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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

April 9th– Camp Meeting, 7PM @ Beauvoir

(Guest Speaker– Terry Bailey)

April 11th– Camp Workday

@ Beauvoir, 7AM

April 25– CSA Memorial Day

9AM @ Gulfport CSA

Monument & IPM Beauvoir Cemetery

May 14– Camp Meeting, 7PM

@Beauvoir

May 16– Camp Workday

@Beauvoir, 7AM

May 22– 5th Brigade Meeting,

7PM @ Dixie

May 29-30th– 114th Reunion

Mississippi Division Convention

@ Greenwood Mississippi

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Commander / Editor

Troy Savoie

1st Lt. Commander

Charlie Purchner

2nd Lt. Commander

David Parker

Adjutant

Ken Overstreet

Chaplain

Bill Allen

Historian

Andrew Young

Color Sgt.

Chris Finley

Commander's Report

Compatriots,

Well, I have made it through my first 60 days as camp commander. Hopefully I have a better success rating than our current President.

I have already learned many things; like knowing that I will have a flashlight to read my notes at our meetings for a while.

The status of the camp is sound; we are back at Beauvoir, have money in the bank and 93 current members.

I am confident that my current push for the

organization of our camp committees will pay-off on all levels. Already we are starting to see things developing from these committees.

Please don't hesitate to get involved. So, if you have not already signed up for a group, please do so, there's plenty work for all.

Also please come out to our April 25th Confederate Memorial Ceremony at the Gulfport Courthouse, CSA Monument at 9AM.

Please remember, If we do not Honor them...

Who will? I hope to see you there!

Sam Davis Camp gives to the Coast!!!

On March 17, 2009, 1st Lt Comdr Charlie Purchner received the 8'X12' Mississippi state flag our Camp voted to purchase at our March meeting at Beauvoir.

Charlie took the flag to Chief Mike Brown of the Long Beach Fire Department (LBFD) on March 17th, and he was told by Chief Brown that the Mayor has requested Mississippi Power Company run electrical lines to the large flag pole where the U.S. flag and the large Mississippi state flags will be displayed. Currently, the LBFD is raising the U.S. flag and removing it each evening since there are no flood lights to light the flag after dark.

Once the Mississippi Power Company gets the wiring installed for the lights, the city will hook up lights for the flag pole. It is estimated that it may be 3 weeks before the lights are installed for the flag pole. At that time both flags will fly on the large pole on Hwy 90 at the intersection of Hwy 90 and JEFFERSON DAVIS AVENUE.

The folks at the LBFD and Long Beach Mayor Skellie have been extremely cooperative regarding the placement of the flag on the large pole on Hwy 90. The city will pur-

chase all of the necessary hardware to hook up the state flag. Once the flag is flying, we should call the Mayors office and thank them for flying "OUR" flag that we fought to keep during our state flag vote on April 17, 2001.

This will become the LARGEST Mississippi state flag displayed on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and, probably the largest in the southern part of the state.

I ask all compatriots to continue to look for "prominent" places to fly our state flag; and, where appropriate, especially a LARGE state flag.

I also ask all compatriots to check their local schools to insure they are in compliance with Mississippi state law, and that they are flying the state flag. Another place where the flag should be flown is at the weigh stations on the interstate. If they are not flying, stop in at the school or weigh station and ask the principal or weigh master why the state flag is not being flown.

We fought hard to keep our state flag, now lets fly it ourselves, and urge others to (especially those that are required to fly it). Keep it flying!

Division Commander's Note

Compatriots,

It's that time of year to brush off old man winter and prepare for the Spring Campaign. I know you're just as excited as I am to get back into the field and promote, preserve, and educate people about our heritage. Remember that Confederate Heritage month is just around the corner and I hope every Camp is preparing Confederate memorial services and living histories. Keep in mind that the last weekend in April is also our Division memorial service at Beauvoir on April 25th. Let's make plans to attend in record numbers and take the opportunity to see the progress at Beauvoir since the last Convention. I think everyone will be amazed.

