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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

Feb 15- Camp Meeting

(Sunday 3PM @ Beauvoir)

Feb 20- 5th Brigade

Meeting @ Dixie, 7PM

March 6-7- SCV National

Chaplains' Convention

@Gulfport Ramada

March 12- Camp Meeting

April 9th- Camp Meeting

April 25- CSA Memorial Day

9AM @ Gulfport CSA

Monument & IPM Beauvoir Cemetery

May 14- Camp Meeting

May 29-30th- 114th Reunion

Mississippi Division Convention

@ Greenwood Mississippi

Camp Officers

Commander / Editor

Troy Savoie

1st Lt Commander

Charlie Purchner

2nd Lt. Commander

David Parker

Adjutant

Ken Overstreet

Chaplain

Bill Tate

Historian

Andrew Young

Calling a Special February 15th Meeting

Compatriots,

As I start my term as Commander, I am posed with my first issue. Most of you know that the Ramada Inn has been sold. The new owner has graciously offered to allow us to continue using the meeting room for a \$75 a night fee. I personally am not comfortably with paying \$900 a year of the camp's money for this meeting place, without discussing it with you.

That is why I have decided to Call a Special Time & Place change for our February Meeting. We will fore-go our normal 2nd Thursday meeting for Sunday Feb. 15th, 3PM at Beauvoir. That right Boys, we are going home (if just for a visit). This will be an outside meeting and we will meet under the Oaks just south of the Gift shop, so we will be at the mercy of the weather. There should be enough seating on the benches, but bringing your own chair couldn't hurt.



“A Visit Home”

Camp business will include possibilities for our future meeting places and the development of several Committees. We will tour the House as our Program. So please make the effort to attend, we have many decisions to make.

Troy Savoie

Commander, Sam Davis #596

Lee-Jackson Banquet a Great Success!!!



Past Commander Wallace Mason poses with the presentation sword given to him for his service to our camp.

Even though we had some last minutes hoops to jump through, our Lee-Jackson Banquet was a great success. This year's Banquet attendance was larger than the previously held pre-Katrina events. This is a very positive sign that our Camp has weathered the storm and is coming back stronger than ever.

After eating a great meal. We were honored to have a presentation on Lee and Jackson by the renown author Grady Howell.

The evening also offered a candlelight service for our Confederate Ancestors and Our Lost Compatriots... *Cont'd on pg 4*

NATIONAL NEWS

NASCAR changes Stance

Greetings Compatriots,

I am sure most of you are aware of the problems we have had with NASCAR and their positions over the years regarding the Confederate Flag. Several years ago there was an attempt by the SCV to sponsor a car which was refused. NASCAR eventually imposed a ban on the flag in any way they could as they tried to build a larger fan base, which did not work. Over the years members of, and the SCV itself have conducted protests and the like to make our displeasure known to NASCAR. Until now they have stood pat.

That is now going to change. During SpeedWeek at Daytona there will be a NASCAR sanctioned race with a sanctioned car bearing the logo of the SCV and our contact information on the hood and quarter panels! The team that will carry the colors is the legendary Foyt Racing inc.

The race is the Lucas Oil Slick Mist 200. This is a race in the ARCA Re/Max series. This is run on Saturday

with the 500 being the next day on the same track. Last year this race had a viewer ship of 1.1million households. It will air at 4pm ET February 7th on the Speed Channel, which is carried by Direct TV among others. Much credit goes to Foyt Racing for their willingness to take this on. Especially to Larry Foyt who committed to doing a joint press conference with us to denounce the decision of NASCAR if they had turned us down.

Please join me in offering congratulations to our Lt CiC Michael Givens! He was the one who found this opportunity for us and worked the deal.

And so my brothers!- tune in, record or do both at 4pm ET Saturday February 7th watch our logo, and hence the Confederate Battle Flag fly around the track at the Daytona International Speedway!

Happy Motoring!

Chuck McMichael
Commanding

DIVISION NEWS

Compatriots,

The City of Quitman and Clark County have requested that we come and put on a living history encampment at the National Guard Armory on the 21st of Feb. They have also asked if we would do a memorial service at The Texas Hospital Cemetery that same day. We have met with a representative of the city government and could find no problem with what they want us to do. We can fire rifles and cannon and display whatever flags we want. In fact, we will provide replacement flags for the cemetery, and they asked us to see that they are the correct Confederate flags. The cemetery is on county property and the board of supervisors voted 100% to support this and have already graded the road. The sheriff has also pledged as many units as needed for traffic control or whatever. I have never seen any local governments this supportive of anything we do!

There is a lot of history in that area, including Confederate. There was an induction center in Quitman as well as two hospitals. There was also an equipment production depot at Enterprise just up the road. Enterprise also served as the seat of government for the state of Mississippi during one of the burnings of Jackson, and there is also a large Confederate cemetery at Enterprise.

