The Delta General

This Month's Issue: The Siege of Knoxville, TN



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<u>Dedicated to the Memory of Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys</u>

Commander's Comments — Larry McCluney

Compatriots.

Fall is finally here and cooler temperatures are now here with the holidays just around the corner. This issue advertises our guest speaker for our Lee/Jackson Banquet. It is sure to be a great one and you need to make plans early for it because seating will be limited to 65 people.

Football season is almost over and soon the bowl season. I said this in last month's issue, but I feel it warrants to be said again: "I know life tends to get in the way of things at times but we have a duty as descendants of Confederate Veterans to attend and participate. That duty is stated in our Charge and the oaths you took when you joined this organization. One Saturday evening out of a month is not much to ask of you to participate in your Camp's activities and meetings. Remember, our ancestors gave 365 days of four years. Can you not give one evening a month to participate? There are other ways you can participate such as attend your Camp's

Lee/Jackson Banquet once a year, attend your Camp's Memorial Day Service once a year, support our activities such as the new headstone our Camp erected that our Camp paid for or give money toward projects such as the \$1,200 we collected to help with the National project to rebuild the pedestal for the Forrest Equestrian Statue at Elm Springs."

If you had not heard, Fall Muster out did last year's attendance and money made. I think things are starting to go the right direction there and the grounds are much improved as well. The Library Cottage and Front Gate are refurbished, now the Hayes cottage and the outside bathroom facilities are being completed. There is much going on at Beauvoir.

December is the time to elect our new Camp officers. If anyone is interested, please make those intentions known about each office.

Let us all rededicate ourselves to carry out our DUTY and set our priorities to set aside this time to attend meetings and support our Camp activities as we wind this fiscal year down. Remember, "If not US, Who? If not Now, When?"

In closing, remember, it is your duty to protect the Confederate Soldier's good name so that his legacy will continue for future generations. As always, remember compatriots, you are "The Thin Gray Line!" Remember to bring a friend at our next Camp meeting and lets continue growing our numbers.

Adjutant's Report — Dan McCaskill

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

Camp Commander Larry McCluney presented Brad Hartsfield, our newest member, with his Mississippi Division Membership Pin and the Mississippi Division Challenge Coin.

The next order of business, Commander McCluney entertained a motion to adopt the September Minutes as printed in the newsletter. Kenneth Ray made the motion to adopt the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded by 1st Lt. Commander Michael Anthony and the motion passed without objection.

Officer Reports: 1st Lt. Commander Michael Anthony did not have a report. Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported little activity since the last Camp Meeting. The Camp's bank account balance is \$2,407.83 with the only expenditure since the last Camp Meeting being \$13.20 for postage stamps. As Newsletter Editor, Larry McCluney asked if anyone had problems accessing the newsletter and asked for comments about the newsletter. Everyone's comments were positive and that the link to the newsletter worked. MOSB Report was given by MOSB Adjutant Dan McCaskill who reported that seven Camp members qualify for membership. They just need to do the genealogy work and submit their application with dues. Dan offered to help with the genealogy research. OCR Report was given by President Sandra Stillman who asked anyone wanting to donate items for the Lee-Jackson Banquet to bring them to the November or December Meetings.

Camp Business: With no old or new business coming before the Camp, Kenneth Ray made a motion to end the Business Session. The motion was seconded by 1st Lt. Commander Michael Anthony and passed without objection

At this point, Commander McCluney asked everyone to partake in the evening meal provided by the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter #9, Order of Confederate Rose.

Upcoming events: Fall Muster at Beauvoir October 20-22.



Our Guest Speaker for the evening was Harrison Daws. Harrison is currently serving as 5th Brigade Councilman and is a co-founder of SCV Chat. Harrison's topic for the evening was "SCV First". A major problem within the Division is "infighting". In the past there have always been disputes but we all considered ourselves to be a band of brothers. This dynamic changed about ten years ago when a major dispute over Beauvoir resulted in an ideological split within the Division. Instead of working together to remember and honor our Confederate Ancestors, it became a squabble among ourselves, about us. Because of an action beyond our control, the membership of an entire Camp left the Division. We are going to get our feelings hurt from time to time but remember, when we joined this organization, it became SCV First, not us! It's all about the men who wore the gray, butternut and homespun and who fought for the independence of the South. We have enough enemies outside the organization without us helping them. We need to present a united front.

With no other business coming before the Camp, Kenneth Ray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Michael Anthony and the motion passed without objection. Attendance for the meeting was 15.

The Camp Meeting was closed with a word of prayer by Commander McCluney followed by the singing of Dixie.



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Larry McCluney Camp Commander / Editor: Confederate @suddenlink.net

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Guest Speaker for Lee and Jackson January 13, 2023

Shelby Harriel will speak on her lates book Behind the Rifle. Below is a short synopsis of the book. **Description**

During the Civil War, Mississippi's strategic location bordering the Mississippi River and the state's system of railroads drew the attention of opposing forces who clashed in major battles for control over these resources. The names of these engagements—Vicksburg, Jackson, Port Gibson, Corinth, luka, Tupelo, and Brice's Crossroads—along with the narratives of the men who fought there resonate in Civil War literature. However, Mississippi's chronicle of military involvement in the Civil War is not one of men alone. Surprisingly, there were a number of female soldiers disguised as males who stood shoulder to shoulder with them on the firing lines across the state.

