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Commander's Corner: Joe Nokes



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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 18 - 150th Champion's Hill Observance

May 24-26 – 150th Battle of Helena, Ark Reenactment

June 7-9 – 150th Battle of Hernando, MS Reenactment

June 21-23 – State Reunion in Jackson, MS

July 18-20- National Reunion in Vicksburg, MS

Compatriots,

I hope you are all having a productive and rewarding Confederate Heritage Month. I would like to thank all of you who attended our Camp Memorial in Greenville. The rain held off once again. Special "thank you's" to our guest speaker John Hallman for his message and to Adjutant Dan McCaskill for bringing to our attention three unmarked Confederate graves.

Likewise, my thanks go out to those of you who traveled to the Memorial at Soldier's Rest in Vicksburg. If any of you have not been to this spot, plan to go sometime soon. This is truly a beautiful cemetery that is worthy to be our ancestors' place of eternal rest.

State and National Conventions are rapidly approaching (LESS than 2 and 3 months, respectively). Be sure to get all of your registrations and reservations completed soon. At the State Division level, this is election year. We need as many members as possible to attend. We will be finalizing delegates at the May camp meeting. At the National Convention, there are amendment and by-law issues that require serious consideration as well. I hope that I am not too far out of line by saying this, but I think just as importantly is the idea that this National Convention is in MISSISSIPPI; we need to show everyone just how strongly we SUPPORT and BELIEVE in OUR SCV!

A last reminder, we need as many of you as possible at our May camp meeting. Besides some fun and entertainment, we will be asking for your opinions on the future direction of our camp.

Again, I want to thank each and every one of you for all you do for our organization (yes, even the "little things" count.) Forward the colors, comrades!!!

Your humble servant,
Joe Nokes

May 2nd Meeting

The B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp # 1625 will hold its annually business meeting on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm. Social begins at 6:30 with a meal provided by the ladies of the OCR. The OCR will also once again have their raffle and the notorious Chase the Yankee which has been eluding people for a year now. That Yankee sure is tricky and slippery but someone is sure to catch him soon and put him out of his misery.

In lieu of a speaker, we will have a trivia night so read your newsletter. All questions will come from it. We also have a Camp survey that is very important to complete.

Please make all plans to attend this meeting because this is your Camp and it cannot function without you and your voice.

Adjutant's Report: Dan McCaskill

7:00 pm Commander Joe Nokes called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Meeting was opened with an invocation and blessing by Camp Chaplain Earl McCown. Joe welcomed all members and guests attending the Meeting and then invited all to partake in the evening meal. After the meal, Joe reconvened the Meeting. Color Sergeant Chris Lewis led the members and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and salutes to the Flag of Mississippi and the Battle Flag of the Confederacy followed by a reading of Stephen D. Lee's "Charge" to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Announcements: April 6th will be a symposium at Cottonlandia Museum on the War with Brandon Beck, Terry Winchell and Bert-Hayes Davis as speakers; April 14th will be the Camp's Confederate Memorial Service at the Greenville Cemetery starting at 3:00 pm, speaker will be Rev. John Hallman; April 20th will be the rededication of Soldier's Rest in Vicksburg at 10:00 am; April 21st there will be a Confederate Memorial Service in Carrollton, MS at the Confederate Memorial; April 27th is Division Confederate Memorial Service at Beauvoir, AOT Commander Tom Strain will be the speaker; May 18th there will be a Memorial Service at Star City, AR and a re-enactment at Champion's Hill, MS; MS Division Reunion will be June 21-23 in Pearl; and SCV National Reunion is in Vicksburg July 18-20. There is some type of event every weekend for the next several

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months.

Officer Reports: 1st Lt. Commander Larry McCluney reported there will be no speaker for the May Meeting, we will take care of some Camp business and perhaps have a trivia contest; 2nd Lt. Commander Junior Stillman reported the at our Confederate Memorial Service speaker would be Rev. John Hallman and that he is a potential member; Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported that Mitchell Meeks of the National Headquarters Camp had joined the Camp. This brings the Camp membership to 54; The Camp has \$ 1,531 in the checking account; the Church Fund has enough money to cover the use of the Fellowship Hall through May; As Camp Editor, Larry inquired about everyone receiving the Camp Newsletter; As AOT Councilman, Larry reported that the fight to save the names of the Confederate themed parks in Memphis had two unlikely allies, the NAACP and SCLU who told the Memphis City Council they were wrong and that they had bigger problems to solve than to mess with the parks; Larry also announced that the MS Legislature approved giving \$ 250,000 for the Shiloh Monument; Earl McCown reported the MOS & B would have a state wide meeting at the Ripley country Club on April 13th; OCR President Missy Stillman presented James Taylor with three OCR Membership Certificates for his Camp's OCR Chapter..

Camp Business: The only Camp business was putting the final touches to the Memorial Service set for Sunday, April 14th.

Program: Our guest speaker, Rev. James Taylor, Commander of the Calhoun Avengers Camp, was introduced by 2nd Lt. Commander Junior Stillman. James is a very interesting and innovative speaker. He managed to get four members to dance to a Christian song in front of everyone as part of his program. The theme of James' program was "Family, Church and the SCV". He related during his recent tragedy how his family, his church family and his SCV family gave him comfort and support during those dark days. He also spoke of the value of a good name, honor and integrity. James said we should never compromise any of these attributes and to maintain the faith in our family, church and Confederate Heritage.

