

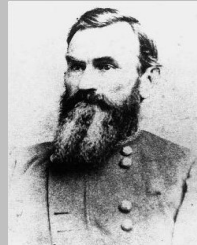


# *The Delta General*

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## Commander's Corner

Compatriots,

First, I hope everyone is surviving the cold winter and the Virus. As the shots become more available, I hope you are getting yours to stop the spread of the virus so we can get things back to a sense of normalcy. I hope soon, our members will be returning to our meetings because we miss you and the comradery that we share. If you cannot make it, I hope you are continuing to view our meetings on Facebook Live.

On January 30 we had a great Lee/Jackson Event with 25 people in attendance which I thought was great considering the circumstances. Our speaker was Lt. Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers. Jason and his wife Linda are from Mnt. Pleasant, TN. Jason was a wonderful speaker and his topic was on Sam Davis which was a real tear jerker of a story.

Our Camp is growing and its time to start shaking the rust off as we plan for the Spring. We have two major items of business for this meeting to be held on February 27. We need to adopt a budget for the new year and also set a date for the Camp Confederate Memorial Service. This meeting will take place of our March meeting since the GEC will meet on March 6 and several of our members, me included will have to be in Elm Springs during our regular meeting date. Please make all efforts to attend we miss all of our brothers and sisters of the Camp.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our meeting, please make all efforts to be there. And remember our Charge!

*"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."*

*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans,  
New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906*

### Adjutant's Report—Dan McCaskill

#### January 30, 2021—Lee and Jackson Banquet

Compatriots and Friends,

The evening of January 30, 2021, our Camp celebrated its 24<sup>th</sup>, not 25<sup>th</sup> Lee – Jackson Birthday Banquet. I confused our Camp's Christmas Banquet in 1996 at the Racquet Club with a Lee – Jackson Banquet. In spite of Covid-19, we had a decent attendance at 22. Missy came despite a broken ankle and others who had a brush with the dreaded Covid-19.

We had a first this evening, our Banquet was broadcast live on SCV-Chat. This meant our Banquet went worldwide. You cannot ask for better PR for our Camp and its members.

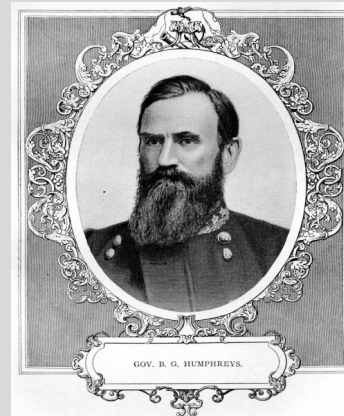
As always, the evening was opened with an invocation and blessing by Camp Commander (CIC) Larry McCluney plus he welcomed everyone to the Banquet. The covered-dish meal was great and thanks to everyone who brought their favorite dish. The food was plentiful and delicious. After the meal, Commander McCluney reconvened the Banquet and had Color Sergeant Earl Allen lead everyone in the Pledges and Salutes to the Flags and a reading of The Charge. Commander McCluney introduced our Guest Speaker, Lt. Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers. Jason told a stirring and at times tearful story of the sacrifice of Private Sam Davis. Sam Davis was willing to give his life rather than give the identity of his comrades to the Yankees. The Yankees accused Sam of spying and after a sham of a trial, sentenced him to hang unless he gave up the identity of his commander. All who know of Sam Davis knows how this story ended. Sam Davis became the Nathan Hale of the South. I do not know how long Jason spoke but we could have listened a lot longer. Great program Commander!

After Jason's program, Dan McCaskill conducted our Candlelight Memorial Service. Like Sam Davis and all Confederate Veterans, we remember them and all that they did in defense of their Country by invoking their names so they will not be forgotten.

After we went off-air with SCV-Chat, the ladies of the OCR announced the results of the Silent Auction: Jackson McCaskill, with his father's aid, took home two of the prizes. Each won one: Donald Wright, Mark Stone and I am sorry but can't remember who won the fifth prize.

We closed the festivities with a Closing Prayer by Dan McCaskill and the singing of Dixie.

Hopefully next year with Covid under control, we can double the attendance at our next Lee – Jackson Banquet



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**Lt to Rt: Annette McCluney, CIC Larry McCluney, Lt. CIC Jason Boshers and Linda Boshers**



## Chaplain's Pen — December 2020

By Earl McCown

### The Days of Noah

This just doesn't seem like the time for a history lesson. So, I am going to preach a little bit. I want us to examine the Biblical record of the days of Noah. Well, maybe this will be a history lesson! If we take the time to look seriously at the way the world was then and the way it is now, we will see some clear parallels between our world and theirs!

Those days were characterized by Perversion. Cain had his "bloodless" religion; he ignored the plain mandate ordained by God Himself! The same mentality abounds in our world today. We are living in days of widespread apostasy (falling away from the church and God's Word).

Those days were characterized by Prosperity. Here we see the first domestication of animals. Men no longer had to hunt for meat, they just raised it. This allowed people to have more than they actually needed. It was a time of prosperity. In spite of the decline of industry in our country at this time, we are still enjoying unprecedented prosperity.

Those days were characterized by Pleasure. This was the time when musical instruments were invented. So began the entertainment industry. There is no denying that we are living in a pleasure mad world. Don't know what we would do without the entertainment industry!

Those days were characterized by Progress. This was also the time when it was discovered that ore could be extracted and so began the smelting business. Now you could have better and stronger farm implements. Imagine going from a wooden plow to one of brass, bronze, steel or iron. Great cities also came into existence. Cain was the first murderer; he was also the first to build a city. The days preceding the flood were marked by scientific and engineering advancements. Just look at the Ark, the plans were handed down from God, but construction was by man.

Those days were characterized by Pride. Several men set themselves up to be "all and the end of life" He sees himself as number one and that all his actions and words are right. That was the effort to bolt out God. They paid "lip service" to God for a while, but the day came when they wanted Him out of their lives. They wanted to live as though He did not exist. We seem to be living in days like that now. When I hear liberal politicians, radicals, and other infidels using God's name in vain, I realize that the days of Noah are indeed, here. They pay lip service, but they don't want Him involved in their affairs or the affairs of the world.

Men have no regard for the Word of God. They do not fear the Lord, and they live as they want to live without thought of a Heaven to gain, or a Hell to shun. Things are sure to get worse! We've told a generation that there is no God, there is no Heaven and there is no Hell. If there is no God, then there is no standard of right or wrong. If there is no God, then man is a product of random chance and evolution and he can do as he pleases.

Just as the days of Noah was brought to an end, so must the days we are living in. I have no idea of when God will bring this vile sinful world to an end, but I know it will happen! We need to be in prayer for our nation and all our people. I would like to offer the following Scripture as a guide.

