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SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS



“...I would sooner die a thousand deaths before I would betray a friend or be false to duty.”

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Calendar

June 9th– Camp Meeting, 7PM

@Beauvoir

Guest Speaker– Compatriot

Art Green

June 11th – Camp Workday

@Beauvoir, 7AM

July 9th– Camp Meeting, 7PM

@Beauvoir

Guest Speaker– Compatriot

Charles Schmitz

July 11th – Camp Workday

@TBA, 7AM

August 13th– Camp Meeting, 7PM

@Beauvoir

Guest Speaker– Compatriot

August 15th– Camp Workday

@TBA, 7AM

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Commander / Editor

Troy Savoie

1st Lt. Commander

Charlie Purchner

2nd Lt. Commander

David Parker

Adjutant

Ken Overstreet

Chaplain

Bill Allen

Historian

Andrew Young

Color Sgt.

Chris Finley

Commander's Report

Compatriots,

The camp was well represented at the recent 114th Reunion of the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans in Greenwood. At this convention, the membership voted our new Division Officers and passed some monumental decisions which will have great effect. One great new innovation will be a Division-generated Membership renewal system, with Members (and former Members) being notified by mail with a professional invoice that their dues are due. The invoice/notification also includes several check-off boxes for giving to additional Division projects.

We also voted to reserve \$10,000 of currently unused flag restoration funds for possible future use in paying for the Paul McClaren lawsuit in defense of the MS SCV car tags that, in turn, raise most of the money for flag restoration. If we win the case, we will ask for reimbursement from the loser and will replenish thereby any flag funds expended.

The camp also walked away with many accolades, we won the Roland Large Camp Scrap Book Award, the J.Z. George Award was won by camp member Cecil Woods, for his work on defending Confederate Memorial Day from the Harrison County Supervisors. The Camp of the Year Award was too close to call at the convention and is still being determined. I am please to let you know that the Sam Davis Camp 596 is in the running! Winning this award would be an achievement of great proportions. Just think in roughly 4 years the camp would go from the lost of everything to becoming the top camp in the Division. And if we don't, there is always next year! We are currently planning many new projects for the year to come.

Next year's convention will be in Grenada. Please make plans to attend, To quote my good friend Jim Huffman, "... as this is an incredibly entertaining, enlightening, and ennobling event to take part in! "

I hope to see you at the next camp meeting, June 9th!



Honorable Rick Forte, Commander Troy Savoie, Past Division Commander McCluney, Commander in Chief McMicheals, Ken Overstreet and Wallace Mason



Your Commander and Adjutant with the out going Commander McCluney and incoming Division Commander Bill Atkinson



Sam Davis Camp Chaplain Bill Allen poses with Mississippi Division Chaplain James Taylor at the 114th Reunion of the Mississippi Division

DIVISION NEWS

A Message from the Commander

Dear Compatriots:

I trust this message finds you well and that your spirits, as mine, are high as we work hard together to protect our precious Confederate Heritage. It gives me great pleasure to formally announce the establishment of a Division-wide Membership Renewal System. Much serious thought and consideration has been given to this decision to advance our Division's ability to better function in a business-like manner. The "life and blood" of the SCV depends on the strength of our membership. As such, we must improve the manner by which we encourage our members to renew their SCV membership annually.

Beginning with this year's renewal period your Division will issue a professionally produced Membership Renewal Statement for each member of the Division mailing it in mid to late July. This will relieve all Camps from the initial renewal solicitation regardless of how each Camp has accomplished this annual task in the past. Until now we have simply relied on Camps to handle member renewals on an individual basis. Some Camps have, in fact, done well in their efforts, while too many others do poorly in this essential function. We must establish a uniform and effective way for all Camps to initiate the renewal process.

The Division MRS will take the annual task of "invoicing" Camp members off the Camp Adjutants backs, while keeping Camp autonomy intact. Camps will still receive all remittance funds directly from their members as in the past, then forwarding the appropriate funds to Division and National as usual on a scheduled basis.

The Division Adjutant will be sending further information and specific instructions on the MRS details to your Camp Adjutant. Please acquaint yourself with this exceptional new system. The MRS will be a tremendous help to all Camps insuring that every Division member receives at least one professional and business-like renewal statement. Our members deserve no less.

Your humble servant,

Bill Atkinson
Division Commander

New Division Officers Elected

The 2009 Convention elected following statewide officers:

Commander- Bill Atkinson
1st Lt. Commander - Alan Palmer
2nd Lt. Commander- Bill Hinson
Adjutant - Jim Strickland

Brigade Officers

In caucus the five Mississippi Brigades elected their officers as follows:

First Brigade
Commander - Donald Wright Jr
Brigade Councilman - Dan A. McCaskill

Second Brigade

Commander - William Ellis
Brigade Councilman - James Taylor

Third Brigade

Commander - Allen Terrell
Councilman - Mike Webb

Forth Brigade

Commander - Louis P Foley
Councilman - Knox Poole

Fifth Brigade

Commander - Troy Savoie
Councilman - Mike Merritt

The first of an annual series of Heritage Education Posters was approved for publication at convention. Designed to tell "real history" these posters will be distributed to all schools and public libraries throughout the state during February and March.