This will be a joint 4th and 5th Brigade, Mississippi Division SCV project. However, this is to be considered a Confederate project period, as we already have like minded people from Ala. and La. pledged to support us. In fact, Beetle Bailey of The Alabama Division, has contacted The Texas Division, so we may have Texans there too.

We would like to see this become a yearly event and we have a lot of support for the idea. So, please come on out and help us turn this into a great event and a grand day for our Confederate ancestors.

WEB POLL

This past months survey was;

DO YOU THINK THE 8 FLAGS DISPLAY SHOULD BE PUT BACK UP ON THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST?

YES(123) 98%

NO(0)

YES, but without the battle flag (2) 2%

125 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

DIVISION NEWS

You are Cordially Invited

A memorial service for Sergeant William Mark Stevens.
Company G, 27th Mississippi Infantry
1825 - 1872

In honor of Ernie "Bill" Elkins, Jr.
Great-Great Grandson of William Mark Stevens
July 10, 1944 - September 25, 2008
Bill wrote a very interesting history about his Great-Great Grandfather and shared it with his family. We want to share this great story with everyone. Bill passed away this year after a hard battle with cancer. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

February 7, 2009
Albritton Cemetery, Prospect Road (US postal address for this road will be (Richton, MS.)
Prospect Community Perry County, Mississippi.

Sponsored by:
The Augusta Greys Camp #1956
Mississippi Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the 27th Mississippi Honor Guard .

We plan to have a pot luck lunch for the family, friends and honor guard beginning around 11:00 AM at the Prospect Community Center approximately 1/2 mile from the cemetery. Honor Guard soldiers will meet at 10:00 AM to set up and rehearse for the memorial service.

Sincerely,
Don Heiden
Chaplain, Augusta Greys Camp 1956
DWH6039@aol.com



This Mississippi stamp is in Flags of Our Nation, a three-year series launched on Flag Day 2008. Each of the six sets will feature 10 state or territorial flags, chosen alphabetically, with the new June set spotlighting Kentucky through Missouri plus the Stars and Stripes. They are sold in a roll and each \$21 roll has 50 stamps, or five images of each stamp. They are double the size of standard stamps.

This stamp will be available for purchase in June 2009.

FRIENDS OF BEAUVOIR

It was a desire and hope of Past Brigade Commander Roy Wooten that all members of the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans become a participating Friend of Beauvoir. The money derived from this program helps with the daily operational expenses of Beauvoir. Although Beauvoir has reopened it is still nowhere near the pre-Katrina period of tourist visitation. However, there are still expenses that must be met. If you can find it within your budget I want to encourage you to become a Friend of Beauvoir. I hope you can find it within your financial means to help fulfill a dream of our late Compatriot, Roy Wooten. If you are already a Friend, I thank you but if you are not, please consider this request.

Clip or copy the below information and send it to the address below. Share this with as many friends and family as you can.

Membership categories (please check one)

- Student \$15.00
- Individual \$25.00
- Family \$40.00
- Patron \$100.00 - \$249.00
- Sustaining \$250.00 - \$499.00
- Benefactor \$500.00 - \$999.00
- Sponsor \$1,000.00 - \$4,999.00
- President's Cabinet \$5,000.00 +
- Corporate \$500.00 and above

_____ Amount

General and Contributing Membership

Name: _____

Names of Children (if applicable): _____

Address (Street): _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone (Home): _____

(Alternate): _____

There are benefits such as free admission, quarterly newsletter, and discounts on museum shop purchases. Obviously because of the state of affairs at Beauvoir post-Katrina, member benefits have been suspended but will be reinstated once Beauvoir is rebuilt and opened. You may contact Beauvoir at the phone number below with any questions about the benefits part of membership.

For additional information, please call or write:

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Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.

camp news cont'd

Our newly appointed officers were given their oaths by the Honorable Rick Forte. Another good sign that the camp is doing well, was the large amount of awards for service that were given to our very deserving members. The Camp also recognized both Forrest "Buzz" Holder and Cecil Woods with the Dr. Arnold Huskins Award for their evolvment in last year's protecting of the Harrison County Confederate Memorial Day. The Compatriot of the Year Award was presented to Kenneth "Kenny" Walker Jr.

Past Commander Mason was recognized for his service to Beauvoir by the Chairman of the Combined Boards, Rick Forte. Then 1st Lt. Cmdr Purchner read a letter from the Division Commander Larry McCluney, commending Wallace's service to the Division.

After which, the Sam Davis Camp presented our past commander with a shadow-box enclosed sword as our token of appreciation for his service to this camp.

And just before we closed, a few lucky guests were given door prizes. Which capped the night off perfectly.

If you were in attendance, Thank You! If you were unable to make it, You missed a great celebration of our Heritage, hopefully we'll see you next year!



Compatriot of the year– Kenny Walker