



The Louisiana True Delta

*Newsletter of the Louisiana Division,
Sons of Confederate Veterans
First Quarter – January 2015*

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Compatriots,

The fall campaign with its parades, reenactments, and meetings is finally behind us and now we look forward to a new year. I hope that you all had a good Christmas and New Year's.

In the coming year I hope that we, as a Division, can grow and come together as a group of men with the same vision. While I don't make New Year's resolutions because that is something I can't stick to, I do believe in setting goals. For instance, I set the modest goal of our Division breaking the 1000 member mark before my term of office is over. With help from various sectors that goal is very attainable as we had a good summer and fall recruiting. I would hope that each camp would set a goal and work towards that number to grow.

With the New Year upon us there are several Lee/Jackson banquets that have already been announced. Please make the effort to attend one or more of them. Various camps, or Brigades, make a concerted effort to put these banquets on and go to a lot of trouble to insure that the food is good and the speakers and entertainment is quality. There isn't a better way to fellowship with your compatriots, other than a convention.

Speaking of conventions, it has been determined that the 2015 Louisiana Division Reunion will be held in Monroe this year. I would like for the various camps around the Division to look inward for next year's convention. Three of the last four reunions have been held in the northern Brigades and we need to spread this around a bit more. The convention isn't that difficult to sponsor and a profit is there to be made for the hosting camp.

I know that many camps have held elections recently so please let the Division web master know if you have new officers. Our web site must be kept accurate and it can't be done without your cooperation. Please check your camp on the site to insure the information that the public sees is accurate.

I hope to visit more camp meetings in the coming year and if you have suggestions on how to make our Division better please let me know. While the past year had its rough spots it has been an honor to belong to an organization made up of men who bleed grey. We don't have to always get along but we do have to cooperate to further the Cause.

Thomas E. Taylor
Commander



1st Lt. Commander's Report

Fifteen for Fifteen



Have you ever driven around your city or parish and noticed churches that have empty sanctuaries and Sunday school rooms, churches that have ceased to exist, church buildings that have been sold and use as office space or other business? Do you know why this is happening? Part of it is attrition, that is, death of members. Part is apathy. Part is a failure of older members to reach out to young people. Do you see a parallel with our organization? I do. If you can imagine each camp as a church and Our Division as the "Baptist Convention", you will see what I am talking about. We have basically plateaued as far as membership. The next phase is decline followed by extinction. So you are wondering why I am writing this "gloom and doom" stuff. Someone has to say it. We have to realize what is happening. We have to realize also that we have the power to change a destiny....and we must!!

It is not all bad news. We do have camps that are definitely showing progress. They have members who are go-getters. They have plans and programs that attract and encourage. We must follow their example.

The New Year is here. A time for change...a time for rededication to Our Cause....a time to renew our efforts to GROW. We must embrace new ways and innovative ideas to increase our numbers and encourage participation by our members. **Every man is needed!!** Everyone must commit. Each Compatriot must be a leader .It is time to put our Division back where it belongs....NUMBER ONE!!

You are probably curious about the title of my article, aren't you? It is a challenge...a challenge for each camp in the Louisiana Division to commit to enlisting 15 men in 2015. 15 men is nothing for some camps. It will definitely be a challenged for some....but I know we can do it. Is your camp up to the challenge? Let's git 'er done!

Donald Kimbell
Lt. Commander



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2nd Lt. Commander's Report

Since my last article, we have had to pull the charters on two more of our camps. It would be great to say that this is where our losses will end. But if the current trend continues, it will not be the case. We have two camps in the N/W Brigade that have ceased to hold meetings due to the lack of members attending meetings. The problem also exists in other parts of our Division.

Is this a trend that can be reversed? The answer is **yes** with proper recruiting and retention. The Col. Samuel D. Russell Camp in Natchitoches was on the verge of closing its doors with only 2 or 3 members in attendance. But, we had a recruiting booth at the Natchitoches Reenactment and two weeks later they voted in 8 new members! So, proper recruiting tactics can work for your camp.

