

The Delta General

This Month's Issue:

Happy Birthday Generals Lee and Jackson



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Dedicated to the Memory of Brigadier General Benjamin G. Humphreys

Commander's Comments — Larry McCluney

Compatriots,

First off, Happy New Year. I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and spent it with family and friends.

This month's meeting will be our Annual Lee/Jackson Banquet. I hope you have made plans to attend with our special guest speaker it is sure to be a great one and you need to make plans early for it because seating will be limited to 65 people.

Last month, we elected our new officers for the 2024-2026 term and will be inducted at the banquet. They include:

- Michael Anthony—Camp Commander
- Larry McCluney—Lt. Commander
- Dan McCaskill Adjutant
- Earl Allen—Color-Sgt
- Earl McCown—Chaplain

We voted also in December to man a recruiting table at the Greenville Gun Show in February. We will need volunteers to help man the table. With that being said, this is one way you can fulfill your duty to this organization. That duty is stated in our Charge and the oaths you took when you joined this organization and attend its meetings. One Saturday evening out of a month is not much to ask of you to participate in your Camp's activities and meetings. Remember, our ancestors gave 365 days of four years. Can you not give one evening a month to participate? There are other ways you can participate such as attend your Camp's Lee/Jackson Banquet once a year, attend your Camp's Memorial Day Service once a year, support our activities such as the new headstone our Camp erected that our Camp paid for or give money toward projects such as the \$1,200 we collected to help with the National project to rebuild the pedestal for the Forrest Equestrian Statue at Elm Springs."

Let us all rededicate ourselves to carry out our DUTY this new term and new year. Set time aside to attend meetings and support our Camp activities as we begin a new Chapter in our Camp's history. Remember, "If not US, Who? If not Now, When?"

In closing, remember, it is your duty to protect the Confederate Soldier's good name so that his legacy will continue for future generations. As always, remember compatriots, you are "The Thin Gray Line!" As I step down as your Camp Commander, I am humbled by the opportunity and support you have shown me these past years.

Adjutant's Report — December 9, 2023 - Dan McCaskill

Our Camp Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Camp Commander Larry McCluney. Larry asked Camp Chaplain Earl McCown to open the meeting with a prayer and to bless our evening meal. Following the prayer, Camp Color Sergeant Earl Allen, Jr. led the members in the Pledge and Salutes to the Flags and read "The Charge" given to the sons by General Stephen D. Lee in New Orleans, LA.

Camp Commander Larry McCluney welcomed everyone to our monthly Camp Meeting. Larry informed the members that MS Division Commander Dennis Brown is now home. Dennis has been struggling with medical issues for about 4 months. Larry asked members to give a donation to the ladies of the Ella Palmer Chapter #9 OCR for the evening meal. On that note, the Meeting was recessed for the evening meal.

The First Order of Business was the adoption of the November Minutes as published in The Delta General. Kenneth Ray made the motion to adopt the minutes as published. The motion was seconded by Earl McCown and .

The Second Order of Business: Officer Reports – Officer Reports: 1st Lt. Commander Michael Anthony reported our speaker for the Lee-Jackson Banquet was secured and a hotel room would be reserved for her and her husband. Larry McCluney volunteered to make the reservation. Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported the only money spent since last Meeting was \$25 from the 1st Lieutenant Speaker Fund from the Camp's account since last Camp Meeting. The current account balance is \$ 2,444.33. In this money is \$403 remaining in the 2023 Budget. Missy Stillman reported for the OCR they would be setting up the Fellowship the afternoon of the Banquet at 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help. They thanked Earl McCown for the pictures he donated for the OCR Raffle. If anyone has an item to donate for the Banquet, please contact Sandra Stillman at sstillman@aol.com to let her know the item donated. Military Order of Stars and Bars Commander Earl McCown reported the Annual MS Division Meeting will be February 17, 2024 at the American Legion Hut in New Albany, MS starting at 10:00 AM. There is a luncheon at \$25 per person. RSVP no later than January 15th . The Chapter is still looking for more members.

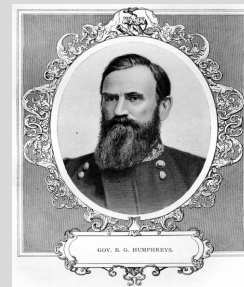
Camp Editor Larry McCluney asked members about the newsletter. Everyone said they did not have any problems accessing the issue and that the issue was very good. Camp Commander Larry McCluney reported on upcoming events. The Mississippi Division Reunion will be held in Flowood, MS June 7 – 8, 2023. The National Reunion will be held in North Charleston, SC July 17 – 21, 2024. The Commander-in-Chief has issued a challenge to the Armies, Divisions and all Camps to raise money for the Confederate Museum. Awards will be given to those who raised the most money at the National Reunion. The letter for the challenge is in the Confederate Veteran Magazine. A Confederate MEGA Flag has been raised next to Highway 51 just north of Memphis. The Arlington Reconciliation Monument is still under attack and if the SCV lawsuit fails, the monument will come down on December 23. Finally, the Confederate Museum in Columbia, TN has received a diorama of the Battle of Shiloh, TN.

Third Order of Business: Recruiting Table – Larry McCluney submitted an item of getting a Recruiting table at the Greenville Gun Show, February 17-18, 2024. After discussing the issue, Dan McCaskill made a motion that the Camp procure a table at the Gun show at a cost of \$85. Kenneth Ray seconded the motion and the motion passed without objection. Dan and Kenneth volunteered to secure the table.

Fourth Order of Business: Finalize the Lee-Jackson Banquet – Larry will secure the room for our speaker. Dan will email the Lee-Jackson Banquet Invitation to Camp Members and mail invitation to the top Division Officers in both the SCV, MOSB and OCR. Set-up will be at 3:00 pm with Social Hour at 5:00 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm.

Fifth Order of Business: Officer Elections – The following officers elected for the 2024-25 term are Michael Anthony, Commander; Larry McCluney, 1st Lt. Commander; Dan McCaskill, Adjutant; Earl Allen, Jr., Color Sergeant.

With no other business coming before the Camp, Kenneth Ray made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Earl McCown and the motion passed without objection. Attendance for the meeting was 10. The Camp Meeting was closed with a word of prayer by Camp Chaplain Earl McCown and the singing of Dixie.



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Guest Speaker for Lee and Jackson January 13, 2023

Shelby Harriel will speak on her latest book *Behind the Rifle*. Below is a short synopsis of the book.

