

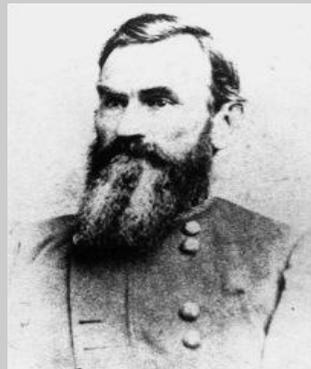
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## COMMANDER'S CORNER: CLAUDE STILLMAN

Fellow Compatriots,

Dan, Larry and I attended the Division Executive Committee meeting in Jackson on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Several topics of business were discussed and these will be reported on at a later date. It was interesting to see how the state SCV business is conducted. I was impressed with the knowledge and ability the other elected officers have. Me? I'm just now learning how much I need to learn.

Dr. Cecil Fayard, Chaplain-in-Chief, was in attendance and extended a truly Southern invitation to the State Convention, which will be hosted by Grenada's camp. With the power of the pulpit and a resounding voice, he declared, "And there will be ice tea!" The State Convention of the SCV is an important part of our history as an organization. Let us offer our support to this camp as the convention is planned and held.

After the meeting adjourned, we had the privilege of a guided tour of the storage vault of the State Department of Archives and History that houses the

Confederate battle flags that have been restored or are awaiting restoration. It was an honor to view the flags our ancestors held so dear and protected with their lives.

This month marks the beginning of a very busy season for us, both as a camp and as a group of re-enactors. But even so, we need to remember, in our thoughts and prayers, the members of our camp who face health issues and other problems daily. As we draw closer as a unit we can grow stronger as individuals. This can help us in encouraging prospective new members. There's much work to be done. Let's each of us make as many contacts as possible, to both prior and prospective members.

May God Bless Our Camp and It's Endeavors!

### WELCOME NEW CAMP MEMBER

Dusty Davis

Dust is the descendant of his G, G, G, Grandfather Winford Green Bailey Pvt; Co. E, 4th TX Cav

### 3rd Annual First Brigade Meeting – Mississippi Division, SCV Batesville Public Library, Batesville, MS March 27, 2010 at 1:00 pm

#### Agenda

- Opening Prayer ..... Chaplain-in-Chief Cecil Fayard
- Salute to the Confederate Flag . . Cmdr. Donald Wright
- Roll Call of Camps ..... Cmdr. Donald Wright
- Welcome & Opening Remarks.....Cmdr. Donald Wright
- Camp Reports . . . request reports by May 1, 2010
- Larry McCluney . . . Campaign for AOT Executive Councilman
- Buddy Ellis . . . Report on MS Monument at Shiloh
- Cecil Fayard . . . Report on 2010 State Convention
- Alan Palmer . . . . Report on status of 2013 National Convention
- Sesquicentennial Activities for the 1st Brigade
- Other Brigade Business or Activities: From the floor
- Closing Prayer ..... Cecil Fayard
- Adjournment ..... Donald Wright

#### Upcoming events of interest:

- ⇒ **March 27, 3rd Brigade Meeting in Batesville, MS**
- ⇒ **Confederate Memorial Day Service, Greenville, MS – April 18**
- ⇒ **April 24, MS Division Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir**

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## CAMP NEWS: FEBRUARY 18TH CAMP MEETING REPORT ADJUTANT'S REPORT: DAN MCCASKILL



