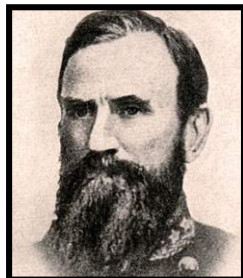


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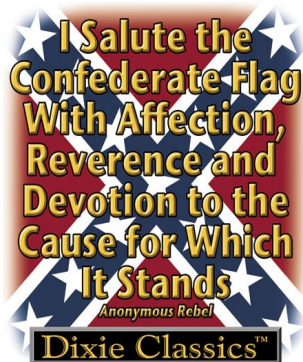
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Next Camp Meeting on September 11, 2026 @ 6:00 PM. Meal provided by the OCR Chapter Ella Palmer. Please give donations to them for food.

Commander's Comments: Michael Anthony

Greetings men and ladies of the Benjamin G Humphreys Camp, the Brigadier General Charles Clark Chapter of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, the Ella Palmer Chapter of the Order of the Confederate Rose, and our friends and followers who read this newsletter. By the time you read this edition of "Commander's Comments", School will have started everywhere, college is in session, and college football is but a week away. As Luke Bryan said about aging in one of his songs, "The days get longer and the years get shorter". That is certainly my experience. Where did the summer go? Well, it is gone, but there is so much to look forward to in the next few months.

Students ostensibly go to School to learn information and processes they need to be functional adults in society. We know however, that curricula can be agenda driven and politically motivated. It would be nice if what students learn in English or social studies was completely objective and unbiased; but unfortunately, it is undeniable that the whims of popular society dictate what is taught in School: for better or for worse. When it comes to factual information about the War Between the States and Reconstruction, the whims of society are absolutely for the worse. It goes well beyond the common "The War was fought over slavery. The North was good; the South was bad. Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves". The real problem now is in a lot of Schools the War isn't even taught! It might be completely ignored, or it is a one day lesson and then the teacher moves on. This is not a public school versus private school issue either. There are a lot of high school students who do not even know there was a War between the United States of America and the Confederate States of America between 1861-1865!

As members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans; especially if you have children or grandchildren, you have to do the teaching about the War, its causes, its results, and its aftermath. If we do not teach our own history to our children and grandchildren, nobody will and those who seek the destruction and elimination of all things Confederate will then have complete control to destroy people like you and me. What can you do? Talk about the War, read books and educate yourself so you can educate others, visit battlefields and sites important to the Confederate States of America, participate or watch battlefield reenactments, join the SCV if you are not a member, and attend your camp's meetings if you are a member of the SCV. It is critical for our future that the youngest of us know about our own history. If you are reading this edition of "Commander's Comments", then you are proud of your history and noble heritage. Do not keep this pride inside! Share it with your children and grandchildren and raise them in the SCV, the OCR, or the UDC. Education is the enemy of authoritarianism and control. When you know the truth about Southern history and heritage, the forces of work liberalism cannot hurt you or control you.

At the beginning of this School year, ask your children or grandchildren what they are learning in social studies classes. What books or stories are they reading in English class? Talk to them about what they are being taught and correct what is being taught if necessary. If you are comfortable talking to their teachers, ask the teachers what they teach about the War Between the States. Are they teaching anything, are they teaching woke liberal nonsense, or are they teaching a story that is fair, balanced, and factually accurate?

Members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans are blessed to have the blood of Confederate soldiers inside of them. Show your Confederate pride and be the best teacher you can be to your sons and daughters. Live the Charge by teaching them the truth about Confederate history and heritage and you will perpetuate the good and noble name of the Confederate soldier. Enjoy September: her cooler nights and the sights and sounds of football which make this such a great month of the year.

Deo Vindice,
Michael

Menu for Saturday Meeting Meal provided by the OCR:

- Manwich
- Chips
- Tea
- Dessert

Camp Adjutant's Report Dan McCaskill

August 1, 2026

Call to Order: At 6:00 PM CDT by Commander Michael Anthony
Opening Prayer and Blessing: Camp Chaplain Earl M. McCown, Jr.
Pledge, Salutes, and Reading of The Charge: Color Sergeant Earl B. Allen, Jr.

Commander Michael Anthony welcomed everyone to our monthly Camp Meeting and moved on to Officer Reports.

Commander Anthony then presented the Last Roll Resolution in honor of Compatriot Claude Stillman, Jr. to his son Charles Stillman and his daughter Sandra Stillman.

Officer Reports: Commander Michael Anthony reported that foundation work has begun in Grenada for the re-erection of the Grenada Confederate Memorial Monument; 1st Lt. Commander David Floyd was absent. Adjutant Dan McCaskill reported that the current balance of the checking was \$3,083.79 which includes \$299 for Heritage Defense and \$370 in Dues and Donations. Twenty-Eight Camp members have renewed their membership with 17 to go. Letters were mailed reminding the 17 that the Grace Period has begun. Dan also suggested exploring another website other than Homestead since the expense keeps growing with this year being \$265. Larry McCluney volunteered to start exploring other servers. MOSB: Commander Earl McCown did not have a report.; Editor: Larry McCluney asked if everyone received the Camp's Newsletter and if they liked the new format. Those who spoke up said they did; Past CIC: Larry McCluney reported that Tony Griffin was elected CIC, Charles Lauret was elected Lt. CIC, James Patterson was elected Army of Tennessee Commander, and Forrest Daws was elected Army of Tennessee Councilman; bids are still coming in for the Forrest Plaza; OCR: Missy Stillman did not have a report.

At this time, Commander Anthony recessed the meeting for our evening meal.

Old Business: No old business to be considered.

New Business: It was put forth that we should start looking for a speaker for our Lee-Jackson Banquet. Conor Bond was suggested for the speaker and Larry McCluney said he would contact Conor. Dan McCaskill asked the Camp to consider having a Recruitment Table at the Carrollton Pioneer Days the first Saturday of October at a cost of \$30. A motion was made by Thomas Haik to have a recruitment table at Carrollton at a cost of \$30. The motion was seconded by Earl McCown and the motion passed without objection. Dan said he would complete the application and send it in with the thirty dollars.

Program: The program for the evening was a presentation by Camp Commander Michael Anthony on author Thomas Nelson Page. Thomas was born in 1853 into one of the oldest families in Virginia. Thomas grew up in all the periods that the South endured from Antebellum times, the War, Reconstruction, and Post-antebellum Period. Thomas' book titled "Red Rock" covered these periods of time and is considered by many as better book than "Gone With the Wind". "Red Rock" is a first-hand experience whereas "Gone With the Wind" relied on second hand experience. Very good program!