We may be a male only member organization, but a camp that involves our families is a healthy camp and will continue to grow. When our wives start coming to meetings, then our children and grandchildren will follow. Young men will join a camp that welcomes their families before a camp that consists of only a few elderly men that have turned their meetings into a Civil War Roundtable. These roundtables have their place but not at our meetings. Conduct your meetings in a manner that will be of interest to all family members. Programs with great speakers and DVD's will keep them coming back to learn more.

My goal is to have a Cadet Corps established at every camp. Your members either have children or grandchildren under the age of 12. Membership is only \$10 a year. They receive a certificate and a lapel pin. These children are the future of our organization. Where would you rather they learned the truth about their southern heritage---in the public schools or at our camp meetings?

J. C. Hanna
2nd Lt Commander



Louisiana Division Guardian Program

Help preserve the final resting places of our Confederate Heroes. Become a "Guardian" today!

For details go to the following links;

LA Division website – www.lascv.com/index.html

Information Sheet – www.lascv.com/lgfiles/info.pdf

Application Form – www.lascv.com/lgfiles/form.pdf

Recognize this pin? This is the original Louisiana Division Pin that many of us own (original is about this size). If you are a new member you may not have one of these as they have long been sold out. If there is enough interest in this pin, the Division may order more. If you are interested in obtaining one of these, please email the Louisiana True Delta editor at latruedelta@comcast.net and tell him “I want an original Louisiana Division pin!”



Chaplain's Comments



Hello once again my friends and fellow Compatriots.

I hope that one and all had a very Merry CHRISTmas and a Happy New Year day. Speaking of the New Year, this is the time when we all, and yes we all do this, speak about or say we have a new year's resolution. I know that some deal with losing weight and I for one know I need to, some deal with being a better person, trying harder at school / work, spending more time with family and these as well as others are good things to do.....BUT..... Yes you knew there was a but in there.....I would like to encourage you to take up the challenge and push yourself into keeping at least one resolution. That resolution is a very important one and could have everlasting affect. I wish to encourage you to read and study your Bible EVERY day, not just on Sunday. Along with that, spend more time in prayer, talking to God not talking AT God. Sharing with HIM as you would a close friend for HE is the closest friend anyone could ever have. LISTEN to HIM as you pray and read your Bible for HE does speak to us through HIS word, for you see it is a Living word, not just mere words on paper. You see, the more we read

our Bible, the more we pray and talk to the Lord, the more we listen to what HE has to say the closer we come to know HIM and for those who are not Christians, there is a very good chance that should you take up this challenge, that not only will you grow closer to HIM but you will get to know HIM on a personal level and realize that through HIS son and HIS son alone can we have salvation and eternal life.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, May HIS face shine down upon you and give you rest, peace, comfort, joy and Love.

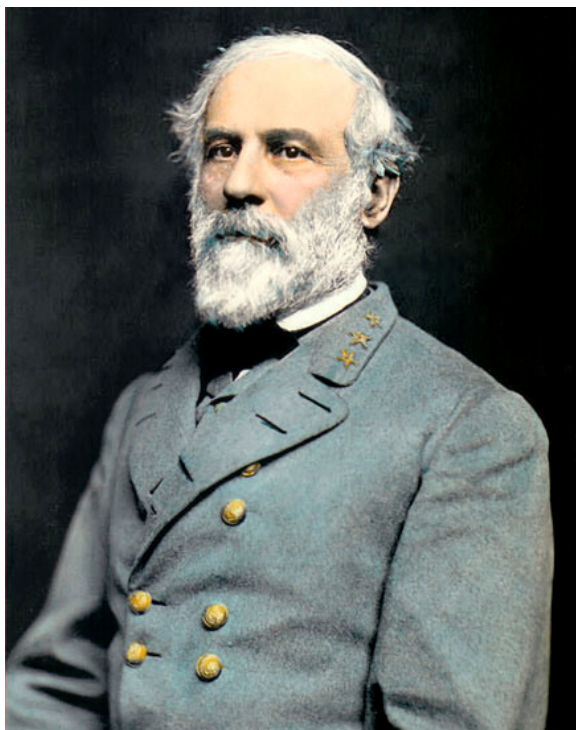
For Christ and the Southern Cause Always!