The Camp Meeting was called to order by commander Junior Stillman. The Camp Chaplain being absent, Commander opened the Meeting with a word of prayer. Color Sergeant Joe Nokes led everyone in the Pledges and Salutes to the U. S., State and Confederate Flags. After welcoming everyone to the Meeting, Commander Stillman received reports from the Camp Officers. 1st Lt. Commander Gator Stillman reported he did not have a program scheduled for the March Meeting and requested ideas for program. He reported his time has been restricted since starting EMT training. 2nd. Lt. Commander Ronnie Stewart reported he was working on several new prospective members as well and some past members. Along those lines, Dan McCaskill reported he has been contact with 5 prospective members and 4 past members. As Adjutant, Dan welcomed new member Dusty Davis as our 47th Camp Member. Dan reported the Camp was doing well financially and would be reporting on the proposed budget for this fiscal year during the business session. MOS & B Commander Alan Palmer requested Ancestor stories for the MOS & B column in the Camp Newsletter. Their goal is to highlight our Ancestor's stories. Alan also announced the 3rd Annual 1st Brigade Meeting on March 27th starting at 12:00 noon at the Batesville Public Library hosted by this Camp. The main subject would be events for the Sesquicentennial sponsored by Camps in the 1st Brigade. Alan would be going to Elm Springs in March to report in the Division's bid for the 2013 National Convention to be held in Vicksburg.

The following Camp Business was conducted: 1) Adj. Dan McCaskill reported on all the finances of the Camp for the past year and the proposed budget for the current year. For the past year, over \$ 15,000 passed through the Camp's account due to the State Convention. Without going into details, the Camp's budget will contain \$ 1,158.20. A motion to accept the budget as presented was made by Larry McCluney and seconded by Joe Nokes. With no other discussion, the budget was accepted by unanimous vote. A copy of the budget is in the Camp's Minutes. 2) Since the Camp was hosting the upcoming Brigade Meeting, it was discussed and agreed upon to take money for this event from the Lee-Jackson Banquet Funds. A motion to do so was made by Alan Palmer and seconded by Joe Nokes. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. 3) Dan McCaskill made a proposal that the Camp purchase an ad in the 115th State Convention Program hosted by the Grenada Camp. After much discussion, Andy Martin proposed that his company, Mid-South Pathologies purchase a full page ad and that the Ancestors of the Camp and OCR chapter members be listed on the page. This motion was made by Joe Nokes and seconded by Alan Palmer and passed unanimously. New Camp Member Dusty Davis volunteered to design several ad layouts for the members to vote on at the next Camp Meeting.

With no other business coming before the Camp, 1st Lt. Commander Gator Stillman adjourned the Meeting with a word of prayer. There were 20 in attendance.

## ELLA PALMER CHAPTER #9, MSOCR: PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Dear Ladies of the OCR,

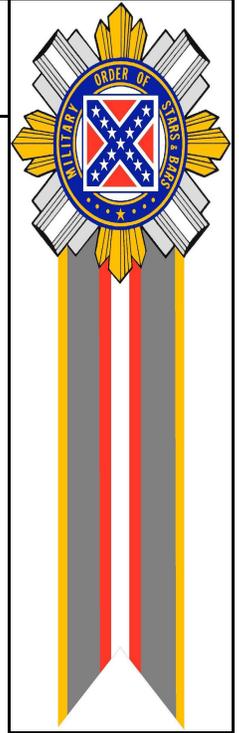
Seems like I'm still recovering from the holidays, yet March is here already. The change in seasons brings a bustle of activity for us. There are several reenactments in which our camp is scheduled to participate. Any of you ladies are invited to grab a petticoat and camp dress, make a temporary home around a campfire, and support our men as they go into battle. In May, there will be a Living History at Fort Pemberton. This is a very important event because the fort's history is a vital part of our own local history. Plan to bring friends and family for a day of fun, education, and fellowship. For a more detailed list of scheduled reenactments, look on the "Camp Re-enactors' Page" on the camp website.

Ladies, our camp will observe Confederate Memorial Day on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 in the Greenville Cemetery. As tradition holds, we Roses will be serving light refreshments after the service. Start going through your recipes and jot down any suggestions. We will be having a short meeting March 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss and plan for this event. Also, we need to discuss ideas for our VA nursing home project. Start taking your vitamins! We'll need all the strength and energy you can spare!

