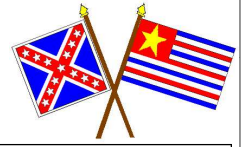


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NEWSLETTER FOR THE LOUISIANA DIVISION SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
THIRD QUARTER – OCTOBER 2011



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Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution*

FALL ASSEMBLY SLATED FOR OCTOBER 29 AT MANSFIELD STATE HISTORIC SITE

COMMANDER'S REPORT—Greetings,



The long, hot, summer months are behind us now and cooler weather is right around the corner. As fall approaches, more and more events to honor our Confederate Heritage are taking place. An excellent time to commit yourself to our organization once more; most importantly, by paying your dues; they are due by October 31. Other ways to further your commitment; 1. Attend an event that you have never been to. 2. Attend just one more event than you normally do. 3. Bring a visitor to your camp meeting each month. 4. Sign up a relative in your camp.

If you attended our recent national reunion in July, you heard CiC Givens' plan for the future; increase our membership to 50,000 by 2016. The sesquicentennial will be over and the 150th anniversary of reconstruction will begin. You can bet the politically correct crowd will capitalize on this event. We must capitalize on the increased interest in our organization during the sesquicentennial by recruiting new members. We must recruit, we must retain.

Something I remember being said to us at a national reunion in the past was; we are a dying organization, we must recruit young people. While the latter is true, we are not a dying organization. One thing that I will always remember that was said in Montgomery; the median age of our membership is 58 years old. While I haven't quite reached the median age, I remember what CiC Givens said, "There are men turning 58 years old everyday". While we must recruit young men, we must recruit older men also. Don't concentrate on an age group, recruit every chance you get. The one person you recruit may in turn recruit two more.

An excellent event to attend is our upcoming Fall Assembly. This year we will hold the meeting at the Mansfield Battle Park museum in Desoto Parish. It is being held on October 29 in conjunction with the park's yearly Halloween event, "The Night After the Battle". If you have never been to Mansfield; come tour the museum and battle field. Attend Fall Assembly and see how our organization works, stay for the park event and participate or be a spectator. This year we are shooting for maximum attendance and participation; every person that comes out helps the park stay open by helping reach their attendance numbers.

Lest We Forget

David Hill
Commander
Louisiana Division



1ST LT. COMMANDER'S REPORT—Sesquicentennial! Wow! It just doesn't seem like 150 years have gone by so quickly! Why it seems like only yesterday that I heard people wanting the government to be 'fiscally responsible' by disallowing cost overruns and the like. There was talk about the high levels of taxation and how those were interfering with trade.

Many folks were very alarmed that it did not seem like the constitution was being followed as the founders had intended; what with a loss of states' rights, expansion of Federal power, and disregard for the rule of law.

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And Much More!

Yep, it seems like only last week that our ancestors were being referred to as 'barbarians' and the president was being called on to lead his army to take out the opposition. But then ... I am not 150 years old (I am 65) and that was last week!

You know, I have this very year, read time and again, exactly those observations from many people. Is this a case of 'the more things change, the more they stay the same?' Or is it more a case, at the risk of repeating myself, of what Jefferson Davis asserted ... "The principle for which we contend is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at another time and in another form."~

We must keep the faith. We must work as if it is going to take a thousand years; so hang in there, Compatriot!

Ted Brode
1st Lt. Commander, Louisiana Division



2ND LT. COMMANDER'S REPORT

Greetings!

Whew! What a hot summer we have had. Soon we will be busy again pounding the pavement and keeping our heritage alive all over the Louisiana Division. I ask each of you to please make every effort to turn out for your camp's events this fall. Also, please attend the Louisiana Division Fall Assembly on Saturday, October 29 at Mansfield State Historic Site. Your attendance will allow you to participate in the workings of your Division. Also, you will be helping to keep this facility open to the public.

I look forward to seeing all of you out there this fall!

Deo Vindice!

Kevin Adkins
2nd Lt. Commander, Louisiana Division,
Sons of Confederate Veterans



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Compatriots, for you that have not made a habit of reading the Chaplain-in-Chief Evans' message in each Confederate Veteran Magazine or ATM Chaplain Len Patterson's weekly message, you are missing a blessing. Start receiving those blessings and God will enrich your life.

I was ordained a Baptist deacon in a small Baptist church in September 2002, the only deacon. A number of times through the years I have received a call on Saturday evening or night that the preacher was sick or had a death in his family and he could not find anyone to fill the pulpit. That should shake you up, wouldn't it? It sure did me.

Thankfully I had thought of the possibility of this happening so I saved a number of their devotionals that I could use to build my message to my church. You can also buy sermon outlines at the Baptist bookstore. I thank the Lord for all of the guidance from our chaplains.

In Sunday School we have been studying the Book of Jeremiah, how God punished the people of Judah for their sins

and their refusal to change their ways. A number of times God brought drought to an area because of sin. Could the drought we are enduring now be due to our sin? A week ago there was an earthquake in VA and all along the East coast. This week there is one of the largest hurricanes ever to hit the same area.

Brothers, stop and listen to God, for we are not the dedicated Christians that came home from the war in 1865 to rebuild their lands.

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NATIONAL REUNION AT MONTGOMERY/NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

Compatriots,

My sincere thanks to all that attended our National Reunion in Montgomery, AL this past July. The Louisiana Division was well represented by 26 compatriots from the following camps: Henry Watkins Allen 133 - Baton Rouge; BG J. J. Alfred A. Mouton 778 - Opelousas; Camp Moore 1223 - Tangipahoa; Lt. Gen. Richard Taylor 1308 - Shreveport; Maj. Gen. Franklin Gardner 1421 - Lafayette; Capt. Thomas O. Benton 1444 - Monroe; Sgt. James Nicholson 1478 - Ruston; Col. Samuel D. Russell 1617 - Natchitoches; Maj. Thomas McGuire 1714 - W Monroe; Lt. Elijah Ward 1971 - Farmerville; Col. James H Beard 1856 - Logansport; Anacoco Rangers 1995 - Leesville; Maj. Gen Harry T. Hays 2019 - Baton Rouge.