Events: Fall Muster at Beauvoir will be held October 16-17, 2026. There will be "battles" both days, you will have reenactors and sutlers to visit with. There is Beauvoir Home and the Museum in the Library to explore. You will need to check-in at the Gift Shop.

With no other business coming before the Camp, a motion to adjourn was made by Kenneth Ray and duly seconded by Larry McCluney and the motion passed without objection.

The Meeting was closed with prayer by Chaplain Earl McCown and the singing of Dixie. Attendance for the meeting was 11. The next Camp Meeting will be September 12, 2026.

Side Note: At this time last year, September 1, 2025, Camp membership stood at 48. This year we lost three mem-

bers to death, possibly a fourth death, and four others who did not renew their memberships. Camp membership stands at 40. This is the biggest loss of members that the Camp has ever experienced. Needless to say, that we need to continued our recruiting efforts.

The Chaplain's Pen — Earl McCown

'Three Delightful Duties'

Writing by divine inspiration, the apostle Paul admonishes all believers to do three things: 'Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks.' Our God is so gracious to His people that He makes delight a duty! What could be more delightful and pleasant than constant joy, prayer and thanksgiving? May God give each of us a heart to engage eagerly in these three delightful duties.



'Rejoice evermore!' Our sins are forgiven. We have the righteousness of God in Christ imputed to us. We are accepted in the Beloved. We are a children of God by faith in Christ, heirs of God and joint-heirs with His Son, Jesus Christ. That one who who loved us and gave Himself for us is the sovereign Ruler of the universe. Why should I mourn? 'My Beloved is mine, and I am my Beloved's.' What then can keep me from rejoicing? I will rejoice in God my Savior at all times. I cannot rejoice in sorrow, pain and trouble. But I can rejoice in my God in the midst of sorrow, pain and trouble.

'Pray without ceasing!' Paul does not mean that we should always be engaged in audible prayer. His meaning is 'Live constantly before God in conscious, believing dependence upon Him' He is simply telling us to believe in God at all times. When you are serving and worshipping the Lord, believe Him, acknowledge your dependence upon the blood and righteousness of Christ for acceptance with God. When you sin, trust Christ for pardon. When you are tempted and tried, trust Christ for protection. When you work, trust Christ for strength. When you eat, acknowledge that you are fed by the hand of God' goodness. In all things, willingly submit to and trust the wise, adorable, good providence of God.

'In everything give thanks!' At all times, in all circumstances give thanks to God. Faith can give thanks in all things, because faith realizes that whatever come to pass, come to pass by the will of God. Give thanks, because: whatever your present circumstances, **'This is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.'**

If you have not paid your membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans then you are late and they have expired and you must pay the late fee. Please pay your Below is a breakdown of your dues. If you do not renew your dues, this will be your last issue of the Delta General and your SCV Magazine will also expire.

National Dues -	\$ 35.00
Division Dues -	\$ 10.00
Camp Dues -	\$ 10.00
Late fee—	\$ 7.50
Total -	\$ 62.50

If you are a National or Division Life member, please subtract the corresponding amount.

If you are a past member and wish to rejoin, you must add \$7.50 to the above total.

If you are a new member, you must add a \$5 filing fee to the above total and submit a signed application along with your dues.

!! Checks made be made payable to **B/G Ben G. Humphreys Camp #1625, SCV**. If you have a **VENMO** account, you can pay using this method. The account name is **@Dan-McCaskill-3** Any questions, you can contact me at danmccas@tecinfo.net or 1-662-822-1096

Your Servant,
 Dan A. McCaskill, Camp Adjutant

**RENEWAL
 REMINDER**

Mississippi Division News:

MS Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Vehicle License Plates



At the 2005 MS Division, SCV, convention, the Division renewed its pledge to preserve/conservate MS's original Confederate Battle flags. Show your support for your Division and our Flags by purchasing a Mississippi Sons of Confederate Veterans "vanity" car or motorcycle tag today (if you haven't already done so)! If you've already done so, please continue to purchase the tags when tag replacement time rolls around!

When you purchase a MS SCV car or motorcycle tag, \$26 of your purchase price comes directly to the MS Division. The majority of these funds are used for the restoration of the original MS Confederate Battle flags in the Mississippi Museum of History in Jackson. The remainder being used to fight heritage violations.

The Mississippi division has to date restored nine original MS Confederate Battle flags and two more are in process, at a total cost of approximately \$100,000! Thus conserved, these flags should now last for at least two-hundred more years! What a gesture to our noble Confederate grandsires!

According to the Department of Archives and History, a sampling of conserved flags are beautifully framed, then put on display at the Mississippi Museum of History and Beauvoir (Museum).

Restoration of these storied emblems is exceedingly expensive, with typical conservation costs ranging from \$3,000 to \$27,000 per flag. This vital work is done by hand, using the latest methodologies and state-of-the-art materials. One of the finest conservation services in the nation performs all the work in-house in West Virginia.

If not conserved, these most-precious artifacts of our history — the very "colors" that our Patriot forebears fought and died under — will simply crumble into dust. We can't let that happen!

Anyone can buy a MS SCV car or motorcycle tag! You need not be a Member of the Division! You don't have to show a Membership card or any other SCV identification. Ask friends, family, and co-workers to buy one today and, thus, help preserve a little bit of MS's proud history! Make your family fleet of vehicles an "all SCV" fleet!

To purchase a tag, simply go to your county tag office and request a MS Sons of Confederate Veterans tag! Take your present tag, fill out the forms, write a check, and affix your SCV tag to your vehicle, showing all who see your car/truck/motorcycle that you are a Mississippian who cares about your "Heritage of Honor"!

Note: Some tag offices do not have the SCV car tag on display, but it is available. You might respectfully request that your local office display the tag in their tag displays, so that other folks can become aware of its availability for purchase. Make sure that tag office personnel know that anyone can purchase the tag, not just SCV Members!

If you have any problems obtaining a MS SCV tag or employees claim that they can't get such tags, immediately contact the MS State Tax Commission, register a gentlemanly complaint, and respectfully request that the State Tax Commission make your local tag office comply with State law and procure a MS SCV tag for you.

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Monday Nights @ 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Just go to facebook and watch.