*"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14.*

## Mississippi Division Updates

### SCV Chat is Gaining Attention

Compatriots,

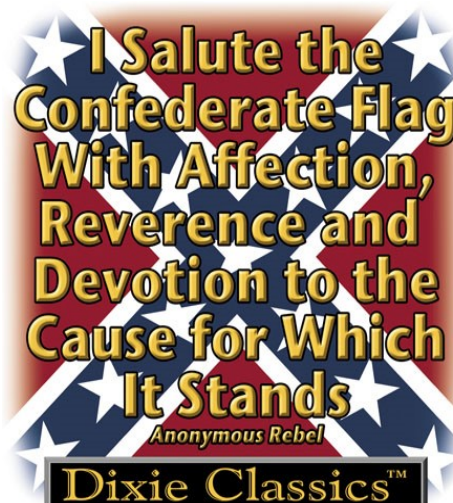
For the past eight months, several young men of the SCV with my blessing have been experimenting with a new form of "alternative media". This test has been led by Mississippi Division Commander George Conor Bond, Executive Director Adam Southern, Sam Watkins Brigade Commander Matt Singleton, Compatriot Harrison Daws, Lt. Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers, and myself. If you have not heard of it, it is called SCV\_Chat (the \_ is intentional) and is broadcast live every Monday at 7 PM CST. The show lasts a little over an hour. The idea is to not only discuss historical topics, but also provide accurate, and up to date information to you the members.

We are utilizing a platform that is launched from Facebook for the shows broadcast. Right now, "alternative media" is growing by leaps and bounds for audiences of all generations. The SCV is in a prime spot to use this to our advantage to give the world the true history of the South and promote the Charge.

So far, the topics have been geared towards positively promoting southern culture, and our beloved heritage. On top of the weekly episodes, we have had three specials. So far, we have topics scheduled till April of 2021.

To watch us live, look us up on Facebook, and click on the link Monday at 7 PM CST. While there please take advantage of the T-Spring gift shop and order SCV Chat merchandise and the Nathan Bedford Forrest Reinternment shirts that will fund the NBF Funeral at Elm Springs. Simply search for SCV\_Chat and there is a T-Spring link for that merchandise.

If you have not seen the program, do take time out to view it live or see some of the replays. I know you will enjoy it. This is another step to taking the organization into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and moving forward by provided needed communication of what is happening in the organization as well as learning more about our ancestry. The program has SCV commercials about new products in our Gift Shop, highlights Make Dixie Great Again, and of course promotes our organization. Please check it out sometime or become a subscriber which proceeds will go to the National Confederate Museum.





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**JANUARY 1, 2021**

**RE: 2021 MISSISSIPPI DIVISION REUNION**

Dear Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans,

The LTG. John C. Pemberton Camp in Vicksburg is honored to host the 125th Reunion of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans and the 27th Reunion of the Mississippi Society, Order of the Confederate Rose. We have looked forward to this event for some time and have been planning for over two years. The COVID-19 crisis forced us to postpone this Reunion twice last year. We are confident, now that lifesaving vaccines are being administered daily, that we will gather in Vicksburg, the River City on June 11-13, 2021. All events except for the Sunday Memorial Service will be held at the Vicksburg Convention Center downtown.

The Agenda remains basically the same as last year. Registration begins Friday, June 11th from 3 - 7 p.m. at the Convention Center entrance lobby with vendor set up from 2 - 8 pm. The Commanders Reception which will cost \$15 per person to attend and begins at 6 p.m. with a cash bar provided. Period music is planned for entertainment along with an exciting talk by famed historian Grady Howell.

The Convention continues on Saturday morning June 12th with our Opening Ceremonies, Business meeting with elections of Division Officers for the next two years, and our Awards Banquet on Saturday evening with keynote speaker Dr. Samuel "Sandy" Mitcham of Monroe, LA. Dr. Mitcham is a wonderful historian and Southern scholar who will be giving a talk on an interesting facet of the Vicksburg Campaign.

Saturday afternoon, for those who choose to return to the Convention Center after a short meal on their own, author Scott Bell, will speak on his book, "The Camel Regiment," A History of the Bloody 43rd Mississippi Volunteer Infantry, CSA 1862-65. Scott will give you more insight into "Old Douglas" that our camp's first commemorative coin was patterned after. Others may want to use the free time for self-guided tours of the Vicksburg Military Park, Old Courthouse Museum, Old Depot Museum, or other historic venues in our city. Local shopping is just a few blocks away from the Convention Center historic Washington Street.

The Reunion ends Sunday morning June 13th with a memorial service at historic Soldiers Rest Cemetery, where memorial gravestones and an historic marker for those who served aboard the C.S.S. Arkansas will be dedicated. Compatriot Bryan Skipworth has spearheaded this on-going project with support from the SCV, UDC and OCR and we are honored to closeout our Reunion with this event. Dr. Brandon Beck of Columbus, MS will be the keynote speaker for this dedication.

I had the honor over 2019 and 2020 to visit a number of SCV Camps and personally invite you to this Reunion. I hope to do the same this Spring, and hope to include some that I did not get to visit last year. We are here to assist in any way, so don't hesitate to call or email me with any questions you might have. Please join us on June 11-13, 2021 for the Reunions of the MS Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Order of Confederate Rose. Due to scheduling conflicts with the Convention Center, this year's reunion will be held at the same weekend as the Rankin Rough and Ready's Relic Show in Brandon. If you choose on Saturday afternoon to attend the Relic show, it's a quick hour drive to Brandon.

Hotel information with group rates is listed on the registration forms, which are now updated on the Division website, our Camp website and our Camp Facebook page. Each registrant from last year with an email, will receive a registration package by email. Feel free to call me for any additional questions. See you in the River City this June.

Sincerely,

Edward Campbell Commander  
LTG John C. Pemberton, Camp #1354





# 2021 SCV MS Division Reunion Registration Form



125th Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans  
27th Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose

Vicksburg, Mississippi – June 11-13, 2021

Hosted by the LTG John C. Pemberton Camp #1354 And Mary Ann Forrest Chapter #23, MSOCR  
All Events Will be Held at Vicksburg Convention Center, 1600 Mulberry St., Vicksburg, MS 39180

SCV Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title / SCV Camp Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Title / OCR Chapter Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_ / Guest \_\_\_\_\_

All registered SCV members will receive a name badge, a convention medal, a program, and a bag of goodies (quantities limited).  
Registration at the door will receive the same as long as supplies last. OCR members will have a Tea in lieu of receiving a medal.

## REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV Member - on or before May 3, 2021, \$50.00 / After May 3, 2021, \$55.00 QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OCR Member - on or before May 3, 2021, \$20.00 / After May 3, 2021 \$25.00 QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Friday Night Commanders Reception - \$15.00 (Adults and Children) QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Awards Banquet: \$35.00 per Adult QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$15.00 per Child (12 years & under) QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* (No Reception or Banquet Registration after May 28, 2021, including walkups.)

