



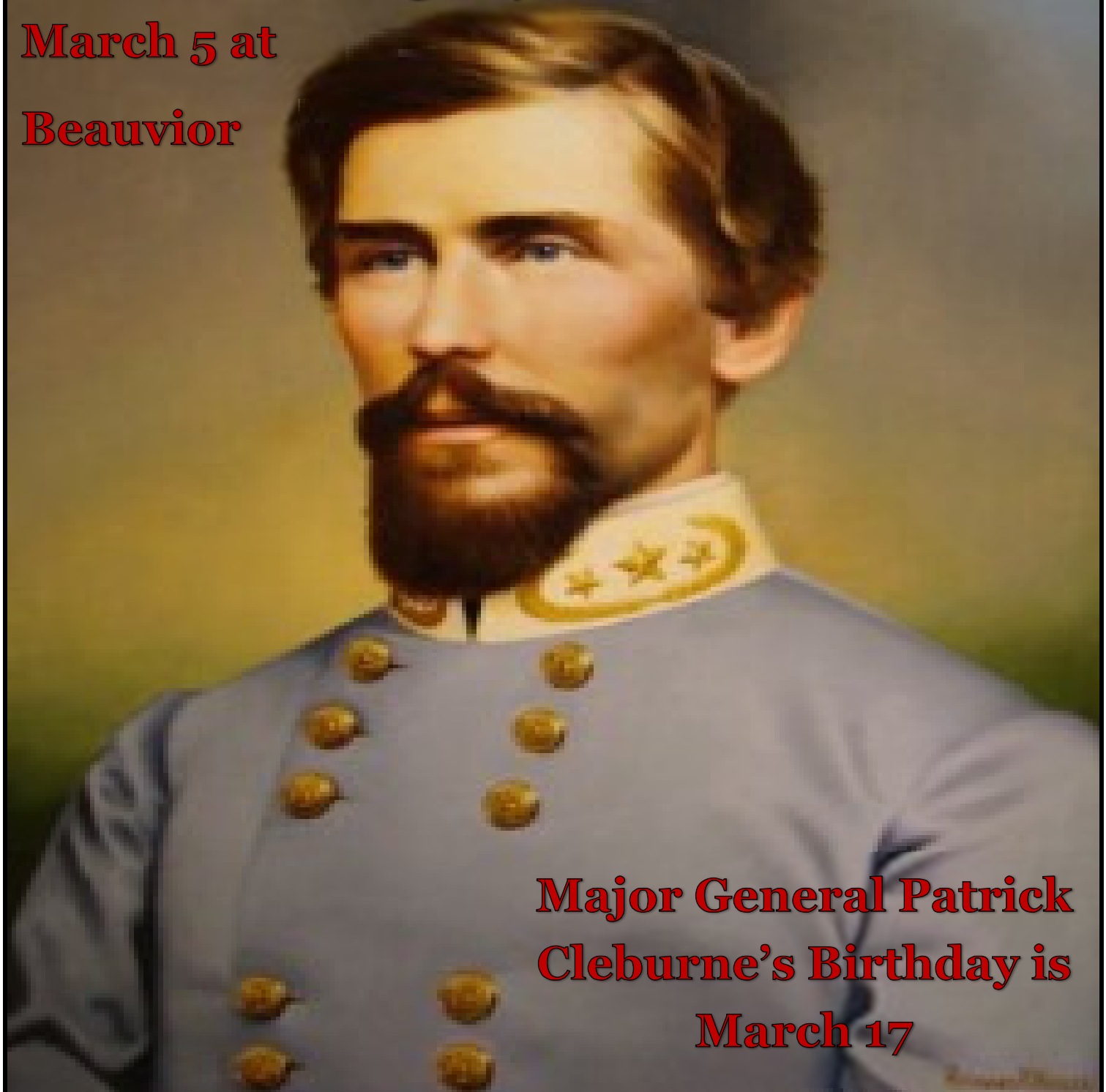
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# *The Delta General*

Richard Dillon, Camp Commander



**Confederate Flag Day**  
**March 5 at**  
**Beauvior**



**Major General Patrick**  
**Cleburne's Birthday is**  
**March 17**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Camp Meeting – Thursday, March 3, 2016, 7:00 PM at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in Indianola
- March 5, Confederate Flag Day and Flag Rally at Beauvoir
- April 8-10, Holly Springs Van Dorn's Raid and Pilgrimage

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## Camp News:

### Commander's Report – Richard Dillon

GOOD NEWS!!!!

Finally, there is good news concerning our State Flag. There will be nothing done in the legislature (during this session) to change the flag.

Speaker of The House Phillip Gunn even capitulated a bit by saying that any changes should be done by the voters and not the Legislature.