My apologies if I have overlooked anyone. Congratulations to the recipients of the National Awards:

Robert E. Lee Gold Medal - the second highest award given to an SCV member for exceptional contributions and service to the SCV

Milton Todd Owens - Camp 1478

The ATM was awarded the Albert Sidney Johnston award for the most new camps.

Bobby Herring of the Richard Taylor Camp was awarded the S.A. Cunningham award for best newsletter.

Distinguished Service Award - for outstanding service in a position of responsibility to the SCV: Kevin Wayne Adkins - Camp 1971, Larry Wayne Adkins - Camp 1971, Joseph H. Bragg - Camp 1308, Theodore Hamilton Brode - Camp 1714, Johnny R. Culpepper - Camp 1965, Porter G. Dowling - Camp 1856, Roger Paul Easterling - Camp 1444, Richard A. Gandy - Camp 797, Robert Gerety - Camp 1971, George William Gottschalk - Camp 1931, Paul C. Gramling, Jr. - Camp 1308, George D. Gremillion - Camp 778, William G. Griffin, Jr. - Camp 2151, Bobby G. Herring - Camp 1308, Steven Glenn Hitt - Camp 1308, Randall Louis Jarreau - Camp 133, C. P. "Chip" Landry - Camp 1362, Charles E. Lauret - Camp 778, Charles E. McMichael - Camp 1308, Damian Shawn Patton - Camp 1971, Robert Eugene Porter - Camp 1617, Charles L. Rand III - Camp 1444, Randy Michael Ritchie - Camp 1223, Leslie Scott Summers - Camp 1308, Thomas Taylor, Sr. - Camp 1444, Fred Leslie Tutt - Camp 1444.

Meritorious Service Medal - for outstanding service to the SCV: Benjamin Carter Campbell - Camp 1714, James Martin Cannon - Camp 133, Lewis A. Ducros - Camp 1444, Terry Dan Ford - Camp 1714, Gerald D. Graves - Camp 1714, Henry Gerald Hereford, Jr. - Camp 1444, Joel Irby, Sr. - Camp 778, Donald Wayne Kimball - Camp 1478, Ted Howell Kincannon - Camp 1714, John D. Long - Camp 1308, Will W. Mason - Camp 1308, Danny Ray McDowell - Camp 1714, C. Evan McMichael - Camp 1308

James W. Miller - Camp 1714, Stanley Michael Moss - Camp 1714, Stephen Ray Kermit - Camp 1714, Raymond Markham Smith - Camp 797, Morris Monroe Stewart - Camp 1444, Charles David Traxler, Jr. - Camp 1444.

Commendation Award - for meritorious service or achievement at the camp, brigade, or division level: Jeffrey Wayne Bogan - Camp 1308, David H. Hill - Camp 1308, Michael Dan Jones - Camp 1390, Elward Landry, Sr. - Camp 778, David Wayne McDade - Camp 1604, William A. Myers - Camp 130, Wilbur D. Snellings - Camp 1308.

Leadership Award - for superior leadership in a position of responsibility: Charles E. McMichael - Camp 1308.

Heritage Defense Medal - for those who have shown significant dedication to protecting our Southern heritage: Ricky Eugene Pittman - Camp 1714.

Dixie Club Award - for recruiting new members: William G. Griffin, Jr. - Camp 2151 (7)

Congratulations to all.

Lest We Forget

David Hill
Commander
Louisiana Division



TEXAS DIVISION ADDS AWARD FOR LOUISIANA DIVISION MEMBER

We were proud to present a Texas Division Honor Award to your Division Commander, David Hill.

This was awarded at our Division Reunion and we were asked to present it to David at the National Convention.

This award was given because of his help in providing the Louisiana Grave site Database and over 5,000 Texas burials to the [now] National Database. We are currently adding the Louisiana work to the gravesite database. We appreciate his help and assistance.

Wayne & Andrea Prouse
National Gravesite Registry Committee
Former Commander, 10 TX Brigade



LT. GOVERNOR PRESENTED PHOTO'S OF REBEL PARK DEDICATION

On Friday July 8, 2011, Color Sergeant and Camp Historian for the Sabine Rifles Camp 2057, Rickey Robertson, and his wife Patsy, Major Josephus Irvine Camp 2664 United Daughters of The Confederacy, and several other persons met with Lt. Gover-

nor Jay Dardenne and his chief of staff, Cathy Berry, concerning upcoming historical events to be held in Louisiana.



Lt. Governor Dardenne was presented a set of photographs taken at Rebel State Park during the SCV and UDC Grave Dedication Service held there on May 30, 2011, along with a newspaper article concerning the event. Lt. Governor Dardenne was very pleased of this event that had taken place at Rebel State Park and is very interested in making this a yearly event with the SCV and UDC.

The Robertson's were able to talk to Mr. Dardenne about

the Sesquicentennial 1861-1865 of the War for Southern Independence, the Louisiana Purchase, and other military related events and programs that will take place in the coming months. Mr. Robertson was also able to extend an invitation to the Fort Polk "Heritage Festival" in November 2011 to Mr. Dardenne.

As one of the few "Heritage Family Members" of Peason Ridge, Mr. Robertson would like to invite all in the Sons of Confederate Veterans and United Daughters of the Confederacy to attend this event and learn of the culture, heritage, courage, honor, and patriotism of these many families who were displaced by the US Army in 1941, after having settling this area beginning in 1818.

