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Commander's Corner: Dan McCaskill, Camp Commander

My Fellow Compatriots,
April 30th brought to a close Confederate Heritage Month. Again, Governor Haley Barbour issued a proclamation declaring April Confederate Heritage Month. There were numerous Memorial Services across the State honoring the memory of our Confederate Forefathers. Members of the Camp Color Guard helped with the dedication of two Confederate Headstones at the Teoc Presbyterian Church Cemetery north of Greenwood on Saturday the 19th and followed up with our Memorial Service at the Greenville Cemetery on Sunday. An additional treat for some of us that Sunday morning was attending the service at Glendale Baptist Church at the invitation of Brother Dick Hill in period dress. Larry spoke briefly to the congregation about Confederate Memorial Day and invited the members to attend the service.

We had a beautiful cool day for the Memorial Service. It has never rained on our Memorial service. Brother Dick Hill, pastor of Glendale Baptist Church was our guest speaker. He gave an inspired talk on Christian service of such leaders as Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee. If you never heard Brother Hill give a talk, you have missed a real treat. During the service, we dedicated an additional 17 markers in the Greenville Cemetery bringing the total number of Veterans buried there to 123. The service was well attended estimated at around 60 with many distinguished guests. After the Service, two young men expressed an interest in joining the SCV. We had a great Camp Meeting on April 17th. Our speaker for the evening was Chaplin-in-Chief Cecil Fayard. Cecil presented a program on the "Spiritual Life of President Jefferson F. Davis". It was a combination educational program and sermon. Those who have not been able to attend the last two meetings have missed two great speakers.

Next year we will be hosting the 2009 Mississippi Division State Convention in Greenwood. The Camp has taken its first step in preparing for the Convention by securing the use of Confederate Memorial Hall for the President's Reception on Friday evening and the business sessions of the OCR and SCV on Saturday. I want to thank the ladies of the J. Z. George Chapter, UDC (who owns the Memorial Hall) for renting the Hall to us at no charge. Our program for May will be presented by the head of the Leflore County Tourism to help us with the upcoming convention. If you cannot come to the Meeting but have ideas about putting on a convention, please convey them to an officer of the Camp. We need all the help we can get.

God Bless the South,
Dan A. McCaskill, Camp Commander



Time to march on over to hear our May Guest Speaker

Page Hunt will be our speaker for May. Paige is the Director for the Greenwood Convention and Visitor's Bureau and she will give a short presentation on what Greenwood has to offer for our State Convention in 2009. We will also be planning the Convention and the Memorial plot dedication for the Greenwood Cemetery for June.

Welcome New Member

Daniel Cager Bell
Ancestor: Great, Great Grandfather James Josephus McGahey, MD
Surg: Co. C & H, 5th Ala Inf
died Sept 18, 1862 at the POW
Camp in Fredrick City, MD

Editor's Comments

Make sure if your planning to go to Convention that you have registered. You have till May 23 to register if you are going to eat at the Banquet. There will be no walk on Banquet tickets.

Look > Address Changes:

If anyone in our camp has a snail mail or e-mail address change or has not been receiving their Camp Newsletter, please let Larry McCluney know calling him at 662-453-7212 or e-mail to confederate@roadrunner.com

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Camp, OCR, and MOS&B News



71st MOS&B General Convention May 15-17, 2008 Springdale, Arkansas

It's not too early to start making your plans for our next MOSB General Convention in Springdale, Arkansas, May 15-17 2008. Registration costs \$45 until May 1.

Loosing A Huge Supporter

Editor's Note: For those who did not know Robin Person, she was a big supporter of educating the general public on Southern Heritage even though she was from up north. I have know Robin for several years by advising her on exhibits at Cottonlandia Museum, she help promote the Fort Pemberton Reenactment, and she has called upon me many times to do talks and programs at the museum on the Confederate Soldier. She will surely be missed here on the Delta, but on the plus side, we now have a great asset and connection with her at Jefferson College for the November event down there.

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Hey Ya'll!

If you haven't heard yet, I am moving! I have gotten a job with the Department of Archives and History (again), where I will be the Branch Manager for Historic Jefferson College, in Natchez, MS. My last day here at Cottonlandia will be May 6, and I'm moving on May 10. You can learn more about it at <http://mdah.state.ms.us/hprop/hjc.html>.

My new address will be:

22 Old North Street

Natchez, MS 39120

I'm not going to have a land line, but will keep my cell phone number--662-515-0490.