But, we cannot rest on our laurels. There will be more legislative sessions, and I'm positive our opponents will continue their fight. They have been gathering signatures for a proposition to remove the Confederate emblem from the State Flag, and I'm sure they will continue to do so. Therefore, it is now up to us -- we MUST do everything within our power to gather signatures on our own petition, for Prop. 58, which would make our current flag the Permanent Flag of Mississippi. I encourage each of you to get at least one page of signatures as soon as you possibly can.

Having seen nor heard any news concerning our court battle with Ole Miss, I asked Mississippi Division Commander, Louis Foley, about it. He informed me that our Division attorney, Holmes Sturgis, has been ill and unable to pursue the matter. Commander Foley went on to say that he was in the process of getting another attorney to take up the fight. Hopefully, we will hear some positive news on this matter in the near future.

I know it's a couple of months past the beginning of the New Year, but it's not too late to make a resolution. So, I ask that each of you make a resolution to attend more Camp Meetings this year than you attended last year.

I hope to see you at the March meeting.

## Camp Meeting, February, 2016

### Adjutant's Report – Larry McCluney

There was no Camp meeting for the month of February. Instead, the Camp's Executive Council met for its annual finance committee meeting to set the proposed budget for the new fiscal year. The EC met at the McCluney's residence and established a workable budget and discussed goals for the coming year that Commander Richard Dillon wanted to accomplish during his first year in office. Meeting was over by 9:00 pm.

### Lt. Commander's Report – Brent Mitchell

Hello all, thank you for choosing me to replace Commander Dillon as your new 1st Lt. Commander. As your new 1st Lt. Commander, I look forward to working with the Executive Council in advancing our cause and preserving our heritage, and more specifically to my new duties, procuring great speakers for our monthly meetings for the next two years. It is my goal for each month's speaker to bring new and exciting as well as informative presentations for the benefit of our own knowledge of the Civil War and today's issues that affect our organization. If you have any suggestions for new or past speakers that you enjoyed, feel free to contact me, I'm always open to new ideas and new folks as well as getting our old friends to return and expand upon their previous presentations. Also, as many of you know, I will not be able to make each and every meeting due to my work schedule and new child, but I am always available by phone or email and will make as many meetings as I can. Thanks again for your support, and hope to see you then.

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

Dear ladies of OCR,

Once again, April has been proclaimed "Confederate Heritage Month" by our governor. This begins the busy season of reenactments and living histories, dedications and memorial services. Our camp's 20th memorial service will be held in April. Our hope is to make it a grand event. I want to encourage everyone to read and dedicate themselves to promoting Initiative 58. This is a proposed amendment to our state constitution that will protect our state flag, as we know it. This amendment will recognize our current flag as being, and will remain to be, as adopted by our state legislature if 1894. If you have not signed a petition, as a registered voter in your county, please do so. Every signature counts! Our next camp meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 3rd. Join us for fellowship and a bowl of home made soup.

Peace and Grace,  
Sandra Stillman, President



## Mechanized Cavalry Report

Men of the 1G:

The SCVMC is now working with all States that have MC Annuals scheduled so that the dates will be changed to not conflict with our Division Annuals. We have more 1G members in the Division leadership than ever and that is where we need to be as SCV members. If I am not mistaken Mississippi Division Annual is always the first weekend of June and the Mechanized Cavalry Annual for 2016 will be 15-18 June 2016 at Cedar Key Florida, so start making plans for both now. Budget your time and money for these two events next year starting today even if you have to miss other events.

The following are the scheduled Annuals..... 2016 Florida (15-18 Jun 2016 at Cedar Key Florida); 2017 North Carolina 2018 South Carolina; 2019 Texas



## Congress Honors Mississippians During Black History Month

*Medgar Evers, B.B. King Among Pioneers  
Named in Senate Resolution*

The annual designation of February as Black History Month has been a U.S. tradition for 40 years. Every President since 1976 has issued a proclamation naming this month a special time for honoring the countless contributions that African Americans have made to our nation since its founding.

In the U.S. Senate, I am a cosponsor of the resolution introduced by Sens. Thad Cochran (R-Miss.) and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.) celebrating Black History Month. The bipartisan resolution reiterates the importance of this month as an "opportunity to reflect on the complex history of the United States, while remaining hopeful and confident about the path ahead." Notable Mississippians, such as Blanche Bruce, Holt Collier, Medgar Evers, B.B. King, Walter Payton, Hiram Revels, and Aaron Shirley, are among the pioneers, leaders, and luminaries named in the resolution. We continue to learn from their example, especially their perseverance against discrimination and the difference they made in our state and nation.

Editor's Note: This resolution is a bit of hypocrisy based upon the current PC attacks against our heritage. Do these people know that Holt Collier was a Black Confederate combat soldier?