And just a reminder.....You may not hear from me often between meetings, but I'm always nearby. Call, even if you're not sure you need me. I consider it an honor to be your friend and president. I would consider it a bigger honor to be of help.

Yours, Most Graciously,  
Sandra

## BRIG/GEN CHARLES CLARK CHAPTER, MOS&B HONORS THE MEMORY OF MAJ. GENERAL PATRICK CLEBURNE



Major general in the Army of Tennessee, Patrick R. Cleburne was born on St. Patrick's Day in County Cork, Ireland, and immigrated to the United States in 1849. Cleburne settled in Helena, Arkansas, where he rose in social position and community esteem through diligent work, uncompromising honesty, and loyalty to his friends.

In the spring of 1861 Cleburne cast his lot with the Confederacy, explaining to his brother that although he owned no slaves, he would fight with the friends who had always supported him. The citizens of Helena elected Cleburne captain of the local militia.

Drawing upon his three years of experience in the British army, Cleburne quickly advanced to the rank of colonel in the Fifteenth Arkansas Infantry Regiment. Within a year, he was a brigadier general in command of a brigade of General William J. Hardee's corps in General Albert S. Johnston's Army of Mississippi. On April 6, 1862, Cleburne and his brigade (comprised mostly of Tennesseans) spearheaded the attack of Hardee's corps against the Union army around Pittsburg Landing, where he faced, in the first of several encounters between the two, the troops of General William T. Sherman. After heavy resistance, Cleburne's untested brigade forced the Union troops into retreat past Shiloh Church to within four hundred yards of the Tennessee River.

After the Army of Tennessee's ill-fated Kentucky campaign in the autumn of 1862, Cleburne's troops retreated to Middle Tennessee. While visiting the Confederate camp at College Grove in December 1862, President Jefferson Davis personally commissioned Cleburne major general.

During the battle of Stones River less than three weeks later, Cleburne's men spearheaded Hardee's attack on the Union right, driving the Federal line back three miles until it doubled on its own left and center. When Confederate commander Braxton Bragg failed to capitalize on this advantage, Cleburne's division acted as the rear guard for the Southern retreat to Chattanooga. During the battle of Chattanooga Cleburne's division anchored the Confederate line on Missionary Ridge around Tunnel Hill. On November 25, 1863, the Union attack once again pitted Cleburne's troops against those under the command of Sherman. Despite overwhelming odds (Cleburne commanded 5,500 men to Sherman's 15,000), the Southern forces mortally wounded three Union generals, inflicted heavy casualties on Sherman's troops, and captured eight stand of colors. When the center of the Confederate line collapsed, Cleburne's troops, under his distinctive "Blue Flag," acted as the rear guard for the Southern retreat.

The Cleburne division remained in the thick of the fighting throughout the North Georgia Campaign of 1864. The final chapter in the life of the Irish general was written at the battle of Franklin. As the Confederate army prepared for its assault on the Union earthworks at Franklin, one of Cleburne's brigade commanders predicted that few of his soldiers would return to Arkansas. Cleburne reportedly replied, "[I]f we are to die, let us die like men." As Cleburne's troops made their assault up the Columbia Pike, the general had two horses shot from under him. Finally, as he advanced on foot to within fifty yards of the Union works, a single minie ball pierced his chest. Two days before the battle, as the army passed St. John's Episcopal Church, near Columbia, Cleburne had commented that it would be worth dying to be buried in a place so beautiful. His body was laid to rest in the churchyard after the battle of Franklin. Later it was removed to his adopted home of Helena, Arkansas.  
By Patrick Craddock, Thompson Station



**Mississippi Freezes over on Lincoln's Birthday 2/12/10 – Picture supplied by Troy Savoie, 5th Brigade Commander, MS Division, SCV**

## BATTLE OF BENTONVILLE, NC MARCH 19-21, 1865 THE LAST MAJOR CONFEDERATE OFFENSIVE

The Battle of Bentonville, fought March 19-21, 1865, was the last full-scale action of the Civil War in which a Confederate army was able to mount a tactical offensive. This major battle, the largest ever fought in North Carolina, was the only significant attempt to defeat the large Union army of Gen. William T. Sherman during its march through the Carolinas in the spring of 1865.