Behind the Rifle: Women Soldiers in Civil War Mississippi is a groundbreaking study that discusses women soldiers with a connection to Mississippi— either those who hailed from the Magnolia State or those from elsewhere who fought in Mississippi battles. Readers will learn who they were, why they chose to fight at a time when military service for women was banned, and the horrors they experienced. Included are two maps and over twenty period photographs of locations relative to the stories of these female fighters along with images of some of the women themselves.

The product of over ten years of research, this work provides new details of formerly recorded female fighters, debunks some cases, and introduces over twenty previously undocumented ones. Among these are women soldiers who were involved in such battles beyond Mississippi as Shiloh, Antietam, and Gettysburg. Readers will also find new documentation regarding female fighters held as prisoners of war in such notorious prisons as Andersonville.

Shelby Harriel-Hidlebaugh is an instructor of mathematics at Pearl River Community College. Her research on women soldiers of the Civil War has been published in various newspapers, magazines, websites, blogs, and brochures for the National Park Service and state historic sites. She has given numerous presentations about women soldiers in over ten states.

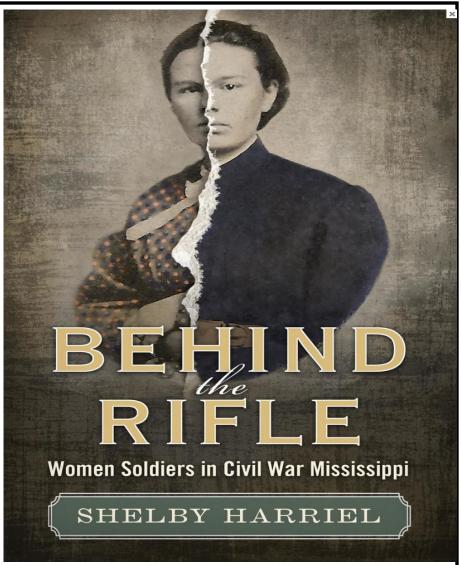


<u>Chaplain's Corner —</u> <u>Earl McCown</u>

At the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus spoke about "responding to evil", He laid down two principles: (1) "Do not resist an evil person", (2) "Respond to evil by doing good." This is certainly a challenging task Jesus put before His disciples. It is so very tempting to respond to evil with evil, especially when the treatment comes from an enemy!

In Matthew 5:38-42, we find Jesus teaching concerning the treatment of our enemies. Here He tells us why we ought to act in the manner that He describes.

This is not just a New Testament concern. Look

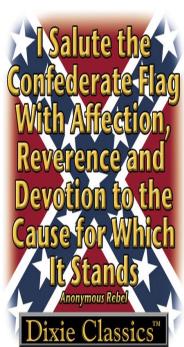


back into the Old Testament; and look at the "Law of Moses" and the traditional interpretation. The Law did not say "hate your enemy." It did teach to "love your neighbor as yourself." But it also taught kindness was to be shown to your enemy.

Jesus requires that we "Love" our enemies, Not hate them; rather show "active good will" towards them. "Bless" them who curse us. They may speak evil of us, but in response we are to speak kindly to them! We are to "Do good" to those who hate us. They may either ignore us or do evil things to us; yet we are to treat them kindly in either case.

Jesus told us to "Pray" for those who spitefully use us and persecute us. Notice, we are to pray FOR them, not just about them; pray for their well-being, salvation and other good things. Don't seek vengeance, don't resist an evil person. Why should we respond to our enemies in this manner? Jesus explained it all very well: "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:45a). That is to demonstrate ourselves to be truly His children.

This sounds like a difficult task, to love our enemies, don't forget though, God loved us while we were yet sinners. He loved us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, that we may be His children. We are not asked to die on a cross; just to love our neighbor (enemy) and treat them with kindness



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

It has been some time since anyone has spoken about Brigadier General Benjamin Humphreys, so I thought this would be a good place to remedy that.

Benjamin Grubb Humphreys (August 26, 1808 – December 20, 1882) was born in Claiborne County, Territory of Mississippi. He was educated in New Jersey and entered the United States Military Academy in the same class as Robert E. Lee and Joseph E. Johnson. However he was expelled in 1826 when he participated in a "Christmas frolic" that ended up turning into the Eggnog Riot.



During the War of Northern Aggression, Humphreys raised a company and was commissioned a captain in the Confederate States Army in 1861. As part of the 21st Mississippi Infantry Regiment, he was elected to the rank of colonel. He was under the command of William Barksdale. At the Battle of Gettysburg, his regiment was involved in attack on Federal troops at the Peach Orchid; driving the Federals back to Cemetery Ridge.

Humphreys took command of the brigade after the death of Barksdale and was promoted to the rank of brigadier general, and remained in command until he was wounded in the battle of Berryville, Virginia on September 3rd, 1864. He returned to Mississippi to heal, but could not return to active duty before the war ended.

Without presidential approval, Humphreys had himself inaugurated and elected governor of the state of Mississippi. He won his bid for reelection, and on June 15, 1868, he was physically removed from office by troops of the U. S. Army.