The meeting was concluded with the raffle and "Capture the Yankee" who still eluded capture. Commander Nokes asked Chaplain Earl McCown to close the Meeting with a word of prayer. Attendance for the Meeting was 30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan McCaskill, Adj.



Order of Confederate Rose News

Ladies,

We will have sandwiches at our Thursday meeting. I will get a meat tray. I need people to bring bread, condiments, chips, dips, snacks and drinks. We will be discussing State and National plans for Convention so I hope everyone turns out. We also have two great gifts for the door prize drawing.

Annette McCluney, President

The Delta General Newsletter Needs You!

Our Camp newsletter continuously needs your contributions! Currently all issues are being e-mailed out and stored on a data base on our website so people can read past issues. But, this editor needs your help with material. Got something you want in the newsletter? Send it to me. Please send your comments, photos, editorials, or whatever of interest related to the great southern cause to: confederate@suddenlink.net

Mississippi Division News: New Book on Mississippi Flags

Dear Compatriots & Southern Enthusiasts:

Compatriot Larry Hawkins of the Tennessee Division has spent the last twenty years documenting the Confederate flags used by Mississippians during the War of Northern Aggression. He has just published the second, expanded, and final edition of "Flags Used By Mississippi During the War Between the States," and that book is now available directly from Larry! All proceeds and all research materials will be given to either the conservation of MS CS flags in the MS Dept. of Archives and History's collection OR Beauvoir, the last home of Pres. Jefferson Davis. Mr. Hawkins will not profit one red, Lincoln-debased cent from his decades of effort on behalf of our ancestors. I am asking each and every one of you to please support this noble cause and purchase a copy or two of Larry's book.

Buy a copy for yourself or your Camp, and purchase a copy for your local library or genealogy center or local history society or local museum. They would make excellent Christmas or birthday gifts, or a very special "thank-you!" gift for your Camp's Commander or other deserving Camp Officer. Every Camp in Mississippi, certainly, should have a copy in its Camp library or Camp records. Every UDC and OCR chapter should have a copy for their libraries! The books are \$45 (hardback), plus \$5 shipping OR \$32 (softback), plus \$3 shipping. Orders may be mailed to:

Larry Hawkins
5597 Fair Cove
Memphis, TN 38115-2316

Please make your checks payable to "Larry Hawkins." Again, I urge you to support this very valuable work. Who knows when you will every again have the opportunity to own such a wonderful repository of photos and information concerning our Magnolia State-ancestors' honored emblems? Please purchase a copy (or more) today from a Compatriot who has put his heart and soul into this distinguished work!

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By the way, though he is a member of the Tennessee Division, Larry Hawkins is a native Mississippian! – Jim Huffman, Adjutant, Gainesville Volunteers, SCV Camp 373, Pearl River County, Mississippi PLEASE FORWARD TO ALL OF YOUR CONFEDERATE CONTACTS!!!

Looking for New Recruits!

When was the last time you tried to recruit a new member for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Barksdale Camp? Do you ever approach anyone and ask if they are interested? Try it once in a while and you might be surprised to find out that there are prospective members just waiting to join. Don't just wait for someone to ask you first. Don't Shirk your duty as a member! Get out and recruit.

18 May 2013 - 150th Anniversary Commemorating The Battle of Champion Hill and Reenactment

The event will be held on the grounds of the original Champion House. Battlefield area will open at 8:00 a.m. The main ceremony will begin on the church grounds at 10:00 a.m. Morning events will include: Bertram Hayes-Davis, great-great grandson of Jefferson Davis, event speaker; book signings by local Civil War authors; presentation of medallions to those whose ancestors fought in the battle; and Lunch on the Lawn - \$10.00 provided by the Champion Hill Baptist Church. Admission is free. Battle reenactment will include participation of Turner's Battery out of Starkville Mississippi. Members of the Barksdale Camp who are also Cannoneers with Turner's Battery will be receiving recognition as descendants of soldiers who fought at Champion Hill.



Message from Division Commander Alan Palmer

Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to announce the passing of the Shiloh Monument Bill to fund the 250,000 dollars for the construction of the Shiloh Monument. The bill will be signed by the Governor by the 22nd of this month and it is worth noting the bill passed without a single nay vote. This is a major accomplishment for the continued efforts of the SCV and others who wish to remember and honor our ancestors.

There are many people who deserve recognition for this accomplishment but three deserve special mention. Buddy Ellis who started the SCV efforts in getting us all on-board at a time when it seemed economically impossible, and Greg Stewart who was instrumental in laying the groundwork and or lighting fires under the right people to proceed with this important legislation, and non SCV member Kimble Johnson who is the chair of the Mississippi Monuments Commission. As you know we cannot put so much as a single brick up at Shiloh, it has to come from the state and Kimble Johnson in that since is the state representative. The good news is he and we want the same thing and we will have a monument that will surpass all other monuments now at Shiloh, something we can all be proud of and that will honor our boys in the way they deserve after all these years.