Troy Chandler
Chaplain
LA Division, SCV



WELCOME TO THE LOUISIANA DIVISION!!!

Charles B. Faught – Col. Charles D. Dreux Camp 110 – New Orleans
James McBride Patterson – Col. Charles D. Dreux Camp 110 – New Orleans
Hayden Janssen – Claiborne Invincibles Camp 797 – Claiborne Parish
Jason Robert Bottolfs – Camp Moore 1223 - Tangipahoa
Robert M. Bottolfs – Camp Moore 1223 - Tangipahoa
Richard Curtis Lee – Camp Moore 1223 - Tangipahoa
Daven Glenn Armstrong – Lt. Gen Richard Taylor Camp 1308 - Shreveport
Jeremy Wayne Baker – Lt. Gen Richard Taylor Camp 1308 - Shreveport
Austin Tucker Evans – Lt. Gen Richard Taylor Camp 1308 - Shreveport
Jeremy Lyn Evans – Lt. Gen Richard Taylor Camp 1308 - Shreveport
Evan Lee Lee – Lt. Gen Richard Taylor Camp 1308 - Shreveport
Jason Wayne Lee – Lt. Gen Richard Taylor Camp 1308 - Shreveport
Jett Wayne Lee – Lt. Gen Richard Taylor Camp 1308 - Shreveport
Ryan Wayne Lee – Lt. Gen Richard Taylor Camp 1308 - Shreveport
Jonah Thomas Rulau – Lt. Gen Richard Taylor Camp 1308 - Shreveport
James White Hellums – Capt. James W. Bryan Camp 1390 – Lake Charles
Timothy Wayne Mitchell – Capt. James W. Bryan Camp 1390 – Lake Charles
Gary Ayres – Col. James Hamilton Beard camp 1856 - Logansport



79th ANNUAL LEE LUNCHEON

All are invited to attend the 79th Annual Lee Luncheon will be Saturday, January 17th, at 11AM, at the Pierremont Oaks Tennis Club, 578 Spring Lake Dr., Shreveport, LA.

This event is hosted by Shreveport Chapter #237 UDC and the Northwest Brigade S.C.V.

Our guest speaker will be Louisiana Division Commander Thomas Taylor, "What Could Have Been".

Please RSVP by January 10th, \$25 per person (meal)

Make checks payable to; Shreveport Chapter UDC, and mail to; Beryl Kreft, 157 Archer Ave., Shreveport, LA 71105 ~

bkstormy@yahoo.com

Reservations may be made and paid at the door, but please do not reserve a spot if you are not attending.

A silent auction will be held also; any items donated for the silent auction will be welcomed and appreciated.

You are cordially invited to attend the Northeast Brigade Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet
Saturday, January 17, 2015. 6:30 PM
Ruston VFW Hall ~ 200 Memorial Drive, Ruston LA
\$25.00/plate*
Meal catered by Ben Christmas
Entertainment by The Blake Brothers, Bluegrass/Gospel Band
Silent Auction to be held also, Bring your items for donation!
Please make checks payable to Sgt. James W. Nicholson Camp #1478
and mail to Commander [Donald Kimbell, 3992 Hwy 822, Dubach LA 71235.](#)
Payments can be made at time of event but please RSVP at dwk1043@yahoo.com if you plan to do so.



