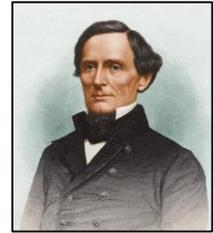


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BEAUVOIR - PRESIDENT JEFFERSON DAVIS' LAST HOME

June 3, 1808 - December 6, 1889



COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Before his death in 1864, General Patrick Cleburne said "Surrender means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the War; will be impressed by all the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision."



Over the past 160 years we have seen those words

ring true. Once noble southern institutions of higher learning steeped in southern traditions are now breeding ground for re-education. Professors who call for a safe space for all backgrounds and ideologies are nothing more than hypocrites and locusts. The only tradition they practice is that of the continued of subjugating the south and destroying its youth. Instead of bullets to kill they use false history to poison the minds of the south's future. All while claiming to be

accepting the cultural heritage of every group..... except for the southern males. In their eyes, we should cease to exist. In their eyes, love and devotion to values of faith, family, and freedom should be mocked eradicated. In their eyes, our culture, history, and heritage that binds us together

as a people should be erased.

However, like our forefathers before us, we in the Sons of Confederate Veterans refuse to be subjugated any further. Like our ancestors, "all we ask is to be left alone." However, that is not good enough anymore. Recently the monuments to our ancestors have been placed under attack. Our ancestor's good names have been dragged through the mud. Enough is enough.

The SCV was originally founded as a fraternal organization made up of the real sons and grandsons of those noble confederate soldiers. However, in 1906 our organization changed when we were given a charge:

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

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

From that moment on we advanced to become the world's largest confederate veteran rights organization in the world. Our ranks have included Presidents, senators, congressmen, athletes, and celebrities all bound by a common thread our birthright as southern men, and fighting for a common goal. Honor due to our ancestors.

159 years ago, central Mississippi was invaded by a foreign horde. Blue clad soldiers entered the homes and farms stealing what they could and laying waste to the rest. Determined but outnumbered men from all over the south gave their lives to drive this onslaught of destruction back. They fought and died at places like Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Baker's Creek (Champion's Hill), and the banks of the Big Black River. We honor their memories, we revere their sacrifices, and we will fight for them.

George Conor Bond, Commander

Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans



1ST LT. COMMANDER'S REPORT

Compatriots,

Hope all of you are doing well and you are doing what needs to be done to get around this federal government interference with our lives once again.



I hope some of you if not all of you have been able to watch and share some of our Division Commander Bond's Facebook live events that he has been hosting. First thing I would like to do is commend Commander Bond for holding our first Live Mississippi Division Confederate Memorial Day Service in Columbus, MS a few weeks ago. It was an honor for me to have just a small part in it. It was also great having our past MS Division Commander Jeff Barnes, AOT Commander Jason Boshers, and Alabama Division Commander Carl Jones in attendance. The great speeches given by Mr. Boshers and Mr. Jones were right on point. Also, it would be a dishonor to not say thanks to the ladies in attendance especially my wife for letting me do what I do and support what I do!

Compatriots, we can get the truth out there if we will only give just a little of our time and let the technology do the work for us. This one event was seen by over 19,000 people! While I'm at it I also need to do a plug for the Make Dixie Great Again Campaign spearheaded by the Kennedy Brothers and our very own National CIC Paul Gramling. These men have put a lot of work in to making our duty of Living The Charge and spreading the truth so much easier.

In closing don't forget our Mississippi Division Reunion in Vicksburg will now be August 21-23. Hope to see you all there!

Deo Vindice!

YOS,

Stan Rhoda
1st. Lt. Commander
Mississippi Division SCV
SGT."Smiley"
SCVMC1G



2nd LT. COMMANDER'S REPORT

Hello Compatriots from the North East corner of the Great State of Mississippi. Hope all are well and surviving Covid-19. It would be interesting to know if any of our 1700 plus members have tested positive.



Commander Bond has/is putting together some great Podcast. If you get a chance, please tune in and listen to the history lesson.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 125th National Convention in St Augustine, FL July 15-18, 2020. If you have not made plans, there's still time. This is an election year for National officers, and we have a division member running for Commander in Chief.

We have our State Reunion coming up August 21-23. General John C Pemberton Camp# 1354 will be hosting the Reunion in Vicksburg. This will be a great location and Reunion. Send your money in today.

I have had the opportunity to visit a couple Camps in NE MS and the Shiloh Camp in Shiloh, TN, and present programs.

Thanks to all of you that are living the Charge.

Dennis M. Brown

2nd Lt Commander

MS Division Sons of Confederate Veterans.



ADJUTANT'S REPORT

Gentlemen of the Mississippi Division,

I am happy to report that our current active membership stands at 1,733, which is up 1 from my March report and up 40 over the number of 1,693 as reported at the time of the Division reunion last June.



Unfortunately, we continue to suffer from attrition. In the past fiscal year, we have lost approximately 219 members due to non-renewal. We all need to

work harder at engaging our members and keeping them active. Lt. C-I-C Larry McCluney has had several good articles in recent editions of the *Confederate Veteran* that have common sense processes for retaining members. Please take the time to read those articles and apply the concepts in your Camps.

The 125th Annual Reunion of the Mississippi Division is scheduled for August 21-23 in Vicksburg and is being hosted by LTG John C. Pemberton Camp #1354. Information about the Reunion is readily available on the Division website and Facebook pages, as well as on the Pemberton Camp website and Facebook page. I would like to encourage as many members as possible to register for the Reunion. The Pemberton Camp has worked very hard to put together a great program that no one should miss.

Without sounding like a broken record, I would like to take this opportunity to once again remind all Camp Commanders and Adjutants that your Annual Camp Report is due to your Brigade Commander no later than Friday, May 1, 2020. Please email or send me a copy of your report. My email and home address are given below. Brigade Commanders and other members of the Division Executive Council should ensure that their respective reports (Camp reports included) are received by the LTG John C. Pemberton Camp #1354 no later than Monday, June 1, 2020.