Ancestor Memorial: \$10.00 each QTY \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please type or print memorials on a separate page or back of form & submit by May 3, 2021

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT => \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please Make Checks Payable to SCV Camp #1354 & Mail to:  
Edward Campbell, 128 Lightcap Blvd, Vicksburg, MS 39180

Contact Information: SCV Contact: Edward Campbell: 601-405-0719 or [ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com](mailto:ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com)  
OCR Contact: Joy Redwine at (662) 654-1590 or [joyredwine1973@gmail.com](mailto:joyredwine1973@gmail.com)

## HOTEL INFO

Hampton Inn & Suites at 3330 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS SCV Rate - **\$139.00 plus tax** Ph: 601-636-6100.

La Quinta at 4160 S. Frontage Rd. Vicksburg, MS. SCV Rate - **\$90.00 plus tax** Ph: 601-802-0525.

Best Western at 2445 N. Frontage Rd. Vicksburg, MS. SCV Rate - **\$89.00 plus tax** Ph: 601-636-5800.

\*\*All Reservations must be made by **April 30, 2021**\*\*

Registration will be at the Vicksburg Convention Center between 3pm & 7pm Friday and between  
7am & 8:30am Saturday.

**Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans  
& MS Society, Order of Confederate Rose**

**2021 Division Annual Reunion  
June 11 – 13, 2021 Reunion Agenda**

*\* All activities are located at the Vicksburg Convention Center unless otherwise noted.*

**Friday**

2:00 - 8:00 pm: Vendor setup and Sales  
3:00 - 7:00 pm: Reunion SCV/OCR Registration - Entrance Lobby  
6:00 - 8:00 pm: Commanders Reception and Social (Cash Bar)  
Period Music and Guest Speaker: Grady Howell

**Saturday**

7:00 - 8:30 am: Reunion SCV/OCR Registration - Entrance Lobby  
7:00 am - 3:00pm: Vendor Sales  
7:30 am: MS Division Color Guard Muster - Entrance Lobby  
8:00 am - 8:30 am: Opening Ceremony/ All SCV/OCR Members and Guests  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm: MS SCV Division Business Meeting  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm: OCR Business Meeting & Ladies Tea

**\*\*\*\*\*Break for Lunch on Your Own\*\*\*\*\***

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: **43rd MS Vol. Reg. - Old Douglas - Speaker: Scott Bell**

**Self-Guided Tours of:**

**Vicksburg National Military Park  
Old Courthouse Museum  
Old Depot Museum  
Jesse Brent Lower Mississippi River Museum  
Soldiers Rest Cemetery**

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm: **MS Division Reunion Awards Banquet**  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Samuel W. Mitcham, Jr.  
Professor and Author

**Sunday**

9:00 am: \* Memorial Service & C.S.S. Arkansas Memorial  
Dedication at Soldiers Rest, Vicksburg Cemetery  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Brandon Beck, Author and Historian

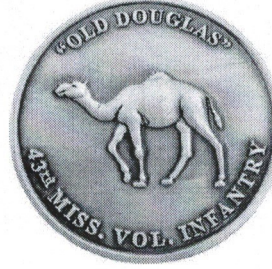
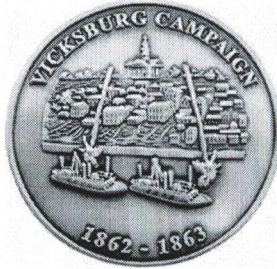
**On behalf of the LTG. John C. Pemberton Camp 1354 membership and staff, we sincerely  
hope you enjoyed your stay and hope you have a safe trip home!**



# DONATION / ORDER FORM

## "VICKSBURG CAMPAIGN"

*Civil War Commemorative Coin Series*  
(1862-1863)



<b>Customer / Donor Information:</b>	<b>Customer #:</b>
Name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Phone No:	Email:

Quantity	Coin #	Description	Item Price	Total
	2020-01-OD	Old Douglas Coin	\$15.00	
<b>Postage &amp; Handling:</b>			<b>Subtotal</b>	
1 to 5 coins => \$4.00 ,                      6 to 10 coins => \$8.00				
11 to 30 coins => \$10.00, flat rate,                      ==>			<b>P. &amp; H.</b>	
30+ coins, call for P. & H. charge. (Rates are subject to change.)			<b>TOTAL</b>	

Mail Donation/Order Form with Check, Cash or Money Order to:

**SCV Pemberton Camp #1354**  
**Commemorative Coins**  
**61 Rollingwood Dr.**  
**Vicksburg, MS 39183**

Questions:

Call 601-415-4535 or email: [klholman@bellsouth.net](mailto:klholman@bellsouth.net)

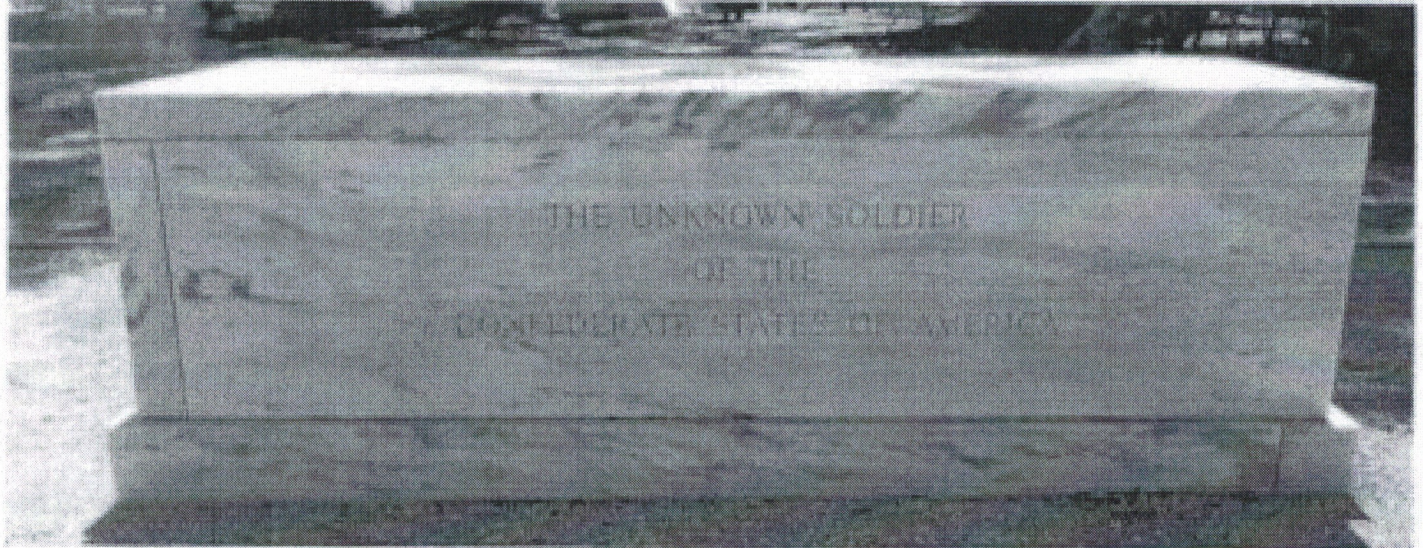
More information at <http://scv-camp-1354.com> or <https://www.facebook.com/scvcamp1354/>

Donations for the purchase of coins are used to support historical education and heritage operations of our local SCV camp and its perpetual care of Soldiers Rest Cemetery in Vicksburg, MS, where 5000+ Confederate soldiers, sailors, and civilians are buried.