The year 1864 ended with Sherman's grand army in possession of Savannah, Georgia, following its infamous "March to the Sea" from Atlanta to the coast. The fall of Atlanta had virtually assured the re-election of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln that November, and the tide of war further shifted in favor of the Union. Ulysses S. Grant, general-in-chief of all Federal armies, now wanted Sherman's army to unite with the Army of the Potomac, under Grant's personal supervision in Virginia. Grant wanted Sherman's men ferried by sea to the Virginia fighting front, where the combined Federal forces might deal a fatal blow to Gen. Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. The Confederacy's principal Eastern army, on the wane after four hard years of keeping the Federals at bay, was still in position between Grant and the Confederate capital at Richmond.

But William T. Sherman had other ideas, and proposed a bold strike into the very heart of the Confederacy with 60,000 men—a march northward through the Carolinas. On Christmas Eve 1864, he explained to Grant:

*I feel no doubt whatever as to our future plans. I have thought them over so long and well that they appear as clear as daylight. I left Augusta [Ga.] untouched on purpose, because the enemy will be in doubt as to my objective point . . . whether it be Augusta or Charleston [S.C.], and will naturally divide his forces . . . [O]n the hypothesis of ignoring Charleston and taking Wilmington, I would then favor a movement direct on Raleigh. The game is then up with Lee.*

Grant, who held his friend and subordinate Sherman in the highest esteem, replied on December 27:

*Your confidence in being able to march up and join this army pleases me, and I believe it can be done. The effect of such a campaign will be to disorganize the South, and prevent the organization of new armies from their broken fragments . . . If time is given, the fragments may be collected together and many of the [Confederate] deserters reassembled. If we can, we should act to prevent this . . . [Y]ou may make your preparations to start on your northern expedition without delay. Break up the railroads in South and North Carolina, and join the armies operating against Richmond as soon as you can.*

As Sherman gained a lodgment in South Carolina, Fort Fisher fell to a Federal amphibious assault on January 15, 1865. This effectively closed the port of Wilmington, North Carolina—the hub of the last major supply route to Lee's army in Virginia. Wilmington itself would fall in February to the combined forces of Gen. Alfred H. Terry's Provisional Corps and Gen. John Schofield's XXIII Corps, hammering yet another nail into the coffin of the Confederacy. Grant's orders to Schofield specified that "*Your movements are intended as co-operative with Sherman through the States of South and North Carolina. The first point to be attained is to secure Wilmington. Goldsborough will then be your objective point.*" Grant realized the importance of Goldsboro as the inland junction of the Wilmington & Weldon and Atlantic & North Carolina railroads. At least 425 miles of enemy territory lay between "Uncle Billy" and his ultimate destination in North Carolina, and a rendezvous there with Schofield and Terry. Sherman's army advanced on February 1, 1865, meeting little resistance as it marched northward. General P. G. T. Beauregard did in fact divide his Confederate forces to safeguard Charleston to the east, and Augusta, Georgia to the west.

This unfortunate arrangement allowed Sherman's minions to pass through the heart of South Carolina virtually unopposed, cutting a wide swath of destruction as they advanced. With the city of Columbia and much of the South Carolina countryside in ruins, only North Carolina lay between Sherman's army and a junction with U. S. Grant's army in Virginia. To make matters worse for the Southern war effort, the Army of Tennessee and other Confederate forces in the Carolinas were widely scattered. With Robert E. Lee's army bogged down against Grant in the trenches of Petersburg, and Sherman's force swiftly approaching from the south, it was a dire time for the Confederacy.