Lt. Governor Dardenne is very interested in all aspects of Louisiana History and I congratulate him on his stand in promoting culture, tourism, and history in Louisiana.

Rickey Robertson
Color Sergeant Sabine Rifles Camp 2057



WATERMELON FESTIVAL PARADE REPORT 2011

Compatriots,

Sunny and brutally hot conditions greeted the members and brother compatriots of the Lt. Elijah H. Ward Camp as the marched in the 2011 Louisiana Watermelon Festival Parade in Farmerville on Saturday July 30.

The parade promptly stepped off at 9:00 AM (temperature 85/heat index in wool: 120). The SCV rifle company fired many perfect volleys to the delight of the crowds. This time the SCV entry was lined up right behind the fire trucks near the front of the parade! Also, the SCV entry did not get left behind!

The soldiers performed a left wheel at the courthouse and marched east on LA HWY 2 while keeping good pace with the

fire trucks near the front of the parade! Also, the SCV entry did not get left behind!



The soldiers performed a left wheel at the courthouse and marched east on LA HWY 2 while keeping good pace with the fire trucks (temperature: 92/ heat index in wool: 1000). The men reached the end of the route, quickly boarded the troop transports and rode back to the line-up at Farmerville High School (temperature: 93/ heat index w/o wool: 110). The unit consisted of banner carriers, a color guard, SCV officers, a rifle company, artillery & troop transport. Total participants was 22.

The membership of the Ward camp would like to thank the awesome members of the following camps for participating in the Louisiana Division's hottest event of the year: Sgt. James Nicholson-Ruston, 4th Louisiana Artillery (Cameron's Battery), Maj. Thomas McGuire-West Monroe, Capt. Thomas O. Benton-Monroe, 13th Louisiana Infantry Regiment, Claiborne Invincibles-Homer, Brig. Gen. Thomas M. Scott-Minden, Gen. Richard Taylor-Shreveport, 11th Louisiana Infantry Regiment, 31st Louisiana Infantry Regiment

Deo Vindice!

Kevin Adkins
2nd Lt. Commander, Louisiana Division
Commander, Lt. Elijah H. Ward Camp #1971
Farmerville, LA



LOUISIANA DIVISION FALL ASSEMBLY 2011

Compatriots,

The Louisiana Division Fall Assembly has been set for October 29, 2011. The location this year will be the Mansfield State Historic Site. Park Manager and Camp 1856 member Scott Dearman has graciously given us the use of the facility for our meeting.

The LA Division DEC meeting will begin at 10AM to allow members a little more time to drive up, we will break for dinner around noon and return for Fall Assembly.

Our meeting is being held in conjunction with the Halloween event put on each year by the park, "The Night After the Battle".

The park counts on our participation to make this event a success, with some planning that has been done this year, we are

hoping for the largest crowd ever. More information will follow about this event.

Please plan on spending the day on this hallowed ground to make all three events a success.

For more information or directions, please contact me at rebellyell1861@comcast.net

Lest We Forget

David Hill
Commander
Louisiana Division



SABINE RIFLES CAMP 2057 AT VERNON HISTORICAL and GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY IN LEESVILLE, LA

On Saturday afternoon August 20th three members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans addressed the monthly meeting of the Vernon Historical and Genealogical Society in Leesville, La. The meeting was held in the historic Vernon Parish Courthouse on 3rd Street.

Guest speakers were Commander John Hillman and Lt. Commander Travis Lewis of the Major J.S. Irvine Camp 2031 of Newton, Texas, and Color Sergeant and Camp Historian Rickey Robertson of the Sabine Rifles Camp 2057 of Florien, La.

The audience was impressed as Color Sergeant Robertson unfurled the battle colors of the 6th Louisiana Infantry.



Commander Hillman Spoke on the "5 Causes of the Civil War", Lt. Commander Lewis spoke on recent battle reenactments he had attended and of the equipment used by the Confederate soldier, and Color Sergeant Robertson spoke on the Confederate Army units from the parishes of Natchitoches, Rapides, and Sabine that he has researched.

Many of those in attendance had Confederate ancestors from these areas. Vernon Parish was not formed until 1871, so many of the men of this area were in Rapides and Sabine parish units.

Also in attendance was Compatriot Robert Porter, Louisiana Division Chaplain, of the Colonel Samuel Russell Camp 1617 and wife from the Natchitoches area. In the discussions on the various units we even got Robert involved.

Many questions were answered concerning everything from the Bonnie Blue Flag ,to membership in the SCV, and how to find and access Confederate Soldier information. The Louisiana Division website will receive many visits concerning information! (continued on page 6, see "Sabine Rifles Camp")

**Mansfield State Historic Site's
18th Annual**

**"Ghosts of the Past"
Nighttime Battlefield Tour**

WHERE: Mansfield State Historic Site, 3 miles south of
Mansfield, LA, on State Highway 175

WHEN: October 29, 2011 - Ongoing, 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$4.00 - ages 13-61. Children 12 & under = Free
Seniors 62 & over = Free

Costumed performers will re-create the tragic and grisly aftermath of a Civil War battlefield. You will be led on a candlelight night tour of the actual battlefield, where almost 30,000 men made war on each other. *Frightening and educational at the same time!*

- *A Safe Halloween Environment*
- *Park Rangers on Duty*
- *Static Scenes; No Grabbing or Chasing*
Staff Assisted Parking

State of Louisiana - Office of State Parks
Mansfield State Historic Site, 15149 Hwy 175, Mansfield, LA71052
318-872-1474 (locally) Toll Free: 888-677-6267
mansfield@crt.state.la.us

"GHOSTS OF THE PAST" NIGHTTIME BATTLEFIELD TOUR AT MANSFIELD STATE HISTORIC SITE

MANSFIELD, LA - On Saturday, October 29, Mansfield State Historic Site will re-create the gruesome aftermath of a Civil War battle by taking visitors on a "special" night tour of the Mansfield battlefield. Authentically costumed tour guides will take visitors onto the battlefield by candle lantern, where re-enactors in period dress will act out various scenes at stops along the trail.