## Upcoming Events

### **Relic Show**

The Great War to prevent Southern Independence Relic show will be in Brandon Mississippi on June 18th and 19th 2016. For contact info email Tim Cupit at [timcupit@comcast.net](mailto:timcupit@comcast.net)

### **Division Training Day Schedule**

A training day will be held on 12 March 2016 at the War Memorial Bldg in Jackson, MS. Below is the agenda:

10:00 AM - Opening prayer, pledges to flags and welcome by Louis P. Foley, Sr, Division Commander. First speaker will follow immediately afterwards.

- Marc S. Allen: planning for special events (gun shows, annual division reunion, etc) and petition form training.

11:00 - Ron Stowers: camp adjutant duties and responsibilities. Break for lunch immediately following. Bring your own or can be obtained locally.

1:00 PM - Bill Latham: brigade commander duties and responsibilities.

Closing statements and dismissal.

### **McRaven House**

On Saturday March 12th and Sunday March 13th, there will be a Living History at the Very Historic McRaven House in Vicksburg MS. We need all Uniformed Confederates and Living Historians to attend this Event which will be held on the Grounds surrounding the House. The 12th and 13th Weekend is kicking off McRaven's Pilgrimage so this will be a Very Big Event and we have been asked to do a Confederate Living History there that weekend as I know there will be other Events going on in and out of State but anyone that is not planning on attending these other Events we need you there for this Event !! Please let Trent Lewis, ([trentlewis603@yahoo.com](mailto:trentlewis603@yahoo.com)) know if you would like to attend this Event as he needs a headcount of who all can make it, thank you !!

### **CONFEDERATE FLAG DAY - MARCH 5, 2016**

The Sons of Confederate Veterans under General Order from the Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander-in-Chief shall have each Division hosting a Confederate Flag Day Observance.

On March 4, 1861 - The 1st National Flag was hoisted over the new Confederate Capitol Building.

On March 4, 1865 - President Davis signed a bill creating the Third National Flag.

On March 5, 2016 at Beauvoir at 2:00 PM, the Mississippi Division will have a National Confederate Flag Day observance.

"If you're Southern be there"

### **Shiloh 2016**

On April 9, 2016 at 11:00 a. m. at the Mississippi Monument at Shiloh we will be having a event to honor all Mississippi soldiers that fought at The Battle of Shiloh. This is a Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and Mississippi Division United Daughters of the Confederacy event. Since the SCV and UDC did not get the reconnection that we should have on October 10 we are having this event to do what we did not get to do in October. All speakers that day will be SCV and UDC members. Mr. Grady Howell will be the guest speaker, he will be speaking about the 6th Mississippi at Shiloh. After that we will laying flower wreaths on the Confederate burial trench in Rhea Field, a musket salute, and someone playing taps. We would like for all SCV camps and UDC chapters to lay a wreath. This is the burial trench that we think that most of the 6th Mississippi soldiers are buried in. We need reenactors for a color guard and for the musket salute. For all reenactors we have a place for you to camp that is not on the park, it is close to where the Confederates camped the night before the battle.

Thanks,

Buddy Ellis

1st Lt. Commander

Col. W. P. Rogers Camp 321

Corinth, Mississippi



*121st Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans  
and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose Reunions*  
*Beauvoir*

June 10-12, 2016 in Biloxi, Mississippi  
**2016 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**



SCV MEMBER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CAMP: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

SCV EARLY REGISTRATION (PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015)\*\*\*\*\*QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ (X'S) \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SCV REGULAR REGISTRATION (JAN. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 TO MAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016)\*\*\*\*\*QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ (X'S) \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

SCV LATE REGISTRATION (POST-MARKED ON OR AFTER MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016)\*\*\*\*\*QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ (X'S) \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

OCR REGISTRATION ON OR BEFORE MAY 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, \$10.00 EACH. AFTER MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 \$15.00\*\*\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET\*\*\*\*\*QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ (X'S) \$20.00 PER ADULT \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S PLATE (12 AND UNDER) SATURDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET\*\*\*\*QTY. \_\_\_\_\_ (X'S) \$12.50 PER CHILD \_\_\_\_\_

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

VENDOR TABLE (AS SPACE IS AVAILABLE, COMPLETE ATTACHED FORM)

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LAST HOME OF PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS SATURDAY AFTERNOON TOUR  
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**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, 2016.