**131st Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
33rd Reunion- Mississippi Society Order of Confederate Rose
2nd Confederation- Mississippi Division SCV Cadets
Pickwick Landing, TN – June 4-6, 2027**

SCV REGISTRATION FORM

SCV Member Name: _____

Title/SCV Camp 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 MUST REGISTER FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION AND SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET USING THIS FORM. OCR BUSINESS MEETING REGISTRATION ATTACHED.

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS

SCV Member – on or before May 4, 2027, \$60.00 / After May 4, 2027, \$70.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Friday Night President Davis Birthday Reception

on or before May 4, 2027, \$40.00 / After May 4, 2027, \$45.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Awards Banquet - \$55.00 per Adult / After May 4, 2027, \$60.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

(NO RECEPTION OR BANQUET REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 14, 2027, **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 **Col. W. P. Rogers Camp 321** & Mail to:
Dwight Johnson, 3470 CR 100, Corinth, MS 38834

SCV Contact: Mike Moore (732) 962-5335 or msdivadjutant@gmail.com
OCR Contact: Laura Moore (662) 416-7949 or chapter25ocr@gmail.com

HOTEL INFO

The Mississippi Division has a block of rooms reserved for the Reunion. Please contact the Lodge directly at the number given below and tell them your stay is for the Sons of Confederate Veterans event.

**The Lodge at Pickwick Landing
120 Playground Loop • Counce, TN 38326 • (731) 689-3135**

Hosted by:
Col. William P. Rogers Camp 321 and Ladies of Col. William P. Rogers Chapter 25

Assistance Graciously Provided By:
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ALL EVENTS AT PICKWICK

Friday June 4th

- **12:00 PM- 5:45 PM SCV/OCR Registration**
 - Conference Center Foyer
- **5:00 PM-6:00 PM Division Executive Council Meeting**
 - Room TBA
- **6:30 PM- 8:30 PM President's Reception and Birthday Party**
 - Meeting Rooms A-B

Saturday June 5th

- **8:00 AM- Color Guard Muster**
 - Conference Center Foyer
- **8:30 AM- Opening Ceremonies**
 - Meeting Rooms A-B
- **9:00 AM- Mississippi Division, SCV Business Meeting with Beauvoir Corporate meeting to follow.**
 - Meeting Rooms A-B
- **9:30 AM- Mississippi Society, OCR Tea and Business Meeting (Tea hosted by Ladies of Brices Crossroads Chapter 32)**
 - Meeting Room C
- **9:30 AM- Mississippi Division SCV Cadet fun day**
 - Shiloh Battlefield

After the meetings conclude, please feel free to explore the area and all it has to offer. Lunch is on your own.

- **5:30 PM- Cocktail Hour- Cash Bar**
 - Conference Center Foyer
- **6:00 PM- Awards Banquet**
 - Meeting Rooms A-B-C

The doors for the banquet will open at 5:30 PM and we ask that everyone be seated by 6:00 PM. Our keynote speaker will be Mr. Sam Winkler who will give us an in-depth portrayal of President Jefferson Davis.

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Chapter Name & Number: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Spouse/Guest: _____

*All preregistered OCR members will receive a name badge, a bag of goodies.
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BEAUVIOR

Beauvoir, the historic post-war home of President Jefferson Davis, is owned and operated by the Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. There are several ways that you can participate in the continued preservation of this beloved landmark located in Biloxi, Mississippi.



*Beauvoir - Post-war home of Jefferson Davis.
Biloxi, Mississippi*

Friends of Beauvoir

For as little as \$25 annually, you can become a member of the Friends of Beauvoir. Membership includes tour admission and a 10% discount at the Beauvoir gift shop.



The Jefferson Davis Presidential Library located on the grounds of Beauvoir in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Bricks for Beauvoir

Honor your Confederate ancestors while supporting Beauvoir. Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestors rank, name, unit, and company. The memorial bricks will be laid creating a sidewalk from the UDC Arch to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate soldier. For more information on these opportunities, please visit www.visitbeauvoir.org or contact Beauvoir directly at (228) 388-4400.



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:

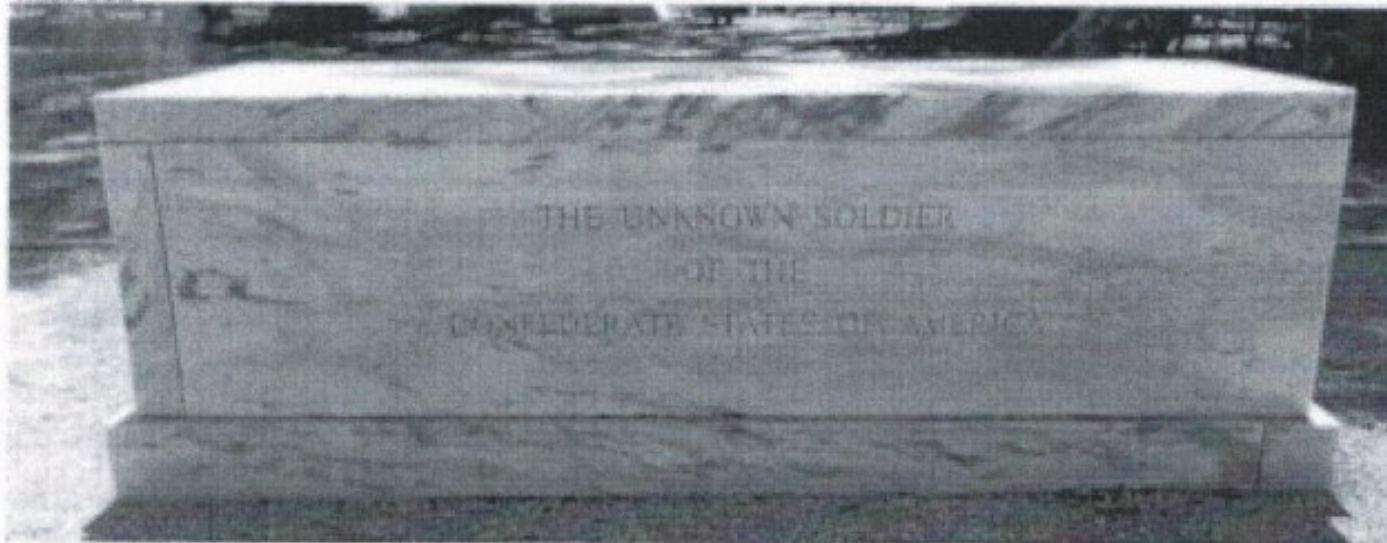
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Attn: National Confederate Museum
P.O. Box 59
Columbia, TN 38402

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

www.theconfederatemuseum.com

Bricks for Beauvoir and the Tomb of the Unknown Solider

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



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

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

Ancestral Brick Order Form

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

Line 1: _____

(First and Last Name)

Line 2: _____

(Rank)

Line 3: _____

(Unit)

ORDER YOUR ANCESTOR'S BRICK TODAY!