"This is one of our most popular events," said Scott Dearman, park manager. "While the program is definitely 'spooky,' it is also educational in that it shows the public how truly horrific the aftermath of a Civil War battle could be." Dearman points out the grim work didn't stop after the sun set. "Surgeons were operating and amputating by candlelight, soldiers were being buried, and perhaps most tragically, wives, daughters and sons were searching the battlefield by lantern, looking for the bodies of loved ones."

Visitors may even experience something "ghostly" while on the battlefield. "Civil War battlefields are considered some of the most haunted places in America," says Dearman. "Over the years we've had our share of odd occurrences as reported by park guests, some even taking place during our nighttime tours."

The program runs ongoing from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Admission is \$4.00 for persons ages 13-61. Children 12 and under and seniors 62 and over are free. Parents should know that some of the program's thematic content may be too intense for small children.

Mansfield State Historic Site is located three miles south of the town of Mansfield, Louisiana, on State Highway 175. For more information, call the park at (318) 872-1474, or toll-free at 1-888-677-6267.



SABINE RIFLES CAMP (continued)

At the close of the meeting, Commander Hillman, Lt. Commander Lewis, Color Sergeant Robertson, and Division Chaplain Porter led the audience in a rousing rendition of "Dixie". Even the Yankee's in attendance sang along!

After the meeting we had one SCV member from the state of Maryland wanting to transfer to the Louisiana Division, one new SCV member who Color Sergeant Robertson has been assisting in obtaining his ancestors records, and the UDC also had one lady who wanted to join up.

We have re-flown the flag at Leesville. Let's continue to educate those that don't know the true story of the Confederate Soldier and of his courage and honor on the field of battle.

Advance the flag, boy's!

Rickey Robertson
Color Sergeant/Camp Historian
Sabine Rifles Camp 2057



MOUTON CAMP RESTORES THE TOMB OF LOCAL CONFEDERATE VETERAN

After placing flags on graves at St Charles Catholic Church Cemetery, Compatriot Elward Landry Notices Grave that Needs Attention

On August 18, 2011, members of the Mouton Camp gathered at the St. Charles Catholic Cemetery in Grand Coteau and began the restoration of the tomb of Private Ovide Guidry, Company G, Louisiana Crescent Regiment. The tomb was found to be in de-

plorable shape with the brick walls collapsing in on the sides of the tomb, leaving a portion of the marble lid balancing on just a handful of bricks. The collapsing bricks left



gaping holes in the side of the tomb that ultimately led to the exposure of a skull and bones inside the bottom of it. Compatriot Elward Landry had noticed this and brought it to the attention of the camp during one of the regular camp meetings. The camp



unanimously voted to do whatever it could to restore the tomb and Elward took charge of the mission.

With the help of Compatriot Shannon O'Reilly, who found and provided the materials

needed for the restoration, Elward headed up the project. Although the morning of August 18th turned out to be a hot one, those men who showed up to work on this project did so with gusto and teamed up to enclose the tomb with new concrete and allow for the remains of Private Guidry, as well as Pierre Guidry and Placide Guidry, to rest in peace. A special thanks to Elward for his spearheading the project, Shannon for gathering the materials and Joel Irby for supplying a fan and generator while the project was undertaken. This project was truly an effort of love

and admiration for just one local Confederate Veteran and by extension, for all those Confederate Veterans we hold so dear.





UPCOMING EVENTS!

October 1 - Civil War Weapons Demonstration - Port Hudson State Historic Site.

October 14-16 - REENACTMENT Battle of Plains Store, Audubon State Historic Site.

October 15 - Mouton Camp Store and Recruiting Table at the St. Hubert's Benevolent Society Squirrel Cook Off - Willie's Campground, Washington 9 am-5 pm. For More Information, contact Charles Lauret at patriot1861@yahoo.

October 17—Mouton Camp meeting with Ted Brode providing program on The Rebel Yell. 7pm at Palace Cafe.

October 22 – First Battalion, Company B, Mechanized Cavalry Fish Fry. Tickets are \$7.00. Includes 2 pieces of fish, fries, hush puppies, slaw and a dessert.

Location: The Whistle Stop Bar on the corner of Fincher Creek Rd. and Hwy 79, between Minden and Homer.

Time: 5:00 pm until fish is gone. For information please call Phillip at 318-433-0324.

October 22-23 - REENACTMENT Skirmish at Centenary College, Centenary State Historic Site, Jackson, LA.

November 5 - Firepower Demonstrations, Port Hudson State Historic Site.

November 6 - Port Allen Veterans Day Parade. Port Allen, LA.

November 5-6 - REENACTMENT - Shadows-on-the-Teche - New Iberia, LA.

November 12 - Walker Veterans Day Parade - Walker, LA

November 12 - Port Barre Cracklin' Festival Parade. Lineup 9:00 am

November 12-13 - REENACTMENT - Wirt Adams Raid at Historic Jefferson College in Washington [Natchez], MS.

November 12-13 - Revival - 19th Century Style. Come one, Come all. A weekend of Old Time Preaching with Ladies and Gentlemen in period costume. At Walnut Creek Baptist Church (Established 1846) on Walnut Creek Road, Simsboro, Louisiana. Date: November 12-13, 2011. Three Services held: Saturday 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM. Dinner on the Grounds at 12 noon. Pot Luck-Bring your favorite dish. Calling All Re-enactors !!! Come for the weekend. Limited tent space available. Ladies, bring your best period dress. Gentlemen, Civilian or Military costume. Public invited; period costume not required.