\*\*\*For your convenience, ALL events will be held at Beauvoir\*\*\*

**Host hotels**

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228-456-9003/888-599-7093  
www.sbbeachhotel.com  
discount code: JDPL

Regency Inn & Suites  
11969 Bobby Eleuterius Blvd  
D'Iberville, MS 39540  
228-396-1570  
regencyinnbiloxi@yahoo.com  
discount code: Beauvoir

**Reunion Contact Information:**

**Host Camp Commander:**  
Jessie Sanford  
Jessiesanford101@comcast.net  
Phone: 601-447-1929

**Make Checks Payable to:**

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1353

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Petal, MS 39465

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Please submit  
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and order form prior to  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

## A Letter from the MS Division Heritage Defense Chairman

Gentlemen of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans,

Last June a very sick individual killed nine people in Charleston, SC. This was a horrendous act and no SCV member in MS or across the confederation condoned the killing of innocent people. This came after several rulings by the US Supreme Court that we all know were not to our liking. One of these decisions went against the Texas Division SCV on the matter of their Auto tags. It is my conviction that they were sending a message to our enemy's; "We will back you all the way"; declaring open season on any and all things confederate. All across the confederation attacks have been made on Monuments, Street Names, Schools, and Our State Flag. The SPLC has published their plan to go after everything confederate. You may look it up on line. This is all old news you say. Well I mention it as a reminder we are in a war. Our battle is for our Mississippi Flag of 1894.

Back in July the decision was made to not compromise on the flag. It was decided to go after a constitutional amendment to enshrine the flag of 1894 in the MS Constitution. This should have been done 15 years ago, but was not. Fifteen years ago it was a nonbinding resolution and not a Constitutional amendment. That brings me to my purpose for this communication.

Gentlemen, let me be blunt and completely honest. In no way is this meant to be negative, but we need to get our act together. We accepted the lead in this battle now we must deliver. We must have 86,183 signatures collected from across the state; 17,237 from each of the old congressional districts. As of Jan 26 we had collected 1,542 verified signatures. Our rejection rate is 30% so far. That means we will need to gather 152,478 just to make our necessary number. We have until November 5th, 2016 to reach our goal. As you can see we have work to be done. Can we win? Yes, I believe we can. When we get busy and get everyone involved. I said from the beginning we could not do it alone. I still believe that. We must lead and then others will join us.

We need volunteers for many counties. If you can step up please let me know. My contact information is at the bottom. Also, we need contributions, not just for this but for the future. Please if you can, make a donation to the Heritage Defense Fund, you may send a check to Division Adjutant Dan McCaskill. We have established a PayPal Account for your convenience in using a debit or credit card. Just go to the Division web page

<http://www.mississippiscv.org/> at the top you will see DONATE. If you have a PayPal account, can be sent via PayPal to: [msdscv@gmail.com](mailto:msdscv@gmail.com). I give you my word we will spend your money wisely.

Thank you for your time. May God Bless and Keep You

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## Buy One Now . . . Show Your Pride in Your Southern Heritage

Gentlemen,

Beginning July 1, 2015 you can now get the original issue Division License plate design for your car again. Simply take the photo attached to this email and show it to the person where you renew your vehicle license plate and request this design. You can use the initials CV along with the picture to let them know which one to get. The additional cost is still \$31 added to your tag's cost.

If you wish to keep the tag with the Beauvoir design you can. The Department of Revenue does not make you turn them in like other tags. However, none of the money from the old Beauvoir tag will go to Beauvoir. They have received permission for their own tag. You would need to contact the people at Beauvoir to find out how to get that tag if you wish to run it on your car.

As in the past money raised from the sale of the Division License plate will go to restore the battle flags in the possession of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History.

## MIKE WOOTEN ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY

Mike Wooten announces that he is running for the seat on the Beauvoir Board of Directors. He relays the message that he appreciates your consideration and vote at the Miss. Div. SCV Reunion in June. If you have questions for Mike you can contact him at: [pftr72@aol.com](mailto:pftr72@aol.com)



## **VAN DORN RIDES AGAIN**

**APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> • 9<sup>TH</sup> • 10<sup>TH</sup> • 2016 • HOLLY SPRINGS • MS**

*Reenactment is being held in conjunction with the 78th annual Holly Springs Pilgrimage*



In December, 1862, General Earl Van Dorn made his daring raid in North Mississippi, thus halting General Grant's advance on Vicksburg and forcing Grant to retreat back to Memphis, TN.

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# Mississippi Division SCV

## National Confederate Flag Day Observance



- Saturday, March 5th, 2pm
- Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd Biloxi, MS
- All Heritage Lovers Are Encouraged To Attend
- Please Bring Your Confederate Flags

[www.csaflagday.org](http://www.csaflagday.org)

**"If You're Southern, You'll Be There"**

## Living History at McCraven House in Vicksburg, MS

Fri Mar 12th and Sat Mar 13th we will be doing a Living History at the Very Historic McCraven House in Vicksburg MS as I have just confirmed the Dates and Event with the Manager at McCraven. We need all Uniformed Confederates and Living Historians to attend this Event which will be held on the Grounds surrounding the House. The 12th and 13th Weekend is kicking off McCraven's Pilgrimage so this will be a Very Big Event and we have been asked to do a Confederate Living History there that weekend as I know there will be other Events going on in and out of State but anyone that is not planning on attending these other Events we need you there for this Event !! Please let me know if you would like to attend this Event as I need a Headcount of who all can make it, thank you !!