Greetings All,
You are invited to join the Mouton Camp for its 15th Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet to be held at the Ruby's Restaurant and Courtyard located at 123 S. 2nd Street in Eunice, Louisiana, on Saturday, January 24, 2015, at 6:00pm.
The evening's guest speaker will be Camp member and historian John Reed. Guests will receive a free t-shirt commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the War for Southern Independence and there will also be door prizes.
The menu includes the following choices:
Chicken and Tasso Pasta \$26.00
Shrimp Dot (Au Gratin w/ fried shrimp) \$28.00
Ribeye \$30.00

Prices include salad, tea and gratuity. There will be also be children's meal choices.
Please RSVP with Adjutant Charles Lauret at patriot1861@yahoo.com or call 337-945-3163 by January 18.
Payments can be made at the door (you must still RSVP) or you can mail it to Adj. Lauret c/o Mouton Camp 778 at PO Box 721, Washington, La 70589-0721.
Directions to Ruby's: <http://www.yellowpages.com/eunice-la/mip/rubys-restaurant-and-courtyard-470774370>

2014 LEE-JACKSON BANQUET

You are cordially invited to join us for our annual gathering to celebrate the birthdays of our Southern Heroes, Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. Jackson.

Host: Brigadier General/War Governor Henry Watkins Allen Camp 133
Sons of Confederate Veterans, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Co-host: Brigadier General Francis T. Nicholls SCV Camp 1362,
C.S.S. Arkansas Military Order of the Stars & Bars Chapter 21

Saturday January 17, 2015 ~ 6:00 pm Sign-in ~ 6:30 pm Program Start
Bergeron's Cajun Meats Restaurant, 760 Lobdell Highway (Hwy 415), Port Allen, Louisiana
\$25.00 (RSVP REQUIRED - Please indicate BOTH entree selection & dessert selection.)

Guest Speaker: Richard Holloway (Historian, author, SCV member, Re-enactor)

Program: "Louisiana troops under Stonewall Jackson"

***** MEAL CHOICE *****

Choice of one entree:

1) Baked Catfish, or 2) Baked Chicken, or 3) BBQ Brisket

Green Salad (with house dressing), Twice Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Iced Tea or Soft Drinks, (Choice of Pecan Pie or Bread Pudding)

An RSVP is REQUIRED, with CHOICE of both ENTREE & DESSERT, and should be RECEIVED by Monday January 12, 2014. (After that day, we may still be able to accommodate you but please verify availability with Randy at 225-933-4694.)

For reservations & questions, contact Randy: 225-933-4694 or rgyro@yahoo.com

Submit payment of \$25 per person, payable to: Allen SCV Camp #133

Mail payment to: Clay Ainsworth, Camp Adjutant, 2036 Marsden Place West, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

If you can, it wouldn't hurt to additionally email Randy with the meal selection.

Directions to Bergeron's Cajun Meats Restaurant, 760 Lobdell Highway (Hwy 415), Port Allen:

From Baton Rouge or Lafayette: The Lobdell Road - Hwy 415 Exit on Interstate 10 is 3 miles west of the Mississippi River. After you exit, head north & Bergeron's will be on your right less than 1 mile past the 1st red light. <http://www.bergeronsboudin.com/> The entire restaurant, which can seat in excess of 100 people, will be at our disposal as in prior years.

We again plan to provide musical entertainment.

Confederately yours,

Randy Jarreau, Commander rgyro@yahoo.com or 225-933-4694

Henry Watkins Allen SCV Camp 133 www.scvcamp133.webs.com

Sons of Confederate Veterans ~ Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Ride With Pride !!

If you are a member of the Louisiana Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and eligible to register your vehicle in Louisiana, you can show your support for the SCV by purchasing a specialty Louisiana SCV license plate. Ask your Camp Commander to help you get started. You can obtain an application form from the Louisiana Division website or by clicking the following link:

www.lascv.com/files/aff.pdf





Compatriots,

It is almost time, once again, for the Krewes of Janus Mardi Gras parade to roll through the cities of Monroe and West Monroe! This year's parade will be held on February 7, 2015, and will begin at 6:00 PM in West Monroe. Lineup will be at the usual place starting at 3:30 because the streets begin closing at 4:00.