Directions: From Ruston west to Simsboro exit (77). Go South toward Simsboro on 507. Turn on first right (before RR tracks) (Brazzel Lane). Go ½ block and turn on Walnut Creek Road. Church is 1 mile on left. Signs will direct. RSVP/Contact: Todd Owens 318-548-2846

November 19-20 - REENACTMENT - Skirmish at Camp Moore - Camp Moore Historic Site - Tangipahoa, LA.

December 3 – Natchitoches Christmas Parade, 2 pm. Line up is 11 am.

December 10 - Marker Dedication, Pvt. William F. Brown, Saturday, 10:00 AM, Summerfield Cemetery, Summerfield, Claiborne Parish LA. (Hwy 9 between Homer and Junction City)

January 22, 2012 - Mouton Camp Lee-Jackson Banquet
Watch for other Lee-Jackson event announcements coming soon.

HOLD THE DATE - OCTOBER 8

The Major Thomas McGuire camp will be sponsoring a memorial service for confederate Veteran, Andrew Jackson Hebert on October 8 at the "Martin Place Museum" just north of Columbia, Louisiana. It will be in conjunction with some local activities and a higher number of visitors to the museum are expected.



The veteran we will honor is buried on an Indian mound about ¼ mile due west of the museum, across a field but the event will take place where the public will have better access. All activities will be at the museum - under the shade of many large, old, cedar trees. All branches of reenactors are welcome all southern groups are also welcome. Anyone wanting a part in the program should contact Ted Brode at tbrode@comcast.net.

We are hoping that the memorial service will help restart the SCV camp in Caldwell Parish. Please plan to attend.



UNION REENACTORS NEEDED IN OPELOUSAS IN OCTOBER

Looking for Yankee reenactors to support the St Landry Catholic Cemetery Tours in October. As some of you may know, Union Troops did set up camp around the church during the War. Tour organizers would like to add a special touch to this year's tours by having a static display set up, including a tent or two and reenactors set up in camp while the tours are going on.

Dates/times needed: 10/8 and 10/15 from 6pm to 9pm and 10/9 and 10/16 from 2-4.

Please visit http://www.stlandrycatholicchurch.org/html/cemetery_tour_2011_-_st_landry.html for more info and contact me if you can help!

Charles Lauret
patriot1861@yahoo.com



ARMY OF TRANS MISSISSIPPI COUNCILMAN CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT

Gentlemen of the Army of Trans-Mississippi,

After having recently attended the National Reunion in Montgomery, I left there exceptionally motivated and proud at the strides that our organization is making. Because of that, I have given serious thought to putting forth an extra effort to serve the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

With the Vision 2016 as a viable goal to not only increase our membership, but to strengthen in many different ways our organization and our quest to fulfill The Charge, I feel a renewed sense of responsibility to help in any way I can to support the SCV. It is my belief that, as we move forward through the Sesquicentennial of Our War for Southern Independence observance and with the Vision as a plan for development and success, the SCV requires its members to step up in ways we have never considered to serve the efforts and goals of the organization. With that in mind, I am ready to accept my own challenge and am announcing my candidacy for the position of Army of Trans-Mississippi Councilman at our National Reunion in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, in 2012.

I have been a member of the SCV since 2000. I originally joined as a member of the Bernard Eble HQ Camp of the Louisiana Division. I immediately began assisting in the formation of the Brig. Gen. J.J. Alfred A. Mouton Camp #778 of Opelousas, La. Upon chartering, I served as 1st Lt. Commander and then was elected to Commander, an office in which I served multiple years. I am currently serving as Adjutant for the Mouton Camp. In addition to serving my Camp, I have also served the Louisiana Division. I have served as Commander of the Southwest Brigade, 1st Lt. Commander of the La. Division and also as Commander of the La. Division from 2008 to 2010. In 2010, I was appointed by our current Commander in Chief to serve on the general staff as Chief Aide de Camp.

If you want someone with the success of the SCV and the ATM in mind, someone with a proven track record of dedication to service on all levels and someone ever mindful that all we do is for the honor of our glorious Confederate Ancestors, I ask for your support in sending me to serve as your representative as ATM Councilman on the General Executive Council in 2012.

Your Obedient Servant,

Charles Lauret
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ARMY OF TRANS MISSISSIPPI COMMANDER CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT

Members of the Army of Trans Mississippi Dept,

I would like to thank each of you for allowing me to serve you during the past year and half as the Councilman for the Army of Trans Mississippi, the best Army in the Confederation. What makes the ATM the "Best"? That's easy, Each of You. Even with the vast expanse of territory that we have, we are constantly at work doing what the "Charge" tells us to do; Defending the Confederate Soldier's name, Guarding his history, and Perpetuating the principles that he loved. The growth that we have had can only be credited to each member of each camp in every division. Just this past year the ATM was once again awarded the Albert Sidney Johnston Award for camp growth. Let us keep up the good work.

I became a member of the SCV over 20 years ago now and it

seems as if it was just yesterday. I guess that's what happens when you are doing something that you love to do. I am 100% committed to our organization and I am looking forward to the many years that I have left to grow with you and more than ever to the next 4 years of the Sesquicentennial of the War.

It is with the hope of the future that I would like to offer my name so that I might serve you as the Army of Trans Mississippi Commander, once again. I am a Life member of the SCV and I have held offices at the camp level as Adjutant and Commander, at the Division level as North Brigade Commander, NE Brigade Commander, Louisiana Division 2nd Lt Commander, and Louisiana Division Commander. It was also my great honor to have been awarded the General Robert E. Lee Gold Medal at this past convention in Montgomery. I was truly humbled by this award.

