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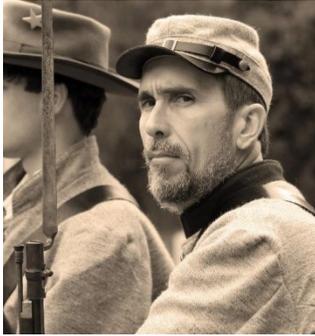
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Dedicated to the memory of Brig. General Benjamin G. Humphreys



Camp News:

Commander's Corner: Joe Nokes



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6 – Symposium at the Museum of the MS Delta

April 14 – CS Memorial Day at Greenville Cemetery

April 20 – Monument Rededication in Vicksburg

April 21 – CS Memorial Service in Carrollton, MS

April 26 – CS Memorial Service at Beauvoir

Compatriots,

I hope this finds you all doing well in these trying times. Our nation is going through a diverse list of challenges both foreign and domestic. But I hold unwavering faith that we will continue to persevere throughout adversity. Similarly, I hold unwavering faith in our organization to continue to persevere. As you all know, Governor Phil Bryant has officially proclaimed April as Confederate Heritage Month. Furthermore, Governor Bryant has officially proclaimed April 29 as Confederate Memorial Day. To be succinct, we and our honored forebears are again vindicated. But let us make no mistake, WE must continue to drive forward, to continue the Charge given to us by our forebears.

We have taken some major steps in recent weeks. Our Living History at Fort Pemberton set records for attendance at the museum. (We broke our own previous record from earlier this year.) My personal appreciation goes out to all of you who had any hand in this event. And let us give special commendation to both Larry McCluney and Henry McCabe for their integral parts in the event.

Let me urge you all to plan to attend our Camp Memorial at the cemetery in Greenville on April 14. We need as many people as possible dressed in period attire. And we need as many people as possible to attend. So, by all means, bring family and friends.

The very next weekend, on April 20th, is the Memorial at Soldier's Rest in Vicksburg. If at all possible, make plans to attend this special event. And again, bring a friend (or two).

In closing, we should be proud of our recent accomplishments. We must push on into the heart of the Sesquicentennial with renewed vigor. As we near these zenith months of the Sesquicentennial for the War for Southern Independence, we must take heart that we are continuing to be the flagbearers for the honor of our fallen ancestors. As they entered their battles giving their all, so too must we enter this time ready to give our all, and let no one, for one second, EVER think that their sacrifices were in vain. Forward the colors, comrades!!!

Your humble servant,
Joe Nokes

April 4th Meeting

The B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp # 1625 will hold its annually business meeting on Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 pm. Our Guest speaker will be Bro. James Taylor, Commander of the Calhoun Avengers Camp in Calhoun City. Brother Taylor is the Past Division Chaplin for the MS Division, 2007-2009.

The OCR will once again have their raffle and the notorious Chase the Yankee which has been eluding people for a year now. That Yankee sure is tricky and slippery but someone is sure to catch him soon and put him out of his misery.

Please make all plans to attend this meeting because this is your Camp and it cannot function without you and your voice.

April is a busy month with all the Confederate Memorials going on around the state and everyone should take advantage of this month to present to the public the importance of this month. MS Division Commander Alan Palmer once again was able to secure a proclamation from the Governor to declare April as Confederate Heritage month.

Adjutant's Report: Dan McCaskill

7:00 pm Commander Joe Nokes was absent due to a family matter. The Camp Meeting of March 7, 2013 was called to order by 1st Lt. Commander Larry McCluney at 7:00 pm. The Meeting was opened with an invocation and blessing by Camp Chaplain Earl McCown. 1st Lt. Commander McCluney

welcomed all members and guests attending the Meeting. The Larry then invited all to partake in the evening meal. After the meal, Larry reconvened the Meeting. 1st Lt. Commander Larry McCluney led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and salutes to the Flag of Mississippi and the Battle Flag of the Confederacy.

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Program: The program for the evening was presented by Bert King, Commander of the Forrest Camp in Hattiesburg. Bert talked about a misunderstood group called the "Mechanized Cavalry". This group is comprised of men who love motorcycles and Confederate Heritage. Members are both SCV and non-SCV. Their goal is to educate the public and honor their Confederate Ancestors while doing nothing to bring dishonor to their cause. The Cavalry is no small group with members in every state and some countries overseas. Currently there are 61 members in Mississippi. After the program, Bert had the honor of inducting three Camp members into the Mechanized Cavalry and presenting them with their patches.