Now I would like to announce the .Call to Convention.. The Brig/General Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp #1625 is finalizing the minor details to make this year's State Convention a success. I want to remind everyone to beat the Motel Room reservation deadline, March 29, and get your rooms booked. The Convention Motel is the Best Western in Greenwood.

Reservations can be made by calling 662-455-5777. You can go to the Convention site <http://msconvention2009.homestead.com/index.html> to get more convention information.

Now I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your Division Commander. The past two years have blown by so fast that it is hard to believe that my time is almost up. We have seen some great moments in our Division's history with the reopening of Beauvoir, new Camps created, and membership growth these past two years. The success goes to you for a Commander is only as good as the people who support him and the Mississippi Division I believe is the greatest Division in the Confederation. I look forward after elections to returning to the ranks and serving once again as a private. Over the past two years I met many of you and have considered all of you my brothers. Please do not hesitate to call upon me if there is something I can do to help forward our Cause.

I look forward to seeing you all in my hometown of Greenwood and welcoming you to the Mississippi Delta and the Land of Cotton. We have a great convention planned and I hope to see you all here in record numbers as we elect our new officers for the next two years and as we gather to enjoy the fellowship as well.

Larry McCluney, Mississippi Division Commander

Greetings Compatriots;

First of all, I thank you for having elected me as your 1st Lt Commander for 2 years. I look forward to the challenges associated with the job.

As you know, each Camp meeting we like to have a guest speaker to educate us about Confederate history. As 1st Lt Comdr, one of my primary duties is to ensure we have a guest speaker at nearly every meeting. I know we have several Compatriots in our Camp that can talk on various topics related to the Confederacy. I am trying to schedule all of our Camp's guest speakers for the remainder of the year. I have a speaker scheduled for our upcoming meeting on April 9th, and a speaker scheduled for August. If anyone would like to give a presentation to the Camp this year, please let me know so I can put you on the schedule. One of my "initiatives" this year is to get our Camp members to encourage others on the coast to fly our Mississippi State flag; which our Camp fought so hard to keep during the election which was held in April 2001. I have personally donated many Mississippi State flags to businesses, individuals and organizations here on the coast, and in the near future we will have one of the largest Mississippi State Flags ever flown on the coast flying on Hwy 90 in Long Beach. At our last meeting our Camp members voted to purchase an 8'X12' state flag which will fly in Long Beach at the intersection of Hwy 90 and JEFFERSON DAVIS avenue once the lighting is connected for the pole.

I asked those members present at our last Camp meeting to look for places (especially highly visible places) to fly our state flag. I will bring some flags to all meetings I attend this year to hand out for those that know of a location that will fly the state flag. All I ask is that for every flag the Camp donates, I would like a picture of the state flag flying at the place which is was donated (for our Camp's scrapbook) I intend to propose at our April meeting that it be a "requirement" that to be nominated for our Camp's Compatriot of the Year honor, the nominee must have donated at least one state flag, and provide a picture of where that state flag is flying.

I hope to see you at our next meeting on the beautiful grounds of Beauvoir on April 9th at 7:00 p.m.

1st Lt. Charlie Purchner

BRIGADE NEWS

Please plan on attending the next 5th Brigade Meeting May 22nd, 7PM at the Dixie Community Center. The Brigade will be selecting it's 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.



Stone Barefield Sr. A long time member of the Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 1353, Hattiesburg , passed away Saturday, March 21,2009 at his home in Hattiesburg. Stone was a Emeritus member of the Board of Trustees of Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home.



Members of the Sam Davis participate in the 5th Brigade Honor Guard at Compatriot Stone Barefield Sr.'s Funeral

Notable Quotes

"...the contest is not over, the strife is not ended. It has only entered upon a new and enlarged arena."

--- President Jefferson Davis, C.S.A., address to the Mississippi legislature in 1881.

Camp #596 donates to the SLRC

At the March Meeting, Compatriot Andrew Young motioned that the Camp start supporting the Southern Legal Resource Center. After a brief discussion of who they are and what they do.