Description

During the Civil War, Mississippi's strategic location bordering the Mississippi River and the state's system of railroads drew the attention of opposing forces who clashed in major battles for control over these resources. The names of these engagements—Vicksburg, Jackson, Port Gibson, Corinth, Iuka, Tupelo, and Brice's Crossroads—along with the narratives of the men who fought there resonate in Civil War literature. However, Mississippi's chronicle of military involvement in the Civil War is not one of men alone. Surprisingly, there were a number of female soldiers disguised as males who stood shoulder to shoulder with them on the firing lines across the state.

Behind the Rifle: Women Soldiers in Civil War Mississippi is a groundbreaking study that discusses women soldiers with a connection to Mississippi—either those who hailed from the Magnolia State or those from elsewhere who fought in Mississippi battles. Readers will learn who they were, why they chose to fight at a time when military service for women was banned, and the horrors they experienced. Included are two maps and over twenty period photographs of locations relative to the stories of these female fighters along with images of some of the women themselves.

The product of over ten years of research, this work provides new details of formerly recorded female fighters, debunks some cases, and introduces over twenty previously undocumented ones. Among these are women soldiers who were involved in such battles beyond Mississippi as Shiloh, Antietam, and Gettysburg. Readers will also find new documentation regarding female fighters held as prisoners of war in such notorious prisons as Andersonville.

Shelby Harriel-Hildebaugh is an instructor of mathematics at Pearl River Community College. Her research on women soldiers of the Civil War has been published in various newspapers, magazines, websites, blogs, and brochures for the National Park Service and state historic sites. She has given numerous presentations about women soldiers in over ten states.

The Members of the B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp # 1625, SCV; Gen. Charles Clark Chapter # 253, MOS & B; and the Ella Palmer Chapter # 9, OCR cordially invite you, your family and friends to our **27th Lee-Jackson Birthday Banquet January 13, 2024 At the 1st Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall 311 Catchings Avenue; Indianola, Mississippi Social Hour: 5:00 pm; Dinner: 6:00 pm**
Our Speaker will be Shelby Harriet-Hildebaugh, her topic, "Behind the Rifle, Women Soldiers in Civil War Mississippi" Books will be available for purchase

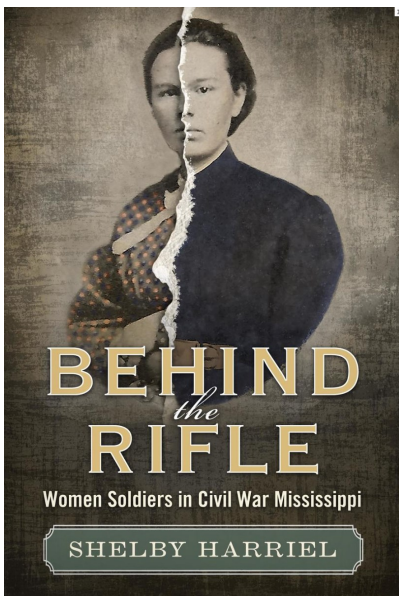
This will be a Covered Dish Dinner, the Camp is providing an Entrée of Southern Fried Chicken Cost is \$5 per person 12 and older; seating limited to 65. Attire is Period Dress or Church Attire
Please send your reservation, remittance, number in your party, and type of dish to Dan A. McCaskill at 205 Cypress Street; Leland, MS 38756 or email at danmccas@tecinfo.net I also need the name of your Confederate Ancestor and his Rank & Unit.

The deadline is January 10th to secure your seating.

Any Questions, please call me at 1-662-822-1096
or Email: danmccas@tecinfo.net

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Chaplain's Corner — Earl McCown

*"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times in every situation. The Lord be with you all.
2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NIV)*

To many people around the world, this was a difficult year, even a tragic one, and we have no idea what the new year will bring. But we know this without a doubt: In every situation we face, our Savior is with us.

As the new year dawns, paraphrase 2 Thessalonians 3:16 as an earnest prayer: *Lord, may you, the Lord of peace, give me Your peace at all times and in every situation.*

Remember what Paul said in Philippians 4:6-7, *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving. Present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (NIV).*

He added in verse 12: *I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation. (NIV).*

Every situation means every day, every hour, every circumstance, every location, every need, every fear, every joy, every opportunity, every step. He is more present than you know, and more powerful than you can possibly conceive. Our times are in His hands.



News from B/G Charles Clarke Chapter 253 Military Order of the Stars and Bars

The Mississippi Society Military Order of the Stars and Bars will have their Annual Meeting Saturday, February 17, 2024. The location for the meeting will be at the American Legion Post #72, 113 Fairground Spur, New Albany, MS, 38652. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM.



Mississippi Division News:

Guardians needed

Everyone knows the atmosphere in this country where it comes to anything Confederate. Last summer we saw how vulnerable our Memorials were to the rioters. Sadly, it has spread to the cemeteries the place where the left wants all the Memorials moved. In the past few weeks, the Sleeping Lion Memorial to the Confederate dead in Oakwood Cemetery in Atlanta, GA has been removed. Our Confederate Dead and our Memorials are at risk to removal and vandalism. This why we need Guardians to watch over our Memorials and burial sites of our Confederate Dead. Most of our members live in Counties with Confederate Memorial Monuments and all live near a cemetery where Confederate Dead are buried. The Mississippi Division has the MS Division Guardian Program for burial sites where a person adopts a burial site or several sites and watches over the site ensuring it is properly cared for. The Division now has the MS Division Monument Guardian Program. With this program, a person signs up to keep watch on a Memorial. There is a contact person to report any vandalism and/or threats of removal. If anyone is interested in this program please see the attached application and information.



See Page 4 and 5 for more information on this worthwhile Division project.

Mississippi Division Guardian Program



Purpose: The program is designed to honor the memory of our Confederate ancestors and through its implementation will provide the preservation of their final resting places and will document for future generations their sacrifices.

Eligibility: Any Mississippi Division camp member in good standing, who is at least 12 years of age and who has demonstrated his desire and ability to serve as a GUARDIAN. All compatriots are encouraged to participate in the program to honor our ancestors and to protect their final resting place.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (A) He shall care for and protect the grave(s) of a Confederate Veteran, ensuring that the gravesite is kept clean and well maintained year round. He shall perform these duties personally unless he is physically unable because of health reasons. At no time shall these responsibilities be passed on to another without the approval of the GUARDIAN committee for the Alabama Division.
- (B) He will be responsible to appropriately mark the grave so it is designated as a final resting place of a Confederate Veteran. This can be by stone, plaque, Cross of Honor, etc. He will also be responsible for replacing or repairing any marker that is worn, damaged or destroyed.
- (C) He shall personally visit the grave a minimum of two times a year to include Confederate Memorial Day or at least one week prior. He shall place a wreath or a small Confederate flag or both on the grave.