Make Checks out for \$50.00 per brick to:

Bricks for Beauvoir
Mail to: Bricks for Beauvoir
2244 Beach Blvd
Biloxi, MS. 39531

OR

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

Example:

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



~ Sons of Confederate Veterans 2027 Reunion ~

Official Registration¹ Form
 Mobile, Alabama * July 15th - 17th, 2027
 Raphael Semmes Camp 11, SCV
 scvsemmes.org

NAME (Print): _____

SCV CAMP NAME & NUMBER: _____

TITLE/POSITION: _____

PERSONAL ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, & ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

~ Tickets Purchased ~

<i>Event / Date</i>	<i>Price\$</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Totals\$</i>
Registration	80		
Wednesday, July 14, 2027, Diner Cruise 6:00 p.m. (Limited to the First 100)	120		
Thursday, July 15, 2027, SCV Prayer Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.	40		
Thursday, July 15, 2027, SCV Heritage Luncheon 12:00 p.m.	60		
Thursday, July 15, 2027, Fort McDermott & Blakeley Battlefield Tour 2:00 p.m. Fort McDermott is "NOT HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE", and has a steep grade.	20		
Friday, July 16, 2027, Walking Confederate Tour of Mobile, Alabama w/Paul Brueske 9:00 a.m. (Ladies Tour)	50		
Friday, July 16, 2027, SCV Awards Luncheon 12:00 p.m.	60		
Friday, July 16, 2027, Tour of Fort Gaines	50		
Saturday, July 17, 2027, SCV Banquet & Grand Ball	75		
Ancestor Memorial ~ Each @ 2 Lines per Memorial	10		
Debutant Presentation - Please ask for this page.			

¹ **REGISTRATION INCLUDES BADGE AND PROGRAM:**
 ADDITIONAL BADGES AND PROGRAMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT CONVENTION AT TIME OF CHECKING IN.



~ Sons of Confederate Veterans 2027 Reunion ~

Official Registration¹ Form
 Mobile, Alabama * July 15th - 17th, 2027
 Raphael Semmes Camp 11, SCV
 scvsemmes.org

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

Sub Total ~ Price of Tickets& Memorials Page 1

Reunion Program Inclusions/Advertising Option Rates¹

FULL PAGE \$200.00
 HALF PAGE \$100.00
 QUARTER PAGE \$ 50.00
 BUSINESS CARD \$ 25.00

Final Total ~ Price of Tickets, Memorials and Program Options/Advertising

~ MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ~

~ CAMP 11 REUNION ~

~ MAIL BOTH PAGES & PAYMENT TO ~

SCV REUNION 2027
 317 HADRIAN STREET
 MOBILE, ALABAMA 36606



Host Hotel: Renaissance Riverview Plaza Hotel ~ Rate = \$185.00/per Night

64 South Water Street
 Mobile, Alabama 36602

Reservation Desk: 1-800-922-3298

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS TO RECEIVE NEGOTIATED ROOM RATE

¹ Circle selected **Inclusions/Advertising Option** on the Form Above, Include **Payment**, and Attach Information to be placed in the Reunion Program. Orders and Information for **Ancestor Memorial & Inclusions/Advertising Options** must be received by June 24, 2027 at the HADRIAN STREET MAIL ADDRESS above to be Included in Reunion Program.

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM
RAPHAEL SEMMES CAMP 11

CARD TYPE

☐ MASTERCARD ☐ VISA ☐ DISCOVER ☐ AMEX ☐ OTHER _____

CARDHOLDER NAME (AS ON CARD) _____

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION DATE(mm/yr) _____ / _____ SECURITY CODE _____

CARDHOLDER ZIP CODE ON CREDIT CARD BILL _____

AMOUNT CHARGE \$ _____ + 3% FEE

I, _____, AUTHORIZE RAPHAEL SEMMES CAMP 11 TO
CHARGE MY CARD ABOVE FOR AGREED UPON PURCHASE.

Customer Signature

Date

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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.

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





William Kenyon CSN

William Kenyon was born at *Sorrento, Victoria* in 1844 and as an Australian born is one of a few to serve in the War Between the States in America, yet strangely never set foot on Southern or U S soil. Some dispute his service and classification as a veteran for this reason. However the knit-pickers ignore the reality being that any personnel enlisted by the Captain of a Confederate naval vessel during the time of war, is considered a genuine bona-fide veteran when that war ends. *William Kenyon* became a very rare breed of sailor not only in Confederate service but as a *Confederate Marine*.

In January 1865, *CSS Shenandoah* was in *Port Phillip Bay*, mainly to take on stores but also much needed repairs. This was quite a legitimate function for a belligerent vessel in a neutral port but recruiting from the locals was not. *Captain Waddell* on 17 February 1865, secretly had 42 volunteer crewmen smuggled aboard, one of

them was *William Kenyon*. This is confirmed by *William Temple's* affidavit sworn in *Liverpool* after the surrender of the ship 5 November 1865, Australians becoming some of the last Confederates to surrender.

After Australia, *Shenandoah* went on to decimate the *North Pacific* U.S. whaling fleet, an act branded by the U.S. as piracy. In fact they were all commissioned and uniformed sailors and therefore not pirates. She continued in this role for some months after the war, not being aware war had ceased.



CSS Shenandoah in a crowded Port of Melbourne. Cutters are taking people to and from shore. Astern of her is seen Brunel's *SS Great Britain*, airing her sails after a long voyage. It's here that 42 Australians joined the War in America-Editor.

After release in *Liverpool*, *William Kenyon* sailed back to Australia and Melbourne where he married *Sarah* at *Port Melbourne* in 1871, they had five children three of whom survived, *Benjamin* 1879, *Annie Elizabeth* b. 1888 and *Maria*, b. 1885. *William* died 14 November 1915 at his residence 188 Rouse Street, Port Melbourne and was buried at *Melbourne General Cemetery, Church of England* section NN, grave number 540. His death certificate states his profession as Master Mariner.