For more information contact Trent Lewis  
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## MISSISSIPPI DIVISION - SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

### Division Training Day Schedule 12 March 2016, War Memorial Bldg, Jackson, MS



- 10:00 AM - Opening prayer, pledges to flags and welcome by Louis P. Foley, Sr, Division Commander. First speaker will follow immediately afterwards.
  - Marc S. Allen: planning for special events (gun shows, annual division reunion, etc) and petition form training.
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- Break for lunch immediately following. Bring your own or can be obtained locally.
- 1:00 PM - Bill Latham: brigade commander duties and responsibilities.
- Closing statements and dismissal.

## First Brigade Meeting April 9<sup>th</sup> in Batesville, MS

Dear 1st Brigade members,

I am calling for a Brigade meeting on April 9th at 3pm at the VFW on hwy 51 south. For more information call me at 662-934-6211. Also I need your camp reports April 9th too. If you have something to bring up let me know before April 9th. The meeting will be in Batesville, MS.

Your 1st Brigade Commander Donald Wright, Jr.

## Joseph Abbott Announces Candidacy

Gentlemen,

I herein wish to announce my candidacy for the position on the Beauvoir Board of Directors which will become available at the 2016 Mississippi Division Reunion in June. Having been a member of the SGV for over ten years, a Life member of both National and MS Division, I have been faithful in my duty to my camp as well as the Mississippi Division, having held command positions at both the Camp and Division level, and am currently serving as Division Co-Chairman of the Heritage Committee tasked with saving our State flag.

I have spent my entire professional career in the accounting profession and have been involved in a broad range of both public and private accounting environments large and small. I am experienced in all forms of accounting practices including day to day operating records, periodic financial reports, budgets, financial forecasts and audits.

You are all aware that Beauvoir is no stranger to financial uncertainty and while various boards over the years have barely managed to scrape by at times, the added perils of a significant increase in operating costs brought about by the post-Katrina restoration of the mansion as well as the JDPL and grounds, dictate that clear and concise reporting of Beauvoir's current financial condition and more importantly preparation of a long term financial plan for Beauvoir's future has become critical.

Given the attacks we now face at every turn on all things Confederate, a determined focus on Beauvoir's financial condition and plans for the perpetuation of a positive financial future are more important now than ever before, and while

Beauvoir itself has not been singled out as a target it may well be in the future.

As a professional I am prepared to personally dedicate myself and my time in addressing and preparing sound financial documentation for Beauvoir; that all will be able to understand and further, I will do everything in my power to assist the Board in making sound financial decisions for the present, and for the future, so that Beauvoir will remain the most important shrine in the nation dedicated to our Confederate President Jefferson Davis and the Confederate soldier.

Please consider me for this seat on the Board of Directors of Beauvoir.

With kindest regards,  
Joseph (Joe) Abbott  
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# 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CORINTH CIVIL WAR & MILITARIA SHOW and SALE

Sponsored By: COL. W. P. ROGERS • SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS • Camp # 321, Corinth, Mississippi

## March 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

**Show & Sale TABLES: \$50.00**

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**Saturday, March 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

For more information call  
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( [mgm21@avsia.com](mailto:mgm21@avsia.com) )  
or Buddy Ellis  
at 662-665-1419  
( [bellis1960@comcast.net](mailto:bellis1960@comcast.net) )  
or visit [www.battleofcorinth.com](http://www.battleofcorinth.com)

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- SHILOH NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD (Nearby)

(Additional information on reverse)

## National SCV News:

### **Tom Strain Announces His Bid for Commander-in-Chief**

Compatriots,

Let me begin by saying that serving as your Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief for the last 18 months has been one of the most gratifying experiences of my SCV career. We have really enjoyed having the opportunity to travel around the Confederation and speak at many events and meetings. The last few months of attacks have made me and many others realize that this isn't our grandfathers Sons of Confederate Veterans any longer. The "pc" instilled mindset has infected many in academia, the media and the general public and we must become more "proactive" in the future to meet the attacks on our Heritage. We cannot and will not sit idly by while there are people out there that want to take our history away from us on an almost daily basis.

This being said, I would like to ask you for your support in July in Dallas, Texas as I am officially announcing my candidacy for Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Please follow me on my Lt Commander in Chief Facebook page and I will be updating my travel schedule. I also look forward to seeing many of you over the next few months and we are looking forward to seeing y'all in Dallas, Texas. If you have any questions please feel free to message me, email me or drop me a line on the phone.