APPLICATIONS, REVIEWS & APPROVAL:

- (A) Individuals who wish to participate in the GUARDIAN program must complete and submit the Guardian Application form to the Mississippi Division Guardian Committee Chairman. The Committee Chairman will then forward the application on to the Guardian Committee for approval. The application must be accompanied with a map showing the location of the gravesite along with written driving instructions to the cemetery. A before photograph of the gravesite must also be submitted before approval. An after photograph can be submitted for the file as work is completed.
- (B) The applicant must also remit a one-time \$10.00 fee with the application to cover the cost of the GUARDIAN pin and certificate, which will be awarded upon the candidate's approval for membership in the GUARDIAN program. The fee is non-refundable.
- (C) Individuals who are not accepted into the GUARDIAN program will be given an explanation in writing by the Review Committee. The applicant can request an appeal of the decision. The Review Committee will review the applicants appeal and render a decision. The decision of the Review Committee is final.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Multiple Gravesites: GUARDIANS may care for more than one gravesite and will be recognized by the Guardian Review Committee. Special certificates or indications on the Guardian pin may be authorized to signify the care of multiple veterans' graves. Normally no more than 25 gravesites will be authorized for a Guardian to care for. The Review Committee may authorize more than 25 on a case by case basis under the advice of the applicants Camp Commander.

(A) **Forfeiture of Guardian position:** A Guardian who cannot meet the requirements of his position due to relocation, health or other reasons must notify the Review Committee. All fees are non-refundable.

(B) **Bequeathing of GUARDIAN position:** A Guardian may transfer his responsibilities as a Guardian to another SCV member in good standing with prior approval by the Review Committee. There is a \$10 fee for transferring the Guardianship. This fee will cover the new Guardian's membership pin and certificate. If he is already in the Guardian program there will be no fee to cover the certificate designating the new guardianship he is undertaking.

(C) **Revocation of GUARDIAN status:** The Review Committee may revoke the status of a participant in the Guardian program if he fails to carry out his duties and responsibilities as outlined. The Committee reserves the right to inspect, with or without notice, any GUARDIAN'S Confederate Veteran's gravesite to confirm compliance with all of the rules and regulations specified in the program.

(E) **Wilderness Gravesite:** This is a gravesite that is completely neglected or abandoned in a remote area. Application for this special designation must be accompanied with before and after pictures of the gravesite and the Guardian must meet all other requirements of the program.

HELP NEEDED FOR BEAUVOIR!!

BEAUVOIR, THE LAST HOME OF CONFEDERATE PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS IN BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI SUFFERED SEVERE DAMAGE FROM HURRICANE KATRINA IN 2005 AND IS STILL IN NEED OF REPAIRS AND UPKEEP. THE HOME, PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY, MUSEUM, AND CONFEDERATE CEMETERY MAKING UP THE GROUNDS AT BEAUVOIR ARE ONE OF THE FEW LOCATIONS WHERE PEOPLE CAN STILL VISIT TO FIND THE REAL TRUTH ABOUT THE CONFEDERACY, IT'S LEADERS, THE FIGHT FOR STATES RIGHTS, AND FREEDOM FROM AN OVERBEARING GOVERNMENT. THE MAIN ENTRANCE DRIVEWAY NEEDS REPAIR (THIS IS THE FIRST IMPRESSION A VISITOR GETS). THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT, JUST LIKE THE ONE OUR ANCESTORS FOUGHT, HAS MADE MATERIAL AND LABOR COSTS OVERLY HIGH. SCV CAMP SAM DAVIS #596 IS REQUESTING DONATIONS TO HELP IN THE PROJECT OF PAVING THE DRIVEWAY, PLEASE HELP US KEEP THIS BEAUTIFUL PROPERTY MAINTAINED AS BEFITTING OUR PRESIDENT'S LAST HOME. FOR EACH DONATION OF \$35.00 (OR MORE) THE SAM DAVIS CAMP WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR DONATION WITH A ONE-OF-A-KIND BEAUVOIR MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AS A THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION. DONATIONS CAN BE SENT TO: SCV SAM DAVIS CAMP 596, P.O. BOX 7532, D'IBERVILLE, MS 39540

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SCV_CHAT
RECLAIMING THE NARRATIVE
ONE WEEK AT A TIME

SCV Chat — Every Monday Night on Facebook at 7:00 PM Central time and on Thursday Nights at 7:00 PM for Look Around the Confederation

Mississippi Guardian Program Application

Turn Application into Division Guardian Committee Chairman

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone #: () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

SCV Camp Name & Number: _____

Location: _____

GRAVESITE DETAILS

Confederate Veterans Name: _____

Rank: _____ Unit: _____ Co.: _____

Born: ___/___/___ Died: ___/___/___ Condition of site: Poor, Fair, Good, Excellent

(circle one)

Location of Grave: (Include name of cemetery, city and county): _____

Marker on Grave denoting Confederate Service: _____ Cross of Honor? _____

Documentation of Confederate Service: List book, service record, etc. _____

I affirm that all the information here is true and accurate. I agree to faithfully care for and protect this Confederate Veteran's grave in accordance with the GUARDIAN PROGRAM rules for as long as I am able. In the event I cannot carry out my duties, I shall notify the Review Committee immediately. I also understand that the Review Committee can revoke my status as a GUARDIAN for good cause.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Committee Chairman: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Mail Application, Map and Photos to:

Mississippi Division Guardian Program
123 Douglas Street
Bruce, MS. 38915



**2024 SCV MS Division Reunion
Registration Form**
128th Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
30th Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose
Flowood, Mississippi – June 7-9, 2023
Hosted by the Rankin Greys SCV Camp 2278 and MS Society, OCR
Hilton Garden Inn



Compatriots of the Mississippi Division SCV and Ladies of the Mississippi Society OCR,

We are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming Annual Reunion, hosted by the Rankin Greys Camp 2278. The Reunion will be held on June 7-9, 2024, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Flowood, MS.