# Bricks for Beauvoir and the Tomb of the Unknown Solider

Honor your confederate Ancestors by purchasing an Ancestral Memorial Brick for \$50.00 each in the Memorial sidewalk of the Confederate Cemetery at Beauvoir. The plans for the sidewalk are nearing completion, so if you want a brick put down for your ancestor you need to get your order in soon, so as not to miss out.



Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit and company. Memorial bricks will be laid, memorializing your ancestor, in a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Solider at Beauvoir.

**Detach and send in the form below to the address listed to order your bricks.**

## Ancestral Brick Order Form

Instructions: Use the lines as laid out no more than 15 spaces per line..You may use abbreviations when necessary. Please include your name and address, for confirmation letter. (See Sample Below)

Line 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First and Last Name)

Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Rank)

Line 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Unit)

### ORDER YOUR ANCESTOR'S BRICK TODAY!

Make Checks out for \$50.00 per brick for:

Bricks for Beauvoir  
Mail to: Bricks for Beauvoir  
2344 Beach Blvd  
Biloxi, MS. 39531

OR Visit our gift shop where you can pay by cash or credit!

Example:

Pvt. JAMES W.  
McCluney  
6th MS CAV. CO. F



National SCV News:

## The National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

The truth about the South's struggle to form a new nation is under attack as never before. The National Battlefield Parks have been taken over by the "it's all about slavery" provocateurs. Museums have changed their collections and interpretations to present what they call the cultural history of the War for Southern Independence. In reality this new perspective is nothing more than South bashing. The forces of political correctness have gone into high gear. They attempt to ban any and all things Confederate through their ideological fascism. There needs to be at least one place where the people of the South and others can go to learn an accurate account of why so many struggled so long in their attempt to reassert government by the consent of the governed in America!

The General Executive Council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans made the commitment in October of 2008 to start the process to erect a new building that will have two purposes. One of the uses of this new building will be to give us office space and return Elm Springs to its original grandeur. However the main function is to house The Confederate Museum. We are planning a museum that will tell the truth about what motivated the Southern people to struggle for many years to form a new nation. At the SCV Reunion in July of 2009 the GEC set up a building fund for this purpose. One of the goals is to provide an accurate portrayal of the common Confederate soldier, something that is currently absent in most museums and in the media.

You are invited to make your stand for the future by contributing to this fund. Send checks to: Sons of Confederate Veterans c/o TCM Building Fund P.O. Box 59 Columbia, TN 38402 Or you can call 1-800-MY-DIXIE to pay by credit card. [www.theconfederatemuseum.com](http://www.theconfederatemuseum.com)

### Join the Confederate Legion

#### **Membership fees & donations support the Southern Victory Campaign**

- Individuals and organizations can join. Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is not required.
- Businesses, associations and S.C.V. camps can join.
- An individual member can organize an independent Confederate Legion group and name it whatever he/she likes.
- Members are expected to follow moral standards, obey the law, and participate in the Southern Victory Campaign.
- Credit cards and checks are accepted. Credit card payments can be recurring.
- Payments are tax deductible because the S.C.V. is a 501 (c) (3) entity.
- Members receive an ID card, certificate, access to support and communications. Most of all, you get the satisfaction of knowing you're part of the offensive!

Dues and donations are used to mount a two-prong offensive that we call the Southern Victory Campaign. It's led by the Heritage operations Committee of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



Prong One of the campaign offensive involves direct action by the Heritage Operations Committee of the S.C.V. Prong Two involves direct action by individual and group members of the Confederate Legion.

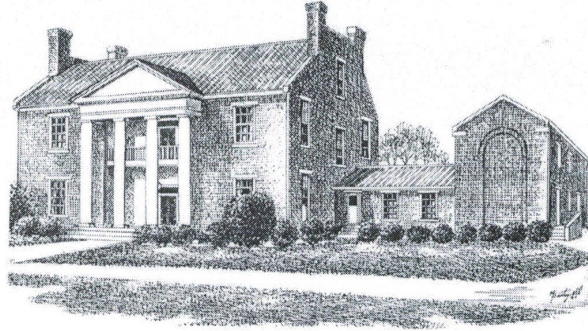
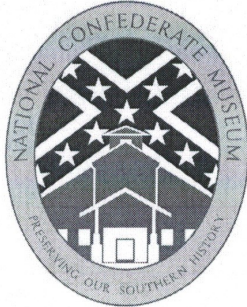
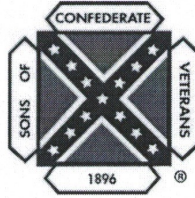
Objectives include:

- Reestablishing public support for the principles of liberty held by the founders of the United States and the Confederate States of America.

Rebuilding respect for the Confederate States of America that preferred to leave the Union rather than abandon the principles of liberty like the Northern states were doing under Leftist influences of that day and age.

For those interested in more information on how you can help "Make Dixie Great Again" go to <https://www.makedixiegreatagain.com/>





## **Pilgrimage and National Confederate Memorial Service**

**At Historic Elm Springs and**

**The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs**

**May 1, 2021**

**9:00 AM to 4: PM**

**Floral Tribute Service begins at 11:00 AM**

**Individuals, Camps, Brigade, Divisions and Organizations are encouraged to bring a floral tribute and be announced as they lay their floral arrangement at the Jefferson Davis Monument.**

**Other events are being planned and will be announced as they are confirmed.**





## 2021 National Reunion Change of Host Hotel

Gentlemen, as with many things in 2020, few things have not been affected. The host hotel for the 2021 Reunion, Copeland Tower & Conference Center, will be closing on May 1, 2021 to be converted into residential living space which has resulted in our having to find a new host hotel for the event. The change is in no way due to any anti-confederate sentiment or politics by Copeland Tower or its staff. They have been instrumental in almost immediately securing a new host hotel and making it a smooth transition. The new host hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton at the New Orleans Airport. The hotel has recently been completely renovated and all rooms and suites are comparable to those of the Copeland Tower and all rates will remain the same.