Announcements: March 8 & 9 there will be a Living History at Ft. Pemberton in Greenwood; the National Heritage Rally and Presidential Library dedication will be at Beauvoir on March 16th; April 6th will be a symposium at Cottonlandia Museum on the War with Brando Beck, Terry Winchell and Bert-Hayes Davis as speakers ; April 14th will be the Camp's Confederate Memorial Service; April 20th will be the rededication of Soldier's Rest in Vicksburg; April 27th is Division Confederate Memorial Service at Beauvoir, AOT Commander Tom Strain will be the speaker; MS Division Reunion will be June 21-23 in Pearl; and SCV National Reunion in Vicksburg July 18-20.

Officer Reports: 1st Lt. Commander Larry McCluney reported he is still working on the April program; 2nd Lt. Commander Junior Stillman reported he would know over the weekend who would be the speaker at our Confederate Memorial Service; Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported that past member Darrel Haley had renewed his membership bringing the Camp membership to 53; the Church Fund has enough money to cover the use of the Fellowship Hall through April; Last Meeting the Camp raised \$ 38 as a love offering for the James Taylor Family; As Camp Editor, Larry inquired about everyone receiving the Camp Newsletter; As AOT Councilman, Larry reported the GEC would meet Friday, March 15th at Beauvoir for anyone interested on seeing how the SCV works; For the MOS & B, Earl McCown reported they had a renewal rate of 98% state wide; OCR VP Annette McCluney presented a plaque carving of Beauvoir cut from wood from the house as result of damage caused by Katrina. The plaque would be raffled at the National Reunion in July.

Camp Business: With no business coming before the Camp, a motion was made by Earl McCown to adjourn, seconded by Junior Stillman and passed unanimously. The ladies of the OCR held their raffle and "Capture the Yankee". Money raised from the raffle went as a love offering for the Taylor Family.

The Meeting was dismissed with a word of prayer from Chaplain McCown and the singing of "Dixie". Attendance for the Meeting was 15.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan McCaskill, Adj.

War Comes to the MS Delta Report

War Comes to the Mississippi Delta Symposium will focus on topics related to the Civil War as it affected the Mississippi Delta in 1863. To that end, participants will speak on various aspects including the *CSS Arkansas*, the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou and Jefferson Davis.

Symposium Fees: Early Registration until March 28, 2013. Non-members-\$35, Members- \$25 Registration after March 28, 2013. Non-members- \$45, Members- \$35

Dinner Fee: Per person- \$25 Must reserve by March 28, 2013.

Discount for lodging: Rooms are reserved at the Hampton Inn, 1815 Hwy 82 W, Greenwood, MS, (662) 455-7985 for \$109 + tax, and at Holiday Inn Express, 401 Clements St., Greenwood, MS, (662) 455-1885 for \$99 + tax. When making reservations, be sure to indicate you are attending the Symposium at the Museum of the Mississippi Delta.

Order of Confederate Rose News

Ladies,

We will have sandwiches at our Thursday meeting making Bar-B-Q. I need people to bring bread, condiments, chips, dips, snacks and drinks. We will be discussing State and National plans for Convention so I hope everyone turns out. We also need to make plans for Confederate Memorial Day Service at Greenville to be held on April 14. I want to remind everyone of the Symposium at the Museum of the MS Delta on April 6.

Annette McCluney, President

Friday, April 5:

1:00-5:00 p.m. Registration

5:00-6:30 p.m. Welcoming Reception and Tour of Exhibition

Saturday, April 6:

8:00-10:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 a.m. Opening Remarks, Cheryl Taylor, Executive Director, Museum of the Mississippi Delta

9:15-10:15 a.m. *Defending Old Man River: The C.S.S. Arkansas*
Dr. Brandon H. Beck, East Mississippi Community College

10:30-11:30 a.m. *Grant's Central Mississippi Campaign and the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou*
Terrence J. Winschel, former chief historian, Vicksburg National Military Park

11:30-1:15 p.m. Lunch on your own

1:15-2:15 p.m. *Jefferson Davis during the War on the Delta*

Bertram Hayes-Davis, great-great-grandson of Jefferson Davis and CEO of Beauvoir

2:30-4:00 p.m. Tour of Fort Pemberton with Henry McCabe and Company K, 30th MS Infantry

