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## NEW MEETING DATE SET FOR THE CAMP REMEMBER AUGUST 4, FIRST THURSDAY

The past year has seen a drop in attendance to our Camp meetings because of various activities that take place on the third Thursday of each month that we have had to compete with. Thus, at our last Camp meeting, it was voted on by the membership to change our regular Camp meetings to the first Thursday of each month so we would not have to compete with Masons, Scouts, and other groups

that usually meet on that designated time. We will still meet at the First Presbyterian Church in Indianola, at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall. Just changing from third Thursday to first Thursday of the month.

This December also is our election time for new officers. Anyone interested in running for any of the Camp offices should begin putting serious thought into this and an-

nouncing their candidacy.

The elected offices include: Commander, Lt. Commander, 2nd Lt. Commander, Adjutant, and Color-Sgt. Anyone interested in knowing the duties of these offices should consult the Camp By-laws online at [http://www.humphreys1625.com/Benjamin\\_G\\_Humphreys\\_Camp\\_By-Laws\\_-\\_2009a.pdf](http://www.humphreys1625.com/Benjamin_G_Humphreys_Camp_By-Laws_-_2009a.pdf)

## MEMORIAL OF REAL SONS THAT DIED IN CORINTH

Buddy Ellis, 2nd Brigade Commander contacted me about a Memorial for the last two Real Sons of Mississippi that recently passed away. At the time of their funeral the families did not request anything

special to be done. Buddy felt that a thought a Memorial for them at a later date would be fitting. The prospective date is Sunday, October 2. There will be two services one at 2:00 and a second at 4:00 PM.

So you can make plans to attend this Memorial for these Real Sons a fitting tribute to them and their Confederate fathers. Any questions contact either Buddy Ellis or James Taylor.

## SOUTHERN HERITAGE CONFERENCE UPDATE

The annual Southern Heritage Conference will be held Friday August 5th & Saturday 6th, 2011 at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Laurel, MS. Friday doors open 6 PM - Program begins 7 PM; Saturday - doors open 8 AM - Program begins at 9 AM. Meals - Dinner \$10 ea. - Supper \$15 ea. Children under 12 yrs. old, no charge. Attendance - Individual - \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Family - \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. This can be immediate or extended family.

Speakers - Bro. Cecil Fayard from Grenada MS. Having been born on the MS. Gulf Coast. He can tell some good Cajun stories. Bro. John Killian from the Birmingham area and pastor of Mayfield Baptist Church. His 1860's oratories are famous. Dr. Thomas J. DiLorenzo - professor of Economics at Loyola Univ. in Maryland. He has written several books, is a lecturer throughout the country and another firm believer in the South and her attempt to continue the old Union under the Constitution. His latest books are, "The Real Lincoln", "Lincoln Unmasked", and "Hamilton's Curse".

VENDORS AT THIS TIME: Miss Connie Mori representing the Confederate Shoppe from Birmingham. Al & Gina Benson from Sterlington, LA. Mr. Al is co-author of the book "Red Republicans and Lincoln's Marxists."

SATURDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT: We are attempting to expand the entertainment for the evening, so this is still tentative. Gospel groups - Stubborn Love & The Houston Road Boys, Bonnie McCoy playing the fiddle, Zoe Brumfeld on the bagpipes, Howard Patrick (reading a recitation entitled, "I Am Your Flag" ), and Bro. John Killian giving one of his famous oratories.

DETAILS: Carl Ford @ [CSAFord@hotmail.com](mailto:CSAFord@hotmail.com)

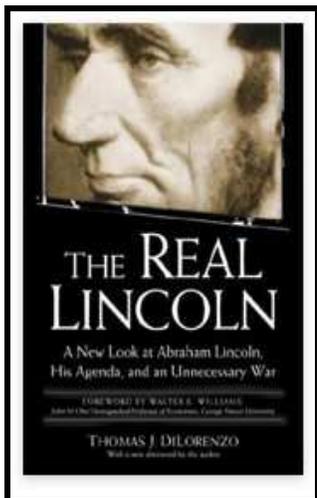
## RENEWAL NOTICES ARE OUT - PLAN TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND HELP RECRUIT

Effective August 1, 2008 national SCV dues increased to \$30. The basic cost for new members and reinstating dues delinquent members is \$35 which is the new dues amount plus the processing fee. Renewing current members need to pay only the \$30. By reducing some costs and utilizing a new source of income, the Executive Council has been able to "hold the line" on Division Dues and presently sees no increase in the foreseeable future. Like National dues, Division dues can be prorated in the third and fourth quarters of the fiscal year. For full explanation and amounts see ByLaws Article 5 Section 5

National Life memberships which are tied to annual dues are now \$750 through age 64, \$375 for age 65 through 79, and \$187.50 for age 80 and up. In the past Mississippi Division Life Memberships were a flat fee; however, the 2008 convention approved age graduated rates tied to the annual dues (actually a decrease in most cases). The application form may be obtained on the this website: [http://www.mississippiascv.org/membership.html#Life\\_Memberships](http://www.mississippiascv.org/membership.html#Life_Memberships) & [http://www.mississippiascv.org/ByLaws.html#ARTICLE\\_4](http://www.mississippiascv.org/ByLaws.html#ARTICLE_4) § 4 C & 4D