Humphreys died in 1882 on his plantation in Leflore County, Mississippi. He is buried in Wintergreen cemetery, Port Gibson, Mississippi.

Mississippi Division News:

Guardians needed

Everyone knows the atmosphere in this country where it comes to anything Confederate. Last summer we saw how vulnerable our Memorials were to the rioters. Sadly, it has spread to the cemeteries the place where the left wants all the Memorials moved. In the past



few weeks, the Sleeping Lion Memorial to the Confederate dead in Oakwood Cemetery in Atlanta, GA has been removed. Our Confederate Dead and our Memorials are at risk to removal and vandalism. This why we need Guardians to watch over our Memorials and burial sites of our Confederate Dead. Most of our members live in Counties with Confederate Memorial Monuments and all live near a cemetery where Confederate Dead are buried. The Mississippi Division has the MS Division Guardian Program for burial sites where a person adopts a burial site or several sites and watches over the site ensuring it is properly cared for. The Division now has the MS Division Monument Guardian Program. With this program, a person signs up to keep watch on a Memorial. There is a contact person to report any vandalism and/or threats of removal. If anyone is interested in this program please see the attached application and information to find out more on the following page



SCV Chat — Every Monday Night on Facebook at 7:00 PM Central time and on Thursday Nights at 7:00 PM for



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.



Beauvior - Post-war home of Jefferson Davis. Biloxi, Mississippi

Friends of Beauvior

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



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

Mississippi Guardian Program Application

Turn Application into Division Guardian Committee Chairman

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Committee Chairman:	
Mail Application, Map and Photos to:	

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



2024 SCV MS Division Reunion Registration Form

128th Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
30th Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose
Flowood, Mississippi – June 7-9. 2023
Hosted by the Rankin Grays SCV Camp 2278 and MS Society, OCR



Hosted by the Rankin Greys SCV Camp 2278 and MS Society, OCR Hilton Garden Inn

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

We are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming Annual Reunion, hosted by the Rankin Greys Camp 2278. The Reunion will be held on June 7-9, 2024, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Flowood, MS.

Our Annual Reunion serves as a gathering of our esteemed compatriots, families, and friends. It is a time when we come together to transact the business of our organization but also as a time to celebrate our shared honorable heritage, reflect on our achievements from the past year, and envision the future of our organizations. Please make plans to join us for a memorable weekend. Our host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/janflgi-hilton-garden-inn-jackson-flowood/. Located in the heart of beautiful Flowood, Mississippi, our venue offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all attendees. Room Rates are \$129.00 a night; use the code MSSCV to receive this room rate when booking.

Registration is now open, and we encourage you to secure your spot at our reunion at your earliest convenience. Please take advantage of our early registration rates. This year we are please to announce that YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE at (https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mississippi-division-scv-reunion-2024-registration-669731193027?aff=oddtdtcreator) . For those who would prefer, you can still mail your registration form with a check or money order. If you are attending the awards banquet, please make sure you indicate your meal preference. If you are choosing the steak option, include your preferred doneness.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our convention planning committee at msscvreunion2024@gmail.com or visit the Eventbrite page and visit the FAQ section.

To give you an idea of what will take place at this year's reunion, we have this rough itinerary.

Friday June 7th

- 12:00 PM- 5:45 PM SCV/OCR Registration- Host Hotel
- 4:00 PM-5:00 PM Division Executive Council Meeting-Host Hotel
- 6:00 PM- 6:30 PM Memorial Service- Mississippi Confederate Monument- Old Capitol Green
 - Traditionally, this service is held on Sunday morning and is a time for us to reflect on our Confederate Ancestors and the Compatriots. We figured that we could move it to Friday evening to encourage participation and set us in the right mind for the weekend.
- 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM President's Reception and Birthday Party-Old Capitol Museum
 - Jefferson Davis was born on June 3, 1808, and constitutionally we have our reunion the weekend following his birthday. This year we will celebrate at the Old Capitol, a building well known to President Davis. Come enjoy refreshments and wonder the halls where southern statesmen like Davis, LQC Lamar, Benjamin Humphreys, Robert Lowry, Steven D. Lee, and William Barksdale once strowed. Then join us in the House Chamber where secession was debated for an interesting presentation. We will have private security as well as Capitol Police to ensure we are not disturbed.

Saturday June 8th

- 7:00 AM- Color Guard Muster
- 8:00 AM- Opening Ceremonies
- 9:00 AM- Mississippi Division, SCV Business Meeting with Beauvoir Corporate meeting to follow.
- 9:30 AM- Mississippi Society, OCR Tea and Business Meeting
- 5:00 PM- Cocktail Hour- Cash Bar at Hotel Lobby
- 6:30 PM- Awards Banquet
 - The doors for the banquet will open at 6:00 PM and we ask that everyone be seated by 6:30 PM. Our keynote speaker will be SCV Executive Director Adam Southern.