As general-in-chief of all Southern armies, Lee questioned General Beauregard's ability to oppose the Federals. As the Union juggernaut continued northward, Lee appealed to the Confederate War Department for a replacement, explaining that he knew of no officer who had so much "*the confidence of the army and people*" as Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. Lee's choice for the command was not a popular one with Confederate president Jefferson Davis, who deemed Joe Johnston a personal enemy.

In one of the great personality clashes of the Civil War, the troubled relationship between Davis and Johnston came to a head in mid-July 1864, during the Atlanta Campaign. Furious with Johnston for retreating before Sherman in Georgia instead of engaging him in a decisive battle, Davis promptly removed "Old Joe" from command of the Army of Tennessee. But the Confederate president counted few options as Sherman approached North Carolina, and with Lee's earnest request Davis gave in and reluctantly allowed the general-in-chief to call upon Johnston for his services.

## MISSISSIPPI DIVISION EVENTS UPDATE

**Saturday March 20, 2010: Carey Lee Johnston 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Picnic:** This years picnic will be held at the American Legion Cabin near Decatur, MS. There will be music, speeches, lots of door prizes etc... So please bring a potluck meal and your own beverages and join in! Details contact 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade Commander Louis Foley at: [lpfoley@hughes.net](mailto:lpfoley@hughes.net) or Stephanie Foley at: [diximagnolia@hughes.net](mailto:diximagnolia@hughes.net) Come one, come all and lets celebrate our Confederate heritage. Bring a guest!

**Saturday, March 26-28, 2010:** The Crystal Springs Camp will be doing another living history at Grand Gulf on March 26-28, 2010. They really have a good time during the weekend. Please go and help them out if you have a clear schedule for either day of that weekend. The contact person is Mike Webb at [webbyjoe@aol.com](mailto:webbyjoe@aol.com) for more information. Grand Gulf website is <http://www.grandgulfpark.state.ms.us/>

## DIVISION CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY AT BEAUVOIR

Confederate Memorial Day  
April 24, 2010  
Beauvoir – Biloxi, Ms

This year Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir will be Saturday April 24, 2010. On the agenda will be Commander in Chief McMichael dedicating the new Jefferson Davis monument at 11:00 am on Saturday. Commander McMichael will be the guest speaker at the memorial service at the cemetery at 2:00 pm. At noon there will be a pot luck dinner on the grounds. This year will also mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Unknown Soldier. The Unknown Soldier stands for so many that sacrificed everything.

Everyone participating in the color guard/musket please be on the grounds and ready by 10:00 am. Anyone who would like to bring their cannon please let me know.

On Friday I am organizing a living history at Beauvoir. Please let me know if you can help. We need to let the public know that Southern heritage is not dead and the only way to do that is to take the lead.

Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir is Division organized. Your participation is important. We are the last stand. What we do today will decide what our children learn tomorrow.

If you have any question please contact me at email: [harrywjrmason@bellsouth.net](mailto:harrywjrmason@bellsouth.net) or 228-832-3343.

Duty Honor Sacrifice

Wallace Mason, Chairman Of the Confederate Memorial Day Committee at Beauvoir  
Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

## COLONEL REB KILLED BY P.C.

The purge of Southern identity continues at Ole Miss as the student body voted to begin the process to replace Colonel Reb as the official mascot of the university. Out of 18,000 students at the university, just over 3000 actually voted on the issue, which indicates to me that the majority don't care, have been worn down, or figured everyone else would pick up the slack. The ballot was structured such that Joe Stalin would smile in approval, since any outcome was a win for the administration. Students had two choices, slim and none. The 'yes' vote put the last nail in the Colonel's coffin as the students had grown weary of fighting the administration on bringing back the iconic mascot and being the only SEC school without an on-field mascot. A 'no' vote would have kept the status-quo of having no mascot at all, and opened up the tiny possibility of bringing the Colonel back in the future, something the current chancellor said will never happen.