Renewals for the Brig. General Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp, #1625 will be \$50.00. You should receive notice soon as we prepare for the new fiscal year which begins August 1, 2011. Want to pay early? Make check out to SCV and and mail to:

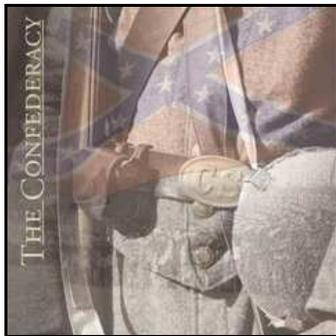
Dan McCaskill  
205 Cypress St,  
Leland, MS 38756-3108



Check this book out before you attend the Conference

**EVENTS OF INTEREST:**

- **8/4 – Regular Camp Meeting – Tim Cupit Speaker**
- **8/5-6 – Southern Heritage Conference in Laurel, MS**
- **9/16-18 - Battle of Farmington, MS – Federal Impression**
- **10/1-2– Living History at Fort Pemberton to Commemorate the Seige (30th MS, Co. K Impression)**
- **10/14-16 – Fall Muster, Beauvoir – CS Marine Impression**
- **11/11-13 – Wirt Adams’ Raid, Natchez, MS – Federal Impression**
- **12/1 – Regular Camp Meeting – Election Year**



Help bring the 2012 Mississippi Division Scrapbook Award back to our Camp. We have dominated this award for so long and after taking a few years break to stir up some competition, we are now ready to compete again. Remember, our Camp has not only dominated on the State level, but has won three times on the National level as well. Do your part to help!

**CAMP NEWS:**

**CAMP MEMBERS ATTEND AND WIN AWARDS AT NATIONAL SCV REUNION**

On July 13-17, our SCV Reunion was held in Montgomery, AL, the "Cradle of the Confederacy." Many of our Camp members attended including, Dan McCaskill, Larry McCluney, and Alan Palmer. Also attending were several ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter, MSOCR including Ann McCaskill, Alayna Palmer, and Annette McCluney.

Much fun was had by all as they attended their respective society meetings and business sessions. As a result of the Convention, our Camp members that attended were awarded several

presitigious awards from the Commander-in-Chief:

- Dan McCaskill, Larry McCluney, and Alan Palmer all received the Meritorious Service Medal
- Larry McCluney received the Distinguished Service Medal
- Dan McCaskill was nominated and received as a new committee member to serve on the National Awards Committee
- Alayna Palmer has been nominated and received to serve on the National Scrapbook Award

**Committee**

If you have never attended a National reunion, you need to be making plans for next year in Murfreesboro, TN. Also, do not forget our National Reunion in 2013 in Vicksburg, MS. All of the Mississippi Division should attend this event in 2013.

These reunions are so uplifting knowing you are with likeminded people wanting to honor their Confederate Ancestors and preserve the truth of why they fought.

**CAMP SCRAPBOOK FOR 2012**

Attention Camp members,

Joe Nokes, Camp Color Sgt., has taken on the task to gather material for the 2011-2012 Camp Scrapbook to be submitted at the 2012 State Convention in Brandon. He requests that as the year goes by, please submit any newspaper articles, pictures, or other interesting material that you gather throughout the year to him so he can make this year's scrapbook

and award winning one.

If you have pictures or scanned material you can send it to Joe's e-mail address at [joe-nokes0128@yahoo.com](mailto:joe-nokes0128@yahoo.com)

One of the things he would like is for everyone who have pictures of their ancestors to make a copy and give them to him at the Camp meetings or scan them and send them to him by e-mail.

Material he is looking for in-

cludes: pictures of Camp activities, newspaper articles, reenactment photos that Camp members are in, Convention photos (state and National), programs from various Camp activities, or programs of activities from other Camps that include our Camp members. He definitely wants photos and articles of Camp activities that involve the general public.

**JOIN THE BRIG/GEN CHARLES CLARK CHAPTER, MOS&B**

Membership in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars is limited to male descendants, either lineal or collateral, of the officers who served honorably in the Army, Navy and other commands of the Confederate States of America and male descendants of the elected and appointed civilian officials of the Confederate States; the national Confederate Government; and the Five Civilized Tribes which allied with the Confederacy. All members must be at least twelve years old. Ancestral documentation must accompany all applications for membership.

First year national dues are \$50 and must accompany your completed application. This fee covers the national dues for the current year, plus the succeeding year. Annual renewals for national membership are \$35. Your State Society and Local Chapter may also have annual dues in addition to the national dues.

National life memberships are also available. The life membership fee is determined on an age graduation scale.

For additional information on

the chapter closest to you, review the State and Local links on this site or contact our National Headquarters.

Membership includes a membership card, a lapel pin, and a large color certificate of membership suitable for framing.