Our Annual Reunion serves as a gathering of our esteemed compatriots, families, and friends. It is a time when we come together to transact the business of our organization but also as a time to celebrate our shared honorable heritage, reflect on our achievements from the past year, and envision the future of our organizations. Please make plans to join us for a memorable weekend. Our host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/janflgi-hilton-garden-inn-jackson-flowood/>. Located in the heart of beautiful Flowood, Mississippi, our venue offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all attendees. Room Rates are \$129.00 a night; use the code MSSCV to receive this room rate when booking.

Registration is now open, and we encourage you to secure your spot at our reunion at your earliest convenience. Please take advantage of our early registration rates. This year we are please to announce that YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE at (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mississippi-division-scv-reunion-2024-registration-669731193027?aff=oddtcreator>) . For those who would prefer, you can still mail your registration form with a check or money order. If you are attending the awards banquet, please make sure you indicate your meal preference. **If you are choosing the steak option, include your preferred doneness.**

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our convention planning committee at msscvreunion2024@gmail.com or visit the Eventbrite page and visit the FAQ section.

To give you an idea of what will take place at this year's reunion, we have this rough itinerary.

Friday June 7th

- 12:00 PM- 5:45 PM SCV/OCR Registration- Host Hotel
- 4:00 PM-5:00 PM Division Executive Council Meeting-Host Hotel
- 6:00 PM- 6:30 PM Memorial Service- Mississippi Confederate Monument- Old Capitol Green
 - Traditionally, this service is held on Sunday morning and is a time for us to reflect on our Confederate Ancestors and the Compatriots. We figured that we could move it to Friday evening to encourage participation and set us in the right mind for the weekend.
- 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM President's Reception and Birthday Party-Old Capitol Museum
 - Jefferson Davis was born on June 3, 1808, and constitutionally we have our reunion the weekend following his birthday. This year we will celebrate at the Old Capitol, a building well known to President Davis. Come enjoy refreshments and wonder the halls where southern statesmen like Davis, LQC Lamar, Benjamin Humphreys, Robert Lowry, Steven D. Lee, and William Barksdale once strowed. Then join us in the House Chamber where secession was debated for an interesting presentation. We will have private security as well as Capitol Police to ensure we are not disturbed.

Saturday June 8th

- 7:00 AM- Color Guard Muster
- 8:00 AM- Opening Ceremonies
- 9:00 AM- Mississippi Division, SCV Business Meeting with Beauvoir Corporate meeting to follow.
- 9:30 AM- Mississippi Society, OCR Tea and Business Meeting
- 5:00 PM- Cocktail Hour- Cash Bar at Hotel Lobby
- 6:30 PM- Awards Banquet
 - The doors for the banquet will open at 6:00 PM and we ask that everyone be seated by 6:30 PM. Our keynote speaker will be SCV Executive Director Adam Southern.



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SCV Member Name: _____

Title/SCV Camp Name & Number: _____

Title/OCR Chapter Name & Number: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/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 and receive a medal if payment is provided below.

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV Member – on or before May 6, 2024, \$60.00 / After May 6, 2024, \$70.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

OCR Member – on or before May 6, 2024, \$30.00 / After May 6, 2024, \$35.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Friday Night President Davis Birthday Reception (Old Capitol)

on or before May 6, 2023, \$20.00 / After May 6, 2023, \$30.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Awards Banquet - \$45.00 per Adult QTY _____
 QTY _____ \$ _____

Please Indicate:

Chicken: _____ Steak: _____ Level of Doneness: _____

(NO RECEPTION OR BANQUET REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 10, 2024, **INCLUDING WALK-UPS**)

Individual Ancestor Memorial - \$10.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

Half Page Ancestor Memorial - \$40.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

Full Page Ancestor Memorial - \$100.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT

=====➔ \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable to **Rankin Greys Camp 2278** & Mail to:
 Rankin Greys Camp 2278 C/O: Chris Bryant, 387 Rankin Gerguson RD, Pelahatchie, MS 39415

SCV Contact: George Conor Bond (601) 813-7820 OCR Contact: Suzi Bond White (601) 813-1191

HOTEL INFO

Hilton Garden Inn Jackson/Flowood
 118 Laurel Park Cove , Flowood, MS, 39232
 Use MSSCV when booking for \$129.00 room rate
 (601)487-0800

MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS



November 16, 2023

Gentlemen of the Mississippi Society:

This document serves as official notice that the annual meeting of the Mississippi Society, Military Order of the Stars and Bars will be convened on Saturday, February 17, 2024. The location of the meeting will be at American Legion Post #72, 113 Fair-ground Spur, New Albany, MS 38652. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am.

The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Pledges a. Pledge of Allegiance b. Salute to the Flag of the State of Mississippi c. Salute to the Flag of the Confederate States of America d. Pledge to the MOS&B
4. Greetings
5. Introduction of National, Society, and Chapter Officers and Guests
6. Minutes from the February 4, 2023 Annual Meeting
7. Treasury Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
10. Adjourn for Luncheon and Guest Speaker
11. Closing & Benediction
12. Memorial Service For those members and guests requiring overnight accommodations, we recommend the Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express, or Best Western.

All three hotels are located in New Albany and are in close proximity to the meeting location. We are respectfully requesting that as many Chapter officers and members as possible attend this important meeting. Without your participation, continuing our momentum and maintaining MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS viability are made all that much harder. We have several guests who are national officers who will be attending this meeting.

Please RSVP using the attached form no later than January 15, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My contact information is given below. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

In the Bonds of the Old South,

Mike Moore, DCS Adjutant

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(see page 8 for more information)

National SCV News

U.S. Army Destroys North/South

Reconciliation Monument

"Actions speak louder than words." The recent action of destroying the North/South Reconciliation monument in Arlington National Cemetery by the U.S. Army and the U.S. Congress demonstrates this ancient truth. The Arlington Reconciliation monument was endorsed by Presidents McKinley and Wilson because it demonstrated the South's loyalty to the United States after the disastrous blood letting of the "Civil War." The South's patriotic zeal during the Spanish-American War (1898) was recognized by Northerners. The *Albany Journal* of New York acknowledged the patriotic contribution made by Southerners. The *Journal* observed that, "...the honors of the [Spanish-American] war are being carried away by the sons of the South.... Sons of the South are showing the same acts of heroism that they have always shown in time of war, and, unless the sons of the North bestir themselves the honors of this conflict may go to the Southland." The South's dedication to the U.S.A. has been demonstrated in every war since the South's surrender at Appomattox. Today, sons and daughters of the South represent a large percentage of our volunteer military—much greater than the South's proportion of the population. Yet, our reward is to be stigmatized as racists and traitors by people who hate the conservative, Constitution-loving South. Why would the Woke U.S. government destroy a beautiful monument that was honored by presidents of the past?