For those who have already made hotel reservations (71 presently), the Copeland Tower is in the process of transferring your reservation to the DoubleTree. Beginning Monday, January 4, 2021, the Copeland Tower staff will be calling each person with a reservation to explain the situation and assist you in confirming your reservation at DoubleTree.

For those who have not made reservations yet, new online booking links will be available on the reunion webpage in the next few days.

<https://www.scv-bcamp130.org/2021-national-scv-reunion>

The Double Tree hotel is on the Veterans Memorial Blvd, the main throughfare, that is filled with shopping and dining options. It sits on the edge of the boundary of Metairie and Kenner. Kenner is a small town with deep roots in the Confederacy and named for the Kenner family. Duncan Kenner was a member of the Confederate Congress and the Confederacy's Ambassador to Europe and 15 members of the Kenner family fought for the Confederacy. The hotel is only 2 miles from the New Orleans airport and operates a free 24-hr airport shuttle for those who will be flying in for the event. Additionally, for those interested, the Treasure Chest Casino on Lake Pontchartrain is just 5 minutes away.

The staff at DoubleTree is very excited about hosting our event. For several years now, they have hosted the Louisiana UDC Regional Conventions so they are familiar and comfortable with our organizations.

We regret any inconvenience this change may cause but we are confident you will have an enjoyable, memorable reunion.

Please help us with our planning by registering now. Registration forms are on the website. Limited edition numbered medals are still available but going fast. Be sure to order now if you want one.

Until we see you in July, please stay safe and stay healthy.

Deo Vindice  
2021 National Reunion Committee  
Beauregard Camp 130

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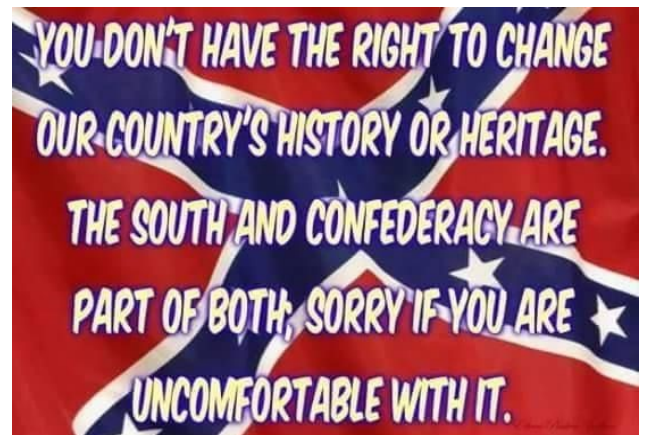
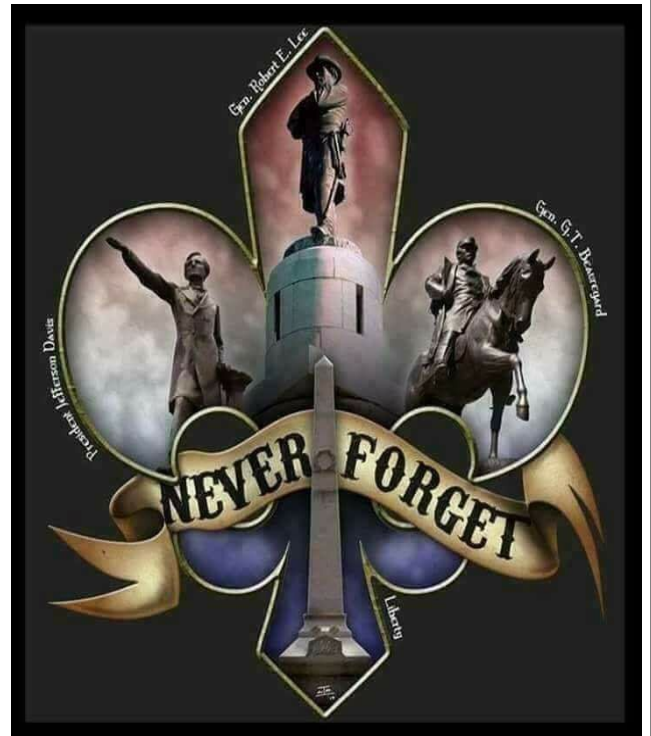
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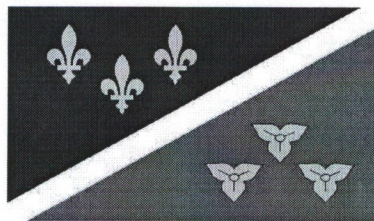




# Sons of Confederate Veterans



## 126<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA



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**Official Registration Form (Page 2 of 2)**  
**~ Sons of Confederate Veterans 2021 Reunion ~**  
**Metairie, Louisiana \* July 21-24, 2021**  
**Beauregard Camp 130**

Fill in *Ancestor(s)* Name & Unit (Each - Two Lines of 45 Characters ~ Use Back of Form if Necessary)

***Sub Total ~ Price of Tickets & Memorials Page 1***

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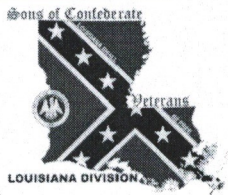
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~ Tickets Purchased ~

<i>Event / Date</i>	<i>Price \$</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>\$</i>
<b>Reunion Registration (After July 1, 2021 = \$75) <sup>1</sup></b>	\$65		
<b>SCV Prayer Breakfast</b> <i>Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 6:30 a.m.</i>	\$40		
<b>Ladies' Tour and Luncheon - Beaugard-Keys House</b> <i>Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 11:00 a.m.</i>	\$50		
<b>SCV Heritage Luncheon</b> <i>Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m.</i>	\$50		
<b>Confederate Memorial Hall Tour (Limit 110 people)</b> <i>Thursday, July 22, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.</i> <i>An overflow tour group, if needed, will be Saturday, July 24th @ 2:00 p.m.</i>	\$40		
<b>SCV Awards Luncheon</b> <i>Friday, July 23, 2021 @ 12:00 p.m.</i>	\$50		
<b>Destrehan Plantation Tour and Dinner (Limit 275 people)</b> <i>Friday, July 23, 2021 @ 3:00 p.m.</i>	\$60		
<b>Mechanized Cavalry Breakfast</b> <i>Saturday, July 24, 2021 @ 6:00 a.m.</i>	\$40		
<b>SCV Banquet &amp; Grand Ball Saturday, July 24, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.</b> <i>Note: Dress/Attire is Coat &amp; Tie or Period Uniform/Civilian</i>	\$70		
<b>Ancestor Memorial ~ Each @ 2 Lines per Memorial (See Page 2)</b>	\$10		

<sup>1</sup> Registration includes Medal and Program





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Bricks and Pavers For the Walkways for the  
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# Friends of The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs Annual Membership Application

All memberships are tax-deductible and include the E-Newsletter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to join the Friends of The Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