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Civil War Veterans in Australia, by Roy W. Parker (Page 99)

Forgotten Heroes. By John Duncan. ACWRTQ.

This Essay came about totally by accident; in an email a friend in the US said I was biased towards the Federals and as a penance, or something similar, he asked me to find a Federal "Hero" who served at the battles of either *Richmond (Kentucky)* or at *Ringgold Gap*. Of course I would rather write about *Patrick Cleburne* who was big at *Richmond* and brilliant at *Ringgold Gap*, for even though he fought for the Confederacy, he was actually *Irish!* Then it occurred to me that I could place a Federal hero at *Ringgold Gap*. So I will maybe write about a Federal at *Richmond* another time. Now *Richmond* was, or is a problem, so I am placing it on the back burner of my writings for the moment but my friends do not write it off yet. But *Ringgold Gap*? There was a chap, who, I have long felt was in need of an outing in *The Bugle*, so friends here we go.

Colonel David Ireland 137th New York. He managed to reach 12th Corps trenches on Culp's Hill and beat off Confederate Brig. Gen. George H. Stuart's 1st Maryland Battalion. (Courtesy Bruce Bonfield)-Editor.

A gentleman I have in mind is *Colonel David Ireland*. He, unlike *Cleburne*, was born in *Scotland* in 1832. His family migrated to the US in 1840 and young *David* was educated in the local schools and apprenticed to his father who was a tailor. As a teenager he joined the militia the *79th Regiment known as Cameron Highlanders*. The *Highlanders* went into action at *First Bull Run* in *W. T. Sherman's Brigade* in which *Colonel Cameron* was killed. The regiment suffered a loss of morale with many resignations that ended in mutiny that was eventually put down. The regiment was placed under the command of *Lt. Ireland* who soon carried out an attack and ambush of a Confederate force at *Falls Church*. This greatly pleased *General McClellan* who made a big show of returning the *Colors of the 79th* and promoted *David* to Captain – assigning him to the *15th Infantry*, a regular regiment. This was quite a coup for *Captain Ireland*, who, with the *15th* started to train new soldiers for transfer to the *Army of the Ohio*. Soon he was promoted mustering officer of *New York* troops and was based in *Binghamton N.Y.* He



was soon being thought of for regimental command and the *Governor of New York*, trusting in David's well known gentlemanly conduct and fairness, offered him command of the *137th New York*, a Regiment nicknamed the "*Iron Clads*".



Culp's Hill at the time of battle. Often portrayed with dense woods and a steeper hill, it no doubt was in places. The Park's Service is currently returning Culp's Hill to its former appearance. The project will improve the cultural and natural landscape of 18-acres of Culp's Hill where key battle action occurred on July 2-3, 1863. Work included the removal of brush and select understory (trees five inches or less in diameter) along the east side of Union earthworks from Spangler's Spring area to the summit of Culp's Hill. Selected larger diameter trees, growing within the earthworks, were felled. In addition to the increased visibility within the woodlot, additional interpretive signage and improved visitor access is being provided to historically significant features along the battlelines. It's pleasing to know that such attention to detail is now a prime concern-Editor.

The 137th was placed in the 3rd Brigade of the Second Division of the 12th Corps the brigade fought well at *Sharpsburg* but was in reserve at *Fredericksburg*. Then came *Chancellorsville*. The brigade was commanded by old *Pop Greene*, (*George S. Greene 1801-99*). Now my friends this fellow thinks a lot of *G. S. Greene* and *George* surpassed himself at *Gettysburg* on the second day. He was ably supported by *Dave Ireland*, along with a reduced brigade, they fought off Confederate attacks all day at *Culp's Hill*, by "*Old Alleghany*" himself Confederate General *Edward Johnson*. The Confederate attack was finally destroyed by *David* leading two bayonet attacks. In other words *Greene* and *Ireland* were doing up at one end of the line just what *Colonel Strong Vincent* and *Lawrence Chamberlain* were doing down at the *Round Tops*. Now my friends I am not decrying the *Vincent Chamberlain* effort-all credit to them, but the effort by *Greene* and *Ireland* was second to none and along with *Warren*, *Hunt*, *Robinson* and *McGillivray*. They my friends are the true heroes of this battle. "*Hang on John, what about Ringgold Gap?*" Sorry my friends, but *Ireland's* role in *Chancellorsville* and *Gettysburg* show you a chap who is sure to move on up, but back to **Ringgold Gap**, well how did that happen?

Major General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne, C.S.A. painting at the Tennessee State Museum (Nashville)-Editor.



The answer my friends is fairly easy; *Greene*, *Ireland* and 2nd Division Commander *John Geary 1819-73*, were sent under the command of '*Fighting Joe Hooker*' way out west to *Chattanooga* to help the western armies turn the *Chickamauga* defeat around. They started out by attacking at *Wauhatchie*. It was here that *Greene* was wounded very badly in the face



and *David Ireland* was now placed in command of *3rd Brigade*. Fighting continued with the assault on the right of *General Bragg's* line towards *Missionary Ridge* but in the end it was the *Army of the Cumberland* who dealt the coup-de-grace to *Bragg* who suffered the greatest defeat, almost so far in the whole war. (*Careful John your Northern bias is being evidenced here*).

Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne sits on Winstead Hill, about two miles south of Franklin, TN, just before the attack. Franklin and the Army of the Ohio entrenched around it are in the background. The Columbia Pike can also be seen running north to the town. The men of the 33rd Alabama Infantry of Brig. Gen. Mark P. Lowrey's Brigade stand just behind Cleburne. Probably around this moment was when Cleburne uttered his famous words to Brig. Gen. Daniel C. Govan, "Well, Govan, if we are to die, let us die like men." Painting by David Wright-Editor.