Gentlemen, it continues to be an honor and a privilege to serve you as Division Adjutant. Please feel free to contact me for assistance at any time.

In the bonds of the Old South,

Mike Moore, Adjutant
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Sons of Confederate Veterans
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CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to use this space to offer our sincere congratulations to Compatriot Mike Moore. He is a member of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOSB), Past Society (state) Commander and currently serves as Adjutant General for the National organization of the MOSB.

Recently, Mike's hard work and dedication were recognized with his receipt of this year's General Joseph E. Johnston Award (Gold Star) for the Army of Tennessee, Military Order of the Stars and Bars. This is the Order's second highest award.

Congratulations, Mike, on your commitment and being the recipient of this high recognition.



DIVISION CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE

April 25, 2020

There is an old saying that from all bad comes some good. In this case, the COVID-19 is the bad and the good is how some have learned to improvise.

Since the Annual Confederate Memorial Service could be held this year due to COVID-19, Division Commander Conor Bond improvised and a Division Confederate Memorial Service was held. However, it was not held with a large number physically present.

Commander Bond organized a videotaping of a group in the Friendship Cemetery, Columbus, Mississippi. They met at the gravesite of Lt. General Stephen D. Lee and held a televised service honoring our Confederate ancestors.

This Memorial Service and other video-tapings can be found on Commander Bond's website, the Army of Tennessee and others. Commander Bond's page can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/conor.bond1>



(Left to Right):

Carl Jones, AL Division Commander;
Jeff Barnes, Immediate Past MS Division Cmdr.;
Conor Bond, MS Division Commander;
Stanley Rhoda, 1st Lt. Commander, MS Div;
Jason Boshers, Army of TN Dept. Commander.



COMMANDER BOND DELIVERS OPEN REMARKS



COMMANDER JONES BRINGS GREETINGS



**COMMANDER BOSHERS DELIVERS
KEYNOTE ADDRESS**



**PAST DIVISION COMMANDER BARNES
LEADS ALL IN SINGING OF "DIXIE"**



GRAVE OF GENERAL STEPHEN D. LEE

Appreciation is expressed to Commander Forrest Daws and his son, Forrest Daws, Jr., of Waynesboro, for video-tapping the Service, to the wives and others who gathered

ed for the Service. Our thanks to R. Jackson Photo for the photographs above.

As Army of Tennessee Commander Jason Boshers said: "Even though we cannot join together in person; we can virtually."



MAKING THE BEST OF A BAD SITUATION

The bad situation, as we all know, is the inability for camps to meet monthly due to the COVID-19 virus. So, what can camps do.

Commander Billy Bryant and the members of the Rankin Greys Camp 2278, Florence, made the best out of a bad situation. It is an idea that is usable while we cannot have regular meetings but also as Commander Bond did with a special event, the Confederate Memorial service.

"For the last 2 months we have not been able to have our camp meetings in person. What we are doing is conducting them via the Zoom app. Tonight we had about 20 people attend the meeting and had AOT Commander Jason Boshers speak. We were also joined by our CIC Paul Gramling and our first lady Lynda Gramling.

Hopefully we will be able to have our June meeting back at Los Cazadores. I want to thank Commander Boshers and all that attended."

Billy Bryant

Camps can use the procedure used by the Rankin Greys to share camp meetings and speakers with members who are unable to attend meetings.

In addition, the same procedure and/or video-taping can be used for Division special events such as Fall Muster, etc. All members are unable to attend all functions at Beauvoir.

Members could, by utilizing these events, gain a stronger interest in Division and Camp functions. One last importance is we would have a recorded history of events within Camps and Division.

Commander-in-Chief has made a great start on this with his recordings and sharing them while he has been Commander-in-Chief.



ON THE NATIONAL FRONT



**Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling with
SCV Executive Director Adam Southern**

CIC Gramling presents a check (20% of his stimulus check) to Executive Director, Adam

Southern, for our National Confederate Museum. He is also presenting a check on behalf of his parents, Paul & Betty Gramling, Sr. CIC Gramling will not ask the membership to do anything he will not do himself.

CIC Gramling presents two checks to Executive Director, Adam Southern, for the National Confederate Museum. One from the Rankin Greys, Florence, MS, for \$1,100.... and the second one from Tommy Holmes, Carthage, TX.

Thank you, gentlemen for these gracious donations!!!!



GENERAL AND MRS. N B. FORREST
NO DATE AND TIME HAVE BEEN SET YET. AS SOON AS WE DO, WE WILL ADVISE YOU.



CIC Gramling presents a Life Membership Certificate to MS Division Commander, Bond.....Conor..Bond

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DEDICATION OF SCV MUSEUM
And
REINTERMENT OF

ANNOUNCING!

The 125th SCV Anniversary Book

We will feature the history of the SCV, member's ancestor memorials, our new museum and more all in an 8.5 x 11 inch hardback book printed in full color inside and out!

Each submission should be no more than 200 words and you can have two photos, one of your ancestor and one of you, or two ancestors. All entries must be e-mailed, no hard copies. Don't send original photos, only copies. Digital photos must be 300 dpi. Deadline for member submissions is November 1, 2020. Books will be ready for our 126th Reunion in Metairie, LA, July 21-24, 2021.