The total cost is expected to exceed \$425,000 and of course that could go higher and probably will, the good news is with the \$250,000 from the state we will begin the project with a little over \$420,000 once the money is deposited into the Archives account in July. We still need to keep up our fund raising efforts to offset any additional costs that will come up, because they will come up and we don't want to have to scale back for lack of funds. Every penny raised for the Shiloh Monument will go for the Shiloh Monuments construction, placement, and upkeep. We have developed a close working relationship with Kimble Johnson that we must maintain in order to have an important part in seeing this project through to completion.

I spent two hours on the phone with Kim Friday night and we are on the same page and he has given us a most important task in the design of the monument to make sure it is a historically accurate representation of Mississippi troops. He also agrees that while the monument will represent the 6th Mississippi with larger than life Bronze figures ,all Mississippi units must be listed on the monument that were at Shiloh. As you know we also were trying to get legislation through that would provide state monies to help us restore and preserve those sacred Battle Flags that we have worked so hard on. I am sorry to say the bill died in committee, however, the bill did not die because of the provision to provide money for flag restoration and so we plan to present it again in the next legislative session with high hopes of getting it through. I mentioned a few weeks ago that several of us met with Lt. Gov Tate Reeves and he is very much in favor of restoring the flags and will be an ally in our future efforts. Along those lines and in speaking with Greg Stewart last night I think we should formulate a new permanent legislative committee to work with legislators in pursuing our goals. My thoughts for making this a permanent committee is that you cannot change committee members every two years when a new commander takes over because it takes time to establish relationships with the powers that be and an entirely new committee every two years would be ineffective at best. That being said, the committee would answer to the commander and division as we all do and a member could resign or be voted off the committee if the need arose by the EC and a new member appointed.

After seeing what can be accomplished I think this could be an extremely important committee in promoting and or defending our heritage as we move forward. Many of you have taken the lead on your own and achieved great success in the past but we need a concentrated full time effort in place and with that there is no telling what we could accomplish. God Bless the Mississippi Division and grant us continued success.

Alan Palmer
Cmndr Ms Div SCV

OFFICAL REGISTRATION FORM
118th Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
and 19th Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose
Rankin County – June 21-23, 2013
Hosted by: The Lowry Rifles Camp #1740 Rankin County

SCV MEMBERS NAME(S): _____

TITLE: _____ SCV CAMP & NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # (H) _____ (C) _____ EMAIL _____

SPOUSE NAME (for badge): _____

OCR MEMBERS NAME(S): _____

OCR CHAPTER NAME AND NUMBER: _____

GUEST NAME: _____

GUEST NAME: _____

All registered SCV members will receive a name badge, a convention medal, a program, and a bag of goodies. Registration at the door will receive the same as long as supplies last. (OCR registrants will have a Tea in lieu of a medal.) **Please register for your respective organization below.**

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV on or before June 07, 2013.....**\$30.00 each for registration**QTY _____ \$ _____

SCV after June 07, 2013.....**\$35.00 each for registration**QTY _____ \$ _____

OCR on or before June 7, 2013 \$10.00 each after June 07, 2013 \$15.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

Ancestor Memorial: Each memorial is \$10.00..... QTY _____ \$ _____

(Please Print or type each memorial on separate page, Thanks!)

Program Ads: \$100.00 for full page; \$50.00 for half a page; \$25.00 for quarter page; \$15.00 for business card size advertising **(Please submit ad information on a separate page before May 15, Thanks!)** \$ _____

Banquet Registration (per plate) \$30.00Qty _____ \$ _____

(No Meal Registration after June 7, 2013) Dinner (TBD)**Total Amount \$** _____

Make Checks Payable to: Lowry Rifles Camp #1740

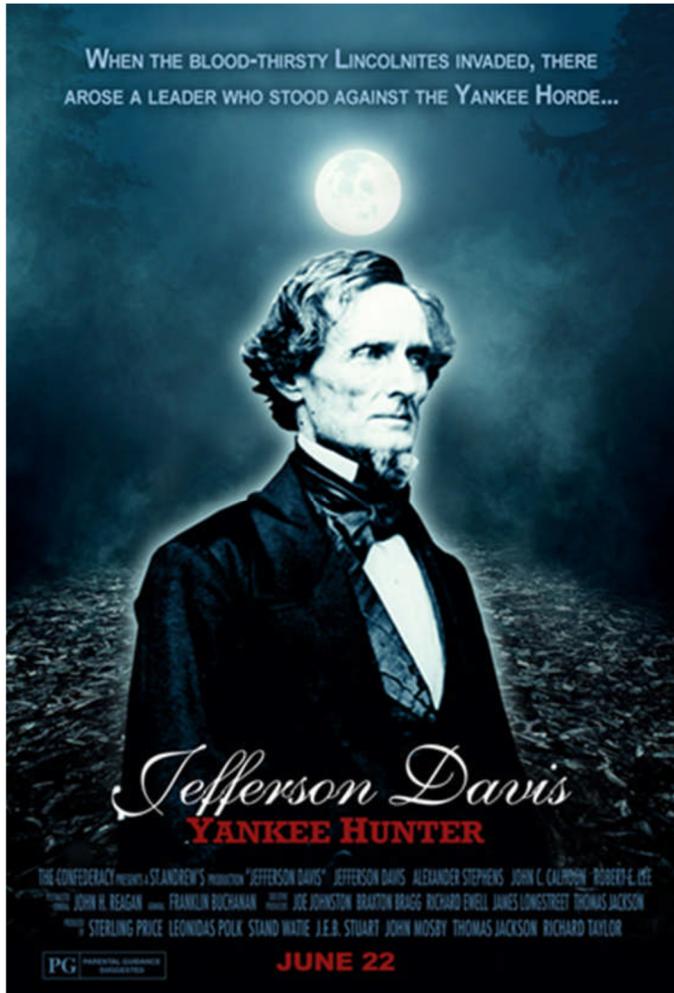
Mail to: Bill Hinson
 238 South Fox Hall Road
 Pearl, Ms. 39208