To get to the starting point, take the Stella, Mill exit on I-20 in West Monroe and cross over the interstate headed South. At the first traffic light turn left onto Natchitoches St. and go about a quarter mile. You will see us there across the street from the health unit.

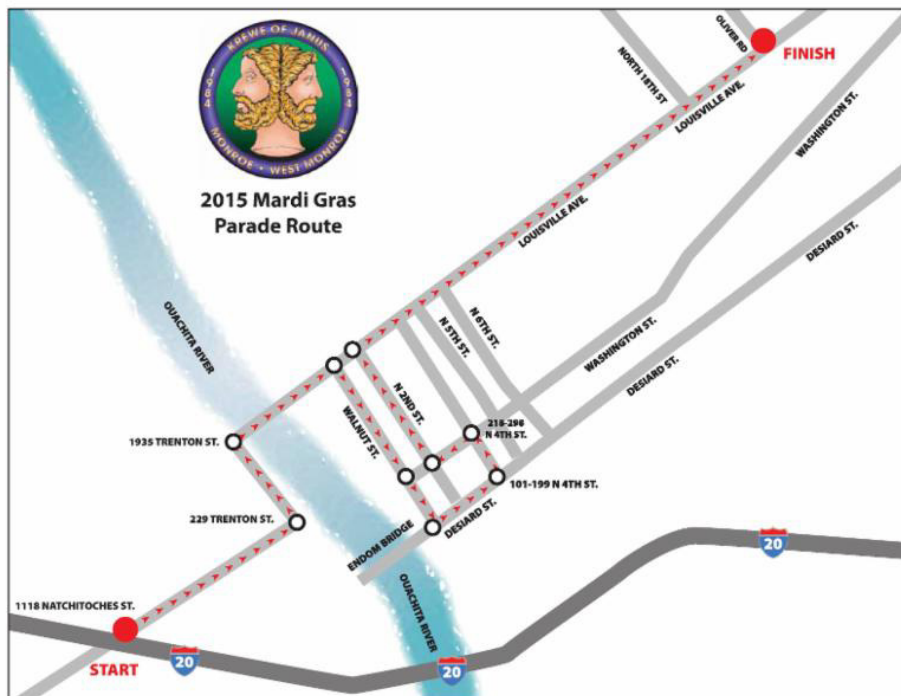
The route has changed this year. See the map below for the new route. The route alteration does not affect the line-up location.

I look forward to seeing all of you there!

Deo Vindice!

Kevin Adkins

Northeast Brigade Commander



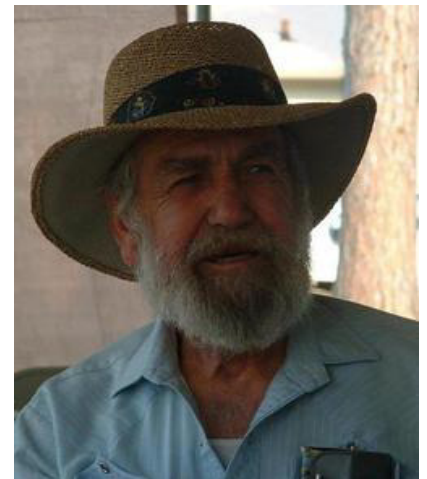


Phillips Irwin Gardner, Jr.

A resident of Central, died at 11:40 a.m. on Sunday, March 16, 2014 at his home. He was born February 25, 1956 in Baton Rouge and was 58 years of age. He was a USMC veteran during Vietnam. He was also a retired boilermaker from #582 and loved to travel with his job, meeting new friends, cooking, gardening and visiting with relatives and friends. Survived by 2 sisters; Sandra Roper, Tallahassee, FL; and Beth Rossman, Greenwell Springs; brother, Mark Garner, Central; and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents, Phillips Irwin Garner, Sr. and Aline Strickland Garner and sister, Carolyn Ann Garner. Visitation was at McKneely Funeral Home, Kentwood, on Thursday, March 20th, and religious services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 21, 2014. Services conducted by Rev. Tim Boswell. Interment was at Woodland Cemetery,