Important Note: A complete set of the application and supporting documentation must be included in order for the application to be considered and processed. Some State Societies require an additional set which is kept by the State Society. It is a requirement that applicants wishing to join a specific chapter have an MOS&B Sponsor. Except for those joining the National At-Large Chapter, the following signatures are required before the application can be processed by IHQ: Sponsor, Chapter, State Society, and State Society Genealogist. Failure to obtain all of the required documentation can cause a delay in the approval of the application.

Incomplete applications may be returned to the remitting applicant in the event these requirements are not met.

See Earl McCown for applica-

tions and more information to join the Brig. Gen. Charles Clark Chapter, MOS&B. This is a great way to preserve the memory of your Confederate Officer Ancestor.



DIVISION NEWS:  
**BEAUVIOR UPDATE**



**Thank You for visiting our Beauvoir website!**

The Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Beauvoir Boards of Directors and Trustees extend to you, a warm welcome. As you look through our site, I would like to take the opportunity to make you aware of what we have accomplished since Hurricane Katrina. The severe damage to our property received worldwide media attention, and in the subsequent restoration process, we pledged ourselves to create an unparalleled tribute to Confederate President Jefferson Davis and the Confederate soldier, historically accurate, and gracefully resplendent. It has been a daunting and expensive task.

Of course, our first priority was to restore the mansion itself, which has been completed. In doing so, we determined to research, identify, and restore the mansion and surrounding historic property to the period when Jefferson Davis was in residence during the years 1879-1889. The Beauvoir mansion, along with the re-constructed Library Pavilion where President Davis wrote "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government" both exhibit the painstaking research and resulting interior and exterior finishes found applicable to that period.

The original Jefferson Davis Presidential Library completed in 1998 has been demolished due to hurricane damage, and has been relocated adjacent to the original library site. The new Library and Museum, which has undergone a complete redesign and layout, will be completed in the fall of 2011, and will be a stunning architectural masterpiece.

We are also in the process of design and construction of the original Beauvoir kitchen building, as well as two adjacent structures, the Forman's house and the Maid's house, which will house an executive kitchen and dining hall, all of which are located just behind the mansion. Further, we have researched Varina's Garden, as well as the groves and vineyards, which will be restored. Reconstruction of other historic structures are in the planning stage.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy Arch was recently restored and dedicated adjacent to the Beauvoir Cemetery, and will provide the entrance to the Confederate Memorial Plaza, a colonnaded surround of the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier, and paved with engraved ancestor bricks being sold by the Mississippi Division.

In preserving the memory of Jefferson Davis and the Confederate soldier, we have expended millions of dollars in this ongoing restoration process, all during a period of hurricane devastation, oil spills, economic downturn and tourism decline. We will not waiver in our continuing effort to create and preserve this beautiful memorial shrine, but we need your help.

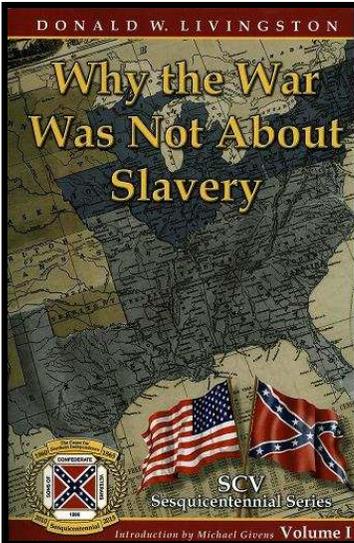
I am asking you, before leaving this site, to make a commitment to assist us in this endeavor by making a donation to Beauvoir, or, join "Friends of Beauvoir" where you can provide an annual commitment, and your donations are tax-deductible. You may also wish to honor your Confederate ancestor by purchasing an engraved brick, to be placed in the Confederate Memorial Plaza. While your direct donations may be mailed to the address below, you will find online applications for "Friends of Beauvoir" and "Bricks for Beauvoir" appearing in the right column of the Home Page of our Beauvoir site.

As we seek to maintain and perpetuate Beauvoir as the principal historic and most beautiful attraction in Mississippi, please join us in this important effort by making a financial contribution to Beauvoir. We also invite you to visit us, enjoy our hospitality, and take note of what we are accomplishing in preserving our Confederate heritage!

With kindest regards and warm wishes,

Richard V. Forte, Chairman  
 Combined Boards of Beauvoir





**SCV Education Pamphlets for recruiting**



**Kelly Barrows, Lt. Commander-in-Chief speaking on the leadership workshops at Convention**

**NATIONAL NEWS: NEW SCV EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLETS**

Compatriots,

The deadline for early registration for the Reunion in Montgomery, AL (July 13-16, 2011) is June 15, 2011. Until this date registration is 45 dollars and afterward registration is 60 dollars.

The link below will take you to the reunion registration form on scv.org. <http://www.scv.org/GHQ>

is excited to offer a new educational tool for the members and others.. In a recent issue of the Confederate Veteran there was an excellent article by the highly esteemed Dr. Donald Livingston. The focus of his essay was why the War was not about slavery. It is a must read for anyone hoping to understand the true nature of the conflict of 1860-1865.

GHQ is now selling this essay as a stand alone booklet. These are great for our member's use but also has something we can give out to the public.