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2024 SCV MS Division Reunion

Registration Form

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Please Make Checks Payable to Rankin Greys Camp 2278 & Mail to: Rankin Greys Camp 2278 C/O: Chris Bryant, 387 Rankin Gerguson RD, Pelahatchie, MS 39415

SCV Contact: George Conor Bond (601) 813-7820 OCR Contact: Suzi Bond White (601) 813-1191

HOTEL INFO

Hilton Garden Inn Jackson/Flowood 118 Laurel Park Cove , Flowood, MS, 39232 Use MSSCV when booking for \$129.00 room rate (601)487-0800

National SCV News

SAVE THE DATE Stephen D. Lee Institute February 16-17, 2024 Columbia, TN

Compatriots,

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

Some of the presenters include:

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



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

Having an Impact on Future Generations! It's National Estate Planning Awareness Week & Time to Consider Year-End Gifts

This week is National Estate Planning Awareness Week and it's an opportunity to plan for a brighter future for you, your family, and the organizations that are important to you. Estate planning is of vital importance and an opportunity to decide what happens to your assets and how they can impact the lives of your family as well as impacting lives through the organizations close to you heart, such as the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the National Confederate Museum.

This is also the time of year for considering year-end tax-deductible* gifts to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and other organizations you deem worthy

Consider the following:

- 1) Do you have a Will? If not, it's time to have a Will drafted so that you can decide in advance how your assets are to be distributed.
- 2) A Will is also an excellent way to include the Sons of Confederate Veterans for a gift from your estate simply by naming the SCV for a bequest.
- 3) If you have Life Insurance, Investment Accounts, IRAs... Another easy way of helping the SCV is to name the SCV as a beneficiary for a percentage of these accounts.
- 4) You might find it better to give non-cash assets, such as shares of stock or real estate. Giving appreciated assets to the Sons of Confederate Veterans enables you to make a tax deductible gift* and avoid capital gains tax.*
- 5) You might also consider giving directly from your IRA, either a specific amount or your required minimum distribution.*
- 6) Do you have assets that are not generating income? Using these assets to fund a Charitable Trust can provide you with income and benefit the SCV as the remainder beneficiary. Plus, there are tax advantages* that you might find very attractive.

We can help. Give us a call and we can walk you through the process of these types of planned gifts and other ideas. Contact Adam Southern at exedir@scv.org or call 1-800-380-1896.

R. S. Jason Boshers, Commander-in-Chief Walter D. "Donnie" Kennedy, Lt. Commander-in-Chief James Ronald Kennedy, Chief of Heritage Operations

Continuing the fight over the Reconciliation Memorial

My fellow Southerners and like-minded individuals:

The NDAA for 2024 passed the House with the necessary amendments that protect our Nation's history. I want to thank everyone who contacted their politicians either by phone, mail or the one-click politics link. Your actions made an impact and a difference. Well done.

Now we ask you to step up again and contact the members of the Senate, because it is now time for that body to pass this critical piece of legislation. Below is the link for one-click politics that will be sent to certain Senators—not all Senators, and not all Republican Senators. It is only going to

Republican Senators in Southern states; so, it is possible that your "To Senator" field could be empty. If the "To Senator" field is empty, then the link and email will be unusable for you.

https://oneclickpolitics.global.ssl.fastly.net/promo/5XP

l ask that you please follow the link and send the prepared email. All it takes is a few clicks and a minute of your time. We appreciate you and everything you have done in this important fight.

R. S. Jason Boshers, Commander-in-Chief Walter D. "Donnie" Kennedy, Lt. Commander-in-Chief James Ronald "Ron" Kennedy, Chief-of-Heritage Operations



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 be 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.

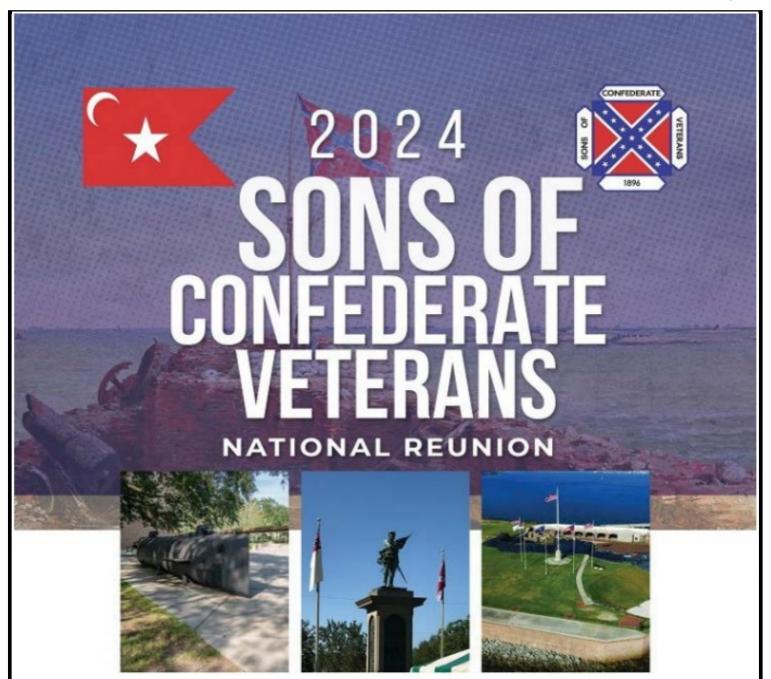
These plans have now become a reality. The ground breaking has taken place and the museum is now open.

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



July 16 - July 21 2023

The Embassy Suites in North Charleston, S.C.