Please e-mail all submissions to 125th@scv.org

Captain Don Green sent the following notice:

SAVE THE DATE
FOR
THE REBURIAL AND CONFEDERATE MILITARY
FUNERAL OF
LT. ANDREW JACKSON BUTTRAM
MUNFORD, ALABAMA
JUNE 26-27, 2020

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FRIDAY TO INCLUDE:
INFANTRY DEMONSTRATIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, LT. BUTTRAM'S
REMAINS LYING IN STATE (BEGINS AT 4PM), EVENING CONCERT BY
ALABAMA'S LEGENDARY "3 ON A STRING" AND EMMY AWARD WINNING
"UNRECONSTRUCTED" PROCEEDS BENEFITING MUNFORD VETERANS
MONUMENT

SATURDAY TO INCLUDE:
PERIOD SERVICES HELD IN A CHURCH BUILT IN 1851, MARCHING FUNERAL
PROCESSION, AND GRAVESIDE SERVICES WITH A REBURIAL WELCOMING
200+ BUTTRAM FAMILY MEMBERS

**REENACTORS NEEDED- PLEASE EMAIL
BUTTRAMFUNERAL@GMAIL.COM TO SIGN UP**

HOTEL INFO:
LA QUINTA , OXFORD, ALABAMA
PHONE NUMBER (256) 241-0950
USE CODE "TOWN OF MUNFORD" TO GET THE DISCOUNT.

**FOLLOW US @ FACEBOOK.COM/BUTTRAMFUNERAL/
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

PROUDLY HOSTED BY THE SAMUEL C. KELLY CAMP NO. 454,
ALABAMA DIVISION SCV & THE TOWN OF MUNFORD, ALABAMA



DIVISION NEWS

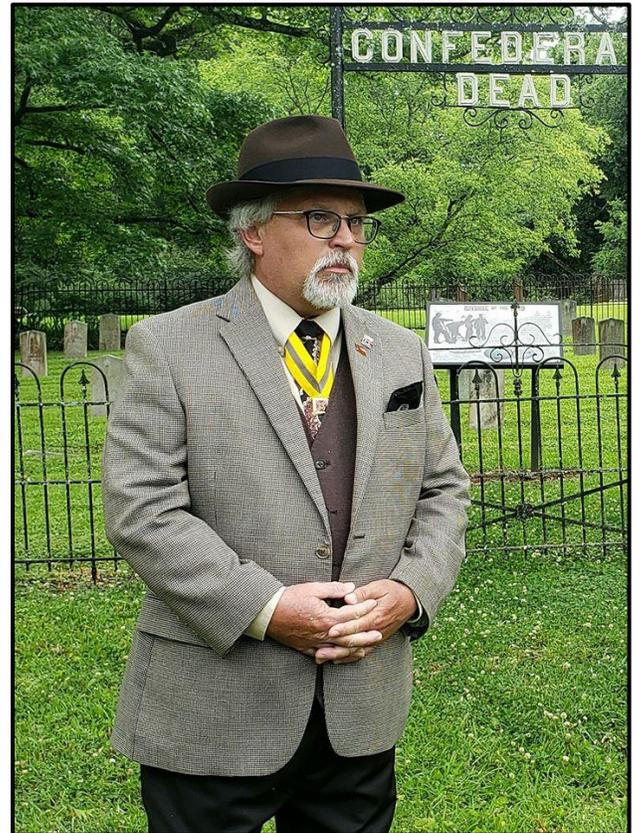
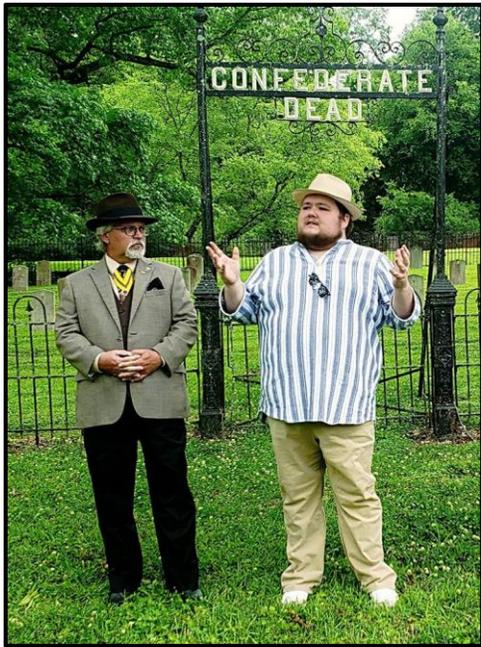
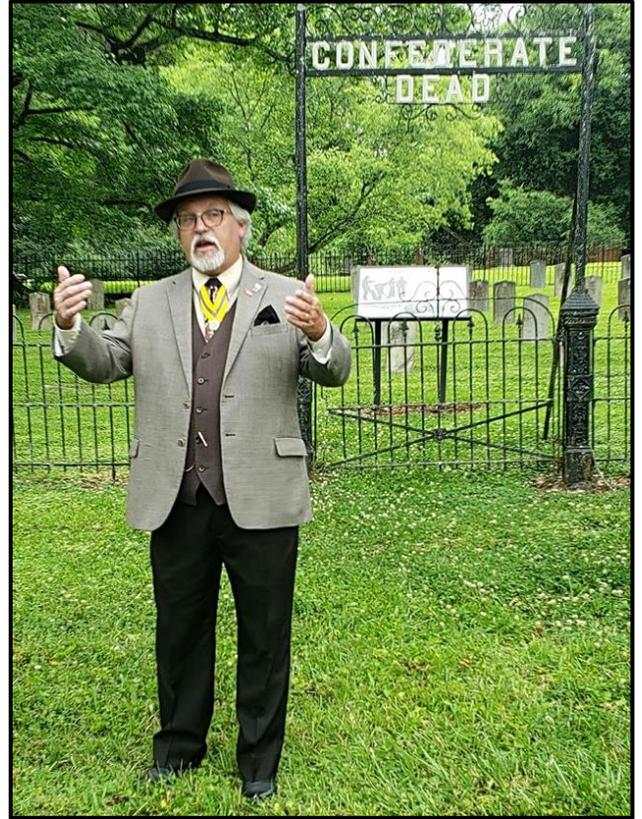