These booklets are only \$2 each! Or, in multiples of 10, \$1.75! These can now be ordered through GHQ. Plan to get some for your camp.

**NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

As we approach the challenging years of the Sesquicentennial, leadership training has become even more important to the defense of our Southern heritage. In an effort to insure that our members better understand the challenges of leadership roles and to aid our leaders in acquiring the knowledge to better perform their duties, the SCV has scheduled a 2011 National Leadership Summit.

This year's event will be held October 1, 2011 at the Terrace Restaurant on the campus of the Twin Lakes Retirement Center, located at 100

Wade Coble Drive, Burlington, NC

27215. It will be hosted by the Col. Charles F. Fisher Camp #813. A tentative schedule for the day is posted below along with registration and lodging information.

Please note that this event will include relevant presentations and individual workshops for more specialized training for Commanders and Adjutants; however, ALL members are invited to attend!

**Agenda**

- 8:00 - 8:15 Welcome & SCV Protocol Cmdr. Mitch Flinchum, Camp 813
- 8:15 - 8:30 Introductions & Overview Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow
- 8:30 - 9:15 Commanders & Command, CIC R. Michael Givens
- 9:15 - 9:30 BREAK
- 9:30 - 10:15 Adjutants & Administration TBA
- 10:15 - 10:30 BREAK

- 10:30 - 11:15 Camp Programs & Projects ANV Councilman Gene Hogan
- 11:15 - 12:15 DINNER
- 12:15 - 1:00 Camp Operations & Success Past Ga.Div Cmdr Scott K. Gilbert, Jr
- 1:00 - 1:15 BREAK
- 1:15 - 2:00 Commander's & Adjutant's Workshops CIC, Lt. CIC & Past AIC
- 2:15 - 2:30 BREAK
- 2:30 - 3:15 Recruiting & Retention Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow
- 3:15 - Concluding Remarks & Discussion Lt. CIC Charles Kelly Barrow
- Benediction

Editor's Note: Registration form for this conference is on page 8

**150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1ST BATTLE OF MANASSAS - CONFEDERATE CONSECRATION DAY**

Dear Compatriots,

One hundred and fifty years ago today the combatants from South and North met on the hilly fields outside of the town of Manassas, Virginia. The encounter that followed became the first major battle of the War for Southern Independence.

The battle was bittersweet. Bitter, as all wars that lead to death and destruction, sweet, in that it was a victory for the sovereign South. It was here that General Thomas J. Jackson earned his immortal nickname: Stonewall, making for us the finest example of Southern manhood. *There is Jackson standing like a stone wall. Let us determine to die here, and we will conquer. Rally behind the Virginians!* challenged, Brig. General Bernard Bee.

And rally they did. Their actions

consecrated the soil with the blood of a liberty-loving people. From that day till this, we continue to stand like a stone wall for the truth and the honour that is the heritage of the South.

Let us dub this day **Confederate Consecration Day**. Let us remember the glorious deeds of our Confederate ancestors, celebrate their lives and honour their sacrifices. I ask you to use this opportunity to speak with someone in the days to come about these men that we honour. Give someone else the opportunity to know the truth about the Southern Cause. And let's all pray for the Lord's blessings on the South. I am,

Fraternally yours,  
Michael Givens  
Commander in Chief  
[givens.scv@gmail.com](mailto:givens.scv@gmail.com)



**Commander-in-Chief Micheal Givens**



## FUNDING REQUEST DEADLINES

### Compatriots,

The Budget and Finance Committee will review request for grants from General Headquarters before the Fall and Spring GEC meetings. The deadline to submit a request for consideration at the Fall GEC meeting is September 1, 2011.

The deadline for requests to be received for consideration at the Spring GEC meeting is January 15, 2012.

Those requesting funds should read the Funding Proposal Guidelines found on the Forms and Documents page of [scv.org](http://www.scv.org) at: <http://www.scv.org/pdf/FundingProposalGuidelines.pdf>

The form to be used to make a request for a grant is also on the Forms and Documents page at: <http://www.scv.org/pdf/SCVFundRequests.pdf>

Submission of the form is the minimum level of information that must be provided to make a funding

request. Those making requests are encouraged to provide supplemental information describing their project.

If you have any questions regarding the guidelines, form or process please contact me.

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 318-387-3791

### Sesquicentennial Series, 150 Years ago this Month:

## THE BATTLE OF WILSON'S CREEK – “BULL RUN OF THE WEST”

The Battle of Wilson's Creek, also known as the Battle of Oak Hills, was fought on August 10, 1861, near Springfield, Missouri, between Union forces and the Missouri State Guard, early in the American Civil War. It was the first major battle of the war west of the Mississippi River and is sometimes called the "Bull Run of the West." Brig. Gen. Nathaniel Lyon's Army of the West was camped at Springfield, Missouri, with Confederate troops under the commands of Brig. Gen. Benjamin McCulloch approaching. On August 9, both sides formulated plans to attack the other. At about 5:00 a.m. on August 10, Lyon, in two columns commanded by himself and Col. Franz Sigel, attacked the Confederates on Wilson's Creek about 12 miles (19 km) southwest of Springfield. Rebel cavalry received the first blow and fell back away from Bloody Hill. Confederate forces soon rushed up and stabilized their positions.