Please make Checks Payable to Low Country SCV

Mail to: **2024 SCV National Reunion** P.O. Box 1049, Ladson, S.C., 29456

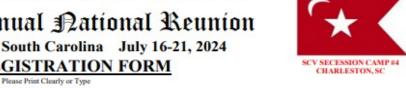
To Register & Pay Online: SCV4.org/2024 For more information: Contact Rick Little: (843) 305-3085 / Support@SCV4.org

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Charleston, South Carolina July 16-21, 2024 REGISTRATION FORM

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SCV Only Reunion R	egistration -	Includes Medal (REGULAR - Until July 1, 2024)	\$100		
Tue. July 16, 2024	6:00 PM	Dinner - The Battle of Secessionville by Gene Kizer Jr.	\$80		6
Wed. July 17, 2024	10:30 AM	Fort Sumter Tour 1 (includes transportation)	\$100		5
Wed. July 17, 2024	12:30 PM	Fort Sumter Luncheon (Note: luncheon overlaps with both tour times, so do not purchase luncheon & Ft. Sumter tour)	\$60		
Wed. July 17, 2024	1:00 PM	Fort Sumter Tour 2 (includes transportation)	\$100		6
Wed. July 17, 2024	6:00 PM	Fort Sumter Dinner	\$80	-	3
Thu. July 18, 2024	12:30 PM	H.L. Hunley Luncheon (NOTE: luncheon will overlap with the 12:30, 1:00, & 1:30 tour times)	\$60		
Thu. July 18, 2024	12:30 PM	Tour - H.L. Hunley Submarine & Museum (includes bus)	130 1 1 1 1 1 1		
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Thu. July 18, 2024	2:00 PM	UDC Ladies Tea & Antebellum Fashion Show	\$35		
Thu. July 18, 2024	5:30 PM	Hunley Dinner & Afterhours Tour w/ Randy Burbage includes a dinner at hotel, then self-drive to Hunley tour	\$95		
Thu. July 18, 2024	6:00 PM	Dinner - Confederate Spy Rose Greenhow	\$80		
Fri. July 19, 2024	7:00 AM	Breakfast - Chaplain's Breakfast	\$35		
Fri. July 19, 2024	9:30 AM	UDC Museum & Market Street (All Day 9:30 to 3:30)	\$45		e e
Fri. July 19, 2024	12:30 PM	SCV Awards Luncheon	\$60		7
Fri. July 19, 2024	2:30 PM	Tour - Battery / White Point Garden (includes bus)	\$45		
Fri. July 19, 2024	5:30 PM	Dinner - The Battle of Secessionville by Gene Kizer Jr.	\$80		-
Fri. July 19, 2024	5:30 PM	Fort Sumter Dinner Cruise & Afterhours Tour w/ Rick Hatcher NOTE: self-drive to tour boat downtown & dinner served onboard.	\$100		
Sat. July 20, 2024	7:00 AM	Mech Calv Breakfast	\$60	-	
Sat. July 20, 2024	12:30 PM	SCV Luncheon	\$60		2
Sat. July 20, 2024	12:30 PM	Tour of St. Michaels Church / Provost Dungeon (LIMITED TOUR - only 50 tickets available)	\$50		
Sat. July 20, 2024	7:00 PM	SCV Banquet, Debutante Presentation & Grand Ball Note: Dress Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform / Civilian	\$100		
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Forrest's Last Ride



Forrest's Last Ride is the name of the project to reconstruct the gravesite of Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest on the grounds of Historic Elm Springs and the National Confederate Museum. This will be a very large project as the plaza is 50 feet deep and 75 feet wide. Everything that was with the graves is now on the grounds and waiting to be reconstructed. The Equestrian Statue, which is the headstone of the graves will be repaired and returned to its rightful place. This project is for the repair, reconstruction, and placement of the Forrest Gravesite in its entirety and as intended by the artist Charles Henry Neihaus.

On September 18, 2021, we gathered to lay to rest, Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest were on the grounds of Historic Elm Springs. On October 1, 2022, the General Executive Council voted to rebuild the entire plaza as it was originally Constructed. The estimated cost to reconstruct the entire plaza is \$150,000. Currently, \$76,000 has already been raised. This project is being done by the great-grandsons of General Forrest and the General Executive Council.

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The Siege of Knoxville, TN

Prelude to the Battle

Tennessee Secedes from the Union

On June 8, 1861, Tennessee became the last Southern state to secede from the Union. The decision, however, was far from unanimous. In the eastern part of the state, the referendum on secession lost by some 20,000 votes at the polls. Starting an independent secessionist movement, citizens of East Tennessee petitioned the state legislature to form a new state that would remain in the Union. The governor responded by sending military personnel to Knoxville to enforce the statewide vote for secession. Despite attempts to coerce the population, many residents in East Tennessee and Knoxville remained pro-Union throughout the American Civil War.

Tennessee's Strategic Importance

President Abraham Lincoln considered the liberation of East Tennessee to be of paramount importance. Beyond the moral and political duty to support the loyal citizens of that part of the Union, East Tennessee was strategically valuable. The main railway connecting the Confederate capital at Richmond, Virginia to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and on to the Deep South ran through Knoxville. In addition, East Tennessee farmers produced large amounts of food supplies that either side could use to sustain their armies if they controlled the area.