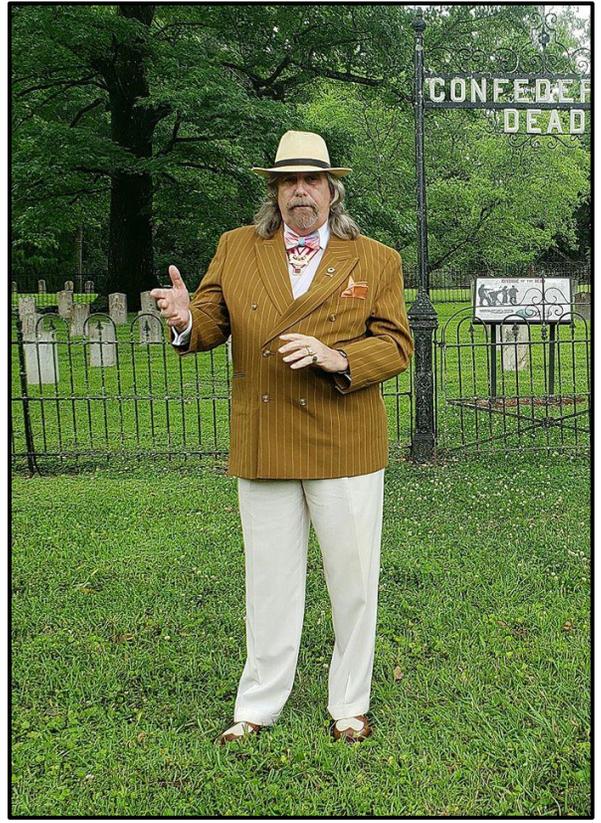
CONFEDERATE DEAD CEMETERY RAYMOND, MS

Our Thanks to Rick Hall, Bruce Warren and Mrs. Suzy White for the following pictures of the ceremony.



L - R - AOT Commander Jason Boshers, Ms Division Commander Conor Bond and CIC Paul Gramling







Teaching The Child



CIC Gramling proposing a toast to our Confederate Ancestors



Commander Billy Bryant Commander of the Rankin Greys presents a check from his camp to CIC Gramling for the Confederate Museum at Elm Springs in the amount of \$1100. Salute Rankin Greys.



Lt Billy Bryant SCVMC 1G swearing in Bill DePriest and Brock Sprayberry



SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

This is a poem C.I.C. Paul Gramling shared with us:

*THE GREY RIDERS ARE GONE, BUT YET THEY REMAIN.
ASLEEP IN OUR SOIL, AND ALIVE IN OUR VEINS.
UNTOUCHED BY FIRE, UNTOUCHED BY FROST,
THEY WHISPER WITHIN US,
"OUR CAUSE IS NOT LOST."*

-Unknown

(Thanks to Billy Bryant for forwarding this.)



CHAMPION HILL



AOT Commander Jason Boshers, Ms Division Commander Conor Bond and CIC Paul Gramling at Champion Hill



(L - R) Harrison Daws, AOT Commander Jason Boshers, Ms Division Commander Conor Bond, CIC Paul Gramling, East Ms Greys Commander Bruce Warren and Waynesboro Camp Commander Forrest Daws at Champion Hill Coker House at Champion Hill



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MISSISSIPPI DIVISION REUNION AUGUST 21-23, 2020

To all Compatriots of the Mississippi Division:

The John C. Pemberton Camp is honored to host the 2020 Ms. Division Reunion in Vicksburg. As you all know by now, it has been rescheduled for the weekend of **August 21-23, 2020**. There are now updated Registration pages on the Division website and on the Pemberton Camp website. We are taking Pre-Registration now and the deadline for early registration has been moved to **June 15**. After that date, the price for Registration goes from \$50 to \$55.

Also, if you have not made Motel reservations, there are 4 area motels that are giving Group Rates and these rates are good until July 15.

If you have already made your reservations, all you have to do is contact the motel and have them move the date over from June to August. There should be no problem as all 4 motels have been notified of the change.

Every SCV member has at least one Ancestor from which he is in the organization. For an additional \$10 you can add a memorial to your ancestor that is put into our program.

We in the Pemberton Camp have been working hard on this reunion and we look forward to seeing all of you in Vicksburg on August 21-23.

If you haven't gotten your Registration form in, please do so before June 15. The address to send it is on the Registration form.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or email me at the numbers on the forms.

See you in Vicksburg,

Edward Campbell, Commander
John C. Pemberton Camp 1354
Vicksburg, Ms.

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Updated forms have been placed on our Camp website,

<http://scv-camp-1354.com/>,

and our Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/scvcamp1354/>.

We are now asking you on the registration form if you plan to attend Friday night's Commanders Reception to indicate your attendance and how many will attend. We are also asking all members to honor their ancestor with a \$10 ancestor memorial to be placed in the Reunion program. Every SCV member has at least one ancestor through whom you joined this organization. Please honor that ancestor by placing his name and military unit in the program.

IMPORTANT EVENT



CSS Arkansas Memorial Dedication

Sunday 9:00 am

Memorial Service & Soldier's Rest

CSS Arkansas Memorial Dedication

Vicksburg Cemetery



BEAUVOIR UPDATE

This is in my capacity as President of the Board of Beauvoir. For the upcoming Division newsletter, we would like to suggest that if people want to support Beauvoir while it is closed to visitors due to the

virus, the online gift shop is open. We would like to encourage the men of the Division to shop for their wives, mother's, etc, for Mother's Day on the Beauvoir website and to ask for gifts from the website for Father's Day.

Thanks,
Marc Thompson, President

Breaking News!!

BEAUVOIR WILL BE WELCOMING VISITORS BEGINNING JUNE 1ST.