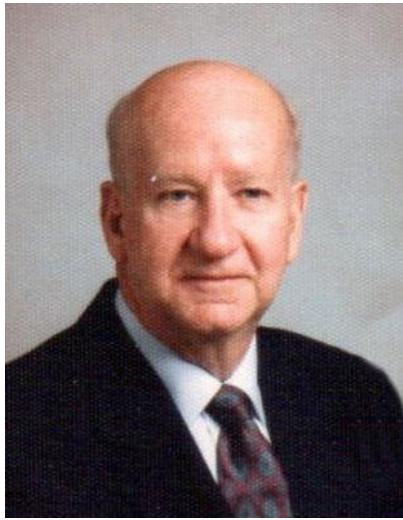
Kentwood. **Compatriot Gardner was a member of Camp Moore #1223.**

Funeral services for **Tandy Fred Gibbons**, 83, of Hall Summit, LA were held Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 2:00 PM in Hall Summit United Methodist Church with Rev. Tim Zoltowski and Rev. Leigh Adkins, minister of Hall Summit United Methodist Church officiating. Burial followed in Thomas-Wren Cemetery in Martin, LA with Military Honors under the direction of Rockett-Nettles Funeral Home in Coushatta, LA. Visitation will be Monday, November 17, 2014 at Rockett-Nettles Funeral Home from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Mr. Gibbons was born October 25, 1931 in Texarkana, AR to Cheslie and Irene Gibbons. He passed away November 15, 2014 in Bossier City, LA. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Peggy Joyce Gibbons; and a granddaughter, Hollie Noel Hinds. Left to cherish his memory include his children, Craig Gibbons of Hall Summit, LA, Janie Zoltowski and her husband, Tim of Farmersville, TX, and Charlotte Nicotre and her husband, Joey of Baytown, TX; sister, Onalee Erickson and husband, Dick of North Ogden, Utah; brother, Jimmy Gibbons and wife, Joyce of Shreveport, LA; grandchildren, Nicholas Gibbons and wife, Rhonna, Regina Wiggins and husband, Josh, Amy Stephens, Tandy Finton and husband, Colby, Cheslie Craig Gibbons and Colt Nicotre; great grandchildren, Caden, Lonna, Dee and Halle; two double 1st cousins, Bill and Bruce Gibbons of Middleburg, FL and a number of other relatives and friends.



Pallbearers were Colby Finton, Josh Wiggins, Pete Tyler, Joey Nicotre, Gary Green and Terry Dempsey.

Compatriot Gibbons was a member of Richard Taylor Camp #1308



Dr. Johnnie Pearl Austin was born October 6, 1922 in Stanley, LA (formerly Oak Grove Community) at the Austin homestead, which was homesteaded by his grandparents, Allen Jefferson Austin and Mary Elizabeth Brown Austin in 1887.

He passed away November 11, 2014 after a short illness at Cornerstone Hospital in Bossier City. Services celebrating his life will be at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Logansport. The family received visitors from 4-8pm on Friday, November 14. Services were conducted by Pastor Ron Brown and Reverend David Permenter at 10:30 am on Saturday, November 15, burial followed at Prude Cemetery on Highway 84.

He was a 1939 graduate of Oak Grove High School, now Stanley High School; 1943 graduate of Louisiana State Normal College, now Northwestern State University; 1946 graduate of Loyola University of the South, School of Dentistry. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army Dental Corps as a Captain after serving with the Air Force.

Dr. Austin was a member of the Northwest District Dental Society, Louisiana Dental Association and American Dental Association with a lifetime membership certificate. He practiced Dentistry for a total of 45 years, two years in the Air Force and 43 years in Logansport.

He was a member of the **Sons of Confederate Veterans, James Hamilton Beard Camp #1856** and New Bethany Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Dr. Austin was a supporter of the Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home in Denton, TX, and established an Endowment Fund several years ago.