Ambrose Burnside's East Tennessee Campaign

Despite its strategic importance and being high on the president's list of priorities, events in other theaters of the war delayed any major Union action in the area until the Army of the Ohio, commanded by Major General Ambrose Burnside, moved to occupy East Tennessee in the summer of 1863. By the time Burnside neared Knoxville, events occurring in the Chickamauga Campaign had forced most of the Confederate defenders to move to southern Tennessee, leaving only a token force behind. Burnside's cavalry reached Knoxville on September 2, almost unopposed. On September 3, Burnside marched his army into Knoxville, where the citizenry warmly received them. With Knoxville occupied, Burnside next captured the Cumberland Gap on September 9, and he turned his attention to clearing the area of any remaining Rebels.

Burnside Ordered South

Shortly after Burnside secured East Tennessee, Confederate General Braxton Bragg and his Army of Tennessee soundly defeated Major General William Rosecrans and his Army of the Cumberland at the Battle of Chickamauga (September 19–20). Bragg drove Rosecrans' army out of northern Georgia, back to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and then besieged the city for two months. As the Union situation at Chattanooga worsened, Washington officials ordered Burnside to leave Knoxville and march south to help lift the siege. Burnside moved toward Chattanooga, but skirmishes with Confederate cavalry from Virginia slowed his advance.

Longstreet Ordered North

Meanwhile, in southern Tennessee, Bragg knew of the threat Burnside's army posed to his investment of Chattanooga. During the siege, relations between Bragg and fellow Confederate General James Longstreet deteriorated because of Longstreet's criticism of Bragg's failure to pursue the defeated Federals more aggressively at Chickamauga. Wanting to rid himself of Longstreet, Bragg received approval from Confederate President Jefferson Davis to detach Longstreet from Bragg's command and to send Longstreet north to deal with Burnside. Bragg planned on Longstreet being able to drive Burnside away, re-capture Knoxville,

and return south before Ulysses S. Grant, who had replaced Rosecrans, could attempt a breakout from Chattanooga.

On November 4, 1863, Longstreet left the Chattanooga area on the East Tennessee & Georgia Railroad with a force of about 10,000 infantrymen, supported by about 5,000 cavalry troopers. Progress was slower than expected, however, as the transport trains, loaded with soldiers and supplies, had trouble negotiating the steep mountainous grades in the region. Longstreet did not cross the Tennessee River until November 14. Battle of Campbell's Station

The two armies skirmished for two days until they met at the <u>Battle of Campbell's Station</u> on November 16. Longstreet had hoped to occupy the intersection of Concord and Kingston roads at Campbell's Station before Burnside, positioning the Confederates between the Federals and Knoxville. Burnside realized the danger of not being able to fall back to his fortifications at Knoxville. Thus, he ordered a forced march to the critical intersection and deployed his soldiers just fifteen minutes before Longstreet arrived. The Confederates launched several successful assaults, each driving the Federals back, but the Union retreats were orderly. Longstreet did not prevent Burnside from occupying his fortifications at Knoxville.

Longstreet Besieges Knoxville

With the Federals safely entrenched in Knoxville, Longstreet decided to besiege the city on November 19. However, Longstreet knew Confederate officials could recall him to Chattanooga if Grant threatened Bragg's investment there. Thus, Longstreet searched for a weakness in Burnside's fortifications that he might exploit.

Battle of Fort Sanders

Longstreet determined that Fort Sanders, northwest of Knoxville, was the most vulnerable position in Burnside's defenses. On November 29, 1863, Longstreet ordered a surprise attack on the fort, which was protected by a twelve-foot-wide ditch with vertical sides nearly four to ten feet deep. Crossing the ditch under enemy fire proved impossible, and the Federals repulsed the assault. The Battle of Fort Sanders was short and only lasted for about twenty minutes. Confederate losses were heavy. Of roughly 4,000 men engaged in the attack, over 800 were casualties (129 killed, 458 wounded, and 226 captured). Federal losses were around only twenty men.

About-face

Before Longstreet could plan another assault, he received news of Bragg's defeat at the Battle of Missionary Ridge (November 25, 1863) and of the Confederate retreat into Georgia. Bragg ordered Longstreet to abandon his siege at Knoxville and rejoin the Army of Tennessee in Georgia.

Grant, however, had sent a relief force toward Knoxville, commanded by William T. Sherman. Upon learning that Sherman was headed to Knoxville, Bragg changed his mind and ordered Longstreet to stay at Knoxville as long as possible to prevent Sherman from returning to Georgia.

Battle of Bean's Station and Return to Virginia

Longstreet held out until December 4, when he lifted the Siege of Knoxville and marched his army northeast. Pursuing federal troops engaged Longstreet on December 14 at the Battle of Bean's Station. The Rebels won a tactical victory by driving the Yankees back by nightfall, but Longstreet did not continue the battle the next day because the Federals entrenched overnight. Instead, he moved off and established winter quarters in the northeastern tip of Tennessee and returned to Virginia in the spring.



A DEDICATED REENACTRESS.

J. R. Hardman. Female Soldiers in the War.

By Gerald Lefurgy.



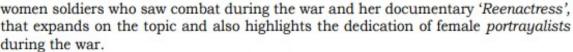
"Who could not conquer with such troops as these?"

- General Thomas 'Stonewall' Jackson.

