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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

August 13th– Camp Meeting, 7PM

@Beauvoir

**Guest Speaker– Compatriot
Kevin McKinley**

August 15th– Camp Workday

@Beauvoir, 7AM

**August 22-23rd– Southern
Heritage Conference/5th Brigade
meeting**

Larel, MS

**August 29th– LeMaitre /Canfield
Memorial**

**@ LeMaitre Cemetery,
Moss Point, MS, 10am**

Sept. 10th– Camp Meeting, 7PM

@ Beauvoir

Sept. 12th– Camp Workday

@ Beauvoir, 7AM

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Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Hello, I hope that by way of this letter I find you well. July was a very busy month and August has the possibility of the same. We have many activities planned and I hope you are able to join in with us.

I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Colonel Thornton Memorial a great success. More than 60 friends and compatriots watched as we unveiled the Colonel's Southern Cross of Honor. Among these participants were members from all reaches of the Brigade. We also had the honor of having the Louisiana Division, Southeastern Brigade Commander in the crowd. It was a great ceremony!

Now we look forward to the next ceremony, the LeMaitre / Canfield Memorial will be August 29th in Moss Point. I truly hope that you can find your way to participate. Please see the additional details this newsletter.

In the past week you should have received you Dues Renewal form in the mail. This is the new dues collection process which we have been talking about. It is hoped that this process will simplify our adjutant's job. So please fill it out, write the check and send it off.

As an update to our Heritage T-shirt project...well Boys we are not doing to good. At the time of writing this we have only received a commitment to purchase 11 shirts. This is a little short of our goal of 50 shirts to proceed. I am truly surprised at the lack of interest in this endeavor, but with a month still to go before the deadline, I know we can get there.

August also offers us the 15th Annual Southern Heritage Conference in Laurel. Our brothers of the Jones County Rosin Heels have worked hard on this event each year and I urge you to participate, I guarantee it will be a weekend you won't soon forget.

In closing, with all the possibilities that August offers, there should be something for everyone, so please consider participating. Oh!!! Remember that there is less than 80 days until Fall Muster...So get ready Boys!



Honorable Grady Howell as he gives a very informational presentation on the life of the good Colonel.



Colonel John Jones Thornton's Headstone adorned with his newly placed Southern Cross Of Honor and wreath honoring the 6th Mississippi Infantry.



Members of the 5th Brigade Honor Guard fire a Rifle Salute in honor of Colonel J. J. Thornton. It had been 123 years since the Scranton Rifles had done the same at the burial of the good Colonel.

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

Contact Judy Allen,
228-806-4788 or e-mail at
genieallen87@yahoo.com.



Our July Meeting's Guest Speaker Compatriot Charles Schmitz gave us a wonderful presentation on the 1st Battle of Manassas

Coast CSA History 101

December 1861, the Union forces of General Benjamin F. Butler began arriving at Ship Island. They were massing for the invasion of New Orleans. A contingent of sailors and marines associated with this force landed at Ocean Springs on March 1, 1862. They came from a launch assigned to the USS Hartford, which was Admiral David G. Farragut's flagship. New York Herald of March 25, 1862, reported the incident as follows: now steered for Ocean Springs, and on landing we found we were on Eagan's Wharf, which is well built and is several hundred yards in length. On it is a railroad track used for transporting goods from the boats, which land there. We seated ourselves on the car and the marines were our steam, or rather motive power. We met but one sore-faces Creole. Of course, we let him go, but he followed us. On leaving "the cars", we passed through a dilapidated building (This could have been the Seashore Hotel), by another, and we were in Ocean Springs, and were the first landing party of Union men who have been here since the war. Our footsteps were directed to the Post Office, where we found Mrs. J. Eagan in charge. Mrs. E. is a good looking lady from the Emerald Isle, of a fiery temper, and with finger nails long enough to do some tall scratching with. Her better half, John, arrived soon after we entered the domains of the Confederate States of America Post Office Department. He wore an angry look and a seedy coat; was tall in stature and in his speech; had a contemptuous air and an air of onions; was not a Northerner or Southerner but was born in Ireland; was a postmaster under Buck (President Buchanan) who illthrated him, and now he was one of Mr. Davis' postmasters. He had returned all his stamps, but kept his letter balance to balance his accounts. Colonel Jones could not see his balance in that light, and after weighing the thing in his mind came to the conclusion not to be found wanting in the scales of duty, and carried off Eagan's balance because it bore these significant characters--P.O.D.U.S. (Post Office Department United States). Eagan was mad, but Mrs. Eagan was madder, and she gave us a little bit of Irish advice. Ocean Springs is a beautiful place and well adapted for a watering place. It is smaller than Biloxi, which place was built up under the influence of the Southern land excitements. Ocean Springs is almost entirely deserted and we did not see over ten persons there. The object of our visit being eminently successful, and having taken about fifty New Orleans papers, we prepared to return. Bidding Eagan & Co. goodbye, we "took the cars" for the end of the wharf where we found that the Hartford's launch crew had made a seizure of quite a number of guns, rifles, and muskets, all of them in dilapidated condition. They were probably brought there for the purpose of complying with an order to the citizens to send their old arms to New Orleans to be repaired. We put them in the boat and started for the New London.