The Confederates attacked the Union forces three times that day but failed to break through the Union line. When General Lyon was killed during the battle and General Sweeny wounded, Major Samuel D. Sturgis assumed command. Meanwhile, the Confederates had routed Sigel's column, south of Skegg's Branch. Following the third Confederate attack, which ended at 11:00 a.m., the Confederates withdrew. Sturgis realized, however, that his men were exhausted and his ammunition was low, so he ordered a retreat to Springfield. The Confederates were too disorganized and ill-equipped to pursue. This Confederate victory buoyed southern sympathizers in Missouri and served as a springboard for a bold thrust north that carried Price and his Missouri State Guard as far as Lexington. In late October, a rump convention, convened by Governor Claiborne Fox Jackson, met in Neosho and passed out an ordinance of secession. Wilson's Creek, the most significant 1861 battle in Missouri, gave the Confederates control of southwestern Missouri.

At the beginning of the war, Missouri declared that it would be an "armed neutral" in the conflict and not send materials or men to either side. On April 20, 1861, a secessionist mob seized the Liberty Arsenal increasing Union concern in the state. The neutrality was put to a major test on May 10, 1861, in what became known as the Camp Jackson Affair. Governor Claiborne F. Jackson had called out the state militia to drill on the edge of St. Louis in Lindell Grove. The governor had clandestinely obtained artillery from the Confederacy and smuggled it into the militia encampment—referred to as "Camp Jackson." Capt. Nathaniel Lyon was aware of this shipment and was concerned the militia would move on the St. Louis Arsenal. Thomas W. Sweeny was put in command of the Arsenal's defense, and Lyon surrounded the militia camp with Union troops and home guards, forcing the surrender of the militia. He then blundered by marching the militia men through the streets to the arsenal. A crowd gathered, some angry and pressing against the procession. Taunts and jostling eventually led to gunfire and many deaths, mostly civilians but also including several militia and soldiers.

A day later, the Missouri General Assembly created the Missouri State Guard to defend the state from attacks from perceived enemies, either from the North or South. The governor appointed Sterling Price to be its commander with the rank of Major General. The State Guard was divided into divisions, with each division consisting of units raised from a military district of Missouri and command by a brigadier general. (Because much of their recruiting areas were behind Union lines, many divisions were the size of a brigade, consisting of only a few regiments.)

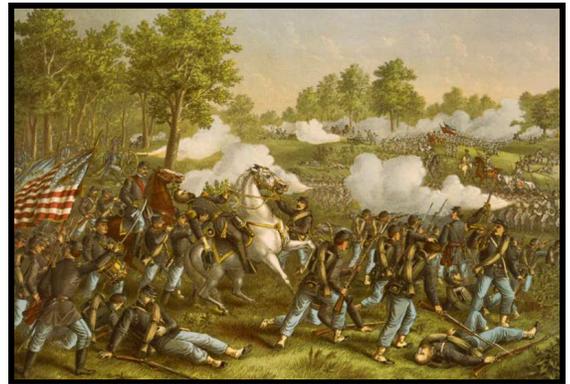
Fearing Missouri's tilt to the South, William S. Harney, the Federal commander in Missouri, struck the Price-Harney Truce on May 12, 1861, which affirmed Missouri's neutrality in the conflict. Governor Jackson declared his support for the Union. However, Harney was replaced by Lyon (who was promoted to general), and Abraham Lincoln made a specific request for Missouri troops to enter Federal service. Jackson withdrew his support. On June 12, 1861, Lyon and Jackson met in St. Louis to resolve the matter. The meeting ended with Lyon saying: This means war. In an hour one of my officers will call for you and conduct you out of my lines.

Lyon sent a force under General Sweeny to Springfield while his own forces quickly captured the capital and pursued Jackson, Price, and the now-exiled state government across Missouri.[8] Skirmishes followed such as Battle of Boonville on June 17, 1861, followed by the Battle of Carthage on July 5, 1861. In light of the crisis, the delegates of the Missouri Constitutional Convention that had rejected secession in February reconvened. On July 27, the convention declared the governor's office vacant and then selected Hamilton Rowan Gamble to be the new provisional governor.

By July 13, 1861, Lyon's army was encamped at the city of Springfield, Missouri, and consisted of approximately 6,000 men. His force was composed of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Missouri Infantry, the 1st Iowa Infantry, the 1st Kansas and 2nd Kansas Infantry, several companies of Regular Army infantry and cavalry, and three batteries of artillery. He divided the units into four brigades commanded by Major Samuel D. Sturgis, Colonel Franz Sigel, Lieutenant Colonel George Andrews, and Colonel George Dietzler.