Thomas V. Strain Jr  
Lt. Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
[ltcic@scv.org](mailto:ltcic@scv.org)

### **Larry McCluney Announces His Bid for Re-Election as AoT Commander**

Fellow Compatriots,

The Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence, and the Sesquicentennial of the beginning of "Reconstruction" is upon us. After June 17, 2015 attacks have been visible all around our Confederation. These attacks have placed the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the limelight of the world press, and revealed that our organization is the authority of everything Confederate. We must seize this opportunity to promote Growth, Unity, and Progress by recruiting new members in our organization, educate the general public about the true Cause our ancestors fought for, and promote our organization in our communities.

To accomplish this, we need the proper leadership to see this carried out in a gentlemanly and orderly fashion. To meet this challenge we need men with new innovative ideas who are willing to work hard at bringing our membership together under a common Cause, and to meet the demands that the "Charge of Gen. Stephen D. Lee" has laid before us. Our "enemies" think that we have been reeling after June 17th but that event has brought us closer together. They continue will fight us as they paint a picture that the Cause our ancestors fought for was immoral, illegal, and unjust. The SCV is the largest and most recognizable organization for the promotion of Confederate Heritage and it is time we capitalize on that fact. We must hold true to Stephen D. Lee's Charge to us and make our organization something that will be perpetuated for future generations so that they too may take pride and celebrate a rich Confederate heritage that we have inherited.

But, there is serious work before us that needs to be done in an aggressive and imaginative manner, emulating the principles that our ancestors fought so hard for. It is time to look at our problems with new eyes, keeping in place the wisdom gleaned from the lessons of the past. We need to use 21st Century ideas to fight this growing threat of "political correctness."

As a high school and college teacher for over twenty years, it has been my job to teach students our nation's history. I have seen political correctness infiltrating our history books. It has been a struggle to teach the "truth" in our classrooms. Yet, the youth of today are eager to know the truth when it is presented. As a Southerner and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, it is my duty to teach the truth about the Cause our ancestors fought for and to uphold the "Charge" they have left for us. This, I am faithfully carrying out. As your current Army Commander on the GEC, I have proven that I have the energy, the experience, and the right attitude to lead and represent the interests of this Army.

Thus, I humbly ask you once again for your support and Re-Elect me as YOUR Army of Tennessee Commander in 2016 in Dallas, TX so that I may continue being YOUR voice on the GEC. To learn more about me please feel free to visit my website at <http://mccluney2016.webs.com/>

Larry A. McCluney, Jr.  
Army of Tennessee Commander,  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
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### **Constitutional Amendments Deadline**

The deadline for those wishing to submit proposed amendments to the SCV Constitution or the Standing Orders, to be considered at the National Reunion in Dallas, Texas, in July 2016, is March 23, 2016.

Amendments should be submitted to Executive Director Michael Landree at General Headquarters. They can be sent either by e-mail to: [exedir@scv.org](mailto:exedir@scv.org) or by US Mail to: Sons of Confederate Veterans, PO Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402.

E-mail submissions must bear a date stamp on or before March 23, 2016, and those sent by US Mail must be postmarked no later than March 23, 2016.

Those submitting proposed amendments should include their name, camp name and number and complete contact information; name, mailing address, e-mail address and telephone numbers. Please also send a brief statement as to the purpose of the amendment and the reasons it should be adopted. This will help camps and Compatriots understand the purpose and advantage of the proposed amendment.

Executive Director Landree will acknowledge receipt of the amendments; however, it is the responsibility of the sender to confirm with Director Landree that any amendment submitted was received at General Headquarters.

Please contact Executive Director Landree or myself if you have any questions.

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## SCV Chaplains' Conference, May 5-6, 2016

The SCV Chaplains' Conference is scheduled for May 5-6, 2016 at the Providence Baptist Church, 1441 Erickson Avenue, Harrisonburg, Virginia. Pastor Lloyd Sprinkle is our host pastor. We thank Pastor Sprinkle and his lovely wife Jacqueline for their willingness to help in this way. The Providence Church is an excellent facility for the Conference. All Chaplains, Compatriots, spouses, and friends are encouraged to attend.

The Chaplains' Conference will feature five inspirational worship services including old fashioned congregational singing, special music, prayer, and a featured sermon. In addition there will be times for fellowship and "browsing" the many display tables in the fellowship area (be sure to bring discretionary funds; you will want to take something home). Refreshments and lunch will be served for the Friday Conference day (no charge).