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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 history of the world is
but the
biography of great men."*

THOMAS CARLYLE

Remembering the Battle Of Atlanta

July marks the 145th Anniversary of the beginning of the end of the Southern people's quest for independence.

Are today's children taught about the States Battle's of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Chattanooga, Chickamauga, Jonesboro, Fredericksburg, Pea Ridge, Vicksburg, Kennesaw Mountain, Nashville and Atlanta that ultimately led to Gen. Sherman's March to the Sea?

Did you know that Confederate Brigadier Gen. Stand Watie, an American Indian, held the highest rank on either side, Union or Confederate, or that Black Confederates helped defend Atlanta and are buried on the grounds of a famous Atlanta Black University?

In July, 1864, a free-black man, Soloman (Sam) Luckie, was leaning against a gas lamp post in downtown Atlanta, Georgia. The Atlanta barber was talking to a group of businessmen when a cannon shell burst wounded him. The white businessmen took him to their surgeon where he died from the wounds. Luckie may have been one of the first casualties of General Sherman's assault on Atlanta. A street was later named in his memory.

This gas lamp that proved unlucky for Sam Lucky was one of 50 gas lamps erected by the Atlanta Gas Light Company in 1856 and the only one to survive the War Between the States. This famous lamp was relit on December 15, 1939, in conjunction with the World Premiere of the movie "Gone with the Wind" in Atlanta, Georgia. It stood for many years on the corner of Whitehall (now Peachtree) and Mitchell Street. It was moved to Underground Atlanta when construction began on the Five Points Marta Rail Station.

One hundred sixteen years after the War Between the States Battle of Atlanta, a memorial event took place at the Neiman Marcus Department Store at Atlanta, Georgia's Lenox Square Shopping Mall. A special Battle of Atlanta Tea was held here starting in 1980. The programs for this occasion included speeches by noted historians; Mr. Virlyn Moore, Mr. Judson Ward and the late great Mr. Franklin M. Garrett. Garrett was the official Historian for the City of Atlanta and served as Director of the Atlanta Historical Society. History is always alive in Atlanta, Ga. Check the many events at:AtlantaHistoryCenter.com

The Battle of Atlanta Tea, held through the early 1980s, was a big success due to the efforts of Mrs. Elizabeth Edmondson, Mrs. Sally White of Nieman Marcus, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Atlanta's historic "Cyclorama", located at Grant Park, is a jewel of a painting depicting the Battle of Atlanta. A short distance from here is Historic Oakland Cemetery, that is the final resting place to many Confederate soldiers some of whom died during the Battle of Atlanta.

Many people supported the Battle of Atlanta Tea in the 1980s. A reception room was set up with food and refreshment and the walls were adorned with Confederate and United States flags. The women wore ante-bellum attire and men wore Confederate uniforms. Confederate reenactors, with replica black powder period rifles, stood guard at store entrances and escalators to give directions and tell stories from the past.