Saturday Evening, April 6:

6:00-8:00 p.m. Cocktail Hour and Dinner at the Confederate Memorial Building,
215 Henderson St., Greenwood, MS

8:00 p.m. Remarks by Bertram-Hayes Davis

Presentation: General Ulysses S. Grant portrayed by Dr. Curt Fields

Mississippi Division News: Sons Of Confederate Veterans wants to set the record straight

BILOXI, MS (WLOX) - The last home of Jefferson Davis is being hailed for its significance in teaching the history of the South. The National Sons of Confederate Veterans coupled a celebration of the completion of Beauvoir's presidential library with the commemoration the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Re-enactors at Beauvoir, the last home of Jefferson Davis, taught children about what life was like during the Civil War by showing them many of the artifacts used during that time.

Michael Givens is the Commander-In-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

"It's very important that people recognize the struggles of the Southerners and the Northerners during that war because it was one of the defining moments in American history," said Givens.

History buffs headed to Beauvoir to mark the dedication of the new Jefferson Davis Presidential library.

"The public needs to understand that his building represents a lot more than just Jefferson Davis," said Beauvoir Director Bertram Hayes-Davis. "This is a historic educational opportunity for us to share the Southern heritage and all the stories to go along with not only Jefferson Davis but the Southern part of this country."

A museum is planned for the inside the library. Officials with the National Sons of Confederate Veterans said they look forward to exhibits which will preserve the history and heritage they hold dear.

"It's going to be a beacon. A depository of literature about the people, about their struggle," said Givens. "We're just so happy that we're able to dedicate it today. Once this building is complete and the museum is in side and all the literature, the history books, it will be able to help to tell the rest of the story. To set records straight." To let everybody know more about the struggles of our people."



MS Division Commander

Gentlemen of the Mississippi Division

I received a phone call today from a compatriot in Tennessee who just returned from Gettysburg and wanted to tell me what he had seen. In the grand visitor's center they have many interactive screens and on one it reads that according to the 1860 census 49.5% of Mississippians owned slaves at that time. Some of you may already know this I have been slow I guess, but now the powers that be count every member of a house hold that owned slaves as a slave owner too. In other words, if you were a slave owner and had ten children plus your wife that would equal 12 slave owners. Not hard to see how they get their figures with that kind of ingenious mathematical skewing. By that same statistical methodology when counting how many people own a home, or a boat, or a car, then multiply each that YOU own by the number of immediate household (children, wives, live in mother-in-laws (god help you)) and 'walla', instead of one homeowner (for arguments sake lets say you have a wife and two kids) we have four homeowners, instead of one car owner we have four car owners, on and on. If it wasnt so serious it would be laughable.

Unconvinced completely I looked up Wikipedia online to read the same basic skewing of the facts and the nice little tid-bits below which I copied here.

"The treatment of slaves in the United States varied widely depending on conditions, times and places. Treatment was generally characterized by brutality, degradation, and inhumanity. Whippings, executions, and rapes were commonplace. Slaves were punished by whipping, shackling, hanging, beating, burning, mutilation, branding, and imprisonment. Punishment was most often meted in response to disobedience or perceived infractions, but sometimes abuse was carried out simply to re-assert the dominance of the master or overseer over the slave"

You see where I'm going? Besides the totally false statements that 49.5% of Mississippians owned slaves in 1860, they want you to believe that they were also vicious, sadistic, immoral beasts, who fed off the misery of those they held.

All of this is nothing new but it drives home the point that I have spoken about many times, forget those lieing, theiving, selfrighteous, hypocritical, damnable Yankee's; they were lost to common sence and the ability to understand the truth even when it's laid out before them a long time ago, the aka I don't believe the government would make up such huge lies crowd. I'm talking about SOUTHERNERS ! I have asked this question several times, do you or did you allow the school where your children attend or attended teach them about God? Of course not and why? Because your children would believe they came from some slimy little toad like thing that suddenly crawled up onto the shore sprouted some legs, got tired of crawling on it's belly, climbed a tree, grew a tail to hang by in the tree, and finally decided to walk bent over on the ground until it decided walking up right was more comfortable.

So why have so many of us allowed our children to be educated about their own heritage by that same kind of people? My point to all of this is simply this, if your child doesnt at some point in their academic years get in trouble with a history teacher for calling their hand on the lies being told them then you failed your job to teach them the truth at home.