Upcoming Events



May 31 – June 01, 2008 – Mississippi Division Convention at Beauvoir

June 3 – Beauvoir Dedication for Reopening

June 7 – Memorial Plot Dedication at the Old Greenwood Cemetery

June 21 – Confederate Memorial Service at Elzy Cemetery in Vardaman, MS
Guest Speaker – MS Division Commander Larry McCluney

July Meeting will be our traditional General Forrest Birthday Picnic



The 113th SCV annual general reunion/convention will be held in Concord NC from July 16 – 19, 2008 and hosted by the Captain Jonas Cook SCV Camp 888.

**2008 National Reunion in
Concord, North Carolina
Sponsored by the Jonas Cook Camp
July 16-19, 2008
For more details go to
http://www.jonascookcamp.com/Home_Page.html**



Mississippi Division News

Let's give Confederate Memorial Day a makeover

By Steve Gillespie / managing editor

(Editor's Note: Would someone please correct this guy on his ignorance. I can't believe I am really putting this in our newsletter but this is just another reason why our organization must grow.)

And what does your family have planned for Confederate Memorial Day? It's tomorrow, you know. Sometimes it sneaks up on us.

Don't forget we'll have just regular old Memorial Day next month for all the rest of the wars Americans died in, but tomorrow is JUST Confederate Memorial Day because even though those Southern boys were Americans, too, our state wants them to have their own separate Memorial Day. We wouldn't want to honor them with all that other riffraff.

Did you know that on the first official Memorial Day, May 30, 1868, the federal government had the nerve to have flowers placed on the graves of both the Union and Confederate dead in Arlington National Cemetery? Most of the Confederate states seceded from that Memorial Day and started having their own Confederate Memorial Days.

I was deprived of this holiday growing up in Arkansas, a Confederate state that doesn't have a Confederate Memorial Day. We're so stupid we honored our Confederate dead the same as all our other relatives who died in wars. But, once I came to Mississippi it was explained to me that Confederate Memorial Day is really just about honoring Southern heritage. I can understand that. Fortunately we have 10 other good months in the year so we can honor the heritage of all the other Americans whose ancestors went to war with the United States: Native American Memorial Day; British Memorial Day; Mexican Memorial Day; Spanish Memorial Day; German Memorial Day; Japanese Memorial Day; Korean Memorial Day; Vietnamese Memorial Day; Afghanistani Memorial Day; and Iraqi Memorial Day (we might want to wait until the current wars are over before we add them). Still, it makes me sad to think of all the cool stuff about the South we ignore on Confederate Memorial Day. There's just so much more to Southern heritage than that war, you know?

Why don't we ask our legislators if they could keep the last Monday in April as a state holiday, only call it ... oh, I don't know ... Southern Heritage Day maybe? That way even black southerners could feel just a little more included in celebrating their southern heritage. People who may have had many generations of their family living in the South only since the Civil War could celebrate their Southern heritage. Other Southerners who didn't have family in the Civil War could celebrate their Southern heritage, too. Why, even all the new people we're always trying to get to move down here and bring new jobs with them, would have a holiday to celebrate their new-found heritage. And, here's a thought, we might even get more visitors from all over the world to celebrate our Southern heritage with us if we don't limit ourselves to just Confederate Memorial Day.

And with a name like Southern Heritage Day there's such a wide variety of stuff to celebrate that's Southern: We have the best food in the world; fascinating history from the early mound builders to the Seminole, Creek, Cherokee, Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes; there's our colonial history; our antebellum history; the Civil War; Reconstruction; lots of cool characters before, during and after the Civil War; the Civil Rights movement; our agriculture; our sports; we defined country and gospel music and gave the world blues, jazz and rock and roll; our literature and art is some of the best the world has ever seen; and we have the nicest people to share it all with — the name "Confederate Memorial Day" just doesn't get that message across.

Steve Gillespie is managing editor of The Meridian Star. E-mail him at sgillespie@themeridianstar.com

'Disaster Tour' of Beauvoir grounds now open

By KAT BERGERON

BILOXI -- Beauvoir opened this week without public announcement, but 40 people appeared the first day to see for themselves how the historic beachfront estate of Jefferson Davis is recovering from Hurricane Katrina.

