



# The Scout

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SAM DAVIS CAMP #596

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

July 9th– Camp Meeting, 7PM

@Beauvoir

Guest Speaker– Compatriot

Charles Schmitz

July 11th – Camp Workday

@ Live Oak Cemetery,

Pass Christian 7AM

July 25th - Co. J. J. Thornton  
Headstone Re-dedication,

Live Oak Cemetery,

Pass Christian, 10AM

August 13th– Camp Meeting, 7PM

@Beauvoir

Guest Speaker– Compatriot

Kevin McKinley

August 15th– Camp Workday

@TBA, 7AM

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## Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Wow! It's July, It's summer and It's Hot!!! So please be careful out there. With half the year already behind us, we have been busy and still have lots to do.

I am proud to announce that we are currently promoting a new Heritage Fund T-shirt. Man! It's a Great Looking Camp Shirt! The profit from these will be put into our Heritage Fund. So get yourself a couple!!

We are also currently planning two Memorial services to Honor Confederate Heroes. The first will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> for Colonel John James Thornton in Pass Christian, with a July 11<sup>th</sup> workday planned for cleaning up the Live Oak Cemetery in preparation for the ceremony. The second will be a double service held on August 29<sup>th</sup> for Pvt. Joseph Lemaitre (CS) and Pvt. Horace Canfield (US) in Moss Point. Please consider participating in these Memorials. Remember, if we do not honor these men who will?

We also have an exploratory committee looking into building/buying a storage shed for camp.

And if that's not enough... Fall Muster is right around the corner. Get ready Boys!!

## Honoring a Confederate Hero Colonel John J. Thornton Memorial



The Sam Davis Camp 596 will be holding a Remembrance Ceremony, Honoring Colonel John J. Thornton of the 6th Mississippi Infantry, who because of their actions and losses at Shiloh would be known afterward as *the Bloody 6th*.

This solemn occasion will take place at the Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian, Mississippi. Please join us on Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM to celebrate the memory of one of Mississippi's greatest soldiers. This service will include; opening remarks from Compatriot Jim Odom, the placing of a Southern Cross of Honor, rifle salute and the Honorable Grady Howell as the Keynote Speaker for this remembrance. For further information please contact Troy Savoie 561-239-3510 / fallmuster@cableone.net or Wallace Mason 228-832-3343 / harrywjrma-son@bellsouth.net



Compatriots Wallace Mason and James Gipson stand at there living history display at the Jefferson Davis Birthday Celebration on June 3rd at Beauvoir. The celebration was a great success!

## 'The Passing of a Compatriot...'



*Compatriot Floyd "Scotty" Eugene Jack plays his beloved pipes during a passed Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony in Gulfport.*

### **Major (Ret.) Floyd "Scotty" Eugene Jack**

Born June 30, 1929 in Marshall, OK, died June 3, 2009 in Dallas (Red Oaks), Texas.

Compatriot Floyd Jack was a long time member of the Sam Davis Camp. He was very active in all events right up to the time he moved out of state. Although he lived far from the camp, he always remained current on his dues and we often received word from him expressing his thoughts for us and Beauvoir.

He was a previous pilot of the Humboldt Bay Harbor Cruise "Madaket", Officer and Veteran of U.S. Air Force, member of North Coast Pipe Band and Eureka Masonic Lodge, and Professor of English at Humboldt State University and aboard several maritime vessels.

Let us remember him and his family.

## **Sam Davis #596 State Flag Project**

**It is our intent to get as many State Flags up in prominent locations as possible. Please get involved and send us a picture. You can get your flags from the camp, for info contact 1st Lt. Charlie Purchner.**



**State flag donated by 1st Lt. Purchner to the Bastogne Museum. This flag will go on display at the Bastogne Historical Center in Belgium.**



**Chaplain Bill Allen presents Post 4526 with a new State flag.**

# SAM DAVIS CAMP T-SHIRT



**Biloxi, Mississippi**

**FRONT POCKET DESIGN**



**BACK DESIGN**

We are currently entertaining the prospects of producing a new Sam Davis Camp #596 T-shirt. We will determine the feasibility of this project by the amount of pre-order interest we get for it. Here is a chance to wear a T-shirt that says it all. The price of the Shirt will be set at \$17.00 each, and comes in either White or Lt. Grey, so please feel free to buy as many as you like. It has been decided that all monies raised from the sale of the shirt will go into our Heritage defense fund, a fund that unfortunately we can not do without.