In serving you on the GEC, I have looked only to what is best for the ATM and the SCV as a whole. I have enjoyed being able to visit with each of you. I have loved hearing your ideas of what you want to see happen to your organization. I must tell you that there have been many times when I have wondered what I had gotten myself into, but the things that test us only make us a better person or leader. I have always had the open door policy and will continue to do so. I will listen to your problems and concerns and do what needs to be done to correct or solve whatever the need may be.

As we head into the next 4 years of our Sesquicentennial, the SCV has entered into the surge for our newest goal with the formation of the project "Vision 2016". We need your help in making this project's goals come to life. With the view into the future of 50,000 members by the year 2016, we must all be out on the battlefield making sure that the truth about our ancestors is being told and bringing in every new member that we can. In return we must be prepared for an assault like we have never seen before. Our organization will be made out to be the most evil and radical of associations on the face of the earth. We must be prepared for whatever our opponents can throw at us. We must stand up to them as our ancestors stood up to the Federal Government and say "Enough is Enough" and must be prepared to do whatever is necessary to protect ourselves and our history.

If we as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will do as our ancestors taught us, Love and Honor our God, Love and Protect our Families and Respect our fellow man, there is nothing that can stop us from being the best that we can be. I thank each of you for your love and support over the years and I cherish you all very deeply.

I hope to see each of you at the 2012 Convention/Reunion in Murfreesboro, TN and I look forward to your support as the next ATM Commander.

In Service to the ATM and the South, I remain,

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Southern women know their summer weather report: Humidity, Humidity, Humidity.

LT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CANDIDATE ANNOUNCEMENT

Gentlemen of the SCV,

It was great to see and converse with so many of you at our National Reunion in Montgomery. Due to the conversations I had with you there and since I have been back home, I have given more thought to the future and very existence of our organization and who we are than ever before.

As Southerners, we are at the heart of one of the most important times of our lives...The Sesquicentennial. I believe that what we do during the remaining months and years of our 150th anniversary, will determine the nature of the SCV's future...and if our organization will be around for the Bicentennial.

All of us are well aware of the attacks already levied at our ancestors and many more will be forthcoming. It will continue to be brutal! We need men who have stood up against our enemy and will continue to do so. It is imperative the SCV has substantial growth and determination to **DEFEAT OUR ENEMIES - NOT COMPROMISE WITH THEM!**

Compromise is for **LOSERS**. We are **WINNERS!**

This is why I have decided to stand for the position of Lt. Commander-in-Chief at our National Reunion at Murfreesboro, Tennessee in 2012.

I ask for your support as we move the memory of our ancestors forward and forever!

Please visit my website: gramling-scv.net

Paul Gramling, Jr



Recently members of Camp Moore Camp #1223, Tangipahoa, LA, had a recruiting booth at the 9th Annual Springfield Encampment and Living History Day. Many brochures about the SCV were passed out and several prospects were given applications. Pictured left to right, are compatriot Jim Tyrney, Camp Adjutant John Pigott, and Commander Randy Ritchie.



Southeast Brigade Commander, Chip Landry, was the featured speaker at the Battle of Baton Rouge Memorial Service on August 6, 2011.

THE SOUTHERN CROSS

By Terry L. Jones, July 29, 2011

Confederate Gen. G.T. Beauregard was worried. It was the afternoon of July 21, 1861, and fighting had raged since daylight after General Irwin McDowell's Union army attacked Beauregard from across the small Virginia stream known as Bull Run. The battle seesawed throughout the day, but fresh troops rushed in from the Shenandoah Valley had finally given Beauregard the advantage. Now, just as victory seemed certain, he spied a heavy column of troops more than a mile away maneuvering on his flank.

Beauregard later explained, "At their head waved a flag which I could not distinguish. Even by a strong glass I was unable to determine whether it was the United States flag or the Confederate flag. At this moment I received a dispatch from Capt. [Porter] Alexander, in charge of the signal station, warning me to look out for the left; that a large column was approaching in that direction, and that it was supposed to be Gen. [Robert] Patterson's command coming to reinforce McDowell. At this moment, I must confess, my heart failed me."



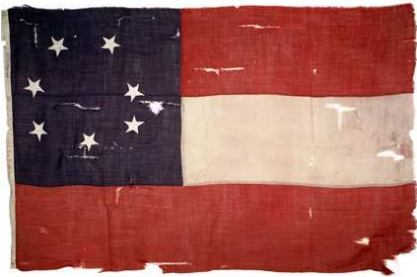
Beauregard knew his exhausted men could not withstand a determined flank attack. "I came, reluctantly, to the conclusion that after all our efforts, we should at last be compelled to yield to the enemy the hard fought and bloody field." Beauregard turned to an officer and instructed him to go to the rear and tell Gen. Joseph E. Johnston to prepare the reserves to support the retreat he was about to order. As the officer began to leave, Beauregard had second thoughts and told him to wait a minute so they could make sure that it actually was Yankees bearing down upon them.

It proved to be a fortuitous decision. "I took the glass and again examined the flag. ... A sudden gust of wind shook out its folds, and I recognized the stars and bars of the Confederate banner."

The mysterious flag turned out to be the Confederacy's First National Flag, which resembled the United States flag in both color and design. It was carried at the head of Col. Harry T. Hays's Seventh Louisiana Volunteers, one of the lead regiments in Col. Jubal Early's brigade that was launching an attack on the Union flank. Hays's second-in-command, Lt. Col. Charles de Choiseul, wrote home after the battle that the regiment happened to carry the national colors that day instead of its blue regimental flag, but he did not explain why. Early's bold attack helped turn the tide, and the First Battle of Bull Run ended in a complete Confederate victory. Few people knew how close Beauregard had come to throwing that victory away simply because he could not identify one of his own side's flags.

