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COMMANDER'S CORNER

My Fellow Compatriots,

It is another gloomy, rainy evening. The deadline to renew your membership has now arrived and gone and to make things gloomier, 15 members or 27% of our membership have not renewed their membership in the SCV. This is the biggest one year drop in membership since the Camp was founded 16 years ago. As I write this, the following is a list of members who did not renew:

Frank Aderholdt, Jr. , Todd Bariola, Dan Bell, Dale DeLoach, Dalton DeLoach, Clyde Griffin, Jr., Thomas Haik, Chris Hill, Burt Huddleston, Mark King, John Lee, Christian Preus, Sammy Rose, Walter Swain, Jr., Ike Trotter

If your name appears on this list, you can still renew your membership but you will have to pay late fees amounting to \$ 7.50 to cover both National and Division. If any member wishes to contact any of these men, please do.

The main business we will conduct at our next Meeting is to entertain nominations for the offices of Commander, 1st Lt. Commander, 2nd Lt. Commander, Adjutant/Treasurer and Color Sergeant/Quartermaster. We need some new faces to fill these positions in hopes of generating renewed interest in the SCV. We will also review a few changes in our Camp's By-Laws. Our program will be Alan's Trivia Test. Answers to the questions appear somewhere in this and last month's newsletter, so read carefully. I have heard that Alan has some interesting prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Come out and bring a friend for some fun and fellowship.

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



LAST ISSUE OF THE DELTA GENERAL FOR PAST DUE MEMBERSHIP FEES

This is the final notice. All dues are due each year by August 1. There is a 90 day grace period so that is why you have until November 1. I have to have the dues in my hand by mid October so I can process them and ready them for the Division and Nationals. So the cut off date for the camp is October 15. Any dues received after the 15th there will be a \$15 late fee added. If you have paid already for this year and receive a notice in the mail disregard it. Please forward all dues to: Dan McCaskill . . . 205 Cypress Street . . . Leland, Ms 38756

Editor's Note:

Lets make all effort to retain 100% of our members as we prepare to begin the Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence next year. 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 the descendants of Southern soldiers resist those efforts, a unique part of our nations' cultural heritage will cease to exist. Remember it is your duty as descendants of these men to keep their memory and the TRUE cause for which they fought alive for future generations.

Upcoming events of interest:

- ⇒ November 13-15, Natchez Reenactment
- ⇒ November 19, Regular Camp Meeting
- ⇒ December 6, Beauvoir, ground breaking ceremonies on the Presidential Library
- ⇒ December 17, Regular Camp Meeting, Election of New Officers
- ⇒ January 23, 2001, Lee and Jackson Banquet (Pot Luck in Indianola, MS - No Regular Camp meeting)

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CAMP NEWS:

PROPOSED CHANGES TO CAMP BY-LAWS

Article III: Nature—The Brig.- General Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp, in furtherance of the Charge of Lt.-general Stephen D. Lee, **is a historical honor society and service organization dedicated to education and preservation and** shall be strictly patriotic,(delete: historical, educational) fraternal, benevolent, nonpolitical, non-racial, and nonsectarian.
Reasoning: This change brings us in line with the National Constitution.

Article IV, Membership; Section 2—after the word "duplicate" in the last sentence add "**sent to the Division Adjutant and**". Reasoning: Camp Adjutants will be sending a copy of a member's SCV application to the Division level for an additional record keeping source.

Article IV, Membership, Section 4—Begin the sentence with "**All**".
Reasoning: This clarifies that National, Division and Camp dues & fees must accompany the application when submitted to the Camp Adjutant.

Article V: Finances; Section 5—Add the following sentence: **Revenue cannot be raised by means of a raffle, bingo, or any other method of games of chance.**

Reasoning: Internal Revenue laws prohibit this type of activity unless you have a license to do so.

Article V: Finances; Section 6—after Stars and Bars Fund, **delete** the remainder of the sentence.
Reasoning: The Re-enactors Fund has been removed to an account of their own and this money is no longer in the Camp's account.