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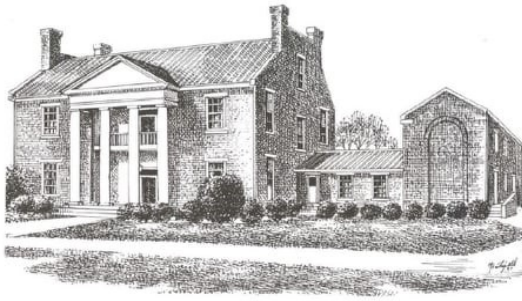
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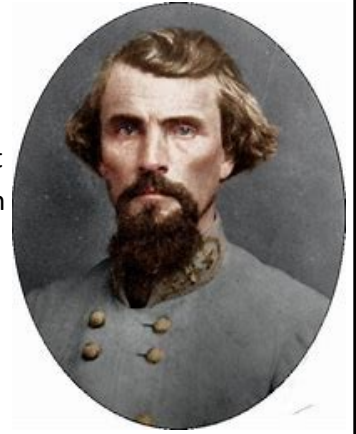
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## General Nathan Bedford Forrest Reinterment

The answer is “What is the question you get asked the most.” The question is “What about the Forrest Reinternment?’ When traveling around and visiting camps, this question has been asked almost without exception. Because everyone is asking, I understand that it is a sensitive subject and people are curious. Currently our beloved Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife, Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest, are still buried in Health Sciences Park, originally Forrest Park, in Memphis.



Due to the pandemic shutdown of the court system, things have been delayed. In November of 2020, we received court approval to take over the remains, since then our permit was approved in January 2021 to begin exhuming operations. Now we must set a date and coordinate this with Greenspace. Both parties have to approve the dates to begin exhuming. Once this begins, it will be an exhaustive task due to it being an archeological exhumation. We also have to figure in the weather because of the granite and marble that makes up the pedestal and plaza. This time of the year will only crack and split such pieces. Thus, at this time, we do not even have a time frame. However, please rest assured in knowing that as soon as we know you will know.

With that being said, we have another big issue and that is funding. To make the reinterment open to members of our organization, this will not be cheap. There is not a line item in the budget to cover the cost. Cost will include security, portable bathrooms, ambulance and fire services just to name a few. Everything that would be needed for a large crowd that could be as large as the Hunley funeral. That expected cost is \$100,000. The bottom line is we have to raise these funds or the reinterment will be a closed private service for the family only.

This is an advanced early warning so everyone knows what is happening. At a time when you are being asked to help with the museum and with the social uncertainty, you are being asked to dig deeper once again to make this happen.

I know it seems vague because we have not set a date but a date will be coming at some point in the next few months once exhuming begins and we need the funding to be in place. I know it is early but this give us time to make it happen.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Won't you give to make this worthwhile event happen for General Nathan Bedford Forrest?

Please make a donation and make your check out to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and in the for line put “Forrest Interment”, or call SCV headquarters and make a donation by credit card or debit. Call 1-800-mysouth and ask for Executive Director Adam Southern. Lets bring the general and his wife back home and lay them in a final resting place provided by those who love him most.

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## The Black Confederate Soldier

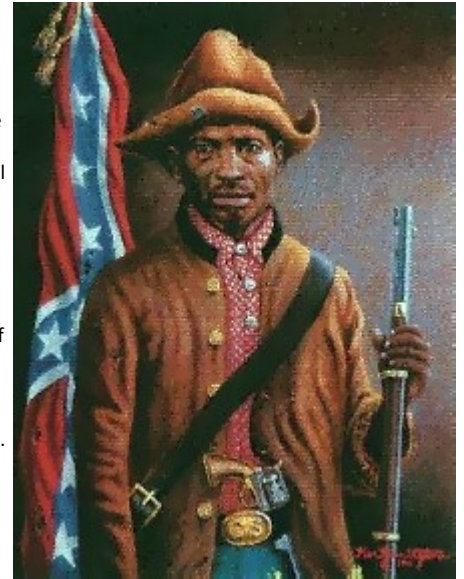
Why haven't we heard more about them? National Park Service historian, Ed Bearrs, stated, "I don't want to call it a conspiracy to ignore the role of Blacks both above and below the Mason-Dixon line, but it was definitely a tendency, which began around 1910." Historian, Erwin L. Jordan, Jr., calls it a "cover-up" which started back in 1865. He writes, "During my research, I came across instances where Black men stated they were soldiers, but you can plainly see where 'soldier' is crossed out and 'body servant' inserted, or 'teamster' on pension applications." Another black historian, Roland Young, says he is not surprised that blacks fought. He explains that "...some, if not most, Black southerners would support their country" and that by doing so they were "demonstrating it's possible to hate the system of slavery and love one's country." This is the very same reaction that most African Americans showed during the American Revolution, where they fought for the colonies, even though the British offered them freedom if they fought for them.

It has been estimated that over 65,000 Southern blacks were in the Confederate ranks. Over 13,000 of these, "saw the elephant" also known as meeting the enemy in combat. These Black Confederates included both slave and free. The Confederate Congress did not approve blacks to be officially enlisted as soldiers (except as musicians), until late in the war. But in the ranks it was a different story. Many Confederate officers did not obey the mandates of politicians, they frequently enlisted blacks with the simple criteria; "Will you fight?" Historian Ervin Jordan, explains that "biracial units" were frequently organized "by local Confederate and State militia Commanders in response to immediate threats in the form of Union raids...". Dr. Leonard Haynes, an African-American professor at Southern University, stated, "When you eliminate the black Confederate soldier, you've eliminated the history of the South."

- The "Richmond Howitzers" were partially manned by black militiamen. They saw action at 1st Manassas (or 1st Battle of Bull Run) where they operated battery no. 2. In addition two black "regiments", one free and one slave, participated in the battle on behalf of the South. "Many colored people were killed in the action", recorded John Parker, a former slave.
- At least one Black Confederate was a non-commissioned officer. James Washington, Co. D 34<sup>th</sup> Texas Cavalry, "Terrell's Texas Cavalry" became it's 3<sup>rd</sup> Sergeant. In comparison, The highest-ranking Black Union soldier during the war was a Sergeant Major.
- Free black musicians, cooks, soldiers and teamsters earned the same pay as white confederate privates. This was not the case in the Union army where blacks did not receive equal pay. At the Confederate Buffalo Forge in Rockbridge County, Virginia, skilled black workers "earned on average three times the wages of white Confederate soldiers and more than most Confederate army officers (\$350-\$600 a year).
- Dr. Lewis Steiner, Chief Inspector of the United States Sanitary Commission while observing Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson's occupation of Frederick, Maryland, in 1862: "Over 3,000 Negroes must be included in this number
- Frederick Douglas reported, "There are at the present moment many Colored men in the Confederate Army doing duty not only as cooks, servants and laborers, but real soldiers, having musket on their shoulders, and bullets in their pockets, ready to shoot down any loyal troops and do all that soldiers may do to destroy the Federal government and build up that of the rebels."
- Black and white militiamen returned heavy fire on Union troops at the Battle of Griswoldsville (near Macon, GA). Approximately 600 boys and elderly men were killed in this skirmish.
- In 1864, President Jefferson Davis approved a plan that proposed the emancipation of slaves, in return for the official recognition of the Confederacy by Britain and France. France showed interest but Britain refused.
- The Jackson Battalion included two companies of black soldiers. They saw combat at Petersburg under Col. Shipp. "My men acted with utmost promptness and goodwill...Allow me to state sir that they behaved in an extraordinary acceptable manner."
- Recently the National Park Service, with a recent discovery, recognized that blacks were asked to help defend the city of Petersburg, Virginia and were offered their freedom if they did so. Regardless of their official classification, black Americans performed support functions that in today's army many would be classified as official military service. The successes of white Con-

federate troops in battle, could only have been achieved with the support these loyal black Southerners.