Authoritarian rulers hate ancient monuments that remind people of heroic traditions that free people should emulate. It is a constant public reminder of the cost of freedom and the sacrifice that people are often called upon to make in defense of freedom. When the Soviet Communists occupied the Baltic States they removed ancient monuments, prohibited the display of national flags, and removed the money then in circulation containing images

of ancient heroes. When the Taliban took over Afghanistan, they destroyed ancient Buddhist monuments. Authoritarians detest anything that might cause people to question authoritarian rule. The recent attack against monuments across the South is carried on by individuals, groups, and politicians who detest the conservative South. They have the backing of monied individuals, the media, postmodern academia, and the ruling political class. The South has no spokesmen to give a counter-argument. The South is convicted in the court of public opinion without being allowed to present its defense—a court system fitting for authoritarian regimes.

Why are Southerners who love their heritage, honor their ancestors who served honorably during the "Civil War," and who can trace their lineage back to "Civil War" and Colonial days, why are we branded as traitors and racists? President Eisenhower did not think we were traitors. He kept a photo of General Lee in his office while president and defended his action by noting that General Lee was an honorable man. President Kennedy spoke highly of the sons of the South and recognized the national kinship between the North and South. Yet, today we are branded as traitors and racists. We are not allowed to have a monument in the public square! Why? Because Southerners are the only American group who are not allowed to define who we are, what our ancestors fought for and what we stand for today. In Woke America, Southerners who love their heritage are defined by those who hate us. It would be like allowing neo-Nazis to define what Jewish culture is and whether its symbols and monuments should be allowed in the public square or allowing white-supremacists to define what Black culture is and whether its monuments should be allowed in the public square. "With liberty and justice for all?" Not if you are a traditional conservative Southerner.

What does the destruction of Arlington's Reconciliation monument mean? It means that the healing (reconciliation) never occurred as far as America's Woke political and military class are concerned. After Appomattox the South tacitly agreed to never again raise the call for Southern independence, to forgo centuries of conflict like the way the Irish responded to English invasion and occupation of their homeland. The secessionists' South became the patriotic South that provided the nation's military with unnumbered troops and officers. Presidents since the Spanish-American War have recognized the outpouring of Southern blood in defense of our mutual country. They even annually placed a wreath at the Reconciliation monument but no more. It has become apparent that the only way the conservative, Constitution-loving, South will be accepted in Woke America is if we renounce our conservative political and moral principles and embrace leftist Woke ideology—this we will not do!

The North/South reconciliation bargain is now broken. We, the Constitution-loving South did not break the bargain, but a bargain broken by one party is broken completely. Since traditional Southerners are no longer wanted in the military, and since America's political class demands our removal—perhaps it is time for conservative Southerners to rethink the North/South bargain.

Walter Donnie Kennedy, Lt. Commander-in Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

James Ronald Kennedy, Chief of Heritage Promotions
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Ron Kennedy Withdraws from National SCV

Lt. CiC race

I have decided to withdraw my name for consideration as the next Lt. CiC of the National SCV.

This is due to personal reasons having nothing to do with SCV politics. I want to thank all who have expressed their support for my campaign.

I plan to complete my work with the Confederate Legion and early in 2024 work with the CiC, Lt. CiC and GEC in an effort to raise funds necessary to pay off the bank debt on the museum and fund the completion of the Forrest Plaza.

I also want to remind all supporters of our Southern Heritage to remember that just because a monument is taken down, or flag removed, it is not the end of the fight. We still have the potential to bring enough political pressure on those in political office today or in the near future. Monuments can and have been restored to a place of honor—the left destroys but we build.

God bless the South,
James Ronald Kennedy, Chief of Heritage Promotions,
National Sons of Confederate Veterans.

MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY
MILITARY ORDER OF THE STARS AND BARS
2023 ANNUAL MEETING



Name: _____ Position _____

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2024



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

NATIONAL REUNION



July 16 - July 21 2023

The Embassy Suites in North Charleston, S.C.

Please make Checks Payable to **Low Country SCV**

Mail to: **2024 SCV National Reunion**

P.O. Box 1049, Ladson, S.C., 29456

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For more information: Contact Rick Little:

(843) 305-3085 / Support@SCV4.org



Sons of Confederate Veterans

129th Annual National Reunion

Charleston, South Carolina July 16-21, 2024

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SCV Camp Name: _____ Camp #: _____ State: _____

Your Rank, Title, or Position: _____

Spouse Name (for Name Badge): _____ (Note: Do not pay registration fee for spouse - not required)

One Free Ancestor Ad Info:

		<small>Ancestor Name</small>	<small>Company</small>	<small>Unit</small>	<small>State of Service</small>			
Date	Time	Event				Price	Qty	Total
		SCV Only Reunion Registration - Includes Medal (EARLY Jan.1, 2023 thru Jan. 1, 2024)				\$90		
		SCV Only Reunion Registration - Includes Medal (REGULAR - Until July 1, 2024)				\$100		
Tue. July 16, 2024	6:00 PM	Dinner - The Battle of Secessionville by Gene Kizer Jr.				\$80		
Wed. July 17, 2024	10:30 AM	Fort Sumter Tour 1 (includes transportation)				\$100		
Wed. July 17, 2024	12:30 PM	Fort Sumter Luncheon <small>(Note: luncheon overlaps with both tour times, so do not purchase luncheon & Ft. Sumter tour)</small>				\$60		
Wed. July 17, 2024	1:00 PM	Fort Sumter Tour 2 (includes transportation)				\$100		
Wed. July 17, 2024	6:00 PM	Fort Sumter Dinner				\$80		
Thu. July 18, 2024	12:30 PM	H.L. Hunley Luncheon <small>(NOTE: luncheon will overlap with the 12:30, 1:00, & 1:30 tour times)</small>				\$60		
Thu. July 18, 2024	12:30 PM	Tour - H.L. Hunley Submarine & Museum (includes bus) Circle Desired Tour Time 12:30, 1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00 <small>Tour times assigned on 1st come basis so times not guaranteed</small>				\$55		
		Only 50 people per time slot						
Thu. July 18, 2024	2:00 PM	UDC Ladies Tea & Antebellum Fashion Show				\$35		
Thu. July 18, 2024	5:30 PM	Hunley Dinner & Afterhours Tour w/ Randy Burbage includes a dinner at hotel, then self-drive to Hunley tour				\$95		
Thu. July 18, 2024	6:00 PM	Dinner - Confederate Spy Rose Greenhow				\$80		
Fri. July 19, 2024	7:00 AM	Breakfast - Chaplain's Breakfast				\$35		
Fri. July 19, 2024	9:30 AM	UDC Museum & Market Street (All Day 9:30 to 3:30)				\$45		
Fri. July 19, 2024	12:30 PM	SCV Awards Luncheon				\$60		
Fri. July 19, 2024	2:30 PM	Tour - Battery / White Point Garden (includes bus)				\$45		
Fri. July 19, 2024	5:30 PM	Dinner - The Battle of Secessionville by Gene Kizer Jr.				\$80		
Fri. July 19, 2024	5:30 PM	Fort Sumter Dinner Cruise & Afterhours Tour w/ Rick Hatcher NOTE: self-drive to tour boat downtown & dinner served onboard.				\$100		
Sat. July 20, 2024	7:00 AM	Mech Calv Breakfast				\$60		
Sat. July 20, 2024	12:30 PM	SCV Luncheon				\$60		
Sat. July 20, 2024	12:30 PM	Tour of St. Michaels Church / Provost Dungeon (LIMITED TOUR - only 50 tickets available)				\$50		
Sat. July 20, 2024	7:00 PM	SCV Banquet, Debutante Presentation & Grand Ball Note: Dress Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform / Civilian				\$100		
		EXTRA Ancestor Memorial Ad (Note: 1 free Memorial ad included with registration cost) NOTE: To submit additional Ancestors Memorial info, USE back of this form or separate form.				\$10		
		EXTRA Reunion Medal (Note: 1 medal is included with registration, so order extras here)				\$25		
		2024 Numbered (1-100) Reunion Medal (This medal NOT included with registration)				\$100		
FINAL TOTAL - Registration, Tours, and Meals								

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 Mail form & check to: **Low Country SCV, PO Box 1049, Ladson, SC 29456-1049**
 For more information, please email: support@SCV4.org



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

_____ Is this a Corporate Membership?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Membership Levels & Benefits

<p>Longstreet Level: \$25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership for one • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs 	<p>Judah P. Benjamin Level: \$50</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs 	<p>Patrick Cleburne Level: \$100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs • 10% Gift Shop Discount
<p>N. B. Forrest Level: \$250</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs • Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum • 10% Gift Shop Discount • Free Elm Springs Hat or T-Shirt 	<p>Robert E. Lee Level: \$500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs • Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum • 15% Gift Shop Discount • Free Elm Springs Hat and T-Shirt 	<p>Jefferson Davis Level: \$1000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Membership • Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs • Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum • 20% Gift Shop Discount • Free Elm Springs Hat, T-Shirt and Polo

Please check the following membership level:

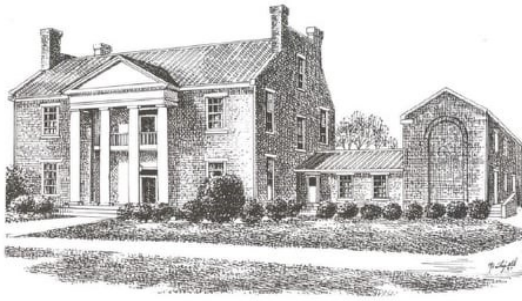
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Please make checks payable to Sons of Confederate Veterans and mail to:

Sons of Confederate Veterans, P. O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402

If paying by credit card, please call (931) 380-1844 or email at exedir@scv.org



Friends of Elm Springs

Annual Membership Application

All Proceeds go to the restoration and maintenance of the Home
Elm Springs built in 1837

All Memberships are tax-deductible and include the E-Newsletter

_____ Yes, I want to join the Friends of Elm Springs

_____ Is this a Corporate Membership?

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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Membership Levels & Benefits

Elm Tree Level: \$25

- Membership for one
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs

Cool Spring Level: \$50

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs

Todd Family Level: \$100

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- 10% Gift Shop Discount

Susan Looney Level: \$250

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 10% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat or T-Shirt

Abram Looney Level: \$500

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 15% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat and T-Shirt

Frank Armstrong Level: \$1000

- Family Membership
- Unlimited Tours of Elm Springs
- Unlimited Tours of The Confederate Museum
- 20% Gift Shop Discount
- Free Elm Springs Hat, T-Shirt and Polo

Please check the following membership level:

_____ Elm Tree Level

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_____ Todd Family Level

_____ Susan Looney Level

_____ Abram Looney Level

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Forrest's Last Ride



Forrest's Last Ride is the name of the project to reconstruct the gravesite of Lieutenant General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest on the grounds of Historic Elm Springs and the National Confederate Museum. This will be a very large project as the plaza is 50 feet deep and 75 feet wide. Everything that was with the graves is now on the grounds and waiting to be reconstructed. The Equestrian Statue, which is the headstone of the graves will be repaired and returned to its rightful place. This project is for the repair, reconstruction, and placement of the Forrest Gravesite in its entirety and as intended by the artist Charles Henry Neihaus.

On September 18, 2021, we gathered to lay to rest, Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest were on the grounds of Historic Elm Springs. On October 1, 2022, the General Executive Council voted to rebuild the entire plaza as it was originally Constructed. The estimated cost to reconstruct the entire plaza is \$150,000. Currently, \$76,000 has already been raised. This project is being done by the great-great-grandsons of General Forrest and the General Executive Council.

This cannot happen without your help and donations. This cannot be built until the money has been raised. If you wish to contribute, please send your donations to SCV National.

To pay by check:

Please make your check payable to SCV National with Forrest Plaza in the memo line and mail to:

SCV
P. O. Box 59
Columbia, TN 38402

To pay by phone: call 931-380-1844, ext. 209

To pay online: <https://scv.org/paypal-donations/>

You take them down, and we will put them back up!