Can you imagine such an event happening today? Our school bands no longer play "Dixie" but Dixie was played during the Battle of Atlanta Commemorations.

The Battle of Atlanta took place south of the Carter Center, down to the intersection of Moreland Avenue and Interstate 20 and around Glenwood Ave., Memorial Drive and Clay Street.

During the Battle of Atlanta the Confederate forces were first commanded by General Joseph E. Johnston and later by General John Bell Hood. The Union Forces were under command of General William Tecumseh Sherman. The main Union force was the Army of the Tennessee under Major General James B. McPherson who was killed during the Atlanta battle.

2011 will mark the 150th anniversary of the War Between the States. Let's Not Forget!!

Column by Calvin E. Johnson Jr.

**15TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN HERITAGE CONFERENCE
and 9th ANNUAL CONFEDERATE CEILEDH**

All you politically incorrect folks, come celebrate the South with the Jones County Rosin Heels SCV Camp at the Southern Heritage Conference at Bethlehem Baptist Church about 5 miles east of Laurel, MS on Highway 184 E. We'll have in your face speakers, music, food and fellowship!

Our speakers are Chaplin-in-Chief, Bro. Cecil Fayard, George Church and Bro. John Killian. We'll meet Friday, August 21 at 6:00 PM to visit, shop and get seated to start at 7.00pm. We meet again at 8:30 AM Saturday with speeches to start at 9.00 AM, August 22. We'll break for dinner at noon and eat on the premises, and come back afterwards for the afternoon session. Flash! Greg Stewart, author of the Flag initiative, has been added to the batting order. He will speak on the Flag fight. What we did wrong, what we did right and what we will need to do next time- and it is coming.

Saturday night dress casual or dress out in Confederate uniforms and antebellum ball gowns or wee kilties for the Saturday evening supper and Confederate Ceiledh at 5:00. We will try to eat at 5.30. At a Ceiledh, everyone is invited to sing, tell a joke, read a poem, etc. At the supper and Ceiledh we'll post the colors. We will need all uniformed Confederates and kilted Scots to bring weapons and join in to protect colors, and piper. (They'll either enjoy it, or they need it!)

NOON DINNER \$10.00 PER PERSON, SUPPER \$15.00 PER PERSON
You MUST make MEAL RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE

The Comfort Suites is offering a discount rate of \$72 for a two queen and a fold out couch for you hardlegs who want to leave your wives at home. The price includes a hot breakfast for three so you can bunch up and save money. The Normal price is \$95 for one. Call 601-649-2620 and tell them you are with the Southern Heritage Conference. The address is 1820 Jefferson St., Laurel.

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We'll see you at the Southern Heritage Conference! Put us down!

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

THERE WILL BE _____ OF US FOR NOON DINNER @ \$10.00 EACH, AND

_____ OF US FOR SUPPER @ \$15.00 EACH, AND
CONFERENCE ADMISSION _____ (\$15.00 FOR FAMILY) OR
CONFERENCE ADMISSION _____ (\$10.00 FOR INDIVIDUAL)

I ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR \$ _____ (POST DATED IS OK)

!!!!MEAL RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY 8:00 AM, AUGUST 18!!!!

Vendors tables are free, but limited and filling up fast. Please contact us.

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"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior ..."

— Isaiah 43:2-3

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LeMaitre / Canfield Memorial

*The Sam Davis Camp #596, Sons of
Confederate Veterans will be
dedicating the newly placed headstones of
Pvt. Joseph LeMaitre of the 27th Miss.,
Infantry Co. L / Twiggs Rifle, (C.S.)
&
Pvt. James Horace Canfield of the 75th
N.Y., Infantry Co. C & G, (U.S.)*

*This Joint Ceremony will take place at
10 am on August 29th 2009
At the LeMaitre Cemetery in Moss Point,
Mississippi.*

*Take I-10 exit 68 - Head south approxi-
mately 1/2 mile turn left on Dutch Bayou
Road, LeMaitre Cemetery will be on the
Right.*

Please Join Us!



*Sam Davis Camp #596
Mississippi Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans*