Dr. Austin was born and lived his entire life at the Austin homestead except for absences during college and time spent in service during World War II. He had 44 first cousins, all of which preceded him in death.

Dr. Austin was preceded in death by his parents John G. Austin and Nellie Moorman Austin, sisters Mary Austin Smith and Jo Nell Austin, brother Major Cecil Austin, sister-in-law Marguerite Austin Laden, brother-in-law, John T. Smith. Survivors include dear friend Daniel Wisinger, long-time family friends Queenie Rogers, Monroe Grey, and Johnnie Ruth Gatlin, nephews Randolph G. Austin, Claude E. Smith and wife Sue Ellen, niece Colinda Austin Stailey, great nephews Ed Austin, Stephen Brenner, Todd Brenner, Adam Smith, great nieces Jill Nagle, Heather Volman and Amy Smith, plus several great, great nephews and nieces.

Memorials may be made to: Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Home, PO Drawer G, 1304 Bernard St, Denton, TX 76202 or Prude Cemetery Fund, Hwy 84 W, Mansfield, LA 71052.





Dennis Dewane Smith

Funeral Services for Dennis Smith were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 24, 2014, in the chapel of John Kramer & Son Funeral Home, with Rev. Lee Taylor officiating. Interment followed in Pine Ridge Melder Cemetery.

Visitation was held at the funeral home on Wednesday, from 9:00 a.m. until time of service.

Dennis Smith, 52 of Woodworth, passed away on Saturday, December 20, 2014, in his residence.

The following is from Dennis:

“I was born in Alexandria, Louisiana on a cold October night in 1962 being on the night of the 17th. I had an upbringing that taught me the value of hard work by my Father, Benjamin Louis Smith and my Grandfather, Aubrey Louis Smith. It was taught to them by their fathers and mothers. I

was taught that hard work would not kill you it just made you tougher; and it was a lesson well taught. I remember visiting my Great Grandfather with father; my Father would give my Great Grandfather a shave which he did enjoy. His name was Benjamin Franklin Melder. I learned many lessons from the ‘Old Folks’, one being to listen and not to speak and to Respect your elders.”

“My Grandmother, Jewelle Estelle Melder (Smith) taught me many things as well. Both my Grandfather and my Grandmother and father; mother taught me the respect of money, to save and to not spend so freely. My Mother, Doris Irene (Woods) Smith, and my Grandmother, Ozelma Irene (Thomas) Woods, being of Cherokee descent, instilled in me many lessons about life, to be patient; slow to anger. Lessons well taught. My Grandfather, Ferney Woods being a WW I veteran and being of Choctaw descent; I do remember him. They moved here to Woodworth in 1939 from the Antioch Community in Kemper County Mississippi. “

“I being married to Luann H. Smith in 1984 have had a good life. Ups and Downs like many married couples, to be expected. We bore one child being Benjamin Dewane-Paul Smith. We have resided in Woodworth, LA, almost all of our life with no regrets.”

“I am proud of all that I have descended; from and all Veterans. I am also proud to be of the Sons of Confederate Veterans being a proud member of the **Brig. Gen. J.J. Alfred A. Mouton #778 Camp** of Opelousas, LA. I am a member of the Southern Baptist (Pine Ridge) Church of Melder, LA Community, of which my relative founded.”

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, and his father Benjamin Louis Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Luann H. Smith; one son, Benjamin Dewane-Paul Smith; his mother Dorris Irene (Woods) Smith, all of Woodworth; one sister Debbie E. Brewer and her husband Robert D. of West Palm Beach, FL.

Pallbearers honored to serve will be Sons of Confederate Veterans: Milton Todd Owens, Charles Lauret, David Hill, Thomas Taylor, Chuck McMichael, Paul Gramling, Scott Summers, and Bobby Herring.

Honorary Pallbearers will be, Bob Brewer, Anthony “Henry” Rougeau, Troy Chandler, David Delhomme, Elward Landry, Joel Irby, and Joe Willie Irby.



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