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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

**March 6-7- SCV National
Chaplains' Convention**
@Gulfport Ramada

March 12- Camp Meeting, 7PM
@ Beauvoir

April 9th- Camp Meeting, 7PM
@ Beauvoir

April 25- CSA Memorial Day
9AM @ Gulfport CSA
Monument & IPM Beauvoir Cemetery

May 14- Camp Meeting, 7PM
@Beauvoir

May 22- 5th Brigade Meeting,
7PM @ Dixie

May 29-30th- 114th Reunion
Mississippi Division Convention
@ Greenwood Mississippi

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The Sam Davis Camp votes to come Home

Compatriots,

I am very happy to report, that the Sam Davis Camp #596 has made a historical decision to move our meetings back to Beauvoir. We will still be meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7PM. The Camp owes Rick Forte thanks for allowing the use of the Conference Room in the Administration Trailer if needed. The next meeting will be March 12th. I have to tell you, if you missed the last meeting and have not been on the Beauvoir property lately, the grounds look great! Quinton and the staff at Beauvoir have been doing a wonderful job.

I now have a Eight Flags Display update for you.

On Feb. 20, Wallace Mason contacted the Director of the Sand beach Authority on the status of the eight flags. I was told the eight flags had been turned over to FEMA to be restored to the beach. He said that there was other projects ahead of the flags

that will be finished before the flags, such as the concrete walk. He told Wallace to call back in the fall to see how far along things were moving on the beach projects. He said the earliest for the flags would be 2010. Does this mean we will one day see the flags back on the beach. No, I think there will have to be a very hard fought battle.

Here is why I say this. This was printed in the 2-21-09 Sun Herald's letters to the editor section.

“Tale of Davis’ adopted’ son likely more fantasy than fact. So let me get this right: The Sons of Confederate Veterans want to find a location for a statue that depicts Jeff Davis, his son Jeff Jr., and his “adopted Negro son.”

Really? Sounds like souvenir shop Confederate propaganda.”

This letter was sent in by the same old fellow that started the last eight flags fight. Get ready Boys!!!

Sam Davis Camp gives to the Community!!!



Very happy St. Martin East Upper Elementary students and Music teacher pose with their new guitars.

The Sam Davis Camp has recently given a \$160 donation to the St. Martin East Upper Elementary School Music Class. The donation was to buy 4 student guitars. These four guitars will ensure that all the children in the class will have the opportunity to learn the art.

Who knows, maybe one day, one of them may play Dixie.

So often, our organization is looked upon in a bad light. We need to be on the lookout for more of these opportunities to get our name out in a positive way.

Hat's Off To the Sam Davis Camp!!!!

NATIONAL NEWS

NATIONAL SCV CHAPLAINS CONFERENCE

Plan now to be with us March 6-7 in Gulfport, Mississippi for the Spring 2009 Chaplains Conference.

We have lined up a great group of speakers and are planning a special tour of Beauvoir - the last home of Jefferson Davis. Arrangements are in the works to take you to Ship Island on Friday. Ship Island is a very interesting place and you will benefit from the one hour boat ride and tour of the island and Fort Massachusetts.

Our Chaplains Conferences are great times of spiritual refreshing and great fellowship. The special tour of Beauvoir is Friday at 5 p.m.

The Saturday meeting will be in the conference room of the Ramada Inn beginning at 9:30 Saturday morning.

The subjects / speakers for the Chaplains Conference:
 Dr. Charles Blair, "Copperheads"
 Dr. Charles Baker, "Review of Books on Abraham Lincoln"
 Rev. Kenneth Studdard, "The Life and Conversion of Dorsey Pender"
 Dr. H. Rondel Rumburg, "Was Abraham Lincoln a Christian?"
 Dr. Cecil Fayard Jr. "Jefferson Davis: The Beauvoir Years"
 Question and answer session!

Please plan on coming to Gulfport and sharing a great time of enrichment.

Yours in Christ,
 Dr. Cecil Fayard Chaplain-in-Chief

DIVISION NEWS

FIRST-EVER MISSISSIPPI CONFEDERATE FLAG BOOK NOW AVAILABLE!

Larry Hawkins, an SCV Compatriot from Tennessee, has just released the first edition of "Flags Used By Mississippi During the War Between the States," the first-ever book-length study of Mississippi Confederate Battleflags. The book is the product of some ten years of research by Mr. Hawkins, and is illustrated with pictures (and some drawings) of over sixty Mississippi Confederate Battleflags. Given that the book deals exclusively with Mississippi Flags, Mr. Hawkins has graciously allowed me to alert the Mississippi Division to the availability of this groundbreaking publication prior to its going on sale at other venues. Only 600 copies of this first edition have been produced, so it is important that interested Mississippi Compatriots get their orders in ASAP. Said Mr. Hawkins, "I want to emphasize that any profits will go to Beauvoir and to Mississippi Flag preservation. I also plan when finished to give all the original notes and pictures to Beauvoir."