So please send the Pre-Order Form and your check made out to;

**Sam Davis #596 SCV  
10809 Dogwood Dr.  
Ocean Springs, Ms 39565**

The deadline for the receipt of the pre-order form is September 1st, 2009. At that time if it is determined that there is not enough interest, we will not order the shirt and your check will be returned.

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**Show You Pride in Our Camp and Our Organization! Buy a T-Shirt!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to Pre-order my  
**Heritage Fund T-shirt(s),**  
I have included a check in the amount of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ shirt(s).

size	Quantity	
	White	Lt Grey
Small		
Medium		
Large		
X-Large		
XX-Large		

*Please note that if for any reason that the Shirts are not produced, all checks will be returned.*

**Anyone interested in signing up for a Camp committee please contact the Committee Chairman.**

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Notable Quotes

*"The American people, North and South, went into the [Civil] war as citizens of their respective states, they came out as subjects ... what they thus lost they have never got back."*

– H.L. Mencken

## Coast CSA History 101

### **Post-Katrina, Post-Gustav, Fort Pike reopens**

NEW ORLEANS -- Fort Pike, shut down by hurricane damage for most of the past four years, reopened Friday 12th.

The fort's construction began in 1819 in the eastern outskirts of New Orleans as the first of a system of seacoast forts started by President James Monroe.

Fort Pike, damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and again by Hurricane Gustav in 2008, housed troops heading to Florida for the Seminole Wars in the 1830s and was a staging ground in the 1840s for troops bound for the Mexican War. During the Civil war it changed hands several times between Confederate and Union forces.

Little used after the Civil War and abandoned in 1890, the fort was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972.

Nature was its enemy long before Katrina filled Fort Pike with water on Aug. 29, 2005.

Not long after its construction the walls began cracking, so engineers changed the design of Fort McComb, a companion eight miles away, to avoid similar problems, said Alfonso Narvaez, architectural conservator for James Milner Associates of Alexandria, Va., which studied Fort Pike.

Designed to guard the approach to New Orleans through Lake Pontchartrain, Fort Pike was built on the unstable Mississippi River delta, which tends to subside. In addition, Narvaez said the space between its walls was filled with dirt, which expands when wet. "Later forts filled that space with concrete, natural cement, coral or brick," he said.

In addition, the walls were joined with masonry, even though the design called for leaving them separate so that if one settled the other wouldn't be damaged, said Eric Wallace, site manager for the Louisiana Office of State Parks.

Katrina tumbled retaining walls, liquefied dirt, scoured out huge sinkholes and left behind tons of debris. The museum, offices, storage area and a picnic area built by the Works Projects Administration were lost.

The fort reopened May 23, 2008, after \$679,000 in repairs, and closed Aug. 30 as Hurricane Gustav approached. After Gustav, another \$219,000 in repairs was needed, said Stuart Johnson, assistant secretary for the Office of State Parks.

"We lost a fishing pier, fences had to be rebuilt. The biggest problem was debris," he said. It wasn't just the fort that had to be cleared of trash \_ the moat had to be dredged.

There's millions of dollars of work still to be done. Narvaez said his firm and the Federal Emergency Management Agency disagree about just how much.

"Our cost estimate and the FEMA cost estimate are about \$10 million apart," he said. "In FEMA's opinion, it's a couple million dollars. In our estimate its closer to \$12 million."

Katrina's casualties included everything in the museum. "There's no way we can afford the real thing" as replacement artifacts, Wallace said. Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu presided over Friday's reopening ceremonies.



## CAMP KUDOS

Special Thanks to Compatriot Art Green for his June Meeting presentation.

Chaplain Bill Allen and 1st Lt Charlie Purchner for their State flag presentations.

James Gipson, Andrew Young, David Parker, Wallace Mason, Kenny Walker and Ken Overstreet for their participation in June's workday at Beauvoir.

## **BRIGADE NEWS**

Men of the 5th Brigade,  
I have promoted Compatriot Don Green of Camp #227,  
as my Communications officer.  
As Communications Officer, Don will send out a new 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Email/Newsletter. I would like you all to give him a hand for accepting the duty. This new process will be used as a email reminder of events and activities going on in the Brigade.  
So if you are interested in receiving this reminder, please get your email address to Don at [dgreen\\_1865@yahoo.com](mailto:dgreen_1865@yahoo.com)

Thanks again Don!

Your Obedient Servant,  
Troy Savoie  
5th Brgd Cmdr

## 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

*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://5thbrigademissdivscv.homestead.com/Main-Page.html>

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## **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.

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For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake  
his faithful ones. They will be protected forever ...  
— Psalm 37:28

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