So many of our own children are being lost to those disgusting lies and propaganda. If you really want to make a difference, teach your children about God and then teach them about who they are and the proud distinctive people they come from. Instill in them the pride and greatfulness that they should feel for being born a son or daughter of the South.

God Bless the Mississippi Division

Stepping down from the soapbox now

Alan Palmer, Cmdr Ms Div SCV

Governor Phil Bryant Declare's April as Confederate Heritage Month



Confederate Memeorial Day at Beauvior and Board Meeting

The Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, invites all members to the Confederate Memorial Day Service at Beauvoir on Saturday, April 27, 2013 @ 2pm. The keynote speaker will be Tom Strain, Commander of the Army of Tennessee, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Lunch will be served @ 12 noon. Please bring a covered dish . All SCV Camps are urged to bring a wreath to be placed on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Confederate States of America.

The next quarterly meeting of the Combined Boards of Beauvoir will be Saturday, April 27, 2013 @ 10am in the Board room of the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library. Miss. Division members are welcome to attend. Seating is limited. Members must be on the agenda to address the Board. Rick Forte, Chairman of the Combined Boards of Beauvoir 228-343-1403 cell

OFFICAL REGISTRATION FORM
118th Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
and 19th Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose
Rankin County – June 21-23, 2013
Hosted by: The Lowry Rifles Camp #1740 Rankin County

SCV MEMBERS NAME(S): _____

TITLE: _____ SCV CAMP & NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # (H) _____ (C) _____ EMAIL _____

SPOUSE NAME (for badge): _____

OCR MEMBERS NAME(S): _____

OCR CHAPTER NAME AND NUMBER: _____

GUEST NAME: _____

GUEST NAME: _____

All registered SCV members will receive a name badge, a convention medal, a program, and a bag of goodies. Registration at the door will receive the same as long as supplies last. (OCR registrants will have a Tea in lieu of a medal.) **Please register for your respective organization below.**

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV on or before June 07, 2013.....**\$30.00 each for registration**QTY _____ \$ _____

SCV after June 07, 2013.....**\$35.00 each for registration**QTY _____ \$ _____

OCR on or before June 7, 2013 \$10.00 each after June 07, 2013 \$15.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

Ancestor Memorial: Each memorial is \$10.00..... QTY _____ \$ _____

(Please Print or type each memorial on separate page, Thanks!)

Program Ads: \$100.00 for full page; \$50.00 for half a page; \$25.00 for quarter page; \$15.00 for business card size advertising **(Please submit ad information on a separate page before May 15, Thanks!)** \$ _____

Banquet Registration (per plate) \$30.00Qty _____ \$ _____

(No Meal Registration after June 7, 2013) Dinner (TBD)**Total Amount \$** _____

Make Checks Payable to: Lowry Rifles Camp #1740

Mail to: Bill Hinson
 238 South Fox Hall Road
 Pearl, Ms. 39208

CONTACT INFORMATION: Bill Hinson: (H) 601-936-9048; or email: BHLH87@aol.com

Convention Hotel: Cabot Lodge-Millsaps, Jackson, Ms. Reservations can be made by calling:

601-948-8650, ask for the Mississippi Division, SCV Convention Rates. Rates are \$109.00 + tax

per night and plus happy hour from 5:30pm-7:30pm for hotel guest only. Reservations **MUST BE MADE** before June 07, 2013.

MS Sesquicentennial Event at Vicksburg, April 20

Gentlemen

I am writing this to remind everyone of our Division Sesquicentennial Memorial Event to be held at Soldiers Rest in Vicksburg, April 20 at 10am. Bertram Hayes Davis will be the featured speaker. If you have never seen Soldiers Rest you have missed one of the most beautiful Confederate burial sites anywhere. In April, 120 years ago this year some five thousand Confederate Veterans themselves, along with more than five thousand spectators dedicated the UDC Obelisk that we are rededicating this April 20th.

Please support this Division Sesquicentennial event as we kick off this year of Vicksburg celebrations concluding with the National Reunion July 18-20 in Vicksburg.

If you can participate in the color guard please contact Division Color Sgt Conner Bond, we must show these boys who died during the Vicksburg Campaign that we still remember, and we will never forget ! I'll see you in Vicksburg !

