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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

Sept. 10th— Camp Meeting, 7PM

@ Beauvoir

Sept. 12th— Camp Workday

@ Beauvoir, 7AM

Oct. 8th— Camp Meeting, 7PM

@ Beauvoir

Oct. 11th—Camp Workday

@ Beauvoir, 7AM

Oct. 16th-19th—Fall Muster

@ Beauvoir

Nov. 6th—116th UDC Convention

@ BeauRivage

Nov. 12th—Camp Meeting, 7PM

@ Beauvoir

Nov. 14-15th—Scottish Highland Games

@Harrison County Fairgrounds

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Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Last month was great! At the August meeting we had a great speaker, Compatriot Kevin McKinley, who spoke about the actions and treasonous activities around Pensacola. We also voted in Terry Foskey, as a new member. This brings our Camp membership to just at 100 members.

Which reminds me, If you haven't paid your dues...You are Late! Get them paid! I hope the new billing system worked to your liking. I know it makes our jobs easier.

In August, we also set several committees to handle some up coming Fund-raising events. I would like to thank those of you who have "volunteered" for Chairing these committees.

Wallace Mason, will be trying to figure out how we can make some money on the upcoming "Cruising the Coast".

Moza Herbert and Dave Cook, will head up the preparation for our annual Fall Muster Hamburger stand.

Ronald Wade, will be working through the prospects of the Camp's participation in the Scottish Highland Games. If you have any ideas or suggestion on any of events, please contact us.

Speaking of Fall Muster!!!! I hope you're ready, we now have about 40 days left until it's BurgerTime!

The LeMaitre / Canfield Marker dedication was a great success! There were approximately 90-100 people in attendance, with numerous relatives, some from as far away as Tennessee and South Carolina. The Honor Guard was filled with members from 5 of our Brigade camps.

Thank you Guys!! The Jackson County District Supervision Manly Barton was present and addressed the crowd. I particularly would like to mention the Heritage and Holder-Wells Funeral Homes for the Donation of their Tents for shade. And a special thanks to Mr. Julius Redmond for all he did. This man is amazing! In his 70's, he works diligently on cemetery preservation projects. I can only hope we all have the get up and go, that this man has, at his age.

If you missed it, you missed a good one!

I hope to see you at our next Meeting, Sept. 10th.



Pvt. Lemaitre's New headstone adorned with the Southern Cross of Honor, Battle flag and Memorial Wreath.



August Guest Speaker Kevin McKinley giving a great presentation.



1st Lt. Commander Charlie Purchner with new member Terry Foskey

A Call For A VOTE!

We currently have a proposed amendment to the Camp's Constitution set for a vote, at our October meeting. The Camp Constitution and the Proposed Amendment can be viewed at

our website;

<http://samdavis596.com/about.html>

or directly at

<http://www.patriotnewsalert.com/scv596-Index.htm>

Please take a little time to review the Proposal and please make plans to be present for the vote on October 8th.

Remember it's Your Constitution too!

Calling all Ladies for the OCR!!!

We are currently trying to start a Biloxi Charter of the Order of the Confederate Rose. This organization will work in conjunction with the Sam

Davis camp on various heritage projects. Anyone knowing a lady (young or mature), age 12 or older, who is interested in joining the Order of the Confederate Rose

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Statue of Cleburne to be Dedicated in Georgia For Immediate Release

Ringgold Telephone Company and the City of Ringgold are proud to host the First Annual Ringgold Gap Civil War Festival, featuring the unveiling of a life-size bronze statue of Confederate General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne.

The events will be held in historic Ringgold, Georgia on Saturday, October 3rd. It was November 1863, Ringgold, GA. The Confederate Army was in retreat and pursued by Federal forces. Confederate General Patrick Cleburne was charged with the task of holding off the approaching Union troops, so the Confederates could safely withdraw. Cleburne sent his 4,100 men into Ringgold Gap to occupy the bluffs above the very narrow pass, unbeknownst to the approaching union troops. Hooker and his troops of 21,000 began their pass through the gap. After several assaults from Hooker's men, Cleburne's troops were able to hold the gap until all the Confederates had safely withdrawn.