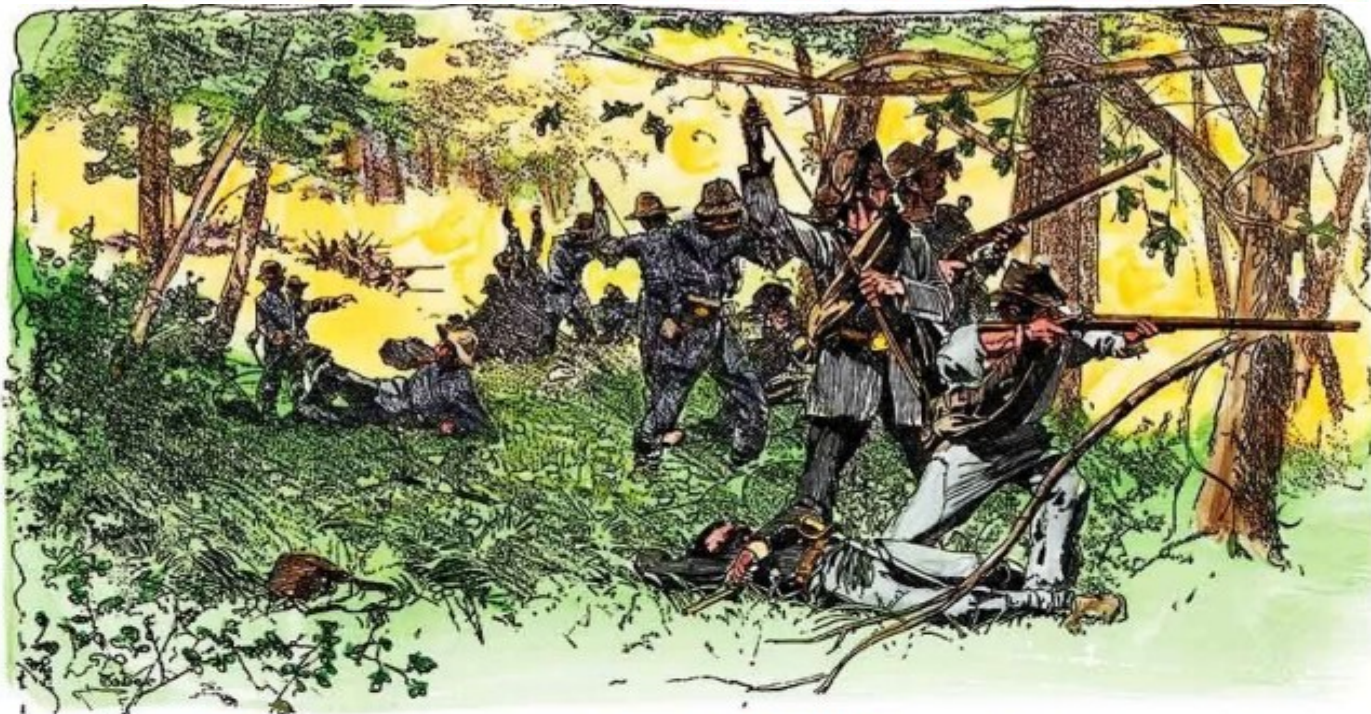
It was Patrick Cleburne's greatest day when he fought off General Sherman on Bragg's right, allowing the Confederate Army to just 'skedaddle'. Somehow or other Bragg needed to get his army through Ringgold

Gap to be safe and it was a no brainer as to who would have to hold against Joe Hooker and pursuing Federals. Yes you guessed it, Patrick Cleburne. Cleburne's, "Hold them off at the gap!" was like his recent effort at Missionary Ridge, judged a great Confederate victory, as Bragg got clean away. But towards the end, it was the 3rd Brigade Commander David Ireland who led the attack against Cleburne, who had just been given orders to retreat, along with the rest of the Confederate army.

Soon General Sherman was leading his army group south towards Atlanta and David Ireland was confirmed 3rd Brigade Commander. Fighting with Sherman, he was wounded at Resaca, but returned in time for Peach Tree Creek. Along with the Federal force David Ireland entered Atlanta but sadly no Confederate bullet could take David out, it was the dreaded Atlanta dysentery germs that finally ended his life on September the 10th 1864. He had married a Miss Phelps in 1863, expecting to bring home a star, he left only a widow. So my friends, what do you think of David Ireland? I do think I have put a reasonable case for us to recognize his efforts along with the 137th and 3rd Brigade. Finding a famous or heroic Federal name for the battle of Richmond will be a bit harder but as has often been said before, watch this space-John Duncan, BAVT, MHSA, Fellow ACWRTQ, MHDG.

"Cleburne's division gained a name at Ringold Gap, in which they not only slew the victorious army, but captured five thousand prisoners besides. That brilliant victory of Cleburne's made him not only the best General of the Army of Tennessee and covered his men with the glory and honor of heroes but checked the advance of Grant's whole army-Sam R. Watkins Co H. 1st Tennessee". (Page 134, published Providence House Publishers). Cleburne's strategic ability gained him the nickname "Stonewall of the West". He was mortally wounded during a frontal assault near the Carter Cotton Gin at the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee on November 30th, 1864-Editor.

The Battle of Chickamauga



18 September 1863, Bragg's men fire from a tree line during the Battle of Chickamauga. Such picturesque settings soon turned into blood baths. A significant Union defeat, the second highest casualty rate after Gettysburg. This unknown artist sketched several similar images, used in this journal before. (North Wind Picture Archive/Alamy Stock Photo)-Editor.



