compatriots,

First, let me report that the camp executive meeting went well. My thanks go out to the camp officers who took part in helping make decisions for the upcoming year. We are looking forward to doing positive things again this year for our camp.

Personally, as I have stated in recent months, I would like for us to become involved in a few more activities as a camp. By that I mean activities in the respective communities. With that in mind, anyone knowing of a festival, parade, or social gathering that might be open to our camp participating, please bring that information to the camp. We need to start adding new recruiting opportunities when and where possible.

As you all know, this is the final year of the Sesquicentennial cycle for the War for Southern Independence. And as you well know, there are going to be many challenges in the coming few years to the validity of Our Cause. We need to be ready for these challenges, and we need to be ready in a proactive fashion. There are going to be many opportunities to put our camp and Our Cause in a positive light; it will be up to us to make the most of those opportunities.

Forward the colors,  
Joe Nokes

### Adjutant's Report – Dan McCaskill

#### **Camp Executive Council Meeting - February 13, 2015**

Commander Joe Nokes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Meeting was opened with an invocation by Compatriot Dan McCaskill. Officers in attendance were Commander Joe Nokes, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Richard Dillon, Adjutant Dan McCaskill and Past Camp Commander Claude "Junior" Stillman. The main item on the agenda was the Camp Financial Report and proposed 2015 Fiscal Budget. The Camp is in a strong financial position with total assets totaling \$ 7,076 which is down \$ 500 from last year. The budget for this coming year only had two changes from last year's budget. The Church Fund was raised to \$ 360 and Unallocated Funds was decreased to \$ 274. The complete Financial Report and Proposed Budget will be presented to the members at the March Meeting.

Other items discussed were setting a date for our Confederate Memorial Service in April, placing the Confederate Headstone we have had for 2 years, looking for events we can attend to promote the Camp and our Cause plus recruiting potential, idea for doing a Living History. If anyone has an idea for a Camp Project or an event we can attend, please come to a Meeting and present your idea to the membership.

Compatriot Junior Stillman dismissed the Meeting with a word of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan A. McCaskill, Camp Adjutant

### Lt. Commander's Report – Richard Dillon

Our speaker for March will be AOT Commander, Larry McCluney. Larry will describe to us the purpose, function, and composition of the AOT. For example, did you know that the AOT Commander has a complete staff. Until recently, I didn't.

April's speaker will Brother James Taylor, and the May meeting will feature Earl McCown.

Confederately,  
Richard Dillon, Lt. Commander

### Mechanized Cavalry Report: Richard Dillon, Cpl.

I will attend the annual Officer's Call at SCV HQ during the 1st weekend in March. I will let you know of any news after that meeting.

We will have a meeting of the entire North Platoon on the 21st of March. Sergeant Roberts will notify you as soon as the time and place are established. Be thinking of places you would like to ride to and we will schedule some rides at our platoon meeting

Don't forget -- WEAR YOUR VEST



## Ella Palmer, OCR Report: Sandra Stillman, President

Our next meeting will not be until March 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be planning for our Camp Confederate Memorial Service. I need everyone onboard as we make plans for this event. I also want to hear ideas how we can support the men in recruiting as well as for ourselves. I hope to see you all at our Chapter meeting and look forward to renewing our fellowship.



## **78th Annual General Convention** **Thursday, July 9 through Saturday July 11, 2015**

Plan on arriving Wednesday or Thursday and leaving Sunday, July 12. The convention will be held at the Monaco Hotel in the heart of Old Town Alexandria, George Washington's hometown and Robert E. Lee's boyhood home. The Monaco offers free [shuttle service](#) to and from Ronald Reagan National Airport about four miles away. The hotel stands on the site of the Marshall House famous for one of the first hostile encounters of the War for Southern Independence.

We have obtained a special rate for the convention. To obtain that rate, execute the following steps:

- Go to their [website](#)
- Click on Reservations
- Select your dates
- Key in **11580104146** in the Meeting/Group Code block
- Click on the button Check Availability
- You will be taken to our exclusive reservation page

The Washington area is loaded with history and places to visit. Consider coming early or staying late to take advantage of the many attractions here. If you make your reservations early, the special rate will extend pre- and post-convention as well, if rooms are available. And be sure to check out the [unique Doggie Yappy Hour](#) held every Thursday night in the courtyard of the Monaco.