As word spreads, more visitors are coming daily to take the "Disaster Tour," to walk the 52-acre grounds, to see a Katrina-damage exhibit and browse the trailer gift shop. Visitors cannot tour the restored 1850s National Historic Landmark house, but they can marvel from afar at its rejuvenation.

"This is the first time we've had visitors on the site for 2½ years," said Beauvoir curator Richard Flowers. "It's a sign that we've turned the corner, and we're back in business."

About 25 percent of the Greek Revival raised cottage was destroyed, including the distinctive galleries and 10-foot-tall brick foundation pillars. What remains of the restoration is the defining interior work, including original *trompe l'oeil* decor. When the house reopens, it will look as it did from 1877 to 1889, the final years for Davis, a Mexican War hero who served as U.S. secretary of war and president of the Confederacy. In the years since Davis' death, Beauvoir House's refurbishings altered or hid some of the skilled craftsmanship from that era.

Government historic-preservation money is paying the \$3.9 million for restoration; the house will reopen on the 200th anniversary of Davis' birth.

Meanwhile, visitors can pay for the guided "Disaster Tour" or walk the grounds and tour the exhibit for free at the museum estate, owned by the Mississippi Sons of Confederate Veterans.

All but Beauvoir House and a late-1990s presidential library was destroyed in the storm. The battered library will be replaced by one built to new flood codes, and replicas of several historically important buildings will be built.

If you go

What: Beauvoir is open for grounds tours. The house will open June 3.

When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

What you can do: Walk the grounds, see the Katrina-damage exhibit and browse the gift shop, all free. Guided "Katrina Damage" tour is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children.

Confederate statues see restoration

Victoria Howell of the Daily Mississippian

The University Greys Camp 1803 and the Sons of Confederate Veterans successfully raised \$100,000 to restore the 100-year-old Confederate monuments on the Square and on the University of Mississippi Circle, said Jon Rawls, a local businessman who is involved with both organizations.

"We will rededicate the Confederate monuments on the Square and the Circle in addition to their annual Confederate Parade at 1 p.m. on Saturday," Rawls said. "Our parade is always the first Sunday in May. It is our tribute to the Confederate soldiers. "This is a parade and a memorial," Rawls said. "There is a cemetery on campus located behind the Tad Smith Coliseum that holds the bodies of more than 750 soldiers."

The Sons of Confederate Veterans have been doing this for more than a decade, Rawls said. "We will have a fire salute and play Dixie at the Ole Miss Circle, then we will have another salute at the Square," Rawls said. "It's a wonderful opportunity to honor the men who died for what they believe in," he said. "Our purpose is to preserve the memory of the cause that these men died for, so that America will know what these guys did."

Rawls recounted the history of the University Greys. "The University Greys were comprised of students from Ole Miss.

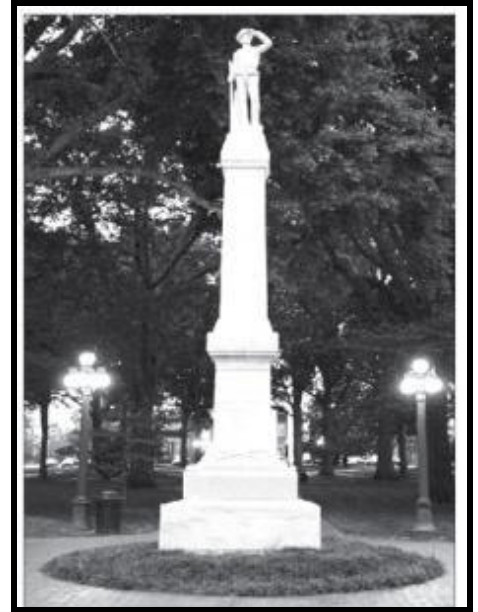
They were the only ones to make it to the wall in Pickett's Charge, and they suffered 100 percent casualties. The Sons of the Confederate Veterans are named in their honor," he said.

Retired university attorney William Hooper, former director of the Mississippi Law Research Institute, said despite the fact that fundraising for the event began five years ago, funding only came together in the last year and a half.

"At the beginning, we had sculptors from New Orleans come and do an appraisal. Their price was too high, so we had to find somebody else. Vicksburg Parks and Recreation recommended a restoration company based in Marshall, Ark., called Norton Arts."

Both of the monuments had serious progressive damage and needed restoration, Hooper said. "The one in the Circle had the most severe damage," Hooper said. "Pieces were actually missing. The hat brim had eroded, and the end of the rifle had broken off, in addition to other chips and erosions."