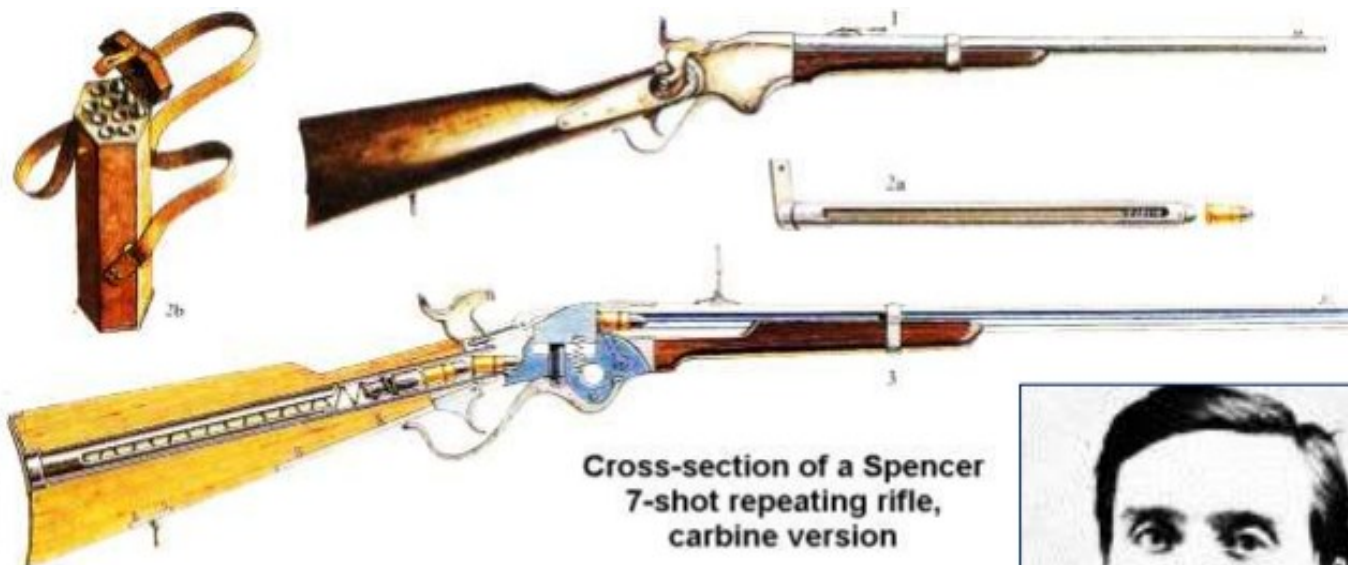
he Battle of Chickamauga was fought September 18–20, 1863 between Union and Confederate forces; three days that marked the end of a Union offensive. Known as the “Chickamauga Campaign”, fought in south-eastern Tennessee and north-western Georgia. Not only was it the first major battle of the war fought in Georgia, it was the most significant Union defeat in the *Western Theatre*, involving the second-highest number of casualties after *Gettysburg*. The forces lined up against each other were the *Army of the Cumberland* commanded by Maj. Gen. *William Rosecrans* and the *Army of Tennessee* commanded by Gen. *Braxton Bragg* (Bragg featured in our previous issue). It was of such significance that it's worth our Australian members studying the battle further and committing some of its statistics to memory for future discussions. The battle takes its name from *Chickamauga Creek* and refers to two short tributaries that join *Tennessee River* 5.6 km northeast of downtown *Chattanooga, Tennessee*. The creek meanders peacefully through the battle area in north-west Georgia. Roughly translated, *Chickamauga*, in *Cherokee*, means “*River of Death*”. It was deep, tree-lined, and bordered by rocky banks. Most of the battle scenes were in thickets that, according to a historian were, “*A bristling, sticky, irritating obstacle*”. Combat was to shatter that tranquil scene on the 18th as the two armies faced off along both sides of the underbrush-choked *West Chickamauga Creek*. Bragg's army was finally able to make multiple crossings of the creek in the face of determined resistance by Union units. *Colonel John T. Wilder's* mounted infantry “*Lightning Brigade*”, armed with the excellent *Spencer seven-shot repeating rifles*, turned back an attempt by *Walker's Corps* to cross at *Alexander's Bridge*.

Looking for New Recruits!

When was the last time you tried to recruit new members for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Brig/Gen Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp?
Do you ever approach anyone and ask if they are interested? Try it once in awhile and you will find that there are prospective members waiting to hear about our organization.
Don't just wait for someone to ask you first.

Lead the Charge!

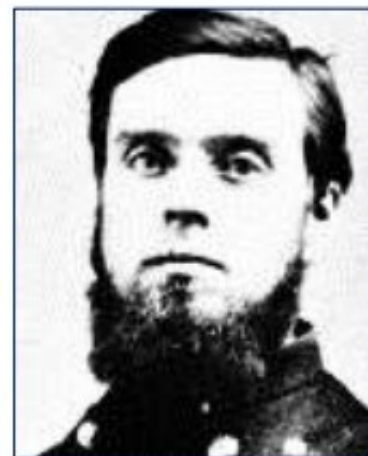




Cavalry Carbines
 1: Model 1865 .52 Spencer carbine
 2a: Sprung loading tube
 2b: Blakeslee cartridge box

Cross-section of a Spencer
 7-shot repeating rifle,
 carbine version

Insert: Col. John T. Wilder.



Another unit, the *21st Ohio*, demonstrated the usefulness of repeating rifles at "*Horseshoe Ridge*". These men were armed with *Colt* repeaters and were vital to holding the last Union stronghold on the field. Carnage, caused by the rifles, shocked even the Union men firing them. After the battle, *Wilder* said, "*It actually seemed a pity to kill men so. They fell in heaps; and I had it in my heart to order the firing to cease, to end the awful sight*".



Chickamauga Creek belies its scenes of horror and mayhem. Here is the battle zone seen in 1867, its serenity reclaimed. This is "*Crawfish Springs*", where fighting began in Georgia. (*Wikipedia Photograph Library Congress Collection*)-Editor.

After a day of mostly inconclusive fighting, both sides were confused and hampered, stumbling blindly in the dense woods, searching for each other's weakness and flanks. Not surprisingly, neither side gained any significant advantage, although *Bragg* successfully got his army onto the creek's west side. *Bragg*'s plan for 19 September, supported his tactically sound overall plan, that of flanking *Rosecrans* on the north (the Union's left) and pushing him southwest away from *Chattanooga*. *Bragg* badly misjudged the Union's northernmost positions, *General Thomas*' units had already reinforced *Crittenden*, seizing good defensive terrain. This resulted in locally fierce attacks that, by sundown, had pushed Union forces west, though they still held along a strong, generally north-south line, about a mile west of the creek.

Hheavy fighting began on the morning of the 19th, *Bragg*'s men strongly attacking the Union line but unable to break it. The next day, *Bragg* resumed his assault. Late in the morning, *Rosecrans* was misinformed there was a gap in his line. By moving units to shore up the supposed gap, *Rosecrans* accidentally created a real gap, directly in the path of an eight-brigade assault on a narrow front by Confederate *Lt. Gen. James Longstreet*, whose corps had been detached from the *Army of Northern Virginia*. In the resulting rout, *Longstreet*'s attack drove one-third of the Union army, including *Rosecrans*, from the field in disarray. Union units spontaneously rallied to create a defensive line on *Horseshoe Ridge* ("Snodgrass Hill"), forming a new right wing for the line of *Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas*, who in the absence of *Rosecrans*, assumed overall command of remaining forces. Although Confederates launched costly and determined assaults, *Thomas* and his men held on until twilight. Union forces then retired to *Chattanooga*. Triumphant, the Confederates occupied surrounding heights and besieged the city. *Gen. George H. Thomas* earned the name "*The Rock of Chickamauga*" for his steadfast defence of "*Horseshoe Ridge*".