As it turned out, Beauregard was not the first person to mistake the Seventh Louisiana for the enemy at Bull Run. In his memoirs, Early wrote that earlier in the day Confederate Gen. David R. Jones saw Hays's regiment approaching his position and he, too, thought it might be the enemy. Early galloped over to confer with Jones and found him scrutinizing the Louisianians through his binoculars and preparing his men to fire on them. Fortunately, Early got there in time to clear up the confusion.

Early also experienced a moment of uncertainty when he prepared to make his flank attack that afternoon. An officer came up to warn him that a Virginia regiment was on the other side of the hill in his front and not to fire on it. Early was sure there were no friendly forces in that position, but he rode ahead to check and saw soldiers dressed in what appeared to be Confederate uniforms. They, too, carried a flag but it lay limp in the dead air, and Early could not tell whether the troops were friend or foe. It was not until Jeb Stuart's horse artillery opened fire on the men and they retreated that Early saw it was a United States flag.

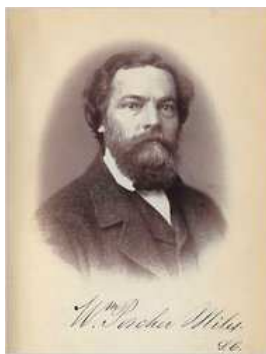


Determined to avoid such cases of mistaken identity on future battlefields, General Beauregard decided the Confederates needed a distinctive national flag. It just so happened that William Porcher Miles, a South Carolina congress-

man, was serving on Beauregard's staff at the time, and Miles had considerable experience dealing with flag issues.

As chairman of the confederate Committee on the Flag and Seal, Miles had overseen the adoption of the First National Flag a few months earlier. During the committee's deliberations, it became apparent that opinions were split between those who wanted a flag that was similar to the United States because of fond feelings for the old Union and those who wanted something completely different to mark a new beginning. Miles was among the latter, and he submitted a flag design containing a blue St. Andrew's Cross on a red background, with white stars on the cross to represent the Confederate states.

Miles's pattern was based on a South Carolina secession flag that displayed a traditional, or up-



William Porcher Miles

right, St. George's Cross. However, a Southern Jew objected to the cross and requested of Miles that such a specific religious symbol not be made into a national symbol. Miles agreed to change the design to a St. Andrew's Cross: "It avoided the religious objection about the cross (from the Jews & many Protestant sects), because it did not stand out so conspicuously as if the cross had been placed upright thus."

In the end, the committee rejected Miles's entry and chose a design that was similar to the United States flag. The Confederates' First National Flag would have red and white bars, rather than stripes, and in the upper corner seven white stars (representing the Confederate states at the time) on a blue background. The flag, which became known as the "Stars and Bars," somewhat resembled the original United States flag used during the Revolutionary War.

When, after the Battle of Bull Run, Beauregard mentioned to Miles his desire for a distinctive national flag, Miles told him of his rejected design. Then, acting on behalf of Beauregard, Miles suggested to the Committee on the Flag and Seal that a new national flag be adopted in order to avoid confusion on the battlefield. When the committee refused by a vote of four to one, Beauregard decided there should be two flags.

Beauregard (who by then had embraced the St. Andrew's cross) wrote Gen. Joseph E. Johnston that he had recommended to Miles "that we should have two flags — a peace or parade flag, and a war flag to be used only on the field of battle — but congress having adjourned no action will be taken on the matter — How would it do for us to address the War Dept. on the subject for a supply of Regimental or badge flags made of red with two blue bars crossing each other diagonally on which shall be introduced the stars. ... We would then on the field of battle know our friends from our Enemies."

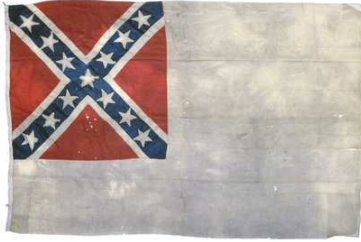
Johnston agreed and suggested the battle flag be square instead of rectangular so as to be better proportioned. Beauregard introduced the new banner to his officers at a dinner party on Nov. 27, 1861. A reporter for the Richmond Daily Dispatch attended the event and wrote a detailed account for his readers. After telling the story of the confusion at First Bull Run, Beauregard brought the new flag out. The reporter was impressed and wrote, "The flag itself is a beautiful banner, which, I am sure, before this campaign is over, will be consecrated forever in the affections of the people of the Confederate States."

The next day, the new flags were officially issued to the Virginia army with great ceremony. Shortly afterward, Beauregard was transferred to the Western Theater and the new battle flag took root there as well.

The Southern Cross, as it is sometimes known, was never an official flag of the Confederate government, and it never flew over public buildings, despite what Hollywood might have one believe. Instead, it was simply a military banner that was carried by troops in the field. Nonetheless, it became more popular than the Stars and



The Confederate battle flag. Eleven states officially seceded and joined the Confederacy, but the battle flag also included stars for the slave states of Kentucky and Missouri because they formed Confederate governments in exile.



Second National Flag of the Confederacy

Bars and was incorporated into the Confederacy's Second and Third National Flags. For 150 years, the Southern Cross has been the symbol of the Rebel cause.

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STONE MOUNTAIN SCULPTURE BESMIRCHED

September 12, 1964 - Stone Mountain, GA

On this day in 1964, sculptors began taking a third crack at the Confederate Memorial Carving on Stone Mountain, first proposed 50 years earlier by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Renowned sculptor Gutzon Borglum envisioned seven central figures leading an army of thousands. But World War I and funding problems delayed work. Artistic disagreements led to Borglum's firing in 1925, with only General Lee's head finished.