For his service, the Confederate Congress voted a resolution of thanks. Now, with help from renowned sculptor Ron Tunison, and with financial support from Ringgold Telephone Company and the General Patrick Cleburne Society, the revered Civil War hero, General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne, will again stand guard in Ringgold Gap.

The unveiling and dedication of the statue of Cleburne will be held Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 a.m. in Confederate Park, off Highway. 41, Ringgold, GA. Due to limited space, people wishing to attend the ceremony will be required to park on Robin Rd. Shuttles will be provided to the statue site. The Ringgold Gap Festival will be held in conjunction with the unveiling ceremony. Storytellers, historical lectures, sutlers, plays, an experience camp, and an appearance of the Hunley submarine replica, will all be included in the festivities.

The events, which will take place on Robin Rd., are free to the public. The festival grounds will open at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 3. To conclude the day's events, a period ball will be held at 7:00 p.m. For information about activities, directions, festival maps and schedules, visit www.RinggoldGapFestival.com. Contact: Marcy Cirlot Ringgold Telephone Company (706) 965-1249 Mcirlot@rtctel.com

Showing the Colors.



They came, they saw, they showed the colors.

This issue's Showing the Colors portrait is presented by Mr. Christopher Cummings and his lovely family of Grenada, Mississippi. The family includes Christopher, his wife Eliana, and their daughter Isabella. The photograph was taken during the family's Roman holiday. While visiting the Vatican, they paused for a picture. As is the Cummings family custom, the unfurled the beautiful flag of the Sovereign State of Mississippi.

The backdrop for this particular photograph is the familiar Maderno's façade of the historic Basilica di San Pietro in Vaticano (St. Peter's Basilica), the most famous of Rome's many Roman Catholic churches.  Courtesy of the Southern Partisan Magazine

SCV Refurbishes Cemetery in Mississippi

By Steve Gillespie / managing editor

The Marion CSA Cemetery has been refurbished by the Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 1649 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Of the 170 Civil War soldiers buried there, all unknown originally, 47 of them have been identified with help from the Lauderdale County Archives Department.

Although it's not known which soldier is in what grave, most of them died at the Confederate Army Field Hospital that was located at what was known as Marion Junction during the war.

Confederates identified as buried in the cemetery are from Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

George M. Church, a charter member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp, organized the group in 1994 and served as its first commander. He is the cemetery coordinator.

He said the soldiers laid to rest in the cemetery were in battles from Shiloh to Vicksburg, and buried from 1862-1864.

Symbolism can be found throughout the cemetery, from the number of bricks in the walls and columns to the number of posts in the rails of the fencing there.

"The wall is seven bricks high to represent the original seven states of the Confederacy," Church said. "And there are six more bricks where the arch is for the states that joined after Fort Sumter."

Other symbolism represents various elements of the U.S. Constitution and the Bible. Church said the four battle flags stand for the four gospels.

United States flags, Mississippi state flags and Confederate battle flags all wave in the cemetery.

"The distance between the columns of the memorial arch is 20 feet — Mississippi was the 20th state to join the Union," Church said. "The flag staffs used at the arch are 12 feet long — the 12 disciples of Christ." He added that all other flag staffs at the cemetery are 10 feet long, symbolizing the 10 commandments.

About \$60,000 was spent on the restoration of the cemetery, which is located at the corner of Confederate Drive and Forrest Street and now is accessible with handicapped ramps.

The wall around part of the cemetery is 470 feet long and was built with old Virginian brick and lined with 34 watermelon red crape myrtle shrubs. The headstones were all reset and large marble inscriptions were included in the cemetery between the archway and the headstones.

One of the inscriptions reads: "Rest in peace brave warriors in the fullness of time you will receive a just verdict for the action you took in that great and noble "cause" your glory and honor shall never fade and our grief will never disappear, we shall preserve your memory and protect your honor. Let all remember that the South is different and so shall it always be. Long live our Southland."

The Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest 1649 Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans meets the third Tuesday of each month at Western Sizzlin' restaurant in Meridian. Church said it was the largest camp chartered in the organization with 122 members. Ben Gaddis is the group's new incoming commander.

A memorial service is held on the first Sunday in April each year, unless that happens to fall on Easter Sunday, then it is moved to the second Sunday of the month.

Church's grandfather, Jesse Shumate Smith, served in the Confederate Army. Originally he was from Leake County and is buried in Neshoba County. He served in the 33rd Mississippi Infantry, Company H, and was wounded in the battle of Atlanta.

http://www.meridianstar.com/local/local_story_221235147.html

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Notable Quotes

"A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday does not know where it is today."

--Robert E. Lee



Opponents of Walmart Fight to Save Wilderness Battlefield

By CLINT SCHEMMER

Preservationists are dismayed by Orange County's approval of the Wilderness Walmart retail center, but aren't conceding defeat.

A national coalition of heritage groups will continue appealing to the retail giant to find an Orange site for its Supercenter that's farther from the Wilderness battlefield. The store site is a quarter-mile from Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

"The ball is now in Walmart's court," James Lighthizer, president of the Civil War Preservation Trust, said yesterday. "Walmart better understands the nationwide anger generated by its proposal to build on the doorstep of a national park.

"It is in the corporation's best interests to work with the preservation community to find an alternative site. We are optimistic that company officials will see the wisdom of moving elsewhere."

But Wal-Mart spokesman Keith Morris ruled that out.

"It's clear that the public has spoken and there is considerable support for the store at the site," he said. "We would like to continue our open dialogue with these groups, but they appear to have other motives."

Calling the Walmart plan "misguided," Lighthizer said the trust and the other members of the Wilderness Battlefield Coalition will weigh all options for continuing their campaign.

"This battle is not over yet," he said.

The coalition was joined in its opposition to the Walmart by 253 of the nation's top historians, U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine, House Speaker Bill Howell, R-Stafford, Congressmen Ted Poe, R-Texas, and Peter Welch, D-Vt., the Vermont Legislature, Pulitzer prize-winning authors David McCullough and James McPherson, and TV documentarian Ken Burns.

Asked yesterday whether legal action is now likely, coalition leaders declined to speculate.

But the coalition will be "keeping up the drumbeat of opposition" to the project, said Jim Campi, the Civil War Preservation Trust's director of public policy. He noted that in battlefield controversies elsewhere, preservationists have proven to be tenacious.

"At Brandy Station in Culpeper County, we lost every zoning vote against an industrial park and a Formula One racetrack," Campi said. "But ultimately, we prevailed, and that battlefield is preserved. We're in this for the long haul."

<http://fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2009/082009/08262009/489308>

CAMP MEMBER MILITARY SERVICE SURVEY

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Sam Davis 596 Heritage T-Shirt project is a Go!!!

We have met our pre-order goal to continue with our Heritage T-shirt project. I would like to thank all of you who stepped up and were committed enough to pre-order one of our T-shirts. For all of you who had intention to buy one but for one reason or another didn't, It's not to late, we will extend the deadline until the night of our September meeting. At this meeting, we will be discussing the prospects of buying extra shirts, additional sales. We will start production of these shirts just after our September meeting, with intent to have them out and ready before Fall Muster.



SAY IT LOUD & SAY IT PROUD!

Confederate Flag Database

Confederate Flag database available online

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The Museum of the Confederacy's entire collection of 685 flags is available for the first time in a searchable database.

The non-profit Richmond museum says the collection can be found on the flag page of the museum's Web site at <http://www.moc.org>.

Each entry includes a flag's identification, history and measurements. Color photos are available for most of the flags.

The collection is housed in a 1,300-square foot facility.

http://www2.timesdispatch.com/rtd/news/local/article/CONGAT29_20090829-172402/289211/

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