Article VII: Officers and Their Duties; Section 1— Place "**Judge Advocate**" in the list of appointed officers. Add the sentence: "**Contact information for all newly elected and appointed Camp Officers shall be printed one time in the Camp Newsletter and posted on the Camp Website as soon as practicable to include a minimum of email address and telephone number, with permission, for all Officers and mailing addresses for the Camp Commander and Camp Adjutant. If space permits, list mailing addresses for all other Officers.**"

Reasoning: Sometimes an officer is elected or appointed who does not have a computer. Adding the phone numbers and mailing address will enhance communications.

BRIG/GEN CHARLES CLARK CHAPTER, MOS&B: COMMANDER'S NOTE



My Fellow Compatriots

I told you last month that trivia night would be on Mississippi during the war and naval actions, so I have decided to devote the entire night to the naval actions along the Mississippi. There will be many questions on the CSS Arkansas so brush up. In studying for trivia night I was reminded of so many things I have forgotten about our struggle along the mighty Mississippi. It's not that we did so little but that we did so much with so little. The short but glorious life of the Arkansas could be called one of the greatest naval feats of all time and one would be hard pressed to disprove such a statement (impossible is more like it), but it was the mettle of the men that truly made her great. There are hints here on what you should be studying for trivia night ! As promised I will give you two questions now.

1. Why did the Arkansas sail on it's last voyage without it's captain and where was he at?
2. Who ordered the Arkansas to embark on it's final voyage when she wasn't ready thus ultimately being responsible for her loss ?

There will be many more questions on the Arkansas and other vessels of both the confederate and federal river fleets. I hope y'all will come and have a great time, but you will have an equally good time just reading about these remarkable ships and the men who sailed them.

Alan Palmer, Commander
Brig Gen Charles Clark chapter MOSB

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NATIONAL NEWS:

GEC REPORT, INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Compatriots,

On Saturday October 17, 2009 the General Executive Council (GEC) held the annual fall meeting met at Elm Springs. Below is a condensed account of the actions taken at that meeting.

- Meeting opened at 8:30 AM with prayer, pledge, salute to the Confederate Flag and reading of The Charge.
- Roll Call of Officers made. Thirteen were present and a quorum was established.
- The Minutes of the pre and post Convention GEC meetings held at Hot Springs, AR were reviewed and approved.
- Commander In Chief McMichael announced that an agreement has been reached with the trustees of Mt. Jackson Cemetery in VA regarding the financial support the SCV would provide. A large benefactor of the SCV asked the SCV assist the cemetery with some of the funds he left to the SCV. An agreement regarding this support was agreed to by the SCV and the cemetery trustees.
- Executive Director Ben Sewell gave a report to the GEC outlining what maintenance work had been completed on Elm Springs. He discussed the increased rate of new membership applications and reinstatements of former members that GHQ has been receiving. He also stated that members have been making donations to the SCV Building Fund when renewing or reinstating their memberships.
- Adjutant In Chief Simpson reported that the SCV had received two requests for funding of heritage related memorials. One request was deferred pending further discussion with the camp requesting funding. The request that was approved by the GEC will fund the procurement and installation of an historic marker for William Porcher Miles - designer of the St. Andrews Cross pattern Confederate Battle Flag - at the cemetery where he is buried in Monroe, County West Virginia.
- Lt. Commander In Chief Givens discussed membership growth and the development of a speakers list for each division.
- The Sam Davis Camp of Brentwood, Tennessee requested the GEC approve their proposed camp articles of incorporation. After discussion the GEC approved the camp incorporating. Note - the SCV Constitution requires any camp that wishes to incorporate to receive the permission of the GEC.
- The GEC approved two additions to the convention guidelines. The first requires approval of host camps before alter-

ing the schedule of events that had previously been approved by the Commander in Chief . The second addition establishes deadlines for reunion host committees to submit convention information to the Convention Planning Committee for review prior to publication in the Confederate Veteran.