Rawls encourages the public to attend. "A day to honor our Southern heritage is a great thing, and we need to remember Ole Miss and Mississippi are quintessential Southern places," Rawls said. "This is a solemn remembrance of men who gave the ultimate sacrifice for what they believed in," he said.



RIDDLED BY DEATH, INJURY AND CAPTURE, NOT ONE GREY RETURNED AFTER THE WAR

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OXFORD - When the Sons of Confederate Veterans remember Confederate dead on Sunday in Oxford, some of those honored will be the University Greys, one of several companies that University of Mississippi students joined to support the Confederacy.

These students were so excited by the prospect of war that they defied professors, their chancellor and even their president to prepare for it. In the end, they became one of the most devastated units of the Civil War.

According to Ole Miss professor of history emeritus Dr. David Sansing, the young men who made up the University Greys began military drills in February 1861 - often at the expense of classroom attendance - and shipped out to Corinth on May 1 of that year, becoming Company A of the 11th Mississippi Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Even Confederate President Jefferson Davis opposed the formation of such student militias.

"Sending young boys off to war, Davis said, was like grinding the seed corn of the republic," Sansing wrote in "The University of Mississippi: A Sesquicentennial History."

The boy soldiers soon tasted the reality of war at the First Battle of Bull Run (First Manassas). Within two years they had fought at Sevenpines, Gaines' Mill, Fraser's Farm, Malvern Hill, Second Manassas (Bull Run) and Sharpsburg (Antietam).

It was at Gettysburg that Company A had its most fateful encounter. Under Gen. James Longstreet, the nephew of the university's second president, 31 of them charged a supposedly collapsing Union line, only to be riddled by artillery fire.

Gettysburg National Military Park's narrative about the University Greys quotes contemporary sources calling them "impulsive and undisciplined" but exceptionally brave.

"The new soldiers were slow to follow military discipline but were always ready to be in the front of a battle," the narrative states. Both impulse and courage played a role in their fate.

"Of the 394 [11th Mississippi] officers and men who began the charge, barely 53 answered to the roll call that night," the Gettysburg narrative continues. "No one answered from the University Greys. Every last one of those former students had been killed or wounded in the great charge at Gettysburg."

Vicksburg Plans Birthday Celebration for Jefferson Davis

Greetings,

The Warren County Vicksburg Historical Society is planning two days of events to honor the bicentennial of Jefferson Davis' birth. Your assistance in making your members aware of these events will be appreciated.

The events include a free concert on Saturday afternoon, May 24, on the lawn of the Old Court House Museum, where Davis, while a resident of Warren County, made the first political speech of his career. The concert will be by the Eighth Georgia Regimental Band, which performs on original Civil War-era instruments.

In the evening, there will be a banquet at the Southern Cultural Heritage Center that will feature a speech by Dr. Lynda Crist of Rice University in Houston. Dr. Crist is the editor of the papers of Jefferson Davis.

There will also be musical entertainment by Lester Senter Wilson of Jackson, Miss., who has performed as a soloist with orchestras around the world.

On Sunday morning, the band will play during the regular worship service at Christ Episcopal Church in Vicksburg, where Joe Davis, brother of Jefferson, worshipped in Vicksburg with his family. Also planned is the placing of a wreath at Davis' statue in the Vicksburg National Military Park.

For banquet tickets or other information, please contact George Bolm, curator and director of the Old Court House Museum, through the museum Web site, <http://www.oldcourthouse.org> or at 601-636-0741.

Thank you immensely,
Charlie Mitchell, The Vicksburg Post for the Historical Society

Donated cannon carriages to enhance Raymond battlefield

Ten cannon carriages from the Vicksburg National Military Park have been donated to the Civil War battlefield in Raymond. The donated artillery will make Raymond's battlefield one of the most historically complete in the country.

"It will be the only battlefield in the nation with a one-to-one ratio in the number of cannons used during the battle and on display," said Bobby DeLaughter, president of Friends of Raymond, a group dedicated to preserving the Raymond battlefield.

The carriages will be stored in Raymond while cannon barrels are cast. Once completed, the cannons will be placed in the same positions in which they sat during the daylong battle that took place May 12, 1863.