From Mrs. Kitsaa Stevens and Terry "Beetle" Bailey:

Good Times Return to Beauvoir

Beauvoir is set to reopen on June 1, 2020. We are excited about this and certainly look forward to seeing you at our beloved Beauvoir.

On June 6th and 7th we will celebrate the reopening and commemorate the birthday of President Jefferson Davis. As part of these festivities we are inviting our reenactors and living historians to camp at Beauvoir for the weekend. This is an opportunity for fellowship, drill and grill, and to present living history to our guests.

We encourage you to come in on Friday, June 5th, and set up your camps.

Be advised that there is no firewood available at Beauvoir at the preset time. Our volunteers have brought some in but it is still green. With that being said the Fall Muster Committee would be appreciative of anyone who wanted to donate firewood for the 2020 Fall Muster in October.

Our living history program is only one part of this busy weekend. The twice delayed 25th Annual VW Car Show will take place that same weekend on the beautiful, shady grounds of Beauvoir. Admission to the car show

is free as well as the parking. Food vendors are being recruited for the event. There will be a per-show cruise-in on Friday evening, June 5th.

You can also tour the grounds and buildings for a small fee.

Adults-\$12.50; Seniors and Military-\$10.00; Youth 6 to 18-\$7.50; and under 5 is free.

Make your plans now to visit or participate in our celebration and commemoration at Beauvoir on the

weekend of June 6th. We do not believe you will be disappointed.

Social distancing will be maintained as much as possible as well as following safe health protocols.

See y'all soon at our favorite playground, the President's yard.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are having a Birthday!! Jefferson Davis 212th. Living history with cannon and musket fire. Cupcakes for our guests.

JUNE 6th: Reenactors are welcome at the Beauvoir property for living history. Camping on the grounds in the Fall Muster field. Please practice all COVID-19 safety measures. Whether the property's open to the public or not.



MS Volkswagen car club will be holding their annual fundraiser in the east field. Whether the property is open to the public or not. Reenactors are encouraged to mingle with the guest and car club folks.

JULY 18th: COASTFEST and car show in the West Field.

Reenactors are encouraged to attend this event in period dress. Also, we need 10-15 people for judging. I will need the Fall



Muster Committee to man the beer booth and solicit funds in the Fall Muster Tip Box.

The show will be on the beautiful grounds of Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd., Biloxi MS. Beautiful grassy grounds with trees for shade. Across the street from the beach with the possibility of a nice sea breeze. Admission to the show is free, parking

is free. Food vendors are being recruited. Pre-Show Cruise-in Friday evening, June 5th

There is also an event being held by Beauvoir on the same day. Tour the grounds and buildings for a small admission fee:

- Adults: \$12.50..
- Seniors & Military: \$10.00...
- Young adults 6-18:\$7.50
- Children 5 and under: FREE

SEPTEMBER 5th: We are having our **Chuck Bond Run for Roses** Poker Run



PLEASE NOTE: THE DATE ON THE FLYER IS DIFFERENT DUE HAVING TO BE POSTPONED

Fall Muster Committee to assist with admission and to solicit funds for Fall Muster.

SEPTEMBER 12: Private event from 9pm-1am. Period dress men and ladies. Free food and drinks. Mingle with the guest to promote Beauvoir and demonstrate, discuss living history, musket fire (possible)

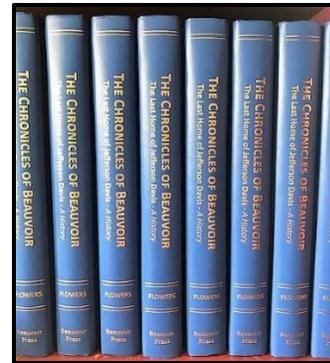
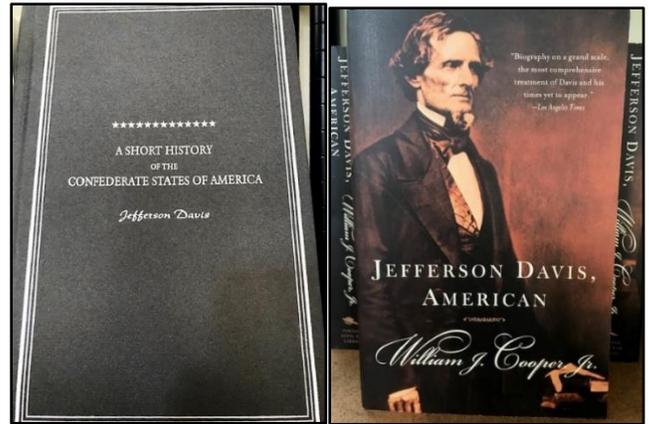
REMEMBER!

FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 21

NOT TOO LATE!

Don't forget your FATHER'S DAY gifts. Beauvoir is a great place to get those special gifts for your special people.

www.visitbeauvoir.org,
giftshop@beauvoir.org or
 call 228-388-4400, ext. 215



JUST TAKE THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR PURCHASE!

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)

Example:
 Pvt. JAMES W.
 McCluney
 6th MS CAV, CO. F

Honor your confederate Ancestors or your SCV/UDC member that has passed-on by purchasing an Ancestral Memorial Brick for \$50.00 each in the Memorial sidewalk of the Confederate Cemetery at Beauvoir. Phase one of the walkway is complete and we are starting phase two.

Each brick that you purchase will be engraved with your ancestor's 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 Soldier at Beauvoir, phase one of the program.

Make Checks out for \$50.00 per brick to:

BRICKS FOR BEAUVOIR
MAIL TO: BRICKS FOR BEAUVOIR
2244 BEACH BLVD
BILOXI, MS. 39531

Please include all your contact information as we will be mailing you a letter stating that we received your information for your brick.