23rd Annual Deep Delta Civil War Symposium

Ten Battles Won and Lost East and West

Friday and Saturday, June 5-6, War Memorial Student Union, Southeastern Louisiana University Hammond, Louisiana
Featuring Arthur Bergeron, Peter Cozzens, Chris Fonvielle, Lawrence Hewitt, Parker Hills, Marshall Krolick, Harry Laver,
George Rable, Thomas Schott, Terrence Winschel

With Presentations On Brandy Station, Champion Hill, Forrest and the Principles of War, Fort Fisher, Fredericksburg, Jackson's
Valley Campaign, Port Hudson, Sibley's New Mexico Campaign, Spanish Fort and Fort Blakeley, Ulysses S. Grant from
Florida to Donelson

Sponsored by the Department of History and Political Science

Friday June 6

6:00 Registration and Reception — Student Union Theatre Lobby

7:30 'Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg!' — George C. Rable, Charles G. Summersell Chair in Southern History, University of Alabama, author of *Fredericksburg! Fredericksburg!*; *The Confederate Republic: A Revolution Against Politics*; *Civil Wars: Women and the Crisis of Southern Nationalism*; and *But There Was No Peace: The Role of Violence in the Politics of Reconstruction*.

8:30 Social Hour

Saturday June 6

8:00 Registration (Coffee and Pastries)

8:30 'From Florida to Donelson: The Making of Ulysses S. Grant' — Harry S. Laver, Southeastern Louisiana University, author of *The Art of Command: Military Leadership from George Washington to Colin Powell* and *Citizens More Than Soldiers: The Kentucky Militia and Society in the Early Republic*.

9:30 'Hallucination: Sibley's New Mexico Campaign' — Thomas E. Schott, Independent Scholar, former Deputy Command Historian, U.S. Special Operations Command Headquarters, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, author of *Alexander H. Stephens of Georgia: A Biography*.

10:30 'Jackson's Valley Campaign' — Peter Cozzens, Foreign Service Officer, United States Department of State, author of *Shenandoah 1862: Stonewall Jackson's Valley Campaign*; *This Terrible Sound: The Battle of Chickamauga*; *The Shipwreck of Their Hopes: The Battles for Chattanooga*; *No Better Place to Die: The Battle of Stones River*; *The Darkest Days of the War: The Battles of Iuka and Corinth*; *The Military Memoirs of General John Pope*; *General John Pope: A Life for the Union*; *Conquering the Southern Plains*; *The Struggle for Apacheria*; *The Wars for the Pacific Northwest*; *The Long War for the Northern Plains*; and *The Army and the Indian*.

11:30 'Brandy Station' — Marshall Krolick, Independent Scholar and Attorney, Westin, Florida

12:30 Lunch — Student Union Ballroom

1:30 'Champion Hill' — Terry Winschel, Chief Historian at Vicksburg National Military Park, author of *Triumph and Defeat: The Vicksburg Campaign*; *Vicksburg: Fall of the Confederate Gibraltar*; *The Defense of Vicksburg: A Louisiana Chronicle*; and *The Civil War Diary of a Common Soldier: William Wiley of the 77th Illinois Infantry*.

2:30 'Forrest and the Principles of War' — Brig. Gen. (Ret) Parker Hills, Clinton, Mississippi, author of *A Study in Warfighting: Nathan Bedford Forrest and the Battle of Brice's Crossroads* and *Vicksburg Campaign Driving Guide*.

3:30 'Fort Fisher' — Chris Fonvielle, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, author of *The Wilmington Campaign: Last Rays of Departing Hope*; *Fort Anderson: Battle for Wilmington*; and *The Best Ever Occupied: Archaeological Investigations of a Civil War Encampment, Folly Island, South Carolina*.

4:30 'Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely' — Arthur W. Bergeron, Jr., Reference Historian, U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, author of *Guide to Louisiana Confederate Military Units*; *Black Southerners in Gray: Essays on Afro-Americans in Confederate Armies*; *The Civil War Reminiscences of Major Silas T. Grisamore, C.S.A.*; *Confederate Mobile*; and *Prince Camille De Polignac, Major General, C.S.A., the La Fayette of the South*.

6:00 Dinner—Student Union Ballroom

7:30 'Port Hudson: The Most Photographed Battlefield During the Civil War' — Lawrence L. Hewitt, Independent Scholar, Chicago, author of *Port Hudson: Confederate Bastion on the Mississippi River*; *The Confederate High Command and Related Topics*; *Two Hundred Years A Nation*; *Leadership During the Civil War*; *Louisianians in the Civil War*; *Kentuckians in Gray: Confederate Generals and Field Officers of the Bluegrass State*; *Classical Essays on Confederate Generals in the Western Theater*; and *Confederate Generals in the Western Theater: Volume 1*.