By the end of July 1861 the Missouri State Guard was camped about 75 mi (121 km) southwest of Springfield and had been reinforced by Confederate Brigadier General Benjamin McCulloch and Arkansas state militia Brigadier General N. Bart Pearce, making the mixed Missouri/Arkansas/Confederate force over 12,000 strong. They developed plans to attack Springfield but General Lyon marched out of the city on August 1 in an attempt to surprise the Southern forces. The armies' vanguards skirmished at Dug Springs, Missouri on August 2. The Union force emerged as the victor, but Lyon learned he was outnumbered more than two-to-one and retreated back to Springfield. McCulloch, now in command of the Missourian army, gave chase. By August 6, his force was encamped at Wilson's Creek, 10 mi (16 km) southwest of the city. Price and McCulloch disagreed about the proper strategy for their combined force. Price favored an immediate attack on Springfield but McCulloch, doubtful about the quality of the Missouri State Guard, preferred to remain in place. After Price threatened to launch an attack without his support, McCulloch agreed to an attack at dawn on the 10th but when a rainstorm started during the evening of the 9th, he cancelled his plans and ordered his troops back to camp.

Outnumbered, Lyon planned to withdraw northeast to Rolla to reinforce and resupply, but not before launching a surprise attack on the Missourian camp to delay pursuit. Union Colonel Franz Sigel developed a flawed strategy, with which Lyon concurred, that split the already out-numbered Union force. Sigel proposed striking McCulloch in a pincer movement. He planned to lead 1,200 men in a flanking maneuver while the main body under Lyon struck from the north. In accord with Sigel's ill-conceived plan, the Union army marched out of Springfield on the rainy night of August 9, 1861, leaving about 1,000 men to protect supplies and cover the retreat.



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At about 5:00 a.m., at first light on the morning of August 10, the Union force attacked. The secessionists were caught by surprise. Lyon's force overran the enemy camps and took the high ground at the crest of a ridge which would become known as "Bloody Hill." Early Union hopes for a rout were dashed, however, when the artillery of the Pulaski Arkansas Battery unlimbered and checked the advance, which gave Price's infantry time and cover to organize lines on the south slope of the hill.[13] Lyon organized a line on the southern slope of Bloody Hill, from which he tried to launch counterattacks but was unsuccessful. Price was in command to this sector of the Confederate army and launched a series of frontal and flank attacks but was also unsuccessful; a shortage of ammunition in the Confederate army was a factor in the Confederate defeats.

The two Union forces lost contact with each other, with no means of communicating with or supporting each other if anything went wrong. Sigel's attack was successful at first; the brigade arrived in the Confederate rear soon after dawn. Artillery fire routed the Confederate cavalry units which were encamped at the Sharp's farm; Sigel started a pursuit but stopped along Skeeg's Branch; during the time he was stopped along this position, he failed to post skirmishers along his front and left his flank open for an attack. Meanwhile McCulloch rallied several Confederate units, including the 3rd Louisiana Infantry and the 3rd Division from the Missouri State Guard, and lead a counterattack. Sigel's men mistook the 3rd Louisiana for the 3rd Iowa In-

fantry (which also wore gray uniforms), and withheld their fire until the Confederates were nearly upon them. His flank was consequently utterly devastated by the counterattack and his brigade was routed, losing four cannons. Sigel and his men fled the field leaving the force under Lyon, Sweeney, and Sturgis holding out alone.

With the rout of Sigel's flank, the momentum of the battle shifted in the South's favor. Lyon became the first Union general to be killed in the war; he was shot in the heart on Bloody Hill, at about 9:30 a.m., while leading the 2nd Kansas Infantry in a countercharge. General Sweeney was shot in the leg, and Major Samuel D. Sturgis, as the highest ranking Regular Army officer, assumed command of the Union army. While still in a defensible position atop the hill, Union supplies were low and morale was worsening. By 11:00 a.m., the Union forces had already repulsed three separate Confederate charges. Ammunition and men were nearly exhausted, and Sturgis retreated rather than risk a fourth Confederate attack.

The casualties were about equal on both sides—1,317 Union and 1,230 Confederate/Missourian/Arkansan. Though the Confederate allied force won the field, they were unable to pursue the retreating Union forces to Rolla. Price wanted to start a pursuit of the Union force immediately but McCulloch refused, worried about the quality of the Missouri State Guard, and the length of his supply line back to Arkansas. With the victory, Price's Missouri Guard began an invasion of northern Missouri that culminated in the First Battle of Lexington on September 20, 1861, while the Confederate

and Arkansas forces withdrew from the state.

After falling back to Springfield, Sturgis handed command of the army over to Sigel, and at a council of war that evening it was agreed that the Union army had to fall back to Rolla, starting at 3 a.m. the next morning. However, Sigel failed to get his brigade ready at that time, forcing a delay of several hours. Along the retreat route, Sigel's men took several lengthy delays in order to prepare meals; this caused the other officers to force Sigel to turn command back over to Sturgis.

On October 30, 1861, the Missourians under Price and Jackson formally joined the Confederate cause in Neosho, Missouri. Officials passed the resolutions for Missouri secession and Jackson was named the Governor of Confederate Missouri. However, the new government never earned the favor of most of the population of Missouri, and the state remained in the Union throughout the war. What little control Price and Jackson did have was diminished in the Battle of Fredericktown on October 21 and the Battle of Springfield I on October 25 and the Confederate state government was soon forced to leave the state.