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VARINA'S ROSES



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HONORING OUR GRADUATES

MAKENAH'S AWARD

Makenah Hollice Cox graduates Pre K at Funtime

Preschool, Clinton Ms.

Makenah is the granddaughter of East Ms Greys Commander Bruce Warren



NOTICE TO MEMBERS: IF YOU HAVE A SON, DAUGHTER OR OTHER FAMILY MEMBER WHO IS DUE TO GRADUATE THIS YEAR, FEEL FREE TO SEND THIS EDITOR A PICTURE AND OTHER INFORMATION SO THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THIS.

COMMANDER BOND FEELS THIS IS A MEANS OF RECOGNIZING THEM IN A YEAR WHEN THINGS ARE IN TURMOIL.

HELP US HONOR THESE GRADUATES.



On May 6, Central Squad Brothers were rolling.



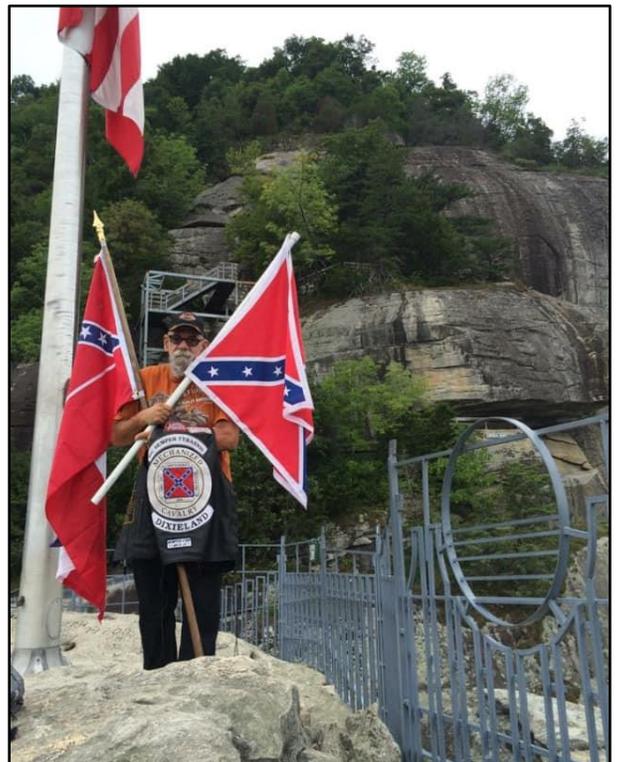
Brother Gary Elam:

“As A proud Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Confederate Veterans Mechanized Cavalry it is my Duty and Honor, To Honor our Confederate ancestors and to hold myself to a higher standard as my ancestors did to show respect to those who deserve my respect and respect me and our cause to Honor our Southern Heritage and our History as God fearing Christian warriors that we are.

God Bless America

God Bless Dixie

MCFFMC.”



More member such this are needed.



CAMP INFORMATION



THE RANKIN GREYS # 2278 FLORENCE

About a week ago I asked our camp members about donating to the new Confederate Museum in Elms Springs, Tenn at the SCV Headquarters. This museum belongs to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. If you have not seen it, you will be blown away. With that being said, we collected \$1050.00 to donate in the name of Camp 2278 The Rankin Greys in Florence, Ms. to help ensure our history and heritage will be preserved for future generations.

On the 16th of this month, Saturday, I will present the check to our Commander in Chief Paul Gramling at the Confederate Dead Cemetery in Raymond, Ms. and hopefully our Army of Tenn Commander Jason Boshers will be there as well. Ms. Division Commander George Conor Bond will be doing another facebook live so tune in and show your support for our great organization. I personally want to thank the folks in our camp and we challenge other camps to do the same.

Thanks, Commander Bryant

BOBBY JOE DENTON RIDE FOR CHARITY

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2020 AT 9 AM

LOVE'S TRUCK STOP, HWY 80
PEARL, MS

Hosted by Chris Bryant and The Rankin Greys, MS Div
SCV, Camp 2278

When we lost Bobby Joe, we were donated some money in his name to use for a worthy cause. We have decided to honor that by riding down to Camp Wesley Pines in Hazlehurst, MS, a camp for kids with Muscular Dystrophy

(<https://radicallyagainstdystrophy.org/>).

We were contacted by the niece of one of our members with a request to bring the bikes to show the kids. These kids attend this camp on sponsorships of \$300 per child. We would like to

take this money, \$200, plus all the donations we can muster, and sponsor as many children as possible.

If you would like to attend, we will be going down on July 25th. If you would like to donate, our camp PayPal is [paypal.me/rankingreys2278](https://www.paypal.me/rankingreys2278).

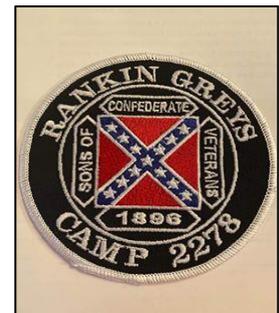


Our SCV camp is helping raise money to sponsor kids with muscular Dystrophy to go to camp this summer in Hazelhurst at camp Wesley Pines. We were asked just to ride our motorcycles down for the day of July 25th for the kids to see but we wanted to do more. It cost \$300 per kid to attend the camp and is paid by sponsorship. So far, we have raised enough to pay the way for 2 kids but want to do more. We are asking for donations. Any amount helps so if you would like to help please contact me or Chris Bryant or if you want to ride with us just let me know.

Thanks, God bless and have a safe Holiday.

Currently, we have 13 Large and 8 XL long sleeve black shirts for sale. They are \$25 each. We also have 1 Youth Medium and 3 3XL grey short sleeve shirts for sale. Those are \$20 each.