CONTACT INFORMATION: Bill Hinson: (H) 601-936-9048; or email: BHLH87@aol.com

Convention Hotel: Cabot Lodge-Millsaps, Jackson, Ms. Reservations can be made by calling:

601-948-8650, ask for the Mississippi Division, SCV Convention Rates. Rates are \$109.00 + tax

per night and plus happy hour from 5:30pm-7:30pm for hotel guest only. Reservations MUST BE MADE before June 07, 2013.



National SCV News: SCV Wristbands

Compatriots:

Recently, we "test marketed" some rubber wristbands designed for students. They are simple, inexpensive items, gray, embossed with "SCV.ORG." Obviously, they function as a recruiting tool as well as a reference to our website. Their value is far beyond that, however. It allows our young people to create a "club" of their classmates and friends that also respect their Confederate Heritage. The medium is one that has become very popular (Christian messages, Lance Armstrong's Live Strong, etc.), particularly with young people. These were originally distributed to the 20 largest camps – we received some good feedback, so now we want to distribute them on a wider basis. We have approximately 600 left. Please contact GHQ and request them as needed. We can make supplies available when those are exhausted, but there will be a small charge.

As we approach the end of the school year, we want to use these in conjunction with promoting the Sam Davis Youth Camp. Please help us by getting these to young people that are student SCV members or camp attendees.

Gene Hogan, Chief of Heritage Defense
Sons of Confederate Veterans
(866) 681 - 7314

(At left: Editorial Comments – I saw this in the Barksdale Mississippian Newsletter, thought it would be a good movie to see. What do ya'll think?)



Military Order of the Stars and Bars

If there are any interested persons in joining a chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, the closest chapter of the Mississippi Society to the Delta area is the Brig/Gen Charles Clark Chapter that meets in conjunction with our SCV Camp. Membership in the Military Order of the Stars & Bars is limited to male descendants, either lineal or collateral, of the officer Corps who served honorably in the Army, Navy and other commands of the Confederate States of America and male descendants of the elected and appointed civilian officials of the Confederate States; the national Confederate Government; and the Five Civilized Tribes which allied with the Confederacy. All members must be at least twelve years old and ancestral documentation must accompany all applications for membership.

The Brig/General Charles Clark Chapter of the Mississippi Society meets in conjunction with our SCV Camp meetings every month. If you have an ancestor that was a Confederate Officer, please come out and join the Order! Help support and continue our cause! If interested, please contact the newsletter editor and or go to militaryorderofthestarsandbars.org for more information!

SCV Telegraph!

Compatriots,

I wish to personally thank all of you who made to effort to be at Beauvoir yesterday. The heritage rally was inspiring and the new Library is a thing of grandeur. My special thanks to Chairman Rick Forte and Exec Dir. Bert Hayes-Davis for allowing us to combine these two awesome events. This event would not gone nearly as smooth, or not at all, without the on ground work of Greg Stewart! As well, my sincerest thanks to Paul Grambling for taking charge and organizing the rifle company and the firing of salutes.

Next year's event will be in Franklin, TN!
Chuck McMichael, Sesquicentennial Chairman



Celebrate the Sesquicentennial with a visit to the home of our founder!

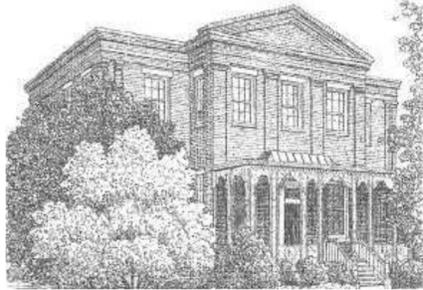
**The Stephen D. Lee Home & Museum
316 7th Street North, Columbus, Mississippi**



There probably is not one member of the heard of Lieutenant General Stephen Dill Lee. realize that he, like four other Confederate as his home nor that his final resting place is personal items of S.D. Lee are in the museum given by his family. One room houses a artifacts including Robert E. Lee's spurs, a flag and a drum from the 42nd Alabama Regiment. also in the museum.

It was the first property in Lowndes County to Historic Places and is a Mississippi Landmark.

The Lee Foundation maintains the house solely with revenue from event rentals and tours as well as from donations. **SCV members may tour at no charge.** Open Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment, call 662-435-2368.