"These cannons are going to allow the public to better envision how the battle unfolded," said Parker Hills, a Friends of Raymond member and former president. Hills said he hopes to have the completed cannons put in place on the battlefield by April 2009. However, the land on which the cannons sat in 1863 is not owned by the Friends of Raymond. Hills said the group is working with the owner to lease the land, and he's confident an agreement will be made. When in place, the cannons will sit just off Mississippi 18. "It will be quite a sight for motorists to pass by and see all these cannons lined up just off the highway," said DeLaughter, a Hinds County circuit judge.

The Battle of Raymond was a part of the Union Army's campaign to capture Vicksburg, which it eventually did on July 4, 1863, following a 47-day siege of the city. About 16,000 men fought in the battle. Union troops out-numbered the Confederate soldiers three-to-one. The Union had 22 cannons, the Confederates three. At day's end, 100 Rebels and 68 Union soldiers were killed in the fighting, and the Confederates were forced to retreat.

In 2006, the first cannons were placed on the Raymond battlefield. Also that year, 14 interpretive signs were installed at the battlefield, providing for the first time detailed information about the historic site.

In 2007, a three-quarter-mile asphalt path was added along the interpretive signs, as well as an information kiosk, to complete a walking tour of the battlefield.

National SCV News

SCV PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MEDIA COMMITTEE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

History Revised by Political Correctness in Louisiana

The news of the changes in long-standing proclamations declaring Confederate History and Heritage Month observances in Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana has prompted the following statement from Christopher M. Sullivan, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans:

"We learned with immense dismay of the mayors of Bossier City and Shreveport, Louisiana, departing from a long-standing tradition of issuing proclamations honoring Confederate History and Heritage Month.

"According to local news accounts they have taken it upon themselves to change the observance to 'Civil War History Month'. "This is a direct act of political correctness that takes on more serious proportions as it undertakes revising or eliminating true history in America.

"Cities, counties and states annually issue proclamations honoring the various cultures and events that have made the greatness of America. Confederate History and Heritage Month is one of the most widely known throughout the United States with hundreds of proclamations and observances each year which honor the Confederate soldiers who are recognized by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs with the same rights and recognition as all veterans of U. S. service.

"It is indeed disheartening to see the success of this recognition distorted and intentionally eliminated by a small element whose agenda is to impugn or eradicate the history of the Confederate military."

"It is our hope the people of Shreveport and Bossier City will show a spirit of fairness and patriotism by effectively speaking out against censorship and historical revision."

News from the Grayline

SCV Membership

SCV Membership is currently 28,423 including 3,233 Life Members and 52 Real Sons, and new cadet members. The SCV also has 58,303 dues delinquent former members, some number of whom you know and who would be willing to reinstate if someone reminded them of the fine fellowship and opportunity to honor our ancestors that is currently a void in their lives. If you would like a mailing list of your camp's dues delinquent former members, please contact the GHQ staff. Please vigorously recruit new members and encourage current members to make the commitment to be long term supporters which is the best way to grow the SCV membership. Life memberships are a tremendous value at only \$500 up through age 64, \$250 for age 65 to 79, and \$125 for age 80 and up. These rates will increase on August 1, 2008 as the rates are tied to a multiple of annual dues.

Please take advantage of prorated dues for new members and reinstating former members during the last six months of the fiscal year. For the month of April 2008 the cost is only \$40.00 for national dues payment through July 31, 2009 and in May, June and, July 2008 the prorated dues amount is reduced to only \$32.50 to pay the member through July 31, 2009. Please take advantage of this fine opportunity to keep members in another year and so the camp will not have to go back to the members in a few months asking for dues a second time.

SCV Affinity Credit Card

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) and the Texas Independent Bank (TIB) have had a mutually beneficial affinity credit card arrangement for the past nine years. TIB has decided to not renew the contract and our business association will terminate on April 30, 2008 which they claim is due to the small number of SCV card holders. TIB further states they are unable to provide the SCV names and addresses of current card holders. The SCV is seeking a new contract with a different bank. If you wish to continue to support the SCV through a new affinity card, please provide your name and address to SCV, P O Box 59, Columbia TN 38502-0059, by email to exedir@scv.org, or phone (800) 380-1896 ext 207. TIB has promised to print a truncated version of this information on individual credit card statements during the period 4/15/08 through 5/13/08.

SCV Credit Card Revenue Sharing

The national SCV began on August 1, 2006 sharing 25% of the revenue received from the SCV VISA Card program with the divisions, and during the previous fiscal year more than \$6,000 has been earned by the divisions during the first year. This program will end in early May 2008, after sharing receipts tied to April 2008 purchases, due to the termination of the Affinity Credit Card arrange

Not getting your Confederate Veteran?