Alan Palmer
Cmdr Ms Div SCV

National SCV News:

The Fight to Save Forrest Park

Gentlemen,

In another significant positive development for the fight to Save the Parks, SCV spokesman Lee Millar again met today with the president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference here in Memphis. In the discussions, Rev Dwight Montgomery reiterated his stand with the SCV that the 3 Confederate parks should be left alone and that our City Council should have much more important tasks to tackle. And even more importantly, that the SCLC would speak out on the issue.

Earlier in the controversy, Rev. Montgomery had stated that the SCLC, though sympathetic, would remain neutral.

In the meeting Rev. Montgomery stated that the SCLC pastors (130) had met and now expressed their 100% backing of his philosophy on the issue. While all of the pastors didn't necessarily like the park names or heroes, most all didn't see them as a problem and stood to urge the city to move on: history is history.

As Rev Montgomery explicitly stated: "not a single one of those parks caused a shooting in the 'hood. We need to focus on fighting crime and gangs and not on these parks. The parks should be left as they are, and we shall say so."

The SCLC plans a pastoral luncheon in two weeks at which a delegation will be appointed to appeal to the city council to direct their attention to the crime problems and to leave the 3 historic parks alone. The Sons of Confederate Veterans has been invited to be a co-sponsor of this luncheon. It will be held at the Annesdale Baptist Church, in south Memphis, the home church of Rev. Montgomery. Approximately 150 leaders of the Black community are expected to attend.

We, the SCV, of course, welcome the invitation and the opportunity to join with the SCLC in directing the city council to a more worthwhile campaign.

While the focus of the SCLC is to improve the quality of black neighborhoods and that of the SCV is to protect Southern history, we are united in the efforts to preserve the parks and direct the city council to address the pressing issues of today, and the future, not our 100-year old parks.

Lee Millar, Spokesman
SCV Memphis

Sesquicentennial Article

Streight's Raid on Rome Georgia

During Col. A. D. Streight's cavalry raid across north Alabama (April 19-May 3, 1863), he was pursued by a Confederate force half the size of his Union company. Led by Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, the Confederates had several advantages. They were riding horses; the Union troops were riding mules (except for a small contingent of cavalry composed of north Alabama Unionists who were showing Streight the way). Horses were faster and quieter. Stories from the north Alabama hills tell that one could hear the braying of Streight's mules for miles. For this reason, Southerners called Streight's Federals the "Jackass Cavalry." During the raid, a sixteen-year-old Gadsden, Alabama girl became one of the most well-known heroines of the Confederacy. In 1914, when French horse-armies were being slaughtered by German machine guns in World War I and the cavalry was instantly made obsolete, Bennett H. Young, a Confederate cavalry officer, published a book about several Confederate engagements, including the story of Streight's Alabama Raid and Emma Sansom.

The following is from pages 472-478 of Bennett H. Young, Confederate Wizards of the Saddle, 1914; reprint, Kennesaw, Ga.: Continental Book Co., 1958.

By the afternoon of May 2d, the pressure of Streight and his men by Forrest was at its fiercest tension. Guided by his two companies of Alabama refugee horsemen, Streight had been told if he could only cross Black Creek and burn the bridge, that he might hope for a few hours' respite, and if he could not feed his weary men and wearier beasts, he could at least let them sleep enough to restore a part of their wasted energy, and from a few hours' repose get new strength for the struggles and trials that yet faced them in this perilous campaign upon which they had so courageously come....

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Sitting in their cottage, mayhap talking of the soldier brother, there fell upon the ears of these defenseless home-keepers strange sounds: the galloping of horses, the clanging of swords, frequent shots, sharp, quick commands. They wondered what all this clamor could mean, and rushing to the porch, they saw companies of men clad in blue, all riding in hot haste toward the bridge over the creek. They were beating and spurring their brutes [mules], who seemed weary under their human burdens, and in their dumb way resenting the cruel and harsh measures used to drive them to greater and more strenuous effort. The passers-by jeered the women, asked them how they liked the "Yanks," and told them they had come to thrash the rebels and run Bragg [Gen. Braxton Bragg] and his men out of the country. They said "Old Forrest" was behind them, but they had licked him once and would do it again.