Sons of Confederate Veterans who has not However, there are probably very few that Generals, adopted Columbus, Mississippi Friendship Cemetery in Columbus. Many as well as furnishings and decorative items wonderful collection of original Civil War thought to be of the 43rd. Mississippi Regt. A larger-than-life portrait of N.B. Forrest is

be listed on the National Register of

Become a Friend of the Sons of Confederate Veterans

If you are not eligible to become a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, but wish to affiliate yourself with the Brig/General Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp and take part in their activities; then the Friends of the SCV program may be for you. The memory and reputation of the Confederate soldier, as well as the motives for his suffering and sacrifice, are being consciously distorted by some in an attempt to alter history. Unless individuals make a stand for the Southern soldiers and resist those efforts, a unique part of our nations' cultural heritage will cease to exist. "Friends" receive a nice certificate suitable for framing, a FOSCV lapel pin and a subscription to the Confederate Veteran magazine. Contact the Camp Commander listed on the front page or visit the websites www.1800mydixie.com or www.1800mysouth.com and click on the "Friend" Tab for information and a downloadable application.

Sesquicentennial Article

The Death of Stonewall Jackson

Taken from the Southern Historical Society Papers. Vol. XIV. Richmond, Va., January-December. 1886.

BY DR. HUNTER MCGUIRE, MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF JACKSON'S CORPS.

Supported upon either side by his aids--Captain James P. Smith and Joseph Morrison--the General moved slowly and painfully towards the rear. Occasionally resting for a moment to shake off the exhaustion which pain and the loss of blood produced, he at last reached the line of battle, where most of the men were lying down to escape the shell and canister with which the Federals raked the road. General Pender rode up here to the little party and asked who was wounded, and Captain Smith, who had been instructed by General Jackson to tell no one of his injury, simply answered, "A Confederate officer"; but Pender recognized the General, and, springing from his horse, hurriedly expressed his regret, and added that his lines were so much broken he feared it would be necessary to fall back. At this moment the scene was a fearful one. The air seemed to be alive with the shrieks of shells and the whistling of bullets; horses, riderless and mad with fright, dashed in every direction; hundreds left the ranks and fled to the rear, and the groans of the wounded and dying mingled with the wild shouts of others to be led again to the assault. Almost fainting as he was, from loss of blood, fearfully wounded, and as he thought dying, Jackson was undismayed by this terrible scene. The words of Pender seemed to rouse him to life. Pushing aside the men who supported him, he stretched himself to his full height and answered feebly, but distinctly enough to be heard above the din of the battle: "General Pender, you must hold on to the field; you must hold out to the last."

It was Jackson's last order upon the field of battle. Still more exhausted by this effort, he asked to be permitted to lie down for a few moments, but the danger from the fire, and capture by the Federal advance, was too imminent, and his aids hurried him on. A litter having been obtained, he was placed upon it, and the bearers passed on as rapidly as the thick woods and rough ground permitted. Unfortunately, another one of the bearers was struck, down, and the litter having been supported at each of the four corners by a man, fell and threw the General to the ground. The fall was a serious one, and as he touched the earth he gave, for the first time, expression to his suffering, and groaned piteously.

Captain Smith sprang to his side, and as he raised his head a bright beam of moonlight made its way through the thick foliage and rested upon the pale face of the sufferer. The captain was startled by its great pallor and stillness, and cried out: "Oh! General, are you seriously hurt?" "No," he answered, "don't trouble yourself, my friend, about me;" and presently added something about winning the battle first and attending to the wounded afterwards. He was placed upon the litter again, and carried a few hundred yards, when I met him with an ambulance. I knelt

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down by him and said, "I hope you are not badly hurt, General." He replied very calmly but feebly, "I am badly injured, Doctor; I fear I am dying." After a pause he continued, "I am glad you have come. I think the wound in my shoulder is still bleeding." His clothes were saturated with blood, and hemorrhage was still going on from the wound. Compression of the artery with the finger arrested it until, lights being procured from the ambulance, the handkerchief, which had slipped a little, was readjusted.

His calmness amid the dangers which surrounded him and at the supposed presence of death, and his uniform politeness, which did not forsake him, even under these, the most trying circumstances, were remarkable. His complete control, too, over his mind, enfeebled as it was by loss of blood, pain, &c., was wonderful. His suffering at this time was intense; his hands were cold, his skin clammy, his face pale, and his lips compressed and bloodless; not a groan escaped him--not a sign of suffering except the slight corrugation of his brow, the fixed, rigid face, and the thin lips so tightly compressed that the impression of the teeth could be seen through them. Except these, he controlled by his iron will all evidence of emotion, and more difficult than this even, he controlled that disposition to restlessness, which many of us have observed upon the field of battle, attending great loss of blood. Some whiskey and morphia were procured from Dr. Straith and administered to him, and placing him in the ambulance it was started for the corps field infirmary at the Wilderness tavern. Colonel Crutchfield, his chief of artillery, was also in the ambulance wagon. He had been wounded very seriously in the leg, and was suffering intensely.

The General expressed, very feelingly, his sympathy for Crutchfield, and once, when the latter groaned aloud, he directed the ambulance to stop, and requested me to see if something could not be done for his relief. Torches had been provided, and every means taken to carry them to the hospital as safely and easily as possible. I sat in the front part of the ambulance, with my finger resting upon the artery above the wound, to arrest bleeding if it should occur. When I was recognized by acquaintances and asked who was wounded, the General would tell me to say, "A Confederate officer." At one time he put his right hand upon my head, and pulling me down to him, asked if Crutchfield was dangerously injured. When answered "No, only painfully hurt," he replied, "I am glad it is no worse." In a few moments after Crutchfield did the same thing, and when he was told that the General was very seriously wounded, he groaned and cried out, "Oh, my God!" It was for this that the General directed the ambulance to be halted, and requested that something should be done for Crutchfield's relief.