### **Mississippi Division News**

## **Confederate Memorial Day Plans at Beauvoir**

Beauvoir's Annual Confederate Memorial Day will be held Saturday April 25, 2015 on the very historic property of beautiful Beauvoir: The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library. There will be a potluck lunch on the grounds around noon. The program will begin at 2pm with a speaker to be named at a later date. We will have more work completed on the Bricks for Beauvoir Project to view. Anyone who would like to come dressed out in Confederate Uniform would be welcome to be a part of the Honor Guard. SCV & UDC Camps who wish to lay a wreath are welcome to do so. Anyone who would like to participate & take part can get with Beauvoir personnel & staff to make plans & accommodations. We have a hotel partner, Regency Hotel, in the Promenade that can give you a good deal on a very nice affordable hotel room. We hope you will make plans to be a part of this annual, very special event.

## **Beauvoir artifacts returning to library**

BILOXI, MS (WLOX) - The Jefferson Davis Presidential Library at Beauvoir was completed one year ago. The facility tells the story of Jefferson Davis, the only President of the Confederacy. Over the last year, the display cases have been empty, but that is changing. Inside the library, artifacts fill exhibition halls with items that depict Davis' life and the lives of Confederate soldiers.

"It gives the public a look at the weapons, flags and uniforms. We also have civilian artifacts from the Davis family," said Richard Forte, with Beauvoir.

Slowly but surely the exhibit space is being filled with the library's collection. Many artifacts are being kept in a special place.

Forte took us to the facility's vault where we saw artifacts that survived Hurricane Katrina or have been secured recently and are in storage, waiting to be put on permanent display.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans owns Beauvoir and is dedicated to showing historical pieces of the Civil War.

"The general public doesn't have any idea of what these Confederate and Union soldiers went through during that period," said Curator Pat Alford. A concerted effort is underway to take inventory of Beauvoir's collection. The goal is to make the library worthy of Jefferson Davis' place in history.







*120th Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans  
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**2015 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**

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

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

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

GUEST'S NAME FOR BADGE: \_\_\_\_\_

SCV EARLY REGISTRATION (PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31ST, 2014)\*\*\*\*\*QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ (X'S) \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SCV REGULAR REGISTRATION (JAN. 1ST, 2015 TO MAY 22ND 2015)\*\*\*\*\*QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ (X'S) \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SCV LATE REGISTRATION (POST-MARKED ON OR AFTER MAY 23RD 2015)\*\*\*\*\*QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ (X'S) \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

OCR REGISTRATION ON OR BEFORE MAY 22ND, 2015, \$10.00 EACH. AFTER MAY 23RD, 2015 \$15.00\*\*\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET\*\*\*\*\*QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ (X'S) \$30.00 PER ADULT \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S PLATE (12 AND UNDER) SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET\*\*\*\*QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ (X'S) \$15.00 PER CHILD \_\_\_\_\_

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

VENDOR TABLE (AS SPACE IS AVAILABLE, COMPLETE ATTACHED FORM)\*\*QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ (X'S) \$20.00 EACH TABLE \_\_\_\_\_

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(DONATIONS ACCEPTED AT LOCATION)\*\*\*\*\*QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ **FREE TO REUNION ATTENDEES!**

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

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

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

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

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

No refunds to be distributed for cancellations on or after June 01, 2015.

\*\*\*For your convenience, ALL events except for the optional tours, will be held on-site at the host hotel\*\*\*

**Barksdale's  
Headquarters Hotel:**

Recommend rooms be reserved ASAP as it is summer and they will become booked. ASK for the SCV Rate.

**Courtyard Marriott**  
1995 6th Street North  
Columbus,  
Mississippi, 39701  
662-245-1540

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On behalf of the Membership and Staff of the  
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Sons of Confederate Veterans  
and the 21st Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose Reunions*

Held June 05-07, 2015 in historic Columbus, Mississippi!





## 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Picnic, MS Division Scheduled

First Brigade meeting April 4th at the library in Batesville, Ms 206 HWY 51 North 12pm. BBQ, bake beans, cole slaw and several deserts. Also a reminder camp reports need to be sent in no later than April 15th. I will pass on more info when speaker is confirmed.