Although Price enjoyed Missouri victories, he did not have the popular support to hold the field. After 1861, he was a Confederate general and led his forces in battles in Arkansas and Mississippi. There were smaller skirmishes in Missouri until the fall of 1864 when Price returned to Missouri. However, Missouri suffered the guerrilla warfare of bushwhackers such as Quantrill's Raiders and Bloody Bill Anderson throughout the war.

## 150TH ANNIVERSARY REENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF WILSON'S CREEK

The Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Foundation has begun planning a maximum-effort Civil War reenactment to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Wilson's Creek. The reenactment will take place during the weekend of August 12-14, 2011. Excitement is already building for the Civil War sesquicentennial, and as the second major battle of the war, Wilson's Creek compels a great deal of attention in the reenactment community. The Western Division of the Blue-Gray Alliance, a reenactor organization, will help design battle scenarios and handle all military aspects of the reenactment. Due to the high level of interest, the Blue-Gray Alliance anticipates that this will be a well-attended event, with more than 3,000 reenactors and huge crowds of spectators. Although a location has not yet been selected, it will be held as close to Wilson's Creek National Battlefield as possible.

Directions to the site: Located three miles east of Republic and ten miles southwest of Springfield, Missouri. From I-44, take Exit 70 (MM) south to US 60. Cross US 60 and drive 3/4-mile to ZZ. From US 60 and US 65, take the James River Expressway to FF exit, then south to M (Republic Rd.) Follow M west to ZZ. Follow the signs to reenactment parking areas.

## A. L. PEEL, CIVIL WAR DIARY – ADJUTANT, 19TH MISSISSIPPI REGIMENT AUGUST – 1861

- August 1, 1861 - Sgt Black arrived this evening with our Tents, We hardly had time to stretch them before dark, & it rained very hard before we ditched around them; so we had to sleep on the wet ground I do'nt feel well to night.
- August 2 - Cousin Elie & Billie came over to see us this morning the first time I have seen Billie for many years The 17th Regt moved on towards Senterville this evening, I have seen two other Regts marching in that direction wouldn't be surprised if they wanted to fight. I wish we were where we could get better water. there is so much filth in the creeks & springs are scarce
- August 3 - We drilled like the mischief to day. Add went out & got some butter, eggs & honey. we made it all disappear very rapidly. We have orders to get up & commence packing, ready to march, I dont know where,
- August 4, 1861 - We packed up & Marched off from Bull run this morning, to find a better camping place will go 4 miles south of the Junction, it is very warm we arrived at 11 a.m in an old stubble field will camp here Peter & I soon found ourselves in the shade but had to leave to stretch Tents. The sick boys all got in to night This is sunday, we always have work on the sabath. generally have to rub our guns, we had dress parade this evening
- August 5 - We had a drill this morning. Some of the boys went to the creek & bathed. Some of them bragged about the nice dinner they got in the county guess it was very good, wouldnt object to a little myself. had some very tight orders read this evening,