After reaching the hospital he was placed in bed, covered with blankets, and another drink of whiskey and water given him. Two hours and a half elapsed before sufficient reaction took place to warrant an examination. At 2 o'clock, Sunday morning, Surgeons Black, Walls and Coleman being present, I informed him that chloroform would be given him, and his wounds examined. I told him that amputation would probably be required, and asked if it was found necessary whether it should be done at once. He replied promptly: "Yes, certainly. Dr. McGuire, do for me whatever you think best." Chloroform was then administered, and as he began to feel its effects, and its relief to the pain he was suffering, he exclaimed: "What an infinite blessing," and continued to repeat the word "blessing," until he became insensible. The round ball (such as is used for the smooth-bore Springfield musket), which had lodged under the skin upon the back of his right hand, was extracted first. It had entered the palm about the middle of the hand, and had fractured two of the bones. The left arm was then amputated about two inches below the shoulder, very rapidly and with slight loss of blood, the ordinary circular operation having been made. There were two wounds in his arm. The first and most serious was about three inches below the shoulder-joint, the ball dividing the main artery and fracturing the bone. The second was several inches in length; a ball having entered the outside of the forearm, an inch below the elbow, came out upon the opposite side just above the wrist. Throughout the whole of the operation, and until all the dressings were applied, he continued insensible. Two or three slight wounds of the skin of his face, received from the branches of trees when his horse dashed through the woods, were dressed simply with isinglass plaster.

About half-past 3 o'clock, Colonel (then Major) Pendleton, the assistant adjutant-general, arrived at the hospital and asked to see the General. He stated that General Hill had been wounded, and that the troops were in great disorder. General Stuart was in command, and had sent him to see the General. At first I declined to permit an interview, but the colonel urged that the safety of the army and success of the cause depended upon his seeing him. When he entered the tent the General said: "Well, major, I am glad to see you. I thought you were killed." Pendleton briefly explained the condition of affairs, gave Stuart's message, and asked what should be done. General Jackson was at once interested, and asked in his quick, rapid way several questions. When they were answered, he remained silent for a moment, evidently trying to think; he contracted his brow, set his mouth, and for some moments was obviously endeavoring to concentrate his thoughts. For a moment it was believed he had succeeded, for his nostril dilated, and his eye flashed its old fire, but it was only for a moment; his face relaxed again, and presently he answered very feebly and sadly, "I don't know, I can't tell; say to General Stuart he must do what he thinks best." Soon after this he slept for several hours, and seemed to be doing well. The next morning he was free from pain, and expressed himself sanguine of recovery. He sent his aide-de-camp, Morrison, to inform his wife of his injuries, and to bring her at once to see him. The following note from General Lee was read to him that morning by Captain Smith: "I have just received your note, informing me that you were wounded. I cannot express my regret at the occurrence. Could I have directed events, I should have chosen, for the good of the country, to have been disabled in your stead. I congratulate you upon the victory, which is due to your skill and energy." He replied: "General Lee should give the praise to God." About 10 o'clock his right side began to pain him so much that he asked me to examine it. He said he had injured it in falling from the litter the night before, and believed that he had struck it against a stone or the stump of a sapling. No evidence of injury could be discovered by examination. The skin was not broken or bruised, and the lung performed, as far as I could tell, its proper functions. Some simple application was recommended, in the belief that the pain would soon disappear.

At this time the battle was raging fearfully, and the sound of the cannon and musketry could be distinctly heard at the hospital. The General's attention was attracted to it from the first, and when the noise was at its height, and indicated how fiercely the conflict was being carried on, he directed all of his attendants, except Captain Smith, to return to the battlefield and attend to their different duties. By 8 o'clock Sunday night the pain in his side had disappeared, and in all respects he seemed to be doing well. He inquired minutely about the battle and the different troops engaged, and his face would light up with enthusiasm and interest when told how this brigade acted, or that officer displayed conspicuous courage, and his head gave the peculiar shake from side to side, and he uttered his usual "Good, good," with unwonted energy when the gallant behavior of the "Stonewall brigade" was alluded to. He said "the men of that brigade will be some day proud to say to their children, 'I was one of the Stonewall brigade.'" He disclaimed any right of his own to the name Stonewall. "It belongs to the brigade, and not to me." This night he slept well, and was free from pain.

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A message was received from General Lee the next morning directing me to remove the General to Guinea's station as soon as his condition would justify it, as there was some danger of capture by the Federals, who were threatening to cross at Ely's Ford. In the meantime, to protect the hospital, some troops were sent to this point. The General objected to being moved, if, in my opinion, it would do him any injury. He said he had no objection to staying in a tent, and would prefer it if his wife, when she came, could find lodging in a neighboring house; "and if the enemy does come," he added, "I am not afraid of them; I have always been kind to their wounded, and I am sure they will be kind to me." General Lee sent word again late that evening that he must be moved if possible, and preparations were made to leave the next morning. I was directed to accompany and remain with him, and my duties with the corps as medical director were turned over to the surgeon next in rank. General Jackson had previously declined to permit me to go with him to Guinea's, because complaints had been so frequently made of general officers, when wounded, carrying off with them the surgeons belonging to their commands. When informed of this order of the commanding-general he said, "General Lee has always been very kind to me, and I thank him." Very early Tuesday morning he was placed in an ambulance and started for Guinea's station, and about 8 o'clock that evening he arrived at the Chandler house, where he remained till he died. Captain Hotchkiss, with a party of engineers, was sent in front to clear the road of wood, stone, etc., and to order the wagons out of the track to let the ambulance pass.