The schedule and speakers are noted below:

### Worship Leaders

- Pastor and Chaplain Lloyd Sprinkle, Host Pastor
- Dr. Ray L. Parker, Chaplain-in-Chief, MC
- Past Chaplain-in-Chief Dr. Cecil Fayard, Song Leader
- Jacqueline Sprinkle and Miriam Clark, Pianist / Organist

### Special Music

- Jacqueline Sprinkle
- Miriam Clark
- Ruth Parker

### The schedule (Eastern Time Zone) for the Conference is:

#### **Thursday, May 5**

- 7:00 PM WORSHIP CELEBRATION - Pastor and Past Chaplain-in-Chief John Weaver, Preacher
- 8:15 PM Fellowship and Browsing

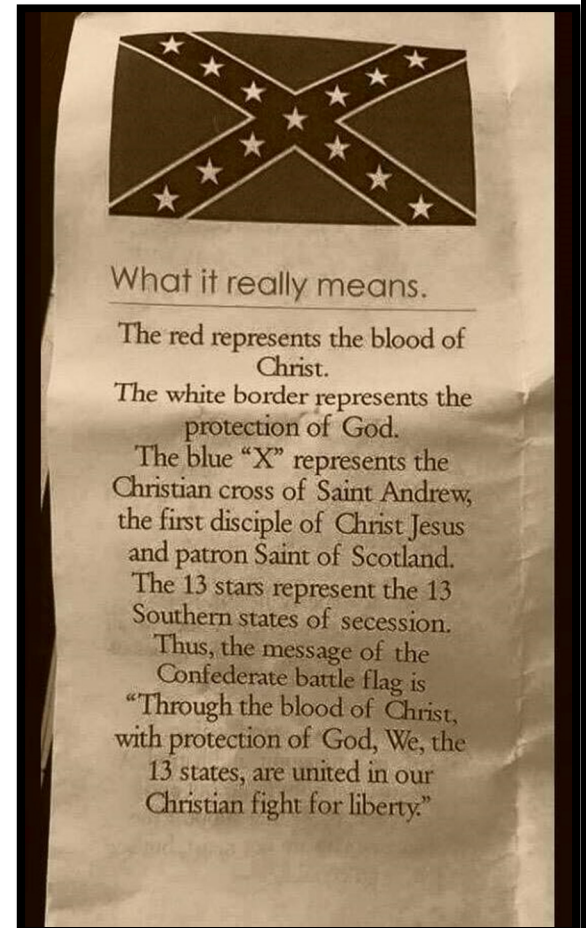
#### **Friday, May 6**

- 9:00 AM WORSHIP CELEBRATION - Pastor and Chaplain Lloyd Sprinkle, Preacher
- 10:15 AM Fellowship and Browsing
- 10:45 AM WORSHIP CELEBRATION - Past Chaplain-in-Chief Charles Baker, Preacher
- 11:45 AM Lunch and Browsing
- 1:00 PM WORSHIP CELEBRATION - Past Chaplain-in-Chief Ron Rumburg, Preacher
- 2:15 PM Fellowship and Browsing
- 2:30 PM WORSHIP CELEBRATION - Pastor and Past Chaplain-in-Chief Mark Evans, Preacher
- 3:30 PM Fellowship and Browsing

I hope you are making your plans now to attend these two inspirational, motivational days in the Old Dominion. No registration is necessary -- just come and enjoy a time of Southern hospitality, Southern preaching, Southern cooking, and Southern singing.

Sincerely,

Ray Parker, Chaplain-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
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## Major. General Patrick Cleburne by Craig Symonds

One of the more interesting and tragic figures of the Civil War, Pat Cleburne earned a fame that derived from four circumstances: his Irish birth, his remarkable effectiveness as a division commander in the Army of Tennessee, his proposal in January 1864 that the South free its slaves and incorporate them into the Confederate army, and his dramatic death in the ill-fated charge at [Franklin, Tennessee](#), on 30 November 1864.

Cleburne was born on 16 March 1828 near Ballincollig in County Cork, Ireland. His father was a Protestant country physician and his mother was the daughter of a prominent Irish Protestant family. His mother died when he was only 19 months old, but not long afterward his tutor became his stepmother and the woman he called "Mamma" all his life. From age twelve to fifteen, Cleburne attended the private Greenfield School, but after his father died in 1843, the family could no longer afford the school fees and he took a job as an apothecary's assistant in Mallow. Later he traveled to Dublin to seek admission to the Apothecaries College. Rejected, he joined the British army.

Cleburne spent two and one-half years in Her Majesty's 41st Regiment. It was an unhappy duty. Instead of journeying to exotic far away places, the regiment was assigned to constabulary duty to keep the peace in an Ireland ravaged by the potato famine. At age twenty-one, Cleburne inherited a small legacy from his father's estate and he used it to buy his way out of the army. He and his siblings then took passage to the United States and arrived in New Orleans on Christmas Day 1849.