Sculptor Augustus Lukeman took over, blasted away the original work, and carved until money ran out in 1928. For 36 years, nothing happened. Then in 1954, the Supreme Court's landmark decision in Brown v. Board of Education ruling segregated schools unconstitutional galvanized the white South. The Confederate memorial became a potent symbol of defiance and white supremacy.

The state of Georgia bought the mountain in 1958. Governor Marvin Griffin supported finishing the memorial, now reduced to Lee, Jefferson Davis, and Stonewall Jackson. Completed in 1970, it remains one of the most prominent memorials to the lost cause in Georgia, a cause renewed on September 12, 1964, Today in Georgia History.



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Even Southern babies know that "Gimme some sugar" is not a request for the white, granular, sweet substance that sits in a pretty little bowl in the middle of the table.

All Southerners know exactly when "by and by" is. They might not use the term, but they know the concept well.

Only a Southerner knows instinctively that the best gesture of solace for a neighbor who's got trouble is a plate of hot fried chicken and a big bowl of cold potato salad. If the neighbor's trouble is a real crisis, they also know to add a large banana puddin'!

In Memoriam

Henry Clay Howell IV, 59, of Jackson, died near midnight Friday, June 3, 2011, after a courageous battle against cancer. He was an author, retired teacher and coach. Born March 6, 1952, in Baton Rouge, he was a 1970 graduate of Jackson High School and earned a B.A. from Southeastern Louisiana University. He was a member of the East Feliciana Parish School Board and St. Alban's Reformed Episcopal Mission, Ethel. Visitation was at Jackson United Methodist Church on Monday, June 6, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. A short visitation was held at Grace Episcopal Church, St. Francisville, on Tuesday June 7 from noon until the funeral service at 1 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Bob Matheny. Burial in the church cemetery. Survived by his wife of 31 years, Melinda Rawls Howell; son, Henry Clay Howell, V; and daughter, Clara Elizabeth Howell. Also survived by a sister, Mary Howell, and her daughters, Catherine "Kate" Boudreaux Raposo, Maggie Boudreaux Fletcher and Brandy Sanders Boudreaux. Also survived by a sister, Sarah Rawls Davis and her husband, Scott Davis; nieces, Shelley Davis, Brooke Davis and Christa Davis; cousins, Richard C. Howell, Michael F. Howell, Barbara Howell and Hanno Fiser of Jackson. Preceded in death by his mother, Martha Baysinger Howell; father, Henry C. Howell, III; and brother, George Aubrey Rawls Sr. Pallbearers were his surviving nephews, Riley "Beau" Boudreaux, George Aubrey Rawls Jr., Jacob Davis, Nathan Davis, Scott Raposo and Nolan Fletcher. Honorary pallbearer was Capt. Joshua Davis. He was formerly an elected member of the Jackson Board of Trustees, past president of the Jackson Assembly, the Jackson Lions Club, the Friends of Centenary College and the former commander of the G.A. Scott chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He formerly served as vice president of the East Feliciana Historical Preservation Society and as a board member of both the Feliciana Community Concert Association and the Feliciana Chamber of Commerce.



Don Duhon - It is with great sadness I must inform you of the passing of Dr. Don Duhon, longtime adjutant of the General Leroy Stafford Camp. Dr. Duhon served our organization well in his years with the Stafford Camp. He will be greatly missed.

Memorial services for Dr. Donald J. Duhon were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Alexandria with Father Frank Hughes officiating. Visitation was held at the Church Tuesday, July 5, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. until time of service.

Dr. Duhon, 69, of Pineville, passed away Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at Rapides Regional Medical Center.

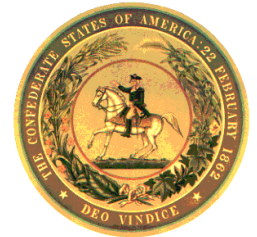
Dr. Duhon was a member of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Alexandria. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dua and Corrine Lasseigne Duhon.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Suzanne Barnhart Duhon; sons, Captain Damian J. Duhon and wife, Christina of Yuma, Arizona, Christopher Blalock of Alexandria and Stephen Blalock and wife, Rebecca of Alexandria; daughters, Danielle Myers and husband, Donnie of Midland, Dana Andrus and husband, Kevin of Lafayette and Ashley Walker and husband, Paul of Pineville; brother, Kenneth Duhon and wife, Lori

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of Lafayette; sister, Yvonne Routh and husband, Earl of Santa Fe, Texas; three grandsons, five granddaughters and one grandson on the way.

As in life so to in death Don continues to enrich the lives of others through organ donation.

Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Navy Marine Corp Relief Society and Onesight.org.

Respectfully submitted

David Hill
Commander
Louisiana Division



Rogers Robert Serpas, Sr., age 78, passed away on Wednesday, July 6, 2011. Beloved husband of Marilyn Loar. Father of Rogers, Jr. and Kent Serpas. Grandfather of Andrew, Riley and Stratton Serpas. Son of the late Marguerite Rogers and Marcel H. Serpas. Brother of Geary M. Serpas.

He attended Newman and Behrman High Schools, Louisiana State University, University of New Orleans and served in the Armed Forces.

He retired from Union Carbide in 1992 after 21 years of service, was an active member of Sons of the American Revolution, the Los Islenos Heritage and Cultural Society, Sons of Confederate Veteran's Louisiana Division, General Society of the War of

1812 and National Society of the Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims.

A native of Algiers, LA and a resident of Hahnville, LA for the past 39 years. Relatives and friends of the family attended the Funeral Services at Mothe Funeral Home, 1300 Vallette Street, Algiers, LA on Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 9:30 AM. Interment followed in St. Bartholomew Cemetery. Visitation was held Friday, July 8, 2011 from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM and resumed on Saturday morning from 8:00 AM until funeral time.