The rough teamsters sometimes refused to move their loaded wagons out of the way for an ambulance until told that it contained Jackson, and then, with all possible speed, they gave the way and stood with hats off and weeping as he went by. At Spotsylvania Courthouse and along the whole route men and women rushed to the ambulance, bringing all the poor delicacies they had, and with tearful eyes they blessed him and prayed for his recovery. He bore the journey well, and was cheerful throughout the day. He talked freely about the late battle, and among other things said that he had intended to endeavor to cut the Federals off from United States ford, and taking a position between them and the river, oblige them to attack him; and he added, with a smile: "My men sometimes fail to



drive the enemy from a position, but they always fail to drive us away." He spoke of Rodes, and alluded in high terms to his magnificent behavior on the field Saturday evening. He hoped he would <shv14_160>be promoted. He thought promotion for gallantry should be made at once, upon the field and not delayed. Made very early, or upon the field, they would be the greatest incentives to gallantry in others. He spoke of Colonel Willis (subsequently killed in battle), who commanded the skirmishers of Rodes's division, and praised him very highly, and referred to the deaths of Paxton and Boswell very feelingly. He alluded to them as officers of great merit and promise. The day was quite warm, and at one time he suffered from slight nausea. At his suggestion, I placed over his stomach a wet towel, and he expressed great relief from it. After he arrived at Chandler's house he ate some bread and tea with evident relish, and slept well throughout the entire night. Wednesday he was thought to be doing remarkably well. He ate heartily for one in his condition, and was uniformly cheerful.

I found his wounds to be very well to-day. Union by the first intention had taken place to some extent in the stump, and the rest of the surface of the wound exposed was covered with healthy granulations. The wound in his hand gave him little pain, and the discharge was healthy. Simple lint and water dressings were used, both for the stump and hand, and upon the palm of the latter a light, short splint was applied to assist in keeping at rest the fragments of the second and third metacarpal bones. He expressed great satisfaction when told that his wounds were healing, and asked if I could tell from their appearance how long he would probably be kept from the field. Conversing with Captain Smith a few moments afterwards, he alluded to his injuries, and said, "Many would regard them as a great misfortune; I regard them as one of the blessings of my life."

Captain Smith replied: "All things work together for good to those that love God." "Yes," he answered, "that's it, that's it."

At my request Dr. Morrison came to-day and remained with him. About 1 o'clock Thursday morning, while I was asleep upon a lounge in his room, he directed his servant (Jim) to apply a wet towel to his stomach to relieve an attack of nausea, with which he was again troubled. The servant asked permission to first consult me, but the General knowing that I had slept none for nearly three nights, refused to allow the servant to disturb me, and demanded the towel. About daylight I was aroused, and found him suffering great pain. An examination disclosed pleuro-pneumonia of the right side. I believed, and the consulting physicians concurred in the opinion, that it was attributable to the fall from the litter the night he was wounded. The General himself referred it to this accident. I think the disease came on too soon after the application of the wet cloths to admit of the supposition, once believed, that it was induced by them. The nausea, for which the cloths were applied that night, may have been the result of inflammation already begun. Contusion of the lung, with extravasation of blood in his chest, was probably produced by the fall referred to, and shock and loss of blood prevented any ill effects until reaction had been well established, and then inflammation ensued. Cups were applied, and mercury, with antimony and opium, administered.

Towards the evening he became better, and hopes were again entertained of his recovery. Mrs. Jackson arrived to-day and nursed him faithfully to the end. She was a devoted wife and earnest Christian, and endeared us all to her by her great kindness and gentleness. The General's joy at the presence of his wife and child was very great, and for him unusually demonstrative. Noticing the sadness of his wife, he said

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to her tenderly: "I know you would gladly give your life for me, but I am perfectly resigned. Do not be sad. I hope I may yet recover. Pray for me, but always remember in your prayers to use the petition, 'Thy will be done.'"

Friday his wounds were again dressed, and although the quantity of the discharge from them had diminished, the process of healing was still going on. The pain in his side had disappeared, but he breathed with difficulty, and complained of a feeling of great exhaustion. When Dr. Breckenridge (who, with Dr. Smith, had been sent for in consultation) said he hoped that a blister which had been applied would afford him great relief, he expressed his own confidence in it, and in his final recovery.

Dr. Tucker, from Richmond, arrived on Saturday, and all that human skill could devise was done to stay the hand of death. He suffered no pain to-day, and his breathing was less difficult, but he was evidently hourly growing weaker. When his child was brought to him to-day he played with it for some time, frequently caressing it and calling it his "little comforter." At one time he raised his wounded hand above his head and closing his eyes, was for some moments silently engaged in prayer. He said to me: "I see from the number of physicians that you think my condition dangerous, but I thank God, if it is His will, that I am ready to go."