/The **Southern Legal Resource Center (SLRC)** is a non-profit foundation which offers legal support to victims of discrimination or other averse actions related to Southern Heritage./

It was agreed that Actions of the center warranted our support and the Camp would donate \$25 per month to their needs.

You can get more information about the SLRC at the following;
www.slrc-csa.org
www.confederateamericanpride.com/slrc.html



WEB POLL

This past months survey was;

Where should the new Jefferson Davis Statue be put?

- Beauvoir- Biloxi, Ms(146)
- Old Courthouse- Vicksburg, Ms(0)
- First Whitehouse- Montgomery, Al(810)

956 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

Important Note on the Web Poll-

I would like to thank the one voter (affiliated with the Alabama Library system) who on March 19th cast the overwhelming votes for Montgomery. Boy...this person really wants the statue at Montgomery.

This identified a glitch in our survey system. The system has been repaired and no longer can multiple votes be cast from a single visitor.

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

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Coast CSA History 101

Article supplied by Compatriot Gary Steeper

Except from Know Your Coast-

RED BLUFF RELIC REDISCOVERED

On October 27 KNOW YOUR COAST ran a column on Handsboro in which was recounted the fact that during the War Between the States, gunpowder for the Confederacy was manufactured by Jacob Knight at Red Bluff on Bayou Bernard.

Promptly we received a communiqué from J. P. Cuendet of Handsboro, stating that his family owned Red Bluff since 1873- and that three still exists on the property the original mortar of handmade brick in which the powder was ground. The letter invited us to come and take a look, which we did- equipped with camera and curiosity- and found it located a few hundred yards back from the bank of Bayou Bernard where, at one time, running out from Red Bluff was a wharf at which boats docked to take aboard the powder to blow the Yankees to Hell.

We arrived just in time too! A new road is being put through to the Red Bluff site- which now covers about 27 acres- and the property has been sold by Mr. Cuendet. It will soon be broken up into lots and sold again- and you know what will happen then to this last surviving relic of a dramatic period and place of our Gulf Coast history.

Mr. Cuendet, who is now over 70, says he remembers long years ago when Red Bluff was a prominent oval shaped promontory of vivid red clay. Both the color and the bluff itself have almost disappeared, eaten away by the washing of the bayou over the decades, and marsh grass has taken over. Mr. Cuendet says also that up until World War I the huge old iron pestle that did the grinding in the center of the brick encasement still lay alongside the brick mortar, but that the premium on scrape iron made its removal profitable for person or persons unknown. Over the century of the mortar's existence sporadic attempts have been made to remove the bricks, but the cement used in those days is still so hard that it has stoutly resisted efforts to reduce it brick by brick.

Few people today know Red Bluff existed. Fewer still know its location next to the Thompson Farm of Bayou Bernard. Scarcely anybody remembers the powder mill mortar- and we have a sneaking hunch that this is the obituary of the last physical evidence that the Red Bluff Powder Mill existed.

Copyright 1957 by Ray M. Thompson

I would like to thank Gary for providing this piece of History and I believe we should investigate the site for a possible future Historical Marker project.

So next time you see Gary, tell him thanks for this Coast CSA History 101 lesson. I will be looking forward to the next.

Also I challenge each of you to provide this newsletter with articles much like this one. We could all use local / Regional History lessons. It is such a shame the these things are forgotten.

Division Announcements-

Confederate Memorial Day At Beauvoir

A reminder to all Division compatriots. **Saturday April 25** is Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir. It starts at Noon with a picnic on the grounds. At 2:00 pm the ceremony honoring our ancestors will begin at the cemetery. Our featured speaker will be our Division Commander Larry McCluney. Everyone please come, bring your family and friends for a great memorial day. We need compatriots in uniform and would love to have a few cannons if there are any available. Details contact: Wallace at: harrywjrmason@bellsouth.net

Sunday April 5, 2009 Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp #1649 Confederate Memorial Service will be held at the Marion Confederate Cemetery in Marion, Mississippi at 2pm
Details contact; Ben Gaddis (601) 483-1359

Saturday April 11, 2009: Clinton, Mississippi - Lowry Rifles Confederate Memorial Service: The Lowry Rifles Camp #1740 of Rankin County, MS. will hold their 2009 Confederate Memorial Service at the Historic Clinton City Cemetery in Clinton, MS. At 11:00am. After the service there will be a picnic on the grounds. The picnic will be potluck (finger style foods) such as sandwiches, chips, dips, and snacks. Please bring your own beverages. Confederate re-enactors are needed for this service. For more information contact: Bill at: BHLH87@aol.com

Call to Duty!!!!