George Conor Bond Announces for AoT Councilman

Compatriots of the Army of Tennessee,

I would like to take this opportunity to announce my candidacy for Army of Tennessee Councilman. I have been lucky to have the SCV as a part of my life for almost 30 years. I remember attending camp meetings, brigade functions, headstone dedications, memorial services, and countless other events that are the bedrock of the SCV as a child. Having grown up with the SCV, I have had the privilege to serve this organization on every level. Despite being younger than our average members, I have the experience and knowledge to effectively serve this organization in a national position. However, that youth also means that I have new ideas to bring to the table that will impact our future.

The main role of councilman is to be the voice of the members on the GEC and to communicate back to the members it's actions. As the largest Army in the Confederation, the AOT deserves leadership that will represent them, will communicate with them, and will work with the other members of the General Executive Council in moving our organization in the right direction for victory.

In addition to these duties, if elected councilman I will push for more youth outreach, growing our social media presence, more training workshops emphasizing heritage operations and a new retention program focused on A.I.R (Activity=Inclusivity=Retention).

Below you will find a brief autobiography. I appreciate your consideration and support.

Forward the Colors,

George Conor Bond
Past Commander, Mississippi Division SCV
Rankin Greys Camp 2278

LT CIC Candidate Announcement

Compatriots,

By now most have you have probably seen or heard the announcement by Chief of Heritage Operations Ron Kennedy, that he has decided to withdraw his candidacy for Lt CiC. I am sure you all join me in thanking Ron for his many years of excellent service and look for to his future endeavors.

This being the case, I have been encouraged to withdraw my candidacy for ANV Commander and instead run for Lt CiC. Therefore, I am humbled to announce that I am a candidate for Lt. Commander in Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans to be elected at our 2024 Reunion.

I am committed to fulfilling "The Charge"!

My credentials and experience to serve as Lt Commander-in-Chief include that I have been a member of the SCV since 1992. Since joining our organization, I have served as Virginia Division Commander twice. Also in the Virginia Division, I have served as Division Adjutant and 1st Lt. Commander and I have served eleven years on the Division Executive Council. I've served ten years as the Commander of the Isle of Wight Avengers Camp #14 in Smithfield, Virginia and as Camp Adjutant. I have also served and chaired a number of active committees.

Under Past Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney, I served as Deputy Chief of Staff. I am an eight-year Navy Veteran and recently retired from Dominion Energy after thirty-two years of service. I'm proud to state that I'm also a Life Member in both the SCV and the Virginia Division, with many Confederate soldiers in my lineage. I love the South, I live in the South, and am proud to be called a true Southerner!

I wish to put my experience and credentials to work on your behalf. I'm more than aware of the attacks on our Heritage. I am diligently work-



ing to preserve our monuments. As your Lt CiC, I will continue to fight this heritage battle. We will work together to improve our Organization in the areas that concern us all, in the SCV.

We need to recruit new members, retain current members and educate the public about what it is we proudly represent. I have ideas and suggestions on increasing the membership and the importance of retaining our greatest asset, all of you, the membership of the SCV.

It is imperative that we strategize and find new sources of revenue and implement them to help pay off our financial obligations. I will work with the GEC to pursue opportunities to achieve that goal. I will serve to be your voice on the GEC by establishing a direct line of communication between you and the Council. I assure you, your voice and concerns regarding the direction of our organization will be heard. I will always be open to hearing your concerns and suggestions to help make our organization stronger.

I want you to know that I will be available to you. You have my word that I will not just be another vote on the GEC. So, I ask for your support and vote for Lt Commander-in-Chief. With your support, I look forward to working with you in making our organization much stronger and helping to move our SCV into a successful future.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for all you do for our organization. I thank you for your consideration in helping me to obtain the office of Lt Commander-in-Chief.

Sincerely,
Tony

Anthony M. Griffin
Virginia Division Commander



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.

These plans have now become a reality. The ground breaking has taken place and the museum is now open.

Take this journey with us and support the museum as a donor or join the Friends of the Museum today!

Send Donations to:
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Attn: National Confederate Museum
P.O. Box 59
Columbia, TN 38402

Or you can call 1-800-MY-DIXIE to pay by credit card.
www.theconfederatemuseum.com



Army of Tennessee

Workshop

May 4, 2024,

9 AM to 3 PM at the conference room at Elm Springs, Columbia, Tennessee.

There are only 65 spots available for this workshop, due to room size.

Register early to guarantee your spot!

Registration is \$15 which includes lunch. Pre-register by March 15th for lunch.

After March 15th, the registration fee will be \$20 (no guaranteed lunch included).

All Divisions are welcome to attend!

Speakers include: Membership Coordinator Eric Previti (Commander / Adjutant Training), AoT Councilman Carl Jones (Becoming a Community Partner), AoT Commander Jimmy Hill (Community involvement) and others (subject to change)

The annual Pilgrimage will be going on at Elm Springs as well. We will take a break from the workshop to attend the main event at the pilgrimage and then will return to the conference center for lunch and then continue the workshop agenda. We hope to have a free tour of the museum or house as part of the registration.

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Numbers: Home: () _____ - _____

Cell: () _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

SCV Camp Name & Number: _____ Division: _____

Please send this completed form, together with a check or money order in the amount of \$15 (by March 15th for lunch) made payable to AoT Workshop and mail it to:

AoT Workshop
c/o Jimmy Hill
13476 Wendy Drive
Madison, AL 35757

Registrations after March 15th are \$20 but without a lunch guarantee. Send them to the same address above.

The Stephen D. Lee Institute



Stephen D. Lee Institute



February 16-17 2024 Columbia, Tn

The theme this year is " Who we are- as a people and an organization".
The Friday night reception will be held at the National Confederate
Museum.

Some of the presenters include:

Dan Dorrill

Ben Sewell

Forrest Daws

Chris Sullivan

Frank Powell

Ron Kennedy

Frank Walsh

MC- Chuck McMichael

Registration and Hotel information

www.stephendleeinstitute.com





**SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS
CONFEDERATE MUSEUM
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF
FUNDRAISER CHALLENGE!**



Fellow Compatriots,

The Confederate Museum and Southern Heritage Center at Elm Springs is the place where we can tell our story about our Confederate ancestors and the South. This beautiful facility is something each and every SCV member can be proud of. We have many unique artifacts as well as a research library that is filled with books on the War Between the States. Our gift shop is full of SCV branded and Confederate themed merchandise. This museum has become a reality because our members had the vision that one day we would be the only source of true information on our Southern Heritage. To keep this vision alive for current and future generations, we must continually support our Confederate Museum. There is debt on the museum, we have ongoing operational expenses as well as perpetual maintenance. In order to raise funds for the Confederate Museum, a goal of \$5 million has been set and this annual Commander-In-Chief Fundraiser Challenge is being made at all levels of the SCV. This is an annual ongoing challenge, it will run from July 1st through June 30th each year with the amounts collected totaled annually to determine winners in each category.