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n Friday 14th July 2023, I had the pleasure to conduct the following interview with J. R. Hardman, a dedicated Living Historian of the War Between the States. Hardman is originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota, and currently works in the television production industry in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. She was kind enough to discuss her topic of focus,





Gerry: What got you involved in the civil war/War Between the States as a historical interest?

JRH: "Well, I still have my 8th grade student workbook and notes about the topic of the war. My teacher in that subject of history was simply awesome. But the interest really took off when I was in Pennsylvania several years ago for a work project. I had an immense desire to see Gettysburg, so I was able to talk a colleague into driving across the state to attend there; that was 3.5 hours, one-way! But I spent the whole day there in March and was enthralled! But I was told by all the locals and Park staff that I was there at the wrong time of year and if I wanted to really see Gettysburg come alive, then I should re-attend in July on the anniversary of the battle from the 1st to the 3rd. I came back for the battle anniversary in July the next year and it was amazing! I bought a replica soldier's hat from a sutler (trade goods seller) and when the Commander of the reenactors saw me in it, he invited me to participate among them. From then on, I was into the history and wanted to participate! About three or four years later, I attended a Confederate memorial event in Macon, Georgia. The local population there is almost exactly 50-50 divided between black and white



Americans. This event was also taking place on the same weekend as the *Pan-African Festival* that the city of Macon also hosts. The event I attended was put on by the *Sons of Confederate Veterans*' organization (SCV). This group was started by descendants of Confederate soldiers and is now a fraternal organization dedicating itself to presenting history and historiography of the war from a pro-Southern perspective, often called *'The Lost Cause''*. (*Picture credit Christine Eadie*). While I was glad to attend and learned a great deal, I just came away feeling that the manner, the narrative, in which the war was explained and articulated, was not adequately addressing a great deal of history. For me, I realized it was that *black* Americans were largely written out of the narrative".

Gerry: Here in Australia, that type of methodological structure of writing history was termed by W.E.H. Stanner in 1968 as, 'The Great Australian Silence'; how Indigenous Australians and Torres Strait Islanders were written out of the historical narrative in his landmark Boyer Lectures.

JRH: "Right! It felt exactly the same. There was just this sense

of 'something was missing'. The SCV event wasn't entirely inaccurate; there was just this feeling that there was more to examine than had been presented. I still portray Confederates at reenactment events, but ever since this experience, I've pondered numerous themes. People find it so easy to draw out evidence that can justify love or hate, emulate or disregard certain people or things. That's a great way to divide but it's not a good way to understand history. People have such great difficulty, especially here in the United States, whoever they are descended from, being able to understand their ancestors' flaws, as well as their good



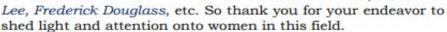
qualities and being able to look

at history in an overall critical manner. No historical figure, or very few, are either all good or all bad. That's what I wanted to examine, understand, experience and ultimately, educate people about".



Gerry: That brings us to your current project titled

'Reenactress', that ties into your passion for Living History, (putting on period portraying garb and historical figures). Describe your involvement. In my experience, across several historical fields, women simply aren't accorded as much credit and recognition in the war. as either historical agents historians, as in other fields. When you think of this history, you think of 'men'. for example. Abraham Lincoln, Robert E.



(Left) J. R. Hardman on campaign with Confederates. (Right) Anita L Henderson as a Confederate trooper-Editor.



JRH: "Thank you! I wanted to know not just about history, but about women who are involved in Living History. I developed a keen interest to know about *black* American women in *Portrayalism* of the war. What is their experience? Do they experience sexual discrimination? What is the intersectionality of their sex and race and do they experience any particular challenges as a result of this? Everyone kept directing me to *Anita L. Henderson* who lives in the state of *Maryland*, near Washington, D.C. I have learned so much from her about the war and about being a woman in such a male-dominated historical field. She's great and a fantastic historian"!

Gerry: Regarding gender-related issues, tell us about that and how it relates to your own portrayal and your film project, 'Reenactress'.



JRH: "I was eager to take part in actual historical portrayalism of the war. My main interest was to portray a woman as a soldier amongst male troops, though there may not have been all that many women who presented themselves as men to fight on the battlefields and be part of the armies, but they were there. It's possible that some of the female combatants may have identified as male, but since we can't talk to them, we can't know for sure how they would have self-identified. Also, there were women like



'French Mary', Marie Tepe, (left) who was a French national and an immigrant who served as a Vivandiere with the Union Army, Susie King Taylor (right) who was a black American nurse and teacher attached to the United States Colored Troops, and Mary Edwards Walker, who performed as a surgeon for the Union Army".

Mary Edwards Walker in her guise as a doctor. Wearing a Medal of Honor, photographed by C. M. Bell-Editor.

"These women, and countless others, directly faced war's dangers. It was the stories of these historical figures that I wanted to know more about and attempt to relate that as a part of the historical story-telling process today. I've experienced a lot of rebuff from people and among the feedback is that I might be encouraging people to believe that there was a far greater number of women taking part in combat than realistically credible. But that's not at all what I'm trying to do; I'm just trying to put out there that this was a real historical occurrence. I also want to examine and highlight the experience of women taking part in the Living History community of the war? That's what my documentary film, 'Reenactress' is all about. It showcases not just the historical examples of women in combat during the war, but what we, as women, experience in the process of presenting history".