Well our first planned workday didn't work as well as planned. Unfortunately Mother Nature was against us and there was no painting to be had.

So I would like to thank all who came out!!

We will try again on Saturday, April 11th. We will meet at 7AM and work until. We will plan on cutting and clearing fallen trees and if enough show we will consider painting. So bring what you think you may need and come on out. 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.

I would like to Thank Compatriot Chris Finley for Volunteering his service as our new Camp Medic. Being a First Responder, his services are very welcomed...let's face it none of us are getting any younger! Along with his new duty he already has the honor of being the Camp Color Sgt.

Way to go Chris!!

Please remember about our Annual Ceremony at the Gulfport Confederate Monument. It will be April 25 at 9:00AM. I need to remind you that what we do there that day is the true meaning of why we are in this organization. So please come on out, in Uniform or not and Bring the family. We need to show our presents, remember if we don't honor them...who will.



Visit the website: <http://confederate150.com/> for information

Heritage Alert from Georgia!

Gentlemen,

We need your help. It was discovered recently from members of SCV Camp #1552 McDonald of Kennesaw that the memorial Battle Flag and flag pole has been removed from the City of Kennesaw's Memorial / Centennial Park. The memorial Battle Flag was erected at the park in 1962 to memorialize the 100th anniversary of the great locomotive chase between the Texas and the General and to honor all the Confederate units that was trained and sent to the front lines at the Confederate training camp, Camp McDonald.

On the March 7 Georgia Division Executive Council meeting, a motion was made for the Georgia Division to draft a resolution to the City of Kennesaw requesting that they put back the pole and Battle Flag. The motion passed unanimously. I will be delivering that resolution to the Mayor and copies to each City Council members tomorrow. It has also been recommended that each Camp in the Georgia Division draft a respectful resolution (worded somewhat different from the Division's resolution) to sent to the Mayor and City Council encouraging them to re-erect the memorial flag pole and Battle Flag.

I would ask each of you to please go a step further to help get our Battle Flag back up. Please call Kennesaw's City Hall to voice your objections, e-mail the Mayor and the City Council Members and send them a personal letter if you can encouraging them to put the Battle Flag back up, all in a respectful manner.

Kennesaw City Hall
Attn:
2529 J.O. Stephenson Ave.
Kennesaw, GA 30144
770-424-8274
Fax: 770-429-4559

Thank you for your help.

Dr. Arnold M. Huskins
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Augusta, Ga.

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In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.
— Romans 8:26-27 (NIV)

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April is the month in which the Confederate States began and ended a four-year struggle; and

WHEREAS, on Confederate Memorial Day, we recognize those who served in the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, April 27, 2009, is set aside as Confederate Memorial Day to honor those who served in the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Americans to reflect upon our nation's past, to gain insight from our mistakes and successes, and to come to a full understanding that the lessons learned yesterday and today will carry us through tomorrow if we carefully and earnestly strive to understand and appreciate our heritage and our opportunities which lie before us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Haley Barbour, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of April 2009 as:

CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Mississippi and that the citizens thereof undertake measures to become more knowledgeable of and better understand the role of the Confederacy in American History.

AND FURTHER, we charge the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans to organize and conduct, in cooperation with other state historical organizations, fitting and appropriate public observances to commemorate and publicize this rich heritage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-third.



HALEY BARBOUR
GOVERNOR

The 2009 Governor's Resolution officially declaring April as Confederate Heritage Month.

Please take note of the revision added this year.

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Signed Feb. 19th , Haley Barbour.”

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