About daylight on Sunday morning Mrs. Jackson informed him that his recovery was very doubtful, and that it was better that he should be prepared for the worst. He was silent for a moment, and then said: "It will be infinite gain to be translated to Heaven." He advised his wife, in the event of his death, to return to her father's house, and added: "You have a kind and good father, but there is no one so kind and good as your Heavenly Father." He still expressed a hope of his recovery, but requested her, if he should die, to have him buried in Lexington, in the Valley of Virginia. His exhaustion increased so rapidly that at 11 o'clock Mrs. Jackson knelt by his bed and told him that before the sun went down he would be with his Saviour. He replied: "Oh, no; you are frightened, my child; death is not so near; I may yet get well." She fell over upon the bed, weeping bitterly, and told him again that the physicians said there was no hope. After a moment's pause he asked her to call me. "Doctor, Anna informs me that you have told her that I am to die to-day; is it so?" When he was answered, he turned his eyes toward the ceiling and gazed for a moment or two as it in intense thought, then replied: "Very good, very good, it is all right." He then tried to comfort his almost heart-broken wife, and told her that he had a great deal to say to her, but he was too weak.

Colonel Pendleton came into the room about 1 o'clock, and he asked him, "Who was preaching at headquarters to-day?" When told that the whole army was praying for him, he replied: "Thank God, they are very kind." He said: "It is the Lord's Day; my wish is fulfilled. I have always desired to die on Sunday."

His mind now began to fail and wander, and he frequently talked as if in command upon the field, giving orders in his old way; then the scene shifted and he was at the mess-table, in conversation with members of his staff; now with his wife and child; now at prayers with his military family. Occasional intervals of return of his mind would appear, and during one of them I offered him some brandy and water, but he declined it, saying, "It will only delay my departure, and do no good; I want to preserve my mind, if possible, to the last." About half-past one he was told that he had but two hours to live, and he answered again, feebly, but firmly, "Very good, it is all right."

A few moments before he died he cried out in his delirium, "Order A. P. Hill to prepare for action! Pass the infantry to the front rapidly! Tell Major Hawks," then stopped, leaving the sentence unfinished. Presently a smile of ineffable sweetness spread itself over his pale face, and he cried quietly and with an expression as if of relief, "Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees"; and then, without pain or the least struggle, his spirit passed from earth to the God who gave it.

The Battle of Champion's Hill (Baker's Creek)

As the first streaks of dawn appeared in the eastern sky on May 16, 1863 a train heading east neared Clinton, Mississippi and found the tracks ahead destroyed. The brakeman and the baggage-master were escorted by Union soldiers into the presence of Maj. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant. Upon questioning they informed the Union commander that the Confederate army defending Vicksburg, which they estimated numbered 25,000 men with ten batteries, was in Edwards and preparing to attack the rear of Grant's army. This was not a bad estimate of the Confederate army which actually consisted of 23,000 men and 15 batteries. Grant ordered his troops, 32,000 in all, to march on Edwards along three parallel roads—one upper, one lower, and one midway between them.

Although the opening shots of the Battle of Champion Hill were fired along the lower road around 7 A.M., it was not until 9:45 that the vanguard of Brig. Gen. Alvin Hovey's division turned a bend in the upper road and reached the country home of Sid and Matilda Champion. A half-mile southwest of the house was the bald crest of Champion Hill, which dominated a strategic crossroads that would be vital to the final assault on Vicksburg.

On top of the hill Hovey could see soldiers clad in butternut and gray supported by artillery. These guns opened fire on the long blue column and announced that battle had been joined.

Hovey quickly swung his men into line of battle, supported by the men of John A. Logan's division. Grant arrived on the field shortly after 10 A.M. and ordered this powerful battle line to advance. With a mighty cheer the Federals slammed into the Confederates at the base of the hill and a wild hand-to-hand brawl ensued.

Union soldiers swept over the crest of Champion Hill and drove hard toward the crossroads only 600 yards farther south. Despite a murderous fire of musketry and artillery, Hovey's division seized the crossroads and the Union army was on the verge of victory.

Confederate general John Pemberton ordered a desperate counterattack by John Bowen's Division. Around 2 p.m., with the "Rebel Yell" ringing in the air, Bowen's Missourians and Arkansans slammed into Hovey's men before they could consolidate their hold on the crossroads. Bowen's rugged soldiers surged over the crest of Champion Hill and pushed the enemy back to the Champion House. Their success, however, was short-lived as the two more Union divisions charged the hill. Threatened in flank and rear, Bowen was compelled to fall back. When the Federals again seized the crossroads, victory was theirs.

Brig. Gen. Lloyd Tilghman's brigade was left behind to cover the Confederate retreat. The Federals advanced in force against Tilghman and he was mortally wounded while directing the fire of Capt. James Cowen's Mississippi battery and his brigade was forced from the field. But his sacrifice enabled most of Pemberton's army to safely withdraw towards Vicksburg, with the exception of Loring's Division, which was cut off and managed to escape southeastward to Crystal Springs. The decisive Union victory at Champion Hill was instrumental in forcing the Confederates out of the open field and into a doomed position inside the walls of Vicksburg.

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