The well in the yard tempted them to slake their thirst, and dismounting, they crowded about the bucket and pulled from its depths draughts to freshen their bodies and allay the fever that burned in their tired throats. They asked if they had any brothers in the army; and not to be outdone, the women said they had six, and all gone to fight the Yankees. Two cannon went rumbling by. The men on their horses were belaboring them with great hickory wythes, and were driving at a mad pace to get over the wooden bridge. Some of the blue-coated men came in and searched the house for guns, pistols, and opened and pried through the drawers of the wooden bureau, and looked in the closets and presses and under the beds; but they found nothing but a side saddle; and one, more malignant than the others, drew his knife from a sheath dangling by his side, and slashed and cut its skirts into small pieces and threw them upon the floor at the feet of the helpless women.

The line grew thinner. In double and single file some stragglers were all that was left of the men in blue, and then the rear guard came, and over the creek the women saw the cannon on the banks, the horses unhitched, and the little Federal Army dismounted, scattered out among the trees and bushes and standing with guns in their hands, waiting for somebody else to come. They saw the men tear the rail fence down, pile the rails on the bridge, and then one started into house; and, seizing a piece of blazing coal from the chimney place, ran in haste to the bridge and set fire to the brush and rails, and the flames spring high into the air. They looked down the road and wished that some men in gray would come and drive away these rude soldiers who had disturbed the peace of their home, ungallantly destroying their property, and cutting into fragments their saddle which had come as a gift from the dead father whose grave was out in the woods near the garden gate. As they looked down the road, they saw one single blue-uniformed man riding at highest speed, rushing along the highway as if mad, waving his hands and beating his tired mount with his sword. Just behind him, at full speed, came other men, shooting at the fleeing Federals. In front of the humble home, the single horseman suddenly stopped and threw up his hands, and cried, "I surrender. I surrender." Then up to his side rode with rapid stride a soldier in gray. He had some stars on his collar and a wreath about them, and he said to the women, "I am a Confederate general. I am trying to capture and kill the Yankee soldiers across the creek yonder."

Standing on the front porch of the house, these women watched these startling and surprising proceedings. The leader who was pursuing this single soldier in blue sat on his panting steed at the gate. The young girls knew that the gray uniform meant friends, rescue, kindness, chivalry. They walked to the fence and outside the gate touched the bridle of their deliverer's steed and patted his foam-covered neck, and looked up into the face of the stern soldier, without fear or dread.

With tones as tender as those of a woman, the officer who had captured the Federal vidette said, "Do not be alarmed. I am General Forrest, and I will protect you." Other men in gray came riding in great haste and speedily dismounting left their horses and scattered out into the forest on either side of the road. The youngest girl told the Confederate general that the Yankees were amongst the trees on the other side of the creek, and they would kill him if he went down toward the bridge. She did not realize how little the man in gray feared the shooting. Now the flames from the burning rails and bridge timbers began to hiss and the crackling wood told that the bridge was going into smoke and ashes and no human power could save it from ruin and destruction.

The leader said, "I must get across. I must catch these raiders. Can we ford the creek, or are there any other bridges near?" "There is no bridge you can cross," the younger girl replied, "but you and your men can get across down there in the woods. If you will saddle me a horse I'll go and show you where it is: I have seen the cows wade there and I am sure you, too, can cross it." "Little girl," the general exclaimed, "There's no time for saddling horses. Get up behind me"; and, seeing a low bank, he pointed her there. She sprang with the agility of an athlete upon the bank, and then with a quick leap seated herself behind the grim horseman, catching onto his waist with her hands. The soldier pushed his spurs into the flanks of the doubly burdened horse and started in a gallop through the woods, by the father's grave, along the path indicated by his youthful guide.

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The mother cried out in alarm, and with ill-concealed fear bade her child dismount. General Forrest quietly said, "Don't be alarmed; I'll take good care of her and bring her safely back. She's only going to show me the ford where I can cross the creek and catch the Yankees over yonder before they can get to Rome." There was something in the look of the warrior that stilled fear for her child, and with eager gaze, half-way consenting, she watched them as they galloped across the corn field. They were soon lost to sight in the timbered ravine through which the soldier man and the maiden so firmly seated behind him now passed out of view. Following the branch a short distance, General Forrest found that it entered Black Creek three-fourths of a mile above the bridge. Through the trees and underbrush, as she saw the muddy waters of the stream, she warned her companion that they were where they could be seen by the enemy. Without waiting for the assistance of her escort, she unloosed her hold from his waist and sprang to the earth.