Mr. Hawkins is offering the book for \$30, plus \$3 shipping and handling. Considering the historical significance of the volume (let alone its value to Mississippians!), the book is a steal at this price. It is 130+ pages, 8.5x11" format, and is printed on glossy, thick white paper.

You may order your copy by sending \$33 (\$30 for the book, plus \$3 S&H, making a total of \$33) made payable to "Larry Hawkins") to:

Mississippi Flag Book
 c/o Larry Hawkins
 5597 Fair Cove
 Memphis, Tennessee 38115

(or) email purchase request to flagsusedms@gmail.com.

WEB POLL

This past months survey was;

Which do you think was the Biggest blow to the South?

Gettysburg 34% (14)
 Vicksburg 51% (21)
 Atlanta 15% (6)

41 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

BRIGADE NEWS

Please plan on attending the next 5th Brigade Meeting May 22nd, 7PM at the Dixie Community Center. The Brigade will be selecting its next Commander and Councilman. The nominated persons will be confirmed at our upcoming 114th Reunion / Division Convention. So come on out and enjoy and fellowship with on fellow compatriot from the Brigade.

Call to Duty!!!!

Saturday, March 14th has been designated as the next workday at Beauvoir. The Brigade and Division are asked to paint the Southside perimeter fence. We will meet at 7AM and work until.

Paint will be provided, please bring your own brushes and rollers. For more information call Rick Forte at 228-343-1403 or email director@beauvoir.org (or) 5th Brigade Commander Troy Savoie @ fallmuster@cableone.net

Food and Refreshments will be provided. We are looking forward to see you there.



The Sam Davis Camp has been asked to provide the Color Guard of the 116th General Convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the convention will be held at the Beau Rivage on November 5-10, 2009. Our participation will be handled by our Honor guard committee.

Except from January 31st 1863 edition of the Harper's Ferry Weekly

CONFEDERATE [REBEL] MONEY.

Fac-Simile Confederate Treasury Notes. So exactly like the genuine that where one will pass current the other will go equally well. \$500 in Confederate Notes of all denominations, sent free by mail on receipt of \$5, by W. E. HILTON, 11 Spruce Street, New York.

Back in 1863, a common tactic used to weaken the Confederate dollar was to print more of it.

It's funny how time has changed... or has it?

Heritage Alert!!!

Denver's South High sends Johnny Reb packing, picks new mascot

By Ernest Luning 2/20/09

Students at Denver South High School got school district approval Thursday night to replace a Confederate soldier with the mythical griffin as the school's mascot. "The times have changed and so must the mascot," Junior Class President Donovan Hilton told the Denver Public Schools board, the Rocky Mountain News reports.



Former South High mascot

Hilton was among students who staged a walk-out to protest the Johnny Reb mascot a year ago — a regular occurrence, said South Principal Bill Kohut, who has been at the school 22 years. Students sponsored a contest for a new logo, which yielded the griffin, based on a protective gargoyle that looms over the 84-year-old school in Denver's Washington Park neighborhood.

"I grew up on the Mason-Dixon Line," DPS Superintendent Tom Boasberg said, according to The Denver Post. "I understand the power and the meaning of these symbols."

South teams will still be called the Rebels after some alumni raised concern over changing the name, Kohut said. But the school's 1,400 students — nearly 70 percent minority — will no longer have to walk across an image of a Confederate soldier inlaid in the school's entryway.

The Denver Post reports:

The shift will require changing insignias posted in every DPS high school gymnasium, painting the new logo on South's walls, producing two nylon flags with the new image and using carpets with the new insignia to cover up the old mascot that is ingrained in the floor.

Kohut estimated the cost to the district to be about \$15,000.

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Please send remarks and submittals to the Editor at ; Fallmuster@cableone.net

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Proverbs 27:10 Do not forsake your own friend or your father's friend,
Nor go to your brother's house in the day of your calamity;
Better *is* a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.

Mississippi Division and Beauvoir
Confederate Memorial Day is April 25th 2009
Make plans to attend and honor our Confederate
Heroes!!!

Potluck Dinner on the grounds-12 noon
Memorial Service-2 p.m.
Guest Speaker- Mississippi Division Commander
Larry McCluney



Members of the Sam Davis Camp #596 along with other members of the 5th Brigade Honor Guard at the recent Sgt. Stevens' Memorial of the 27th Mississippi Infantry. Quite an impressive bunch!!!