The donations will be tracked in each edition of the Confederate Veteran magazine with a "Raise the Confederate flag" graphic, where the flag goes up the flagpole as funds are raised. Let's all take this challenge from the Commander-In-Chief and see who can raise the most money for OUR Confederate museum!

1. Annual Army challenge by the Commander-In-Chief with one National award for the Army that raises the most funds.
2. Annual Division challenge by the Army Commanders with one National award for the Division in each Army that raises the most funds
3. Annual Camp challenge by the Division Commanders with one National Award per Division for the Camp that raises the most funds.

Additionally there will be one National Division award and one National Camp award presented to the Division and Camp that raises the most funds. A plaque for each winner will be given as well as recognition in the Confederate Museum and the Confederate Veteran Magazine. The member that donates the most overall will win the Christopher Memminger award.

YES, I will help the SCV tell the true history of the Confederate soldier and the South by donating today:
 \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$162 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ \$1,000 ___ \$5,000 ___ \$10,000 ___ Other: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

SCV ID# _____ Camp No. _____ Division: _____

Donations can be made: check, online, credit card or by calling 1-800-MY-SOUTH

Checks are to be made payable to: SCV Confederate Museum Fund, P. O. Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402

Online payments can be made at: <https://scv.org/donations/donation-form-6/>

A reoccurring payment option is available at the online link. A challenge was made at the National Reunion for members that are able, to donate \$50 or more per month for two years!

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date _____ Code: _____
 Visa ___ Master Card ___ American Express ___ Discover ___

Signature: _____

"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

LEE / JACKSON'S LAST MEETING

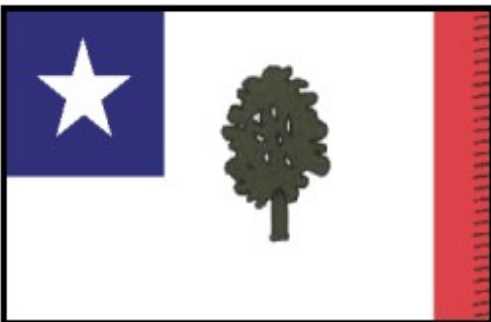
Having seized the initiative, on the night of May 1, 1863, Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson met to make plans for the next day. They had 45,000 men to fight Joe Hooker's 90,000 soldiers on this part of the battlefield. Learning that Hooker's right flank was vulnerable, Lee decided to send Jackson with 30,000 men to attack the Union weak spot.

The meeting lasted much of the night. According to tradition, Lee and Jackson sat on cracker barrels during part of the conference. Afterwards the generals got a brief sleep. The next morning, James Power Smith of Jackson's staff noted that Jackson had a fever.

Early on the morning of May 2, Lee and Jackson met for the last time. As Jackson led his men down to Furnace Road, Lee never saw Jackson again. This famous sketch of the last meeting captures the spirit of the moment, but the hills in the background are a figment of the artist's imagination.



CAUSES FOR MISSISSIPPI SECESSION – JANUARY 9, 1861



In the momentous step which our State has taken of dissolving its connection with the government of which we so long formed a part, it is but just that we should declare the prominent reasons which have induced our course. Our position is thoroughly identified with the institution of slavery-- the greatest material interest of the world. Its labor supplies the product which constitutes by far the largest and most important portions of commerce of the earth. These products are peculiar to the climate verging on the tropical regions, and by an imperious law of nature, none but the black race can bear exposure to the tropical sun. These products have become necessities of the world, and a blow at slavery is a blow at commerce and civilization. That blow has been long aimed at the institution, and was at the point of reaching its consummation. There was no choice left us but submission to the mandates of abolition, or a dissolution of the Union, whose prin-

ciples had been subverted to work out our ruin.

That we do not overstate the dangers to our institution, a reference to a few facts will sufficiently prove.

The hostility to this institution commenced before the adoption of the Constitution, and was manifested in the well-known Ordinance of 1787, in regard to the Northwestern Territory.

The feeling increased, until, in 1819-20, it deprived the South of more than half the vast territory acquired from France. The same hostility dismembered Texas and seized upon all the territory acquired from Mexico.

It has grown until it denies the right of property in slaves, and refuses protection to that right on the high seas, in the Territories, and wherever the government of the United States had jurisdiction.

It refuses the admission of new slave States into the Union, and seeks to extinguish it by confining it within its present limits, denying the power of expansion.

It tramples the original equality of the South under foot.

It has nullified the Fugitive Slave Law in almost every free State in the Union, and has utterly broken the compact which our fathers pledged their faith to maintain.

It advocates negro equality, socially and politically, and promotes insurrection and incendiarism in our midst.

It has enlisted its press, its pulpit and its schools against us, until the whole popular mind of the North is excited and inflamed with prejudice.

It has made combinations and formed associations to carry out its schemes of emancipation in the States and wherever else slavery exists.

It seeks not to elevate or to support the slave, but to destroy his present condition without providing a better.

It has invaded a State, and invested with the honors of martyrdom the wretch whose purpose was to apply flames to our dwellings, and the weapons of destruction to our lives.

It has broken every compact into which it has entered for our security.

It has given indubitable evidence of its design to ruin our agriculture, to prostrate our industrial pursuits and to destroy our social system.

It knows no relenting or hesitation in its purposes; it stops not in its march of aggression, and leaves us no room to hope for cessation or for pause.

It has recently obtained control of the Government, by the prosecution of its unhallowed schemes, and destroyed the last expectation of living together in friendship and brotherhood.

Utter subjugation awaits us in the Union, if we should consent longer to remain in it. It is not a matter of choice, but of necessity. We must either submit to degradation, and to the loss of property worth four billions of money, or we must secede from the Union framed by our fathers, to secure this as well as every other species of property. For far less cause than this, our fathers separated from the Crown of England.

Our decision is made. We follow their footsteps. We embrace the alternative of separation; and for the reasons here stated, we resolve to maintain our rights with the full consciousness of the justice of our course, and the undoubting belief of our ability to maintain it.

Brig/Gen. Benjamin G.
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LT. GENERAL STEPHEN DILL LEE, COMMANDER GENERAL,
UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, APRIL 25, 1906.