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- August 6 - We have past the day as usual. think I'll start Capt Sam out to get something eat soon, Rone went out & got some chickens & Potatoes I wrote a letter, wish I could get one from home, - August 7, 1861 - Drilled a long time this morning Pryor went over to the 11th Regt Said he got a good dinner, some of the boys went to the Depot & ate a water melon, how I would like to get one,
- August 8 - I am Corporal of the guard to day & there are a good many Irishmen under arrest, I wrote a letter home to day, Would like to see them all down there. - August 9 - I went to the Depot to day with Sgt Black we had some clothes washed there was nothing there that I wanted. I rubbed my gun nife & Pistol this evening. it is very warm, August 9 (repeated), 1861 - Add & B. Dean went out in the country & got some good things to eat, they were gladly received. I wrote a letter Home, dont know why they do'nt write oftener, sent some letters to Lu at Winchester.
- August 10 - I & R. young went to the 11th Regt to day & took dinner with Fox. got Turkey suip and Dumplings, came back & went to the Creek & bathed, the damn Leaches bother a fellow mightily. I saw Two ladies from Mississippi they came up to see their sons. - August 11 - Nothing of importance has transpired to day. I washed some clothes this evening & read the Bible &c.
- August 12, 1861 - We drilled to day as usual We heard that there was a fight at Lee's Burge yesterday I dont expect it was much of a one, would like to hear the results of it, - August 13 - Alfred went out & got us some chickens, Eggs, Beans, &c, guess we will have a nice time for awhile. Black, Pryor & I went down to the creek took some paper bathed & wrote a letter home, it is raining to night, the wind is blowing like the mischief
- August 14 - We have passed the day as usual, There was as soldier buried near our Camp today Member of a South Carolina Regt. Dr Antony of Byhalia came to our camp this evening & brought the boys some letters Our Major is promoted to act as Col of another Regt. we hope that he will stay there, - August 15, 1861 - Fox came over tho see us this morning & took dinner with us, we had a xocial talk of the good time we would have if we were at home, I & Peter read the Bible this evening & discussed religious matters, We had a Sermon tonight from a Baptist.
- August 16 - One of the Warren Rifles died last night with Measles was buried to day. I am Corp of the guard to day it is very wet & drizly I do'nt like the idea of sleeping on the wet ground, darn this way of guarding a Regt out here where it is all a motter of form. I must get to the guard house,, Lu came this evening, I ate a Water melon - August 17 - One of the Avent? Southrons died last night & was buried to day. It is raining & very muddy, the wind is blowing the rain in my tent I do'nt lik any such a way for my blankets have got wet.
- August 18, 1861 - This is Sunday, I rubbed my gun this morning but it rained so that there was no inspection. it has been raining all day. I have writtern two letter, We had bacon & dumplings for dinner, I read 3 chapters in the Bible, one of the Soldiers who died yesterday was buried to day in Military order, owen left our mess today & joined mess no 1. Pryor bought a water melon this evening, guess we will ave a good time eating it if there is not to many visitors,
- August 19 - It is still raining it is very bad for the boys who have the measles, We ate a water melon it was splendid but not enough for Eight hungry soldiers, Capt Haymer arrested & whipped a negro for selling Whiskey to the soldiers, We eat another melon this evening, it is still raining we had no drill so I took a nap & awoke and read a chapter in the Bible
- August 20 - it rained last night. my tent blew down. I did'nt awake up untill late, we all got out & stretched it & slept till morning. It bids fair to see pretty weather to day, the clouds are scatering and the sun shining occasionally & I am able to eat my allowance of fat meat & bread and hope you are enjoying the same blessing We had corn for dinner I took on a good bate of it, then read a few chapters in the Bible, We drilled this evening the first time in a week, on account of bad weather,
- August 21, 1861 - I was sick last night but awoke this morning feeling very well. the weather is clear I am Corporal of the guard have Two men on double duty. I bought some Pies, & Honey from an old hoosier. I reported a sentinel for leaving his Post Without permission. We took up Three men for Whiping a negro. An old man & old lady and Three young pretty ladies dressed in moaning came out to our camp this evening, But I was too sick to enjoy seeing them. I have been quite sick all night
- August 22 - I was releaved from guard this morning at 8 returned to my tent & found Lu, Pryor, Peter, B young all sick Durley returned from Winchester this evening, he looks very bad We eat a Water melon at dinner it was very good I took a nap awoke and read the bible, I have been bothered a great deal for a few days, A Soldier of the 2nd Miss Regt was buried here this evening, it is raining & will be a wet night
- August 23 - I am not well this morning Add & Pryor went over to the 17th Regt. they returned this evening said that Elie & Billie were both sick I am feeling very weak I read a few chapters in the Bible & then took a long nap
- August 24, 1861 - I awoke this morning feeling very bad & took some medesin & read a few chapters in the Bible We have been playing cards in my tent all the morning I intend to put a stop to it, We eat 2 Water melons this eve I had a tooth drawn Five ladies came to out camp
- August 25 - This is Sunday We rubbed our guns & accouterments and cleaned about our tents ready for inspection, a soldier from the 1st Regt was buried this morn onr in the Springport invincible died this morning & will be buried this evening. Fox came over & took dinner with us I read several chapters in the Bible Nolton left our mess this eve & joined no 5. Two more soldiers were buried near our camp this eave from the 11th Regt.
- August 26 - I went on duty to day & drilled like thunder Sam, Add & I went about a mile after straw to put in my tent, could'nt get any so we cleaned all the straw out & will spread our blankets on the groud. Cap Sam & Alfred concluded to invent something to eat & when it was made they called it a Pudding,, And after eating it we all thought that it deserved the name given it. A Soldier from the Alabama Regt. was buried here to day, Dave Bowen & a good many recruits came today. We were very glad to see them, they brought several trunks of clothes, some letters and eatables &c We are all in high spirits We have got no letters before in Three weeks,
- August 27, 1861 - several Irishmen got to fighting last night & a double guard was ordered to arrest them. they were all drunk Col Mott threatened to kill one if he resisted at all, we were ordered to load our guns Black & I offered our service & we had to stand & guard them all night we gagged all of them Col Mott made them get some large sticks of wood and drill in a squad with it all day using their wood as arms, our recruits think that is a devil of a way to do. We had Pudding & milk & Peaches for dinner to day C Bowen will sleep with us to night
- August 28 - It is raining this morning We had no drill, D Bowen Leut Dean Tyson R. Dean & I went over to the 11th Regt Elie & Billie Peel are sick & have gone out in the country to stay till they get well. I wrote a letter this evening
- August 29 - It was raining this morning when we got up. So we did'nt drill any. the Prisoners were moved to an old negro's house last night Pryor was Corp of the guard & caught a very bad cold & came back to camp very mad as usual, A Company of negroes came in this evening to throw up a batttery to protect the Bridge.
- August 30 - It is still raining Mr Dean went out to the Battle Field. J. Bowen went to the Junction to get a discharge for H. Garett & got some letters out of the office. We had a Pudding & Peaches & milk for dinner, I wrote two letters, our new Recruits think this is a great life but they will soon learn better - August 31 - R. & A. Dean, Tyson & I went over to the 11th Regt nearly all the university grays are sick I bought a bushel of Peaches & some roasting years A member of Davis guards died last night was buried this evening.

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