BATTLE OF CHICKAMAUGA.

This is how Louis Kurz (Ludwig Ferdinand Joseph Kurz von Goldenstein) depicted the battle. The picture was published by W. J. Root, Kurz and Allison, major publishers of chromolithographs in the late 19th century. Based in Chicago, they built their reputation on large prints, published in the mid-1880s depicting battles of the war-Editor.

During a period of recollection and reunions among veterans, Louis Kurz's company was trying to capitalise on the sentiment.

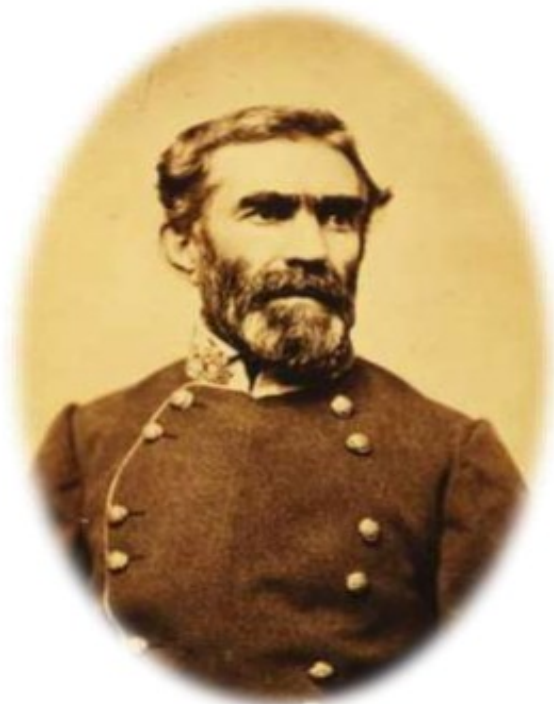
In all, a set of thirty-six battle scenes were published from designs by Louis Kurz (1835–1921) himself a veteran of the war. Kurz, a native of Salzburg in Austria, had emigrated to the United States in 1848. The prints were over heroic and highly inaccurate, considered naive fantasies; they were and are still much sought after. They didn't pretend to mirror actual events but rather attempted to tap people's patriotic emotions. When the Spanish-American War broke out in 1898, the company again created several large prints of major battles. They did the same for the Philippine-American War. Later conflicts, such as the Russo-Japanese War also proved to be lucrative when they released similar works of art. War has always proved to be a profitable enterprise. Kurz (Shown on the right)-Editor.



This young lad was just one of the many stories to spring from the battle. The caption for this 1866 illustration of John Clem from Newark, Ohio, states that he probably was the youngest person who ever bore arms in battle. He was the stuff of legends, many not necessarily true. This drawing is from a photo taken of John Clem in Cincinnati-Editor.

In May 1861 when *President Abraham Lincoln* issued the call for volunteers to serve a three year term in the Union, one of those who tried to answer the call was Ohio resident *John Clem*. At that time, not even aged 10, his service was refused by the newly formed *3rd Ohio*. Undeterred, *Clem* later tried to join the *22nd Michigan*, where his persistence won over the unit's officers. They agreed to let him follow the regiment, adopting him as mascot and unofficial drummer boy. Officers also chipped in to pay his monthly salary of thirteen dollars before he was finally placed on the official enlistment roll in 1863.

It was on 20 September, in the chaos of *Chickamauga*, that little *Clem* achieved national celebrity status. Armed with a specially cut down musket, enabling him to shoulder the weapon, *Clem* was with the *22nd Michigan* in defence of "*Horseshoe Ridge*". As Confederate forces surrounded the unit, according to various sources, a Confederate colonel spotted *Clem* and shouted either, "*I think the best thing a mite of a chap like you can do is drop that gun*", or called him, "*damned little Yankee devil*". Rather than surrender, *Clem* shot the colonel and successfully made his way back to the Union lines. For his actions, the young lad was promoted to sergeant, the youngest soldier ever to become a non-commissioned officer in the U.S. Army, and became known as "*The Drummer Boy of Chickamauga*".



C.S.A General Braxton Bragg.



U.S. General George H. Thomas "The Rock".



The Drummer Boy of Chickamauga. 13 August 1851-13 May 1937. He earned the respect of Presidents and carved out a life for himself in the U.S. Army. He is pictured here in more mature years-Editor.

Clem's legend grew way beyond his stature following the battle, although some stories were no doubt romanticised and sensationalised. One holds that his drum was destroyed at the "*Battle of Shiloh*", earning him the nickname "*Johnny Shiloh*" and serving as inspiration for the song, "*The Drummer Boy of Shiloh*". However, Clem's unit 22nd Michigan, wasn't mustered until the summer after the *Battle of Shiloh*, making it impossible for Clem to see action with that regiment. However he got more than his share of action, Clem went on to fight at *Perryville*, *Murfreesboro*, *Kennesaw* and *Atlanta*, where he was twice wounded. Aged 13

he was discharged from the Army in 1864. In 1870, Clem sought to re-enlist, by this time Grant had become President, seeing the potential in the lad he nominated Clem for *West Point*. However Clem failed the entrance exam several times before Grant then appointed him 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Clem enjoyed a successful second military career, rising to the rank of colonel and assistant quartermaster general by 1906. He retired on the eve of U.S. entry into World War I with the rank of major general, the last civil war veteran to actively serve in the U.S. Army. Clem died in 1937 and is buried at *Arlington National Cemetery*.

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The Chickamauga Battlefield was significant in setting the trend for education and preservation of heritage, when it became the very first *National Military Park*. Towards the end of the 19th century, civil war veterans on both sides, including the *Society of the Army of the Cumberland* and the *Chickamauga Memorial Association*, rallied support for creating a national park to preserve the battlefield at Chickamauga, including nearby sites at *Lookout Mountain* and *Missionary Ridge*. Congressman Charles H. Grosvenor (who commanded the 18th Ohio at Chickamauga) introduced the Bill in Congress in 1890; in August that year, it was signed by then President (and fellow civil war veteran) Benjamin Harrison. Dedicated on the 32nd anniversary of Battle of Chickamauga in 1895, the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park became the very first such park established by the Federal government, it was soon followed by Shiloh, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, and Antietam.

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LT. GENERAL STEPHEN DILL LEE, COMMANDER GENERAL,
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