We have thermometers that are \$12 each. We have patches that are \$10 each. We can ship these if anyone is interested





**EAST MS GREYS #1666, FOREST
CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE**

JUNE 18

On Thursday June 18 the East Ms Greys will have their Confederate Memorial Service beginning at 6pm at Western Cemetery in Forest when 6 Unknown Confederate Soldiers are buried. The speaker here will be CIC Paul Gramling with Zoe Brumfield playing the bagpipes.

Then we will move to the Forest Community Center with the American Legion building as standby in case the Community center is not available. We will have a pot luck supper and enjoy our guest speaker AOT Commander Jason Boshers and also a few inspiring words from our Ms Division Commander Conor Bond.

Hope to see many compatriots there.

Any questions please feel free to contact Commander Bruce Warren.



**RANKIN ROUGH & READY'S # 265
BRANDON**

The Civic Center of the Brandon City Hall is the show's main exhibit hall area and is approximately 8600 square feet in size.

Additional open and large vendor/exhibitor space is available in the entry lobby before entering the main civic center.

The Civic Center is prominently located on the main thoroughfare Highway 80 (Government Street) in Downtown Brandon, MS, a large eastern suburb of Jackson- the capitol city of the state.

Travelers along a major commercial corridor- Interstate 20- access the Civic Center either of two exits that are one mile or less from the center.

The City of Brandon (pop. 23,000) is the county seat of Rankin County (pop. 147,000) The M.S.A. of Jackson, MS is approximately 600,000.



*** Family Friendly Event ***

Our Camp's Annual Civil War Relic & Militaria Show is held the 8th and ninth of June at the Brandon City Hall/City Complex in Brandon, Mississippi.

<http://scv265.com/relicshow.html>

Dealers, exhibitors, and collectors from all around the country come for the approximately 250+/- tables of relics and militaria, all housed in a large, open exhibit hall.

- Great Father's Day Gift Ideas
- Free Door Prize Drawings through the shows hours Sat & Sun
- Children 12 & under get in free
- Sponsored by VISIT MISSISSIPPI & the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #265 "The Rankin Rough and Ready's"

For More Information, Please contact :

Mr. Tim Cupit - 769-234-2966

timcupit@comcast.net

or go to <http://www.scv265.com/relicshow.html>



LT. GEN. S.D. LEE'S CALEDONIA RIFLES # 2140, CALEDONIA

Commander Joe Young reports through their camp newsletter, The Charge, that On May 5, Myself, John Wiggins, and Elisa Barnes-Shizak, put out U. S. flags and Confederate flags on the soldier's graves at Rowan Cemetery. We would like to thank the VFW Post 4272 and Bruce Stevens for providing us with U. S. Flags.

On May 1, Adjutant Jessie Riggs and Past Commander Mike Shizak mowed the grass at the Ellis Bridge Monument in West Point, Mississippi. We certainly thank them for that. Adjutant Riggs discovered that the adjoining landowner, Roy Shannon, has put up a nice looking wooden fence down the sides and across the back of the Monument. It looks really nice. Adjutant Riggs and I have discussed getting Mr. Shannon a Certificate of Appreciation from the camp for his good deed. Adjutant Riggs also advised me that he replaced the U. S. Flag at Vaughn Cemetery and we appreciate that. He is also assembling all of our Challenge Coin submissions and will get them out to the membership to vote on soon. I hope we can move forward on that project as soon as possible.



B/G BENJAMIN G HUMPHREYS # 1625 INDIANOLA

JUNE 6, 2020, SATURDAY @ 2:00 PM

CAMP CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE GREENVILLE CEMETERY

REQUEST FROM DAN McCASKILL:

The following men are said to be Veterans buried in the Leland-Stoneville Cemetry but I have no confirmation:

Dennis Lee Bean

Robert Aldridge "Sandy" Ingram

John Martin Hammond

Charles Ray Milburn

If you have any information on any of these men, please email me at danmccas@tecinfo.net . Thanks



PRIVATE SAMUEL A HUGHEY # 1452 SOUTHAVEN



On the way from Confederate Heritage service in Columbus, Camp Color Sgt Stan Rhoda and his wife, Christine, finally paid a visit to her 2nd great grandfather on whose record she joined the UDC. Pvt. Minty "Minty" J.Barber served in the 10th MS Infantry died Aug.1862 He is buried in Kirksville Cemetery, Itawamba, County.



**TALLAHATCHIE RIFLES # 2287
TALLAHATCHIE**

Thanks to Allan Newton, Lee Houston and Mike Rounsaville for coming out. Y'all have to have Mike tell you his stories about the cemetery. They were great!



Found Captain William S. Eskridge's grave and sprayed. Lawyer, moved from Coffeerville to Charleston in 1855. In 1861 helped organize the Tillatoba Grays of the first Mississippi cavalry. Later helped to organize Co. I of Ballentine's regiment of cavalry. Was at Shiloh and Coffeerville among other battles. Member of the Mississippi House of Representatives from 1861-1864 and again in 1886 and served at the Constitutional Convention of 1890. Wrote "The Early History of Tallahatchie County." Thanks to Bill McHann for the above.



**COLONEL WILLIAM P ROGERS #321
CORINTH**

Good News from Camp Commander:

The American Legion will open back up in June. Maybe everything will get to some sort of normalcy by then. Please help spread the word to all camp members.

Commander Kevin Nelms

Thats a new 8 x 12 Mississippi State flag flying over

the Walmart in Corinth! Thank you, Buddy Ellis



**CRYSTAL SPRINGS
SOUTHERN RIGHTS # 712
CRYSTAL SPRINGS**

Another camp that did not let COVID stand in the way of paying respect to our Confederate Dead.

Before and after pics: The Crystal Springs Southern Rights started work on rehabilitating the Hazelhurst Confederate Cemetery on Mon April the 27th as we cut all the Grass , cut back a lot of limbs and started cleaning some Markers . Tomorrow we will resume more work in trying to slowly bring this Beautiful Confederate Cemetery back to its Once Natural Well Cared for State.