The soldier, throwing his bridle rein over a sapling, followed the child, who was now creeping on her hands and knees along the ground over the leaves and through the ticket. The enemy saw the two forms crouching on the soil and began to fire at the moving figures in the bushes. Fearing that she might be struck, the soldier said, "You can be my guide; but you can't be my breastwork," and, rising, he placed himself in front of the heroic child, who was fearlessly helping him in his effort to pursue her country's foes. Standing up in full view of the Federals, she pointed where he must enter and where emerge from the water. Her mission was ended. The secret of the lost ford was revealed. Streight's doom was sealed. The child had saved Forrest in his savage ride, ten miles and three hours' time, and now he felt sure that Rome was safe and that Streight and his men would soon be captives in his hands. As they emerged into an open space, the rain of bullets increased; and the girl, not familiar with the sound of shot and shell, stood out in full view and untying her calico sunbonnet, waved it defiantly at the men in blue across the creek. The firing in an instant ceased. They recognized the child's heroic defiance. Maybe they recalled the face of a sister or sweetheart away across the Ohio River in Indiana or Ohio. They were brave, gallant men, the fierceness of no battle could remove the chivalrous emotions of manly warriors. Moved with admiration and chivalrous appreciation of courage, they withdrew their guns from their shoulders and broke into hurrahs for the girlish heroine who was as brave as they, and whose heart, like theirs, rose in the tumult of battle higher than any fear.

Forrest turned back toward his horse, which was ravenously eating the leaves and twigs from the bush where he had been tied. The bullets began whistling about the retreating forms. She heard the thuds and zipping of the balls; and, with childish curiosity, asked the big soldier what these sounds meant. "These are bullets, my little girl," he said, "and you must get in front of me. One might hit you and kill you." . . . Riding with quickening speed, he galloped back to the house. . . . [He] gave orders to instantly engage the foe. He sent aids to direct the artillery to the newly-found ford, and while they were moving with all haste into position, he drew from his pocket a sheet of unruled paper and wrote on it: Headquarters in Saddle, May 2d, 1863.

My highest regards to Miss Ema Sansom [sic] for her gallant conduct while my horse [sic] was skirmishing with the Federals across "Black Creek" near Gadisden, Alabama [sic].

N.B. Forrest, Brig. Gen. Com'd'g N. Ala.

Camp-Membership Survey From IHQ

Compatriots,

The Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans has been chosen as the test for the larger National Sons of Confederate Veterans program to make Heritage Defense (Promotion) more effective by making it quicker and more pro-active. To that end I am sending out a form entitled "Camp Membership Survey" which asks for information about the camp members and their "reach" into the larger, local community. The importance of this is obvious as the flag fight won here several years ago was due mainly to the widespread membership of SCV members into other, collateral organizations, places where they spoke up and out about the history and heritage of our ancestors. The success of the pilot program depends on two things: Your reasonable* completion of the forms and our determined commitment to update it.

This assessment of our reach is also a time for the individual camp to assess their ability to stay relevant and known to their community. A second "Camp Self Assessment" is attached as well. The Commander, Lt. Commander, or Adjutant, or any designees can complete it. Hopefully, things the camp is doing or not doing will be underscored by looking it over. It has been my own experience since the arrival of the digital age that not all camps are using the new forms of communication or have just loaded those new duties on the plate of the Commander or Adjutants. Your camp may want to consider a camp communications officer charged with **only** website (camp) maintenance, Division website camp contacts and events accuracy, a Facebook page for the camp, constant emails/texts/tweets/instagrams to remind members and friends of events and regular meetings, and to maintain local newspaper & radio announcements or regular meetings (programs) and special events. The Heritage Promotion Chief, Gene Hogan, is mostly interested in Rotary as the first place to try proactive reach. That is why it is first on the matrix for "Camp Membership Survey. After determining the Mississippi SCV Camp to local Rotary Clubs match I will have more about that. Your response would be helpful if received by the end of April so that the response rate, suggested improvement to the surveys, and other bugs can be reported to Chief Hogan. Scanned material can be sent back to this email, gregstewart@cableone.net, or snail-mailed back to my office at 57 Shoreline Lane Gulfport, Mississippi 39503.

Heritage Promotion Chairman
Greg Stewart

* Some camps are quite large, have members that live out of state, or for some other reason will be unable to assess one or more members. Do not obsess over that. An 80% completion rate is likely.

See Survey on page 9 . . .

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