1st Brigade Commander,  
Randy Hailey

## Board Meetings will be Live Streamed on the Internet for Viewing

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, the Combined Boards of Beauvior will live stream the board meeting by internet. This is an effort to bring the organization into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and to create more transparency to the membership about the inner workings of Beauvior. Members will be able to log-in and view the meeting except when the Board goes into executive session to discuss personnel issues and such. More information is forth coming in the next Jeff Davis Legion Newsletter.

## Division Memorial Service Will Be Held in Oxford, MS on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM to Support the Court Case and Honor the University Greys

While Ole Miss continues to deny their Confederate History and Heritage; They blatantly forget and dishonor the University Greys! The University Greys (or Grays) were Company A of the 11th Mississippi Infantry Regiment in the Confederate Army during the War for Southern Independence. Assigned to the Army of Northern Virginia, the Greys served in many of the most famous and bloody battles of the war. The rifle company joined the 11th Infantry at its inception on May 4, 1861 after Mississippi seceded from the union.

Their name "University Greys" derived from the gray color of the men's uniforms and from the fact that almost all of the Greys were students at the University of Mississippi! Nearly the entire student body (135 men) enlisted; only four students reported for classes in fall 1861. So few, that the university temporarily closed. The most famous engagement of the University Greys was at Pickett's Charge during the Battle of Gettysburg when the Confederates made a brave frontal assault on the union entrenchments atop Cemetery Ridge. The 11th Mississippi reached the stone wall at Gettysburg, behind which were Federal soldiers four ranks deep. The colors of the regiment, and many of its men, were captured there at the wall. Others, the wounded and the few not wounded, felt their way back across the deadly mile they had just crossed.

The 11th Mississippi had lost 103 killed, 166 wounded, and 41 captured. There were only 40 men left unwounded. Company A, the University Greys, had unfortunately earned acknowledgement by sustaining 100% casualties of their number in the charge. Every soldier was either killed or wounded. Historians agree that the Rebel charge by the boys from Mississippi was the high water mark of the Confederacy.

During the height of the July 3rd cannonade preceding Pickett's Charge, a stretcher was carried into a Confederate aid station somewhere behind the fighting. Surgeon LeGrand Wilson of the 42nd Mississippi, saw a head raised and recognized University of Mississippi student Pvt. Jeremiah Gage. Jeremiah came in mortally wounded and with his exposed abdomen, torn from left to right by cannon shot. Shortly before he died, wrote this dying letter home:

"My dear mother This is the last you may ever hear from me. I have time to tell you that I died like a man. Bear my loss as best you can. Remember that I am true to my country and my greatest regret at dying is that she is not free and that you and my sisters are robbed of my worth whatever that may be. I hope this will reach you and you must not regret that my body can not be obtained. It is a mere matter of form anyhow. This is for my sisters too as I can not write more. Send my dying release to Miss Mary... you know who." J.S. Gage Co. A, 11th Miss. This letter is stained with my blood".

After Gettysburg, the depleted Greys were merged with Company G (the "Lamar Rifles"). The unit continued to fight until the last days of the war.

Located in Ventress Hall, one of the oldest buildings on the Ole Miss campus, is a striking stained glass window memorializing the University Greys. In 1890, a memorial to the company, created by the Tiffany Glass Company, was sponsored by Delta Gamma Sorority & the Alumni Association. While the University elects to try to hide its past; they dishonor their own students! Outright shameful!



**Sons of Confederate Veterans**  
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**History, Heritage & Honor**  
**Confederate Heritage Rally 2015**  
**Shreveport, La**  
**May 30, 2015- 1p.m.**  
**"If Your Southern You Will Be There!"**





# SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

## 120th National Reunion July 15-19, 2015 Richmond, Virginia

*Hosted by the Major General J.E.B. Stuart Camp #1343*

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

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

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Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is required of all members attending Reunion. Guests do not pay registration but must pay for meals and events.