- The GEC approved a policy on the use of the SCV logo. The details of the policy will be published on the SCV Telegraph, SCV Blog and the Confederate Veteran.
- The GEC approved allowing Dixie Outfitters (who we have an agreement with to sell shirts bearing the SCV Sesquicentennial logo) to also sell license plates bearing the Sesquicentennial logo under the same conditions as the shirts are sold.
- The Hardwick Case in South Carolina was discussed. The Litigation Review Committee will review the case and make a recommendation to the GEC regarding how to proceed.
- Heritage Defense Chief Frank Earnest discussed the offer of a donation of land located on Interstate I-95 near the North Carolina / Virginia state line to the SCV.
- Rev. Fayard discussed plans for the ground breaking for the new Jefferson Davis Presidential Library at Beauvoir. The ground-breaking will be on Sunday December 6, 2009 -the anniversary of the death of President Davis. More details will soon be forthcoming.
- The GEC voted to establish the rules that would govern the SCV's Bicentennial Endowment Fund.
- The GEC voted to allow non-SCV members to join the Sesquicentennial Society.
- An executive session was held dealing with SCV employee compensation and one disciplinary case.
- The Commander In Chief announced that the SCV had established a relationship with an on-line mall. SCV members who purchase items thru the mall will generate funds for the SCV. Details to be soon announced
- Commander in Chief. McMichael announced the next meeting of the GEC would be on Saturday March 13, 2010 at Elm Springs.
- The meeting ended with a closing prayer and the singing of DIXIE!

Prepared by: Chuck Rand, Chief of Staff

MICHEAL GIVENS WILL RUN FOR CIC IN 20120

I wanted to take this brief opportunity to share with you a decision I have made. For much of the last two decades, I have been directly, actively involved with the SCV, serving in a leadership position at the Division or National level. That level of involvement requires a substantial commitment of time and resources, as you well know, because many of you have made that sacrifice as well.

During the past few months, many friends and Compatriots have asked me to run for Commander-in-Chief. Usually my response has been to pass off the inquiry as I have been focusing on doing the best job I can as Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief.

Being Lt. CIC is not an easy position. The primary responsibilities of the job are to lead on our efforts to expand our ranks through recruiting efforts and trying to retain our current members as well. The SCV has many institutional barriers to this effort: it would be much easier if we were a true national organization. Under our system, recruiting, and particularly retention, are dependent almost exclusively on the local Camp and little effort from national is effective. CONTINUED ON PAGE 4 . . .



DIVISION NEWS: NEWS FROM BEAUVOIR

Great news from Beauvoir! The contract has been signed to begin construction on the new Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum. The Beauvoir Board approved low bidder is J.C. Duke and Associates, General Contractors of Mobile, Alabama. The cost is Ten Million four hundred eighty eight thousand dollars, to be completed in 550 days. The groundbreaking event is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 2 p.m. This is the 120th anniversary of the death of Jefferson Davis.

The statue of Jefferson Davis with his son Joseph and Jim Limber arrive at Beauvoir on Wednesday Oct. 14, 2009. This statue was commissioned by the National Sons of Confederate Veterans and Donated to Beauvoir. The statue will eventually be placed in front of the new Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum.

The 23rd Annual Beauvoir Fall Muster was held on October 17th-18th.! This was our largest, and most successful event yet with spectator attendance over 1000 each day, over 300 re-enactors, 8 artillery pieces, and many other attractions, such as sutlers, food vendors, a turkey shoot, and live period music.

We have a Penny Machine!-Turn a Lincoln head penny into Jefferson Davis's likeness for 51 cents! The Gift Shop keeps adding great items for everyone. Stay tuned, more good news to come!

Rick Forte,
Chairman of the Combined Boards of Beauvoir and Acting Director



EVENTS TAKING PLACE AROUND THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION

Carey Lee Johnston Stone Dedication and Remembrance Picnic – November 15, 2009 2pm

Enterprise Cemetery, Enterprise, Mississippi

Following the service there will be a Carey Lee Johnston Remembrance Picnic under the shade of the trees near Carey's final resting place. Please bring finger type foods such as sandwiches, dips, chips, cookies, brownies etc. and your own beverages. Please bring enough food and beverages to feed a few extra in case we have guest. Bring lawn chairs and tables if you please.