The Cleburne siblings scattered to various parts of America. After a brief sojourn in Cincinnati, Cleburne settled in Helena, Arkansas, where he managed a drug store and later became a lawyer. When Arkansas seceded and war appeared imminent, Cleburne joined the local militia company and was elected its captain.

When, after the outbreak of war, that company was amalgamated with nine others to form a regiment, Cleburne was elected its colonel, and when that regiment was brigaded together with three others under the overall command of the professional soldier William J. Hardee, that officer recommended Cleburne for command of the brigade.

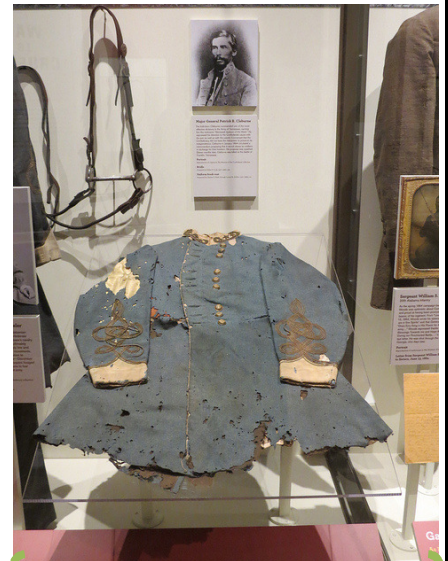
Cleburne saw his first important action in the battle of Shiloh on 6-7 April 1862. His brigade was in the front rank during the surprise morning attack on 6 April. Despite horrific casualties, he pressed his command forward until nightfall, when his remaining troops bivouacked on the battlefield. The next morning, Ulysses S. Grant's counterattack forced Cleburne's brigade back along with the rest of the army to its starting point. Of the 2,750 men in his six regiments, 1,043 were killed, wounded, or missing – losses of 38 percent. Cleburne's leadership in this, his first battle, was marked more by enthusiasm than judgment, but he absorbed several valuable lessons that he subsequently applied in other battles. In particular, these included using artillery with the advance and developing a specialized group of sharpshooters.

During the Confederate invasion of Kentucky in late summer, Cleburne commanded a small division consisting of his own brigade plus that of Preston Smith. His division led the advance northward from Knoxville, Tennessee, to Richmond, Kentucky, where Cleburne's small division played the central role in defeating and pursuing a disorganized Federal division on 29-30 August 1862. While preparing the attack, Cleburne was wounded in the face. A minie ball pierced his left cheek, smashed several teeth, and exited through his mouth. He recovered in time to participate on 8 October 1862 in the battle of Perryville, where again his command broke the enemy line, though this time the Federals did not abandon the battlefield. In both of these fights, Cleburne demonstrated his ability to apply practical lessons of combat by making effective use of both artillery and sharpshooters.

Promoted to major general and the permanent command of a division in November, Cleburne embarked on a series of remarkable battlefield performances. In the battle of Stones River (or Murfreesboro) on 31 December 1862 – 2 January 1863, his division routed the Union right wing and drove it four miles back onto the Nashville Pike. In the battle of Chickamauga on 19-20 September 1863, his division assailed with such ferocity an entrenched force significantly stronger than his own that the Federal commander, William S. Rosecrans, pulled forces from other parts of the field to reinforce the position on Cleburne's front. That opened the way for the successful Confederate counterattack that won the day.

Cleburne's military prowess was most evident in the battles for Chattanooga. On the north end of Missionary Ridge on 25 November 1863, Cleburne's single reinforced division hurled back repeated attacks by William T. Sherman's four divisions in what was supposed to be the major Federal effort that day. Failing to move Cleburne off Tunnel Hill, Sherman asked Grant for support, and Grant authorized a feint by George Thomas's corps in what became the charge up Missionary Ridge. After the rest of the Confederate army broke, Cleburne was assigned the task of defending the rear guard, including the army's wagon trains. In that role, Cleburne's division beat off a concerted attack by Joseph Hooker's Corps at Ringgold Gap on 27 November 1863. Twice in three days, therefore, Cleburne's division saved the Army of Tennessee from destruction.

Cleburne's division took the lead again during Hood's desperate invasion of Tennessee in the fall of 1864. Hood held him partly responsible for the "escape" of the enemy at Spring Hill on 29 November 1864, and both Hood and Cleburne may have conceived of the charge at [Franklin](#) the next day to be an opportunity for Cleburne to atone. In that attack, Cleburne's division held the position of dubious honor in the center of the Confederate line as it swept forward across two and one-half miles of open ground against well-prepared entrenchments. About fifty yards from the Federal line, Cleburne fell with a bullet in his chest, one of six Confederate generals to die in that assault.



**Cleburne's frock coat at the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Va**



**General Cleburne's Grave in Helena, Ark**

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