In light of the self-appointed moral high ground taken by the chancellor and his commissars, it should be noted that Ole Miss merchandise with Colonel Reb is still being sold by the school - no hypocrisy in Oxford.

The sports teams will continue to be 'the Rebels' but you can bet there won't be any Confederate connection. 'University Greys'? Forget 'em! Maybe a better mascot would be **Che Guevara** – that would fit the 'rebel' mode and fall in line with the current way of doing things at Ole Miss.

The soldier atop the Confederate monument on campus looks toward Shiloh, but he'd better watch his back or he'll be relocated to some abandoned cemetery in the woods of Lafayette County.



**OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FORM**

**115<sup>TH</sup> REUNION - MISSISSIPPI DIVISION, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS  
AND 16<sup>TH</sup> REUNION - MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY, ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE  
Grenada, Mississippi – June 4-6, 2010**

**Hosted by the Major-General E. C. Walthall Camp #211 and Belle Edmondson Chapter #14, MSOCR**

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**REGISTRATION AMOUNTS**

**SCV and OCR Registration:** (NOTE - All registered members will receive a name badge, a SCV convention medal\*, 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 the medal.) Please register for your respective organization below.

On or before May 1, 2010 ..... \$ 25.00 for each organization's registration Qty: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**After May 1, 2010** ..... \$ 30.00 for each organization's registration Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Ancestor Memorials:** Each memorial is \$10.00. **PLEASE** Print or type each memorial on separate page. Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Program Ads:** \$100.00 for full page; \$50.00 for half a page; \$25.00 for quarter page; \$15.00 for a business card size advertising (**Please submit ad information on a separate page before April 30 or with registration form**) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet Registration (per plate)** ..... \$ 20.00 Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**(No Meal Registration after May 25, 2010)** Buffet Dinner (Pulled Pork, Rotisserie Chicken, and Fixings)

**Tours:** Confederate Tour of Grenada 1:30 to 4:30 No. \_\_\_\_\_ FREE  
Non OCR ladies that would like to attend the Tea \$10.00 Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Convention Motel – Hampton Inn in Grenada. Reservations can be made by calling 662-226-1886, ask for the Mississippi Division, SCV Convention rate. Rates are \$79.00 + tax a night. Reservations MUST BE MADE before May 15,**

## CALL FOR "SAVE THE BATTLEFLAGS" COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Mississippi Division's (SCV) Save the Battleflags (STBF) program serves to raise funds to restore Mississippi's original Confederate Battleflags in the Mississippi Museum of History's collection at Jackson. To date, the Division has restored (or has in the process of restoration/conservation) eleven of these priceless emblems of our ancestors' imperishable glory. There are some forty-one additional battleflags sorely in need of conservation/restoration. Most are, to one degree or another, in danger of disintegrating due to age, condition, microbial action, UV light, airborne chemicals, etc. We cannot let the very standards that our noble grandsires carried in countless campaigns simply vanish into the mists of history. Other than their very graves, these their colors are the most sacred mementos we yet have of their deeds of valor.

I have the high honor to chair the MS Division's Save the Battleflags Committee, which project started as a Camp project in the Jackson Camp (Jeff Davis Camp) about 15 years ago, under the direction of esteemed Compatriot Dan Duggin. I am grateful for Compatriot Duggin's and the Jackson Camp's foresight and dedication in initiating and continuing to support this most essential program.

The STBF program eventually became a Division project, under the direction for many years of my friend, the Hon. Ron Stowers of the same Jackson Camp. I can say without equivocation and without fear of contradiction that the incredible success of the STBF program to date is largely due to the persistence, professionalism, patience, pride, perspicacity, perception, politeness, and personality of Ron Stowers. Thank you, Ron!