### **Registration and Meals**

Early Registration (Before April 1, 2015).....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration (After March 31, 2015).....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 60.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Reunion Medal.....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Numbered Special Edition Reunion Medal..(Limited to 150 Medals).....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$150.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reception at Museum of the Confederacy (Wednesday).....Qty.....x \$ 25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chaplain's Breakfast (Thursday).....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

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

Forrest Cavalry Breakfast (Friday).....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

Awards Luncheon (Friday).....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 35.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

J. E. B. Stuart Breakfast (Saturday).....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

Debutante Luncheon (Saturday - free for Debutante, female-only guests \$28.00).....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 28.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

Grand Ball and Banquet (Saturday).....(\$65.00 Single / \$120.00 Couple) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*

### **Tours and Performances**

Appomattox Tour (Tuesday, includes box lunch - 4 hr. round trip) .....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 90.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery Tour Part 1 (Thursday - Hollywood, Huguenot Springs).....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Battlefield Tour 1 Led by Robert E. L. Krick (Thursday - Gaines' Mill).....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Tour Part 1 (Thursday - Richmond as Confederate Capital) .....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Theatrical Production – "Reflected Glory: Letters to Anna" (Thurs.).....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cemetery Tour Part 2 (Friday - Shockoe, Jewish Confederate, Oakwood).....Qty \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Battlefield Tour 2 Led by Robert E. L. Krick (Fri. - Frayser's Farm / Malvern Hill).Qty\_\_\_\_\_x \$ 40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Tour Part 2 (Friday - Richmond as Confederate Capital) .....Qty\_\_\_\_\_x \$ 40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Theatrical Production – "Reflected Glory: Letters to Anna" (Fri.).....Qty\_\_\_\_\_x \$ 10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ride Around McClellan Tour (Saturday).....Qty.....x \$ 55.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

North Anna Battlefield Tour (Sunday).....Qty\_\_\_\_\_x \$ 40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Appomattox Tour (Sunday, includes box lunch - 4 hr. round trip) .....Qty\_\_\_\_\_x \$ 90.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestor Memorial.....Qty\_\_\_\_\_x \$ 10.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Medals are available while supplies last. Each registrant receives one Reunion Medal. The purchase cost of extra Reunion Medals will be refunded if supplies run out. Special Edition Medals are numbered 1-150 and numbers will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like a specific number(s), please make a note on your registration form. Meals and tours may not be available for at the door registrations.

**\*\*Note:** To guarantee meal tickets, registration must be received by July 1, 2015.

Make Checks Payable to: SCV Reunion 2015

Mail Registration To: SCV Reunion 2015...PO Box 29814...Henrico, VA 23242-0814

Contact the DoubleTree by Hilton Richmond-Midlothian at 804-379-3800 (rates are \$109.00 per night)

Ask for the "SCV Reunion Special Rate". All prices are subject to state and local taxes.

For more information contact Edwin Ray, Committee Chairman - 804-517-6587 or jray250443@aol.com or JEBStuartCamp@Gmail.com.

Reunion Website: <http://www.jebstuartcamp.org/2015reunion> Camp Website: <http://www.jebstuartcamp.org/>



The Major General J.E.B. Stuart Camp #1343 is honored to host the 120th National Reunion in 2015 in Richmond, Virginia. We encourage you to sign up for a tour of the Old Dominion State while you are visiting with us. If we can do anything to make your trip more memorable, please contact us at JEBStuartCamp@Gmail.com and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



## Sesquicentennial Article on the War for Southern Independence: The Battle of Bentonville by Ronnie Faulkner

The largest **Civil War** land engagement in North Carolina, the Battle of Bentonville took place during 19-21 Mar. 1865 in rural **Johnston County**. The encounter was one of the Confederacy's last attempts to defeat the Union army before the South capitulated. With reports that Maj. Gen. **William T. Sherman's** 60,000-man army was marching toward Goldsboro in two columns, Gen. **Joseph E. Johnston** concentrated about 21,000 men near the community of Bentonville. His aim was to defeat the Union left wing before it could be reinforced by the right. Johnston thus hoped to prevent or delay Sherman's junction with Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield's Federal forces at Goldsboro.

**Confederate** cavalry skirmished with Federal troops on 18 March, impeding their advance while Johnston moved toward Bentonville from Smithfield and Averagesboro. On 19 March Johnston deployed his troops in a sickle-shaped formation across and above the Goldsboro road. On the left was Gen. **Braxton Bragg's** command, Hoke's Division, which included the 17- and 18-year-olds of the North Carolina Junior Reserves; it was the largest brigade in Johnston's army. On the right were the troops led by Lt. Gen. William J. Hardee, most of them veterans of the Army of Tennessee.