The CV magazine is mailed at Non Profit bulk mail rates and the US Postal Service will **not** forward them if you have a change of address. Please report address changes as soon as they are known. If you have any question about GHQ having your correct information, you can check it by entering your SCV ID number and your last name in the box at the following link: <http://www.scv.org/checkData.php>. If a correction needs to be made, you will see a form for that purpose, which will notify Elm Springs to update their records.

New war service record research tools

Military Research at the National Archives. The SCV was contacted by Kelley Bevis, a law student in Washington DC who is an avid researcher at the national archives and will obtain that hard to find service record quicker and more cheaply than the using the government's service. Full Confederate service records are only \$30 with a two-week turnaround which is faster and cheaper than going through the federal government. Email texlabooks@gmail.com or visit www.kelleybevis.com. There is another way to obtain service records if you want to do it yourself. Through their partnerships with organizations such as the **National Archives**, Footnote.com currently offers over **4 million** Confederate Soldier service records. These documents will help you obtain your ancestor's proof of service. Currently available: Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers for the states of Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas & Virginia with more states to come soon, Confederate Amnesty Papers, Organization Index to Pension Files of Veterans Who Served Between 1861 and 1900 & much more... Why not start your Footnote free trial now? <http://www.footnote.com/scv.php?xid=69>

Jefferson Davis Celebration in Fairview KY

The Bethel Baptist Church in Fairview KY will be the site of the Kentucky Division Reunion the weekend of June 6 to 8, 2008 with numerous activities all weekend as thousands of Southerners come to the area to pay their respects to President Davis on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of his birth. Please go to this link, <http://www.kentucky.gov/Newsroom/parks/jeffdavis200.htm> for more detail about the events planned for Saturday and Sunday. Motel rooms will again be scarce, so make your reservations now.

Sixth Annual Sam Davis Youth Camp

Co-Ed Camps: The first camp will be held from Sunday June 29th to Saturday, July 5th at Three Mountain Retreat, 1648 FM 182 Clifton TX 76634. The deadline for applications is Monday June 23, 2008. The second camp will be held from Sunday July 27th to Saturday August 2nd at Magnolia State Park, Millen GA, between Waynesboro and Millen at a beautiful historic site. The deadline for applications is Monday July 21, 2008. You may download an application at <http://www.scv.org/pdf/2008SamDavisYouthCampApplication.pdf> Scholarships are available for deserving youth whose parents or host SCV camp cannot afford the tuition; however, the camper, his family or host

DIVERSITY IN THE CONFEDERATE ARMED FORCES

Prepared by the Gainesville Vols, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 373, Pearl River County, MS, www.geocities.com/scvcamp373, huffman1234@bellsouth.net, with input from the Education Committee of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and numerous other sources. Please visit the aforementioned website, as well as www.mississippiascv.org and www.scv.org, for further information on your proud Confederate "Heritage of Honor"!

AFRICAN-CONFEDERATE HERITAGE

This fact sheet is prepared by the Sons of Confederate Veterans Education Committee. The SCV hopes this information will enrich the celebration of Black History Month during February. "There are at the present moment, many colored men in the Confederate Army doing duty...as real soldiers, having muskets on their shoulders and bullets in their pockets...." Frederick Douglas, former slave & abolitionist (Fall, 1861). How many? Easily tens of thousands of blacks served the Confederacy as laborers, teamsters, cooks and even as soldiers. Some estimates indicate 25% of free blacks and 15% of slaves actively supported the South during the war. Why? Blacks served the South because it was their home, and because they hoped for the reward of patriotism; for these reasons they fought in every war through Korea, even though it meant defending a segregated United States. Emancipation? President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation did not free a single slave. Issued at a time when the Confederacy seemed to be winning the war, Lincoln hoped to transform a disagreement over secession into a crusade against slavery, thus preventing Great Britain (and France) from intervening on the side of the South. The proclamation allowed slavery to continue in the North as well as in Tennessee and large parts of Louisiana and Virginia. It applied only to Confederate-held slaves, which Lincoln had no authority over, but not to slaves under Federal control. Lincoln's Views? "I am not in favor of making voters or jurors of Negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office...." 9/15/1858 campaign speech "I have no purpose, directly or indirectly, to interfere with the institution of slavery...." 3/4/1861 First Inaugural Address "I am a little uneasy about the abolishment of slavery in this District [of Columbia]...." 3/24/1862 letter to Horace Greeley "If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it...." 8/22/1862. Letter to Horace Greeley, New York Tribune editor. Confederate: Famed bridge engineer and former slave Horace King received naval contracts for building Confederate warships. A black servant named Sam Ashe killed the first Union officer during the war, abolitionist Major Theodore Winthrop. John W. Buckner, a black private, was wounded at Ft. Wagner repulsing the U.S. (Colored) 54th Massachusetts Regiment. George Wallace, a servant who surrendered with General Lee at Appomattox, later served in the Georgia Senate. Jim Lewis served General Stonewall Jackson, and was honored to hold his horse "Little Sorrel" at the general's funeral. Captured black cook Dick Poplar suffered cruelty by Yankee Negro guards at Pt. Lookout, MD for being a "Jeff Davis man."