I have been involved with the project for most of its existence. Until recently, the STBF Committee consisted of just four individuals, plus the reigning Division Commander. Two of these four original members have recently resigned. Their service is, understandably, very much appreciated. These two gentlemen are former Div. Comdr. Wayne McMaster and Compatriot Eddy Cresap, both of Vicksburg. Both men gave about fifteen years to the project, which is dedication of the highest order. The very fact that we have restored (or are restoring) the eleven flags referenced above is testimony to their efforts and sacrifices of time and energy. On behalf of a grateful Division, I take this opportunity to salute them for a job more than well-done (which salute was also given them at the most recent Division EC meeting)!

Comdr. McMaster's and Compatriot Cresap's resignations left, until about two weeks ago, only Compatriot-Stowers (Emeritus Chair), myself, and the Division Commander (Hon. Bill Atkinson) as STBF Comm. members.

Gentlemen, three men are not enough to carry on the important business of saving our grandfathers' irreplaceable flags! Accordingly, at the last EC meeting (two weeks ago), the entire Executive Committee of the MS Division were made ad hoc (non-voting) members of the STBF Committee, primarily to help distribute and advertise the commemorative cups we sell to raise money to restore the flags, as well as advertise the MS Division car tags (which are our main source of flag restoration funds) and the Bricks for Beauvoir program (which raises money to both enhance the Confederate cemetery at Beauvoir and raise desperately needed operating funds for Beauvoir).

I am inexpressibly grateful to both Comdr. Atkinson and the entire membership of the Division EC for unanimously agreeing to become ad hoc members of the STBF Committee and help us in this important work. Obviously, the more people we have out there beating the bushes in every Brigade and drumming up support for these vital Division programs, the greater will be our chances for success.

At that same EC meeting, I was given permission by the Division Commander to expand the membership of the actual STBF Committee (i.e., the core STBF Committee, made up of voting STBF Committee members) by the addition of one or two Compatriots of my choosing from each Brigade in the Division (subject to the approval of the Commander, as every member of any Division committee serves at the pleasure of the Division Commander).

The purpose of this email is to solicit membership from the Division on the VOTING, CORE STBF Committee. As stated, a maximum of two voting members will be selected from each Brigade.

Members would represent their Brigades on the STBF Committee. Members' duties would include, but not be limited to:

- \* take possession of STBF cups and visit Brigade Camps and events and promote the sale of same to finance restoring our flags (with 100% of STBF cup money going to flag restoration)
- \* take flyers promoting SCV car tags to the above venues and promote sales of same to finance restoring our flags (80% of tag sales and our main fund raiser), raising Division operating monies (10% of tag sales), and raising Heritage Education and Defense monies (10% of tag sales);
- \* take Bricks for Beauvoir flyers to the above venues and promote sales of same (with Bricks for Beauvoir money going to raise essential operating funds for Beauvoir, as well as fund the enhancement of the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier and the Confederate Cemetery at Beauvoir).

Bear in mind that the Div. Comdr. would have to approve all memberships on the STBF Committee. If you would like to be considered for membership on the STBF Committee, please reply to me directly and tell me something about yourself, your Camp membership, which Brigade you're in, your Confederate Heritage interests and activities, and, finally, why you are interested in helping restore Mississippi's Confederate Battleflags. Please

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On February 22, 1865, Lee sent an urgent dispatch to his old friend Johnston, who had retired to Lincolnton, North Carolina:

*Assume command of the Army of Tennessee and all troops in Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Assign General Beauregard to duty under you, as you may select. Concentrate all available forces and drive back Sherman.*

Though he felt the effort to stop Sherman had come too late, a weary Johnston methodically set out to collect the scattered array of Confederate forces at his disposal. The troop concentration he would effect in North Carolina on short notice, and the resulting battle at Bentonville, would stand in sharp contrast to the general's earlier war record.



Condensed from Moore, Mark A. *Moore's Historical Guide to the Battle of Bentonville*. Campbell, Cal.: Savas Publishing Company, 1997.

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