On the morning of 19 March, Confederate cavalry was again attacked by advancing Union foragers but repulsed them. At 7:00 a.m. the Union left wing under Maj. Gen. Henry W. Slocum began to advance, but it soon encountered the same Confederate cavalry that had stalled the foraging details. Acting on a false report that the main Confederate force was near **Raleigh**, the Union left wing brushed aside the cavalry and then came under heavy fire. After the Confederates repulsed a Union probing attack, three gray-clad deserters came through the Union lines and informed Slocum that he was confronting Johnston's entire army. Undeceived, Slocum decided to dig in and summon reinforcements, a portion of which arrived by 2:00 p.m. In Johnston's words, his troop deployments "consumed a weary time," so the Confederate attack did not begin until 3:15 p.m. One Union officer stated that "the onward sweep of the rebel lines was like the waves of the ocean, resistless." The Federal left broke and fell back in confusion. Instead of taking advantage of the gaps in the remaining Federal lines, the Confederate units either attempted a frontal assault or became disorganized and failed to attack at all. During the attacks, however, fresh Union troops came up to meet them. Reinforcements likewise bolstered the collapsed Federal left, which had fallen back to a position anchored by four Union batteries. After several determined strikes failed to budge the Federal defenders, the Confederates withdrew to their original lines at sundown.

When word of the battle reached Sherman late on 19 March, he sent the Union right wing under Maj. Gen. Oliver O. Howard to Slocum's support. Johnston redeployed his lines into a V to prevent being outflanked and to guard his only route of retreat. By 4:00 p.m. on 20 March, most of the Union right wing had reached Bentonville. Johnston was forced to deploy cavalry on his flanks to give the appearance of a strong front. Uncertain of Johnston's strength, Sherman decided against a general attack and instead ordered his subordinates to probe the Confederate defensive line. The Federal commander expected Johnston to retreat under cover of darkness, but dawn the next day revealed that the Confederates still held their entrenchments.

There was more intense skirmishing on 21 March despite the onset of heavy rain. During the afternoon, a Union attack nearly cut off Johnston's line of retreat before being repulsed by a hastily mounted Confederate counterattack. The Rebels thus escaped from Bentonville mainly because Sherman did not launch a general assault. That night the Confederates withdrew, removing as many of the wounded as possible, and returned to Smithfield. Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton's cavalry was ordered to cover the retreat, engaging in lively skirmishing with the Union forces. Total casualties at Bentonville were 1,527 Federals and 2,606 Confederates. After the battle, Sherman resumed the Union march toward Goldsboro, arriving there on 23 March.

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### Description

"The Battle of Bentonville, N. C.- Major General Mower, commanding First Division, Seventeenth Corps, turning the Confederate left, half a mile from Bentonville, March 20th, 1865. This pretty and thriving little town, in Johnston County, N. C., was the scene of a desperate struggle between a portion of General Sherman's army and the rear of the Confederate army on the 20th of March, 1865. Our artist has given a spirited sketch of a brilliant dash upon the Confederate forces by a division of the Seventeenth Corps, commanded by General Mower, and spoke with great admiration of the dogged valor of a Confederate captain who refused to surrender his gun. A sharp encounter ensued between him and one of the Federal soldiers, in which the unfortunate Confederate got his brains dashed out with the butt-end of a musket. The defeat of the Confederates was very much attributed to the brilliant charge made upon their lines by which their right was flanked. When the Federal troops entered, it was found that the retreating Confederates had fired a large quantity of rosin and turpentine. The flames were, however, subdued, before all was destroyed." — Frank Leslie, 1896

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**Celebrate the Sesquicentennial with a visit to the home of our founder!**



**The Stephen D. Lee Home & Museum**  
**316 7th Street North, Columbus, Mississippi**

There probably is not one member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans who has not heard of Lieutenant General Stephen Dill Lee. However, there are probably very few that realize that he, like four other Confederate Generals, adopted Columbus, Mississippi as his home nor that his final resting place is Friendship Cemetery in Columbus.

Many personal items of S.D. Lee are in the museum as well as furnishings and decorative items given by his family. One room houses a wonderful collection of original Civil War artifacts including Robert E. Lee's spurs, a flag thought to be of the 43rd Mississippi Regt. and a drum from the 42nd Alabama Regiment. A larger-than-life portrait of N.B. Forrest is also in the museum.

It was the first property in Lowndes County to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Mississippi Landmark. The Lee Foundation maintains the house solely with revenue from event rentals and tours as well as from donations.

**SCV members may tour at no charge.**  
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