Job well done



**JONES COUNTY ROSIN HEELS #227
LAUREL**

IN REMEMBRANCE



One year since a great loss was suffered by Carl Ford, personally, and the Division as a whole

HONORING ANCESTOR

From Compatriot Michael Putnam:

The ancestor I will honor today is another 2nd great uncle (my great grandfather's brother), Cpl. Albert Gallatin Putnam, Company K, 2nd MS Cavalry (MS Body Guards).

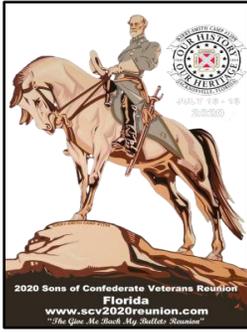
In the family photo, he is the white haired gentleman seated to the far right. (The seated man in the middle is my great grandfather, Pvt. Milton Franklin Putnam, 36th Ms Infantry who I honored before).

Besides being brave, honorable and dutiful, my Putnam ancestors seemed to like "healthy" women. 😊;)

I am so deeply grateful for the sacrifices made by my ancestors and all soldiers of the South.

Deo Vindice!





THE 125TH NATIONAL REUNION OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

July 15-18, 2020

DON'T MEET US THERE ... BEAT US THERE

NEAR HISTORIC ST. AUGUSTINE FLORIDA. HOME, HOTEL, SCHEDULE, MEDALS, VENDORS

<https://scv2020reunion.com>

Go to the above site for all information and forms for registration for the convention

THE FOLLOWING COMPATRIOTS ARE SEEKING ELECTION.

These are hard working and loyal compatriots who have shown their diligence, dedication and, most importantly, their sincerity in preserving the history of our Confederate ancestors and symbols. They are all well qualified to carry on the work begun by Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling.



First, OUR THANKS TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF PAUL GRAMLING

We would be very remiss if we did not extend our appreciation and a vote for a job WELL-DONE to our outgoing Commander-in-Chief, the Honorable Paul Gramling. To say he has done



an outstanding job as CIC is a vast understatement. He has been all over the Confederation and yet, he has always found the time to be in our Division when either needed or just to visit. He almost always had his lovely wife Lynda with him.

The time has come for a change in leadership. He leaves office with the true thanks and appreciation of the members of the Mississippi Division, and, we hope, in the good hands of Larry McCluney

To the Paul and Lynda, we honestly mean it when we say, "Y'ALL COME BACK, YOU HEAR!"



FOR COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF LARRY McCLUNEY



Compatriot has most recently served as Lt. Commander-in-Chief with CIC Gramling. He has served also, as our members will recall, in the position of MS. Division Commander (having done an excellent job in this position. He also has served as Commander of the Army of Tennessee Department. To say he is qualified is an understatement.



FOR LT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JASON BOSHERS

Commander Boshers has served as both Army of Tennessee Councilman and Army of Tennessee Commander. It has been an honor to have had Commander Boshers visit our Division on several occasions, most recently at the Division

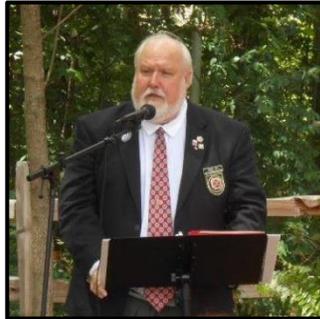


Confederate Memorial Service in Columbus, MS and at the Confederate Memorial Service in Raymond. We have here a member who also has the ability to lead us and the Confederation.



**FOR ARMY OF TENNESSEE DEPT.
COMMANDER
JIMMY HILL**

Compatriot Hill currently serves as the Army of Tennessee Department Councilman. He is seeking the office of Army of Tennessee Department Commander and comes highly recommended by compatriots who know and have worked with him.



**FOR ARMY OF TENNESSEE DEPT.
COUNCILMAN
CARL JONES**

Commander Jones has served in numerous THE Brigade, Division, Army and National levels including National Chief of Heritage Operations. He currently serves as the Commander of the Alabama Division. He now seeks the office of Army of Tennessee Department Councilman. Having served in many positions on all levels since he became a member of the SCV, he now has the knowledge and experience that make him well prepared for the position he seeks.



**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSIPPI
DIVISION:**

Above we have listed the candidates for the major offices in the SCV and their qualifications for the office they seek. Now it is up to us to cast our votes for these men who have the knowledge and ability

to carry out each office they seek. We hope each camp will encourage their delegates to cast their votes for these men. With all the negatives and anti-sentiments against us in this day, we need strong leadership to follow that set by CIC Gramling.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
MISSISSIPPI DIVISION REUNION

2020 SCV MS Division Reunion

**125th Reunion
Mississippi Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans**

**26th Reunion
Mississippi Society
Order of Confederate Rose**

**Vicksburg, Mississippi
August 21 – 23rd, 2020**

Hosted by the LTG John C. Pemberton Camp #1354 And Mary Ann Forrest Chapter #23, MSOCR

All Events Will be Held at:

**Vicksburg Convention Center,
1600 Mulberry St., Vicksburg, MS 39180**



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OCR Contact: Brandi Gray: 601-896-8652 or maryannforrestocr@yahoo.com



HOTEL INFORMATION:

HAMPTON INN & SUITES at 3330 Clay Street, Vicksburg, MS SCV Rate - \$139.00 plus tax Ph: 601-636-6100.

MARGARITAVILLE at 1310 Mulberry St. Vicksburg, MS. SCV Rate - \$109.00 plus tax Ph: 601-429-6472.

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

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

****ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY
JULY 15, 2020****

MORE INFORMATION IN JUNE ISSUE