Gerry: That's powerful. Frankly, the war could not have been

fought by any participants, or by either side, without women. Women still provide such a vastly under-appreciated source of historical knowledge and as contributors about the war. Which primary or secondary sources would you recommend about women who took part in combat during the war and what can you tell us about them?



JRH: "Sure! I'd point out Sarah Edmond Evans (Seeyle), (also known in the literature as, 'Sarah Emma Edmonds', and/or, 'Sarah Emma Evelyn Edmondson'). A New Brunswick-born woman who disguised herself as a man and fought in the Union Army with the Second Michigan Infantry as Franklin Thompson. She later wrote a book about her service as a soldier and a nurse and claimed a military pension".

Sarah attired in male clothes as Franklin Thompson. She featured in an earlier issue of The Bugle. See Sources.-Editor.

"Maria Lewis (also known as George Harris-Editor) was a fugitive slave girl who escaped and made her way to the Union Army in Virginia. Evidently, she was able to ride a horse very well and was accepted into the 8th New York Cavalry for the last year and a half of the war. She was fully armed and presented as male in battle, yet

also identified as a woman away from it, such as wearing a dress. Most primary and secondary research about *Maria* does suggest that she considered herself to be a woman and was planning to return to life as a woman after the war. The diary of *Julia Wilbur*, an Abolitionist from New York, is the main primary source of information about her".

"Frances Clayton (right) was by far the most well-known woman through photographs who fought in the war. The narrative about her is generally inconsistent. She is said to have enlisted with her husband in a Missouri unit of the Union Army and they served together. There is a high amount of controversy and speculation about her career and life; the primary evidence that exists about her does not mesh neatly and some of it is contradictory. The best source about her is the book by Deanne Blanton & Lauren M. Cook, They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the American Civil War, Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2002. She appears on the front cover in both uniform and female attire".





"Captain" Nancy Hill Morgan

"The Nancy Harts Militia was a unit of about 40 women, relatives of male soldiers in the Confederate Army, based in La Grange, Georgia. They were commanded by women, Nancy Hill Morgan and Mary Alfred Heard. During the war, their main focus was on nursing work, but they all drilled, marched and trained with firearms through the entire war in military formation. As the Union Army closed in, the Nancy Harts marched out to defend their homes, fully armed. On 17 April 1865, they encountered the Northern forces. After a tense negotiation, they peacefully surrendered the town in exchange for guarantee that the Union forces would ensure public safety".

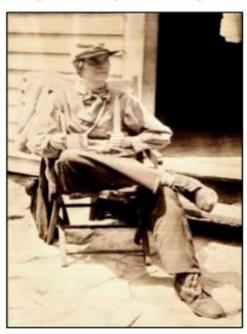


In 1861, at the beginning of the war, the men of LaGrange (around 1,300 of them) left to serve the Confederate Army. One of the wives left behind was Nancy Hill Morgan, who knew that the departure of the men left LaGrange particularly vulnerable to Union attack. Undeterred Mrs. Nancy Morgan decided to take action. In a little red schoolhouse in "Ben Hill's Grove," during the second year of the war, Mrs. Morgan held the first meeting for the Nancy Hart Militia, an all-female military company comprised of the women of LaGrange to protect their homes and the little town they loved-Editor.

"Jennie Hodgers, (also known as 'Albert D. J. Cashier') was Irish-born and served in an Illinois regiment from 1862 to the end of the war. Albert saw action in many engagements and gained a lot of commendation and praise for battle conduct. Jennie/Albert is a bit of an anomaly because, unlike most women soldiers who survived the war, they continued living as a man rather than returning to life as a woman. After war's end in 1865, they worked in a variety of manual labor jobs and eventually resided n a mental hospital when they became afflicted with dementia. It was during this time that their identity was discovered by nurses who were attempting to bathe Jennie/Albert. They moved Jennie/Albert to the hospital wing for women and forced them to wear a dress. Being totally accustomed to wearing traditional male clothing, Jennie/Albert tripped on the fabric and suffered a debilitating injury. When Jenny/Albert died two years later, she was buried in full Union military uniform. It was said in the press, "Albert Cashier was as brave, or even braver than a man. She took terrible risks in the war and conducted herself as a noble soldier, on whose exploits are told of to this day."



Gerry: What do you want to pursue now with your research and work?



JRH: "My education training is not in history or journalism, but rather focused in cinema and television production. I stand on the shoulders of professional and amateur historians who specialize in history. So, I'd like to be able to further my learning and knowledge of the war and how women were both affected by it, but also how women affected the war in as much detail as possible. And I want to bring these stories to life and common awareness".

Relaxing with tin cup and well-worn brogans. Women were in disguise or were openly fighting alongside husbands and died with them. Little is known about the dead woman Confederate found at the wall in Gettysburg. Theirs is a largely untold story. (Picture credit Christine Eadie)-Editor.

Gerry: That's a superb goal. Please continue your work. When I reflect on all the contributions that women have meant to the events, history and historiography of the war, I know the truth of Stonewall Jackson's statement, "Who could not conquer with such troops as these?"

JRH: Thank you so much! It's been an absolute pleasure.

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