- Confederate General John B. Gordon (Army of Northern Virginia) reported that all of his troops were in favor of Colored troops and that it's adoption would have "greatly encouraged the army". Gen. Lee was anxious to receive regiments of black soldiers. The Richmond Sentinel reported on 24 Mar 1864, "None...will deny that our servants are more worthy of respect than the motley hordes, which come against us." "Bad faith [to black Confederates] must be avoided as an indelible dishonor."
- In March 1865, Judah P. Benjamin, Confederate Secretary Of State, promised freedom for blacks that served from the State of Virginia. Authority for this was finally received from the State of Virginia and on April 1st 1865, \$100 bounties were offered to black soldiers. Benjamin exclaimed, "Let us say to every Negro who wants to go into the ranks, go and fight, and you are free...Fight for your masters and you shall have your freedom." Confederate Officers were ordered to treat them humanely and protect them from "injustice and oppression".
- A quota was set for 300,000 black soldiers for the Confederate States Colored Troops. 83% of Richmond's male slave population volunteered for duty. A special ball was held in Richmond to raise money for uniforms for these men. Before Richmond fell, black Confederates in gray uniforms drilled in the streets. Due to the war ending, it is believed only companies or squads of these troops ever saw any action. Many more black soldiers fought for the North, but that difference was simply a difference because the North instituted this progressive policy more soon than the more conservative South. Black soldiers from both sides received discrimination from whites that opposed the concept.
- Union General U.S. Grant in Feb 1865, ordered the capture of "all the Negro men... before the enemy can put them in their ranks." Frederick Douglas warned Lincoln that unless slaves were guaranteed freedom (those in Union controlled areas were still slaves) and land bounties, "they would take up arms for the rebels".
- On April 4, 1865 (Amelia County, VA), a Confederate supply train was exclusively manned and guarded by black Infantry. When attacked by Federal Cavalry, they stood their ground and fought off the charge, but on the second charge they were overwhelmed. These soldiers are believed to be from "Major Turner's" Confederate command.
- A Black Confederate, George \_\_\_\_\_, when captured by Federals was bribed to desert to the other side. He defiantly spoke, "Sir, you want me to desert, and I ain't no deserter. Down South, deserters disgrace their families and I am never going to do that."
- Former slave, Horace King, accumulated great wealth as a contractor to the Confederate Navy. He was also an expert engineer and became known as the "Bridge builder of the Confederacy." One of his bridges was burned in a Yankee raid. His home was pillaged by Union troops, as his wife pleaded for mercy.
- As of Feb. 1865 1,150 black seamen served in the Confederate Navy. One of these was among the last Confederates to surrender, aboard the CSS Shenandoah, six months after the war ended. This surrender took place in England.
- Nearly 180,000 Black Southerners, from Virginia alone, provided logistical support for the Confederate military. Many were highly skilled workers.



These included a wide range of jobs: nurses, military engineers, teamsters, ordinance department workers, brakemen, firemen, harness makers, blacksmiths, wagonmakers, boatmen, mechanics, wheelwrights, etc. In the 1920'S Confederate pensions were finally allowed to those workers that were still living. Many thousands more served in other Confederate States.

- During the early 1900's, many members of the United Confederate Veterans (UCV) advocated awarding former slaves rural acreage and a home. There was hope that justice could be given those slaves that were once promised "forty acres and a mule" but never received any. In the 1913 Confederate Veteran magazine published by the UCV, it was printed that this plan "If not Democratic, it is [the] Confederate" thing to do. There was much gratitude toward former slaves, which "thousands were loyal, to the last degree", now living with total poverty of the big cities. Unfortunately, their proposal fell on deaf ears on Capitol Hill.
- During the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1913, arrangements were made for a joint reunion of Union and Confederate veterans. The commission in charge of the event made sure they had enough accommodations for the black Union veterans, but were completely surprised when unexpected black Confederates arrived. The white Confederates immediately welcomed their old comrades, gave them one of their tents, and "saw to their every need". Nearly every Confederate reunion including those blacks that served with them, wearing the gray.
- The first military monument in the US Capitol that honors an African-American soldier is the Confederate monument at Arlington National cemetery. The monument was designed 1914 by Moses Ezekiel, a Jewish Confederate, who wanted to correctly portray the "racial makeup" in the Confederate Army. A black Confederate soldier is depicted marching in step with white Confederate soldiers. Also shown is one "white soldier giving his child to a black woman for protection". – Source: Edward Smith, African American professor at the American University, Washington DC.

Black Confederate heritage is beginning to receive the attention it deserves. For instance, Terri Williams, a black journalist for the Suffolk "Virginia Pilot" newspaper, writes: "I've had to re-examine my feelings toward the [Confederate] flag...It started when I read a newspaper article about an elderly black man whose ancestor worked with the Confederate forces. The man spoke with pride about his family member's contribution to the cause, was photographed with the [Confederate] flag draped over his lap...that's why I now have no definite stand on just what the flag symbolizes, because it no longer

#### Books:

- Charles Kelly Barrow, et. al. [Forgotten Confederates: An Anthology About Black Southerners](#) (1995). Currently the best book on the subject.
- Ervin L. Jordan, Jr. [Black Confederates and Afro-Yankees in Civil War Virginia](#) (1995). Well researched and very good source of information on Black Confederates, but has a strong Union bias.
- Richard Rollins. [Black Southerners in Gray](#) (1994). Also an excellent source.
- Dr. Edward Smith and Nelson Winbush, "Black Southern Heritage". An excellent educational video. Mr. Winbush is a descendent of a Black Confederate and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV).

This fact sheet is provided by Scott Williams. It is not an all-inclusive list of Black Confederates, only a small sampling of accounts. For more information about the SCV or "Confederates of Color" contact Mr. Williams at e-mail: [swcelt@stlnet.com](mailto:swcelt@stlnet.com).