Ground Breaking Ceremonies at Beauvoir Sunday, December 6, 2009 – 2:00 pm

Army of Tennessee Meeting February 13, 2009 09:00 AM

Fightin Joe Wheeler Camp Building – Birmingham, AL
All Mississippi Division Compatriots are welcome.

Executive Committee Meeting February 20, 2009 10:00 AM

War Memorial Building – Jackson, MS
All Mississippi Division Compatriots are welcome.
Any member wishing the floor must contact Chief of Staff Ed Funchess in advance

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During my term as Lt. CIC I have worked hard to overhaul our membership policies and leverage the resources of the SCV to help our local Camps get and keep members. For instance, at the end of last year we conducted a special outreach effort to Compatriots whose memberships had lapsed. The results were excellent. As a result of this outreach we restored nearly 600 of Compatriots to the fold and brought in over \$20,000.00 in new contributions by our efforts. By surveying these lapsed members we also learned some things (even from some men who chose not re-enlist) that have been very enlightening.

Serving the SCV has been a true pleasure, despite the hassles involved and time away from one's livelihood. You see I love the SCV and I believe in what it stands for. I am proud to be a member of an organization which has telling the true history of the Confederate soldier as its aim. That's why, after considering all factors and discussing the issue thoroughly with my family, I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for Commander-in-Chief at our next convention. I am writing to you, asking for your prayers and your support. Can I count on you to support me in this effort?

To learn more about me and where I stand, please visit my web site <http://givens-scv.com> Over the coming months I will be adding information and posting some of my ideas for where the SCV should be heading for the next few years. I hope you are as excited about our future as I am.

Also, if you have any ideas or comments please feel free to share them with me as well. Thank you and may God bless our cause and our efforts. I am,

Respectfully yours,
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THE REASONS FOR SECESSION

EDITORIAL BY JOHN KELLY

Many have claimed that the southern states seceded from the union due to slavery. This author believes that this is a common misconception. Slavery was a part of a bigger issue involving economics and for lack of a better use of words being able to govern one's territory to suit of one's own pursuit of happiness. Slavery was a means to an end. Everyone wanted Southern cotton, therefore it was produced. With a small population, the South went about business the only way it knew how. Even Lincoln believed the Negro population could not govern itself, so it was used the way it had been for a century. The South wanted to continue to prosper and make its way in the world. In order to do so, labor was needed and made from the only source available. The Southern states seceded due to the constant strain on their economy and what seemed like little consideration or help from northern politicians. They simply wanted to continue with supplying the world with linen and food. Economical and political impacts caused the Southern states to secede not slavery on its self.

Most people can relate to the need to be left alone; the Southern states were no different. They felt the controlling and more populated Northern community did not understand their needs and were right. The Northern people didn't care for the Negro community at the time but wanted their initiatives passed regardless. With high tariffs and blatant disregard for Southern ways of life they passed law after law. Perhaps the secession was premature in most cases considering Lincoln was initially undecided on emancipation. Although, being a member of a party who ran on a platform of abolition, few could see the haste. The South was becoming rich on slave labor while the East was improvising immigrant labor rather than slave labor. The New England section was making money off selling the slaves to the South, but then condemning the buyers of such. The Southern states were just following the status quo and doing what had always been done.

Using slaves as a way to supply the demand and prospering so. When this became offensive to the North, all of a sudden things were different. Jealousy may have crept in, allowing northerners to resent the luxuries of the South and their "easy way of life."

Southerners made their lands and property more valuable by tenfold. This probably led to more resentment considering northern lands were drastically dropping in value. Politics were a constant thwart in such considerations. Being more populous and therefore having more representatives, Northern states set doctrine. Simple economy became a viable factor in the rift between Northern and Southern countrymen. While Northern farms relied on the whites and emigrants for labor, the South still relied on the Negro slave labor.