The first Black regiment -- North or South -- raised during the war was the Louisiana Native Guards, a band of 1100 free "Men of Color" who formed their own regiment in New Orleans and served in the Confederate Army. (See "The Louisiana Native Guards," by James Hollandsworth.) This fact should not be surprising, as over 1300 Black Southerners were slaveowners, with some of the largest slaveowners in SC and LA being Black. Black slaveowners of the Cane River region of LA even formed and equipped several Confederate companies. A Black member of the 9th TX Cavalry, Pvt. Holt Collier, who was a native Mississippian and a slave, was the guide for Teddy Roosevelt's famous Mississippi Bear Hunt that resulted in the creation of the first Teddy Bear. Colonial: The first man to die for the American cause of freedom was Crispus Attucks, a black seaman from Boston. At the time of the American Revolution, New York City held almost as many slaves as all of Georgia combined. Surprising Facts: In St. Louis, General John Fremont freed slaves of "disloyal" Missouri Confederates; an angry Lincoln fired him. Slaves in Washington, D.C. were not freed until April 1862, a year after the war began with the firing at Ft. Sumter. Slavery continued throughout the entire war in five Union-held states: DE, MD, WV, KY and MO. The New York City draft riots of July 1863 resulted in burning of a beautiful black orphanage and lynching of blacks. A provision in the Confederate Constitution prohibited the African slave trade outright (unlike the U.S. Constitution). Encouraged by General Lee, the CSA eventually freed slaves who would join the army, and did recruit and arm black regiments. C. S. General Robert E. Lee freed his family slaves before the war; Union Gen. U.S. Grant kept his wife's slaves well into the war. Many blacks owned slaves themselves. In 1861 Charleston, for example, a free colored planter named William Ellison owned 70 slaves. Even in 1830 New York City, three decades before the war, eight black planters owned 17 slaves. Blacks Today: Nelson W. Winbush, a retired educator and SCV member, lectures on his black Confederate ancestor, private Louis N. Nelson. A black Chicago funeral home owner, Ernest A. Griffin, flies the CSA battle flag and erected at his own expense a \$20,000 monument to the 6,000 Confederate soldiers who are buried on his property, once site of the Union prison Camp Douglas. Black professor Leonard Haynes (recently deceased) of Southern University (Baton Rouge) spoke regularly on black Confederates. American University's professor Edward Smith also lectures on the truth of black Confederate history and, with Nelson W. Winbush, has prepared an educational videotape entitled "Black Southern Heritage" (available at (954) 963-4857) Info? Contact: Dr. Edward Smith, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016 (202) 885-1192; Dean of

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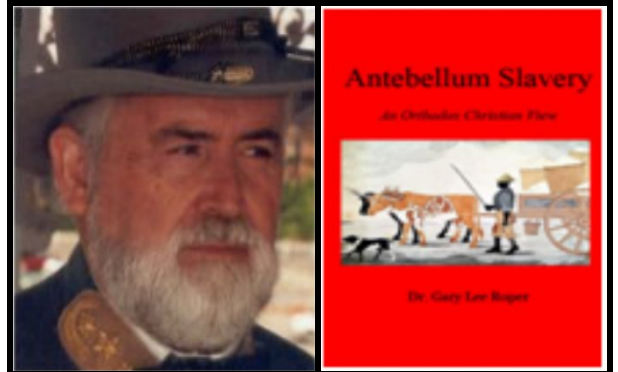
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