For general historical information on Black Confederates, contact Dr. Edward Smith, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20016; Dean of American Studies. Dr. Smith is a black professor dedicated to clarifying the historical role of African Americans. is their history, or my history, but our history."

## The New Yorker Who Was a Confederate Naval Commodore Norman Dasinger, Jr., February 1, 2021 [blueandgrayeducation.org](http://blueandgrayeducation.org)



Born in New York in 1803, Ebenezer "Eben" Farrand entered the United States Navy in 1823 and was advanced to commander in 1834. While in command of the United States Navy Yard at Pensacola, Florida, he resigned his commission January 1861 to join the armed forces of the Confederate States of America. In an unusual twist of fate, he was immediately ordered to demand the surrender of all United States forces stationed at Forts Barrancas and McRae at the Navy Yard in Pensacola. He wrote, "We have decided it is our duty to hold our position until such a force is brought against us to render it impossible to defend..." In other words, he resigned and then demanded the surrender of the installations he had just previously commanded!

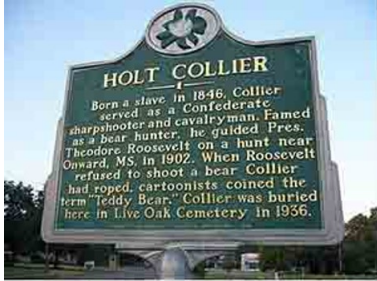
Ordered to Drewry's Bluff, Virginia, in the spring of 1862, Farrand was charged with building river defenses to prevent the United States Navy from advancing up the James River and possibly capturing the capital of the Confederacy. Fought May 15, 1862, the battle of Drewry's Bluff was a resounding Confederate victory. Farrand saved the city of Richmond and was praised for his "gallantry and courage."

Transferred to Selma, Alabama, he was given command of the Naval Foundry recently established there and built it into a large military industrial complex. He commanded the Confederate Naval forces in Mobile following the battle of Mobile Bay, in late August 1864. He surrendered himself and his command at Mobile on May 8, 1865.

After the war, he became an insurance salesman in Montgomery, Alabama, and owned a home and a hotel along the railroad in Attalla (Etowah County), Alabama. He died in 1873 and was eventually buried in the Attalla City Cemetery. At the Centennial of the Civil War in 1961, the adopted hometown of the Commodore, the city of Attalla, built a memorial park in his honor. Today, that park still proudly exists, forever memorializing this New Yorker who fought for the Confederate Navy.



## A Black Confederate Soldier Named Holt Collier



Holt Collier Born in 1846 to the Mississippi slave family of Harrison and Daphne Collier, Holt was one of probably 11 children. The Colliers were house servants to the prominent and influential Howell Hinds family at the Home Hill Plantation in Jefferson County. Holt spent his young years at Home Hill caring for the large pack of hounds that Hinds would take on hunts and Holt would sometimes go along. When Holt was 10, Howell Hinds took him to another family property, Plum Ridge Plantation, to help attend Hinds' young son, Thomas. Plum Ridge, located in Washington County, was in a rugged wilderness area with huge stands of giant trees and thick cane, stinging insects, venomous snakes, alligators, wolves, panthers and bears. One of Holt's primary duties was to provide meat for the Plum Ridge plantation workers. He hunted with a 12-gauge shotgun, became an excellent marksman and could shoot equally well from either shoulder. While still just 10, Holt shot his first bear.

When the Civil War started Holt joined the Confederacy to be with his masters Howell and Thomas Hinds. He was only 14. He then joined Company I of the Ninth Texas Cavalry, was involved in frequent action and served successfully as a military spy. After the war, Holt became a Texas cowboy for about one year, but returned to Mississippi and lived most of the rest of his life around Washington County and part of the original Hinds County, named for his master's family. As the years passed, Holt became well known for his bear-hunting ability and is credited with killing over 3,000 bears – more than the number taken by Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett put together.

It was the pursuit of black bear that brought President Theodore Roosevelt to Mississippi in 1902 and teamed him together with the then 56-year-old Holt Collier. Holt's unsurpassed expertise made the hunt a success even though the president would not shoot the large male bear that Holt single-handedly captured and tied to a tree. Instead, the incident was nationally publicized in editorial cartoons on the front page of the Washington Post. An enterprising New York store owner, Morris Michtom, saw the cartoon and created a stuffed toy he called "Teddy's bear." The popularity of the stuffed bear led to the formation of the Ideal Toy Company. And, when the Teddy bear turned 100 years old in 2002, Mississippi named it the official state toy.

Holt Collier died on August 1, 1936, at 90 years of age. Holt was buried at Live Oak Cemetery in Greenville, Mississippi.

### The Texas Lone Star Flag was Actually Created for Georgians

The Texas Lone Star flag is unmistakable, with its two horizontal stripes of red and white edged with a vertical stripe of blue centered with a five-pointed star. But there was an earlier flag that flew above Texas — a blue five-pointed star in the center of a white silk field, with the blue words "Liberty or Death" on one side and "Where Liberty Dwells there is my country" in Latin on the other. What is most interesting about this flag is that its creation is attributed to a 17-year-old girl not from Texas, but from Georgia.

From the *Atlanta Journal*, September 20, 1931:

*"It was early in November, 1835, that the news reached Georgia that the providence of Texas was chafing under the tyranny of Santa Anna, the Mexican leader. A public meeting was held in Macon, Georgia on November 12, at which, more than \$3,000 was raised and plans were made to organize a company of soldiers to go to Texas and help her in the fight for freedom.*

*"As plans were being made for the march to Texas by the Georgian soldiers, a 17 year old girl realized that the company would need a flag. So, this thoughtful and patriotic citizen, Johanna Troutman, at Knoxville, Georgia, took one of her silk skirts, designed and made with her own hands the Lone Star flag ... upon the steps of the Troutman Inn, in Knoxville, Miss Troutman herself presented the flag to Capt. William Ward...*

*"With this flag, 150 Georgians proceeded from the state to Texas, arriving there January 2, 1836. The flag was first raised on Texas soil at Velasco (modern-day Freeport) on January 8, 1836, in front of the American Hotel."*

The flag those Georgians brought from Knoxville would become the national banner. It was the first flag flown at Goliad by Jim Fannin on March 8, 1836, immediately after Texas was proclaimed a free nation. The flag was torn to shreds.

Johanna Troutman—later nicknamed the Betsy Ross of Texas—had brothers and cousins who served in that volunteer unit that marched to Texas in 1835. She married Solomon Pope in 1839 and, following his death in 1872, she married W. G. Vinson, a member of the Georgia Legislature.

While living, Johanna never visited Texas. She died in 1879, but in 1913 at the request of Gov. Oscar B Colquitt, a Georgia native, her remains were removed to the Texas State Cemetery in Austin.

Today, the Texas Lone Star flag waves outside the Crawford County, Georgia, Courthouse in Knoxville.



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