Only so much prodding allowable to any species, the South could take no more degradation to their way of life, so the only way out seemed to walk away. The Southern states, in order to continue, their way of life set out to leave the oppressive union much the way the Colonies left the oppressive English government they for so many years supported through taxes. Whether wrong or right, the South left the only government they had known in the belief that they had the right to replace such government in accordance to the Constitution of The United States of America. They believed they had the right to establish their own government which would oblige their needs and succumb to their way of life.

The Southern states believed they were within their rights to secede and establish a government which was more in line with their needs than the one they currently adhered to. They also believed this to be constitutionally within their rights. They wanted to do things the way they had always done and continue to be prosperous along with the industrialized North. Southerners just wanted to continue along the path set before them by the revolutionary fathers of this country.

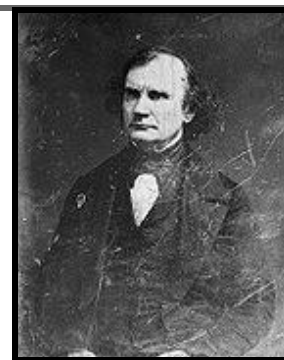
THE TRENT AFFAIR BY JOHN KELLY

Many people know about the Confederate States of America's desire to gain international recognition as an independent sovereign nation and therefore trade rights and much needed imports and exports of cotton, but few know how close Great Britain almost granted the latter and perhaps the former in a dangerous naval error known as the *Trent Affair*.

James M. Mason, Confederate commissioner to England, and John Slidell commissioner to France were both former United States congressmen and well known to the Northern populace. In early November 1861, both Mason and Slidell were aboard the British mail steamer *Trent*. Captain Charles Wilkes having just left the African Squadron and now searching the Caribbean for Confederate "pirates" took on coal in the Virgin Islands. During his stop he learned of the *Trent's* cargo of diplomats and its heading for Europe. Wilkes removed the special passengers and their secretaries, however he did not take the ship citing there were too many passengers aboard to do so. This seems to be where Captain Wilkes faltered had he taken the ship he would have only been infringing on Great Britain's current neutrality agreement, however by only securing political prisoners he made it much more.

At first the North reacted in celebration, the Southern pro-secessionists were not popular among the enemy nation. Lincoln had them put in a military prison in Fort Warren. Welles, the Secretary of the Navy (United States), was at first also extremely proud of his man's initiative but knew that it could bring strong repercussions. Some government officials had already favored war with England. The English as predicted were outraged. They deemed such an act to be an insult to their nation and an outrage after the factors leading to the War of 1812. They immediately issued an ultimatum stating that both delegates should be released and an issuance of a formal apology.

Rather than apologize to a foreign nation, Lincoln's administration managed to politic their way out of this intense international incident. The government released Mason and Slidell, however they did not apologize. Instead the administration



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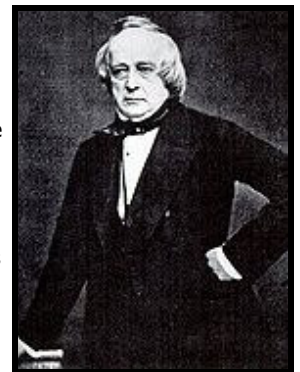
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proceeded to compliment the nation of Great Britain for finally seeing things the way they had on international policy. They also hung Wilkes out to dry stating that he acted on his own without the consent of his government. The British government deemed the notice and release of aforementioned prisoners satisfactory.

No one knows how close these two nations came to war except perhaps the closest involved and surely they were not assured. There is much made about the mobilization of British troops and naval vessels in Canada, but it is also known that this was commonplace around this time. It can however be seen that European nations missed a golden opportunity to gain a foothold in the Americas. By weakening the north in any form especially by splitting the Union, the European continent could have probably could have put an end to the *Monroe Doctrine*.

The Congressmen having gained their freedom continued their missions. As we all know they were unsuccessful in gaining international recognition and everything was smoothed over between the two nations of Great Britain and the United States of America. The Confederacy received no needed support and exported no cotton legally.



John Slidell

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