For more information or to register on-line at http://www.selu.edu/acad_research/depts/hist_ps/civil_war_symposium/index.html

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Coast CSA History 101

David Farragut had a Pascagoula connection. Without going into the long winded version of the story, he was adopted by a family that had a summer home near present day Martin Bluff, north of Gautier. In his campaign to get past the forts at the mouth of Mobile Bay Farragut had a pilot named Martin Freeman. Martin Freeman was also from Pascagoula. Prior to being Farragut's pilot, Martin Freeman owned a fleet of fishing vessels. Therefore, he was familiar with the shifting oyster shoals and the general shallowness of area estuarine waterways and the Mississippi Sound, making him an ideal pilot. Martin Freeman still has relatives living in the Pascagoula area. That is where the story gets really interesting. These relatives claim Martin Freeman was kidnapped and forced to work for Farragut under duress. However, there are others who will tell a different version. Their version is that Farragut had a sister (maybe more than one) living in Pascagoula during the war. Martin Freeman and David Farragut had been friends while both were boys in Pascagoula. Farragut came to visit his sister(s) prior to his campaign getting underway. Martin Freeman was also visited and volunteered to help. You can take your pick as to whether Martin Freeman was a volunteer or forced to work for the Federal Navy. After the war, Martin Freeman was a lighthouse tender out on Horn Island. What is fact is Martin Freeman received the Congressional Medal of Honor for helping Farragut. What is uncertain is whether or not Martin Freeman was ever in the military. If not, does that mean a civilian received the highest military decoration our country can give? Another thing that is fact is Martin Freeman is buried in Pascagoula's Greenwood Cemetery. His marker was destroyed by Katrina and has been recently replaced.

Submitted by Curtis Makamson

SCV APPLAUD ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

"The news that the Atlanta Coast Conference (ACC) has determined to bolt the boycott imposed by the NCAA at the behest of the NAACP is welcome news, not only to the ACC fans and supporters, but to fairness in college athletics throughout the nation." Sons of Confederate Veterans Commander-in-Chief, Chuck McMichael said. The NAACP boycott and the athletic conference ban has been going on in South Carolina for about ten years. Included is a boycott of South Carolina tourism and businesses which has been denounced as a dismal failure according to reports from the South Carolina tourism officials who have annually reported increased visitors and revenues from tourism.

The boycott was brought on by the NAACP after legislative negotiations which included black legislators, agreed on moving the Confederate flag from the capitol dome to the Confederate Memorial on the capitol grounds. At this point the NAACP changed what they said they were seeking.

Tournaments will now resume beginning with the selection of Myrtle Beach for an upcoming event.

Mc Michael continued "This failed program has exhibited the rankest form of discrimination, most fair-minded Americans saw it for what it was."

The SCV Commander concluded "This is just the first step in righting a wrong. It is time for the Southeastern Conference to follow suit."



Commander Savoie accepting the J.Z. George Heritage Award for Camp Compatriot Cecil Woods.

J. A. Davis, SCV Public Relations Committee

CAMP KUDOS

Thanks to 1st Lt Charlie Purchner for filling in for me in my absents and conducting the May meeting.

Thanks to Compatriot Jim Odom for being our guest speaker at our May meeting.

I would like to Thank Compatriots Moza Herbert, James Gipson, 2nd Lt David Parker, Steven Smith for all their hard work on last month workdays.

Hat's Off !!! Andrew Young for our award winning Scrap Book!!!

Thanks to David Parker and Moza Herbert for attending the last 5th Brigade Meeting.

Special Thanks to Bill Allen, Ken Overstreet, Wallace Mason and Troy Savoie for representing the camp at the 114th annual Reunion in Greenwood, Ms.

BRIGADE NEWS

The 5th Brigade has a new website. This site features a web page for each of the 9 camps in the Brigade. It also has a Events page that all Brigade camps' events can be posted to. Please acquaint yourself with the site, and use it often!!

<http://5thbrigademisdivscv.homestead.com/Main-Page.html>

WEB POLL

This past months survey was;

What color do you think our camp t-shirts should be?

White(2) 33%

Black(0)

Lt.Grey(3) 50%

Natural/off white(1) 17%

Please voice your opinion-

6 TOTAL VOTES

If you would like to submit a topic for survey, please sent it to fallmuster@cablone.net

This poll can be viewed at samdavis596.com

The Hayes Cottage is open for business!

The cottage can be rented for \$80 per night. Please take advantage of this very special Offer.

For further information please contact Rick Forte at 228-343-1403

Not receiving your Confederate Veteran?

The CV magazine is mailed at Non Profit bulk mail rates and the US Postal Service will not forward them if you have a change of address. Please report address changes as soon as they are known. If you have any question about GHQ having your correct information, you can check it by entering your SCV ID number and your last name in the box at the following link: <http://www.scv.org/checkData.php> . If a correction needs to be made, you will see a form for that purpose, which will notify Elm Springs to update their records

SCV Blog

Do you enjoy Blogs and want to share some useful historical information or have some historical items of consequence you want to share with other SCV members? If so visit the SCV Blog at <http://www.sonsofconfederateveterans.blogspot.com/> and enjoy the interaction.

Notable Quotes

*'Duty is our's
consequences are God's.'*
General
Thomas 'Stonewall' Jackson

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Jeremiah 29:11

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