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Rex, Rodney and I attended Safety Training with Stephanie Fahrney from the Texas Highway Department last Tuesday and we now have everything we need to start our Trash Pickup along Highway 67. She said that our signs should go up some time next week. We'll talk about this more at our next meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 17th, 7:00 p.m.
Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.
Old Union Community Center
Hwy 67E, Mount Pleasant, Texas



DAVIDRREYNOLDS.ORG

This month the following changes have been made to our web site: <http://www.davidrreynolds.org>

- I've updated our Calendar of Events.
- I've updated our Events page to include all known events by the Camp and its members. Please let me know when you do anything for the SCVI'm still looking for biographies of your Confederate Ancestor. Please try to come up with a short bio that we can put on-line.

If you have any suggestions, recommendations or comments you can send me an email to: Joe.Reynolds@davidrreynolds.org and I promise to give it my full consideration.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Larry "Joe" Reynolds



2020 has started out being a busy year, although the 5th Brigade hasn't had many activities, I've kept busy with other Camp and Brigade activities. I would encourage each of you to find an activity that you enjoy and make a commitment to it. As a SCV member, you can attend any SCV camp of your choice at any time.

Visit some other camps and see how they run things, I think you'll find it interesting and enjoyable. I, myself, find it enjoyable to travel to different cities with my wife and find an hour or so at a different camp refreshing and pleasing.



Our Charge...

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish." Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations!

*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana April 25, 1906*



A BLAST FROM THE PAST

*(Taken from the February 1920 Edition of the
Confederate Veteran - 100 Years Ago)*

WHAT THEY FOUGHT FOR

BY E. POLK JOHNSON, LOUISVILLE, KV.

Does the devil ever tell the truth, I wonder? It would be no more surprising than the return to sanity and truthfulness displayed by certain parties in the North who during the War between the States solemnly proclaimed that the struggle was being waged solely for the preservation of the Union and the return of the Southern States to their rightful place in the sisterhood of States. Any such charge as that the object of the war was for the freedom of the negro was resented as casting unjust reflection upon the Union soldiers—volunteers, drafted men, and foreign-born hirelings—who were risking their lives, precious and otherwise, that the perpetuity of the Union, founded by our fathers, might be assured. Fighting that the negro might be free I Perish the thought! They were patriots, they were, and knew

what they were fighting for, and that was that the blessed Union might be saved, casting at the same time a side glance at the \$13 per month in the shape of a most persuasive force.

How things, matters, and opinions do change as time pursues its way! In the Literary Digest for December 20, 1919, pages 32 and 33, appears an article under the caption, "The Belated Lincoln Monument," and a prominent quotation from the Boston Transcript, from which this persuasive paragraph is copied. The Transcript is describing the monument for the benefit of its readers as follows: "The memorial can be seen to-day from almost any vantage point about Washington. When the grounds are completed and everything is in place, it will rise many feet above the tops of the trees which will surround it, even when they are full grown. By means of openings in the encircling foliage it will be seen in its entirety from six different approaches. Its whole eastern and western facades will be exposed to view, the former toward the Washington Monument and the latter toward the Potomac River and the hills of Arlington, where rest thousands of the men who fought that the negro might be freed."

There you have the solemn truth in the fourteen closing words of the quotation. I call it the "solemn truth" because no self-respecting Massachusetts man begins the day without having first read a chapter from James Russell Lowell before partaking of the daily news in the Transcript, the two publications forming somewhat a dual Bible, in that neither is to be disputed.

Does the devil ever tell the truth? was. asked at the beginning of this article. The answer is: "Occasionally in the office of the Boston Transcript."



President Dwight D. Eisenhower In Defense of Robert E. Lee

August 1, 1960

Dear Mr. President

At the Republican Convention I heard you mention that you have the pictures of four (4) great Americans in your office, and that included in these is a picture of Robert E. Lee.

I do not understand how any American can include Robert E. Lee as a person to be emulated, and why the President of the United States of America should do so is certainly beyond me.

The most outstanding thing that Robert E. Lee did, was to devote his best efforts to the destruction of the United States Government, and I am sure that you do not say that a person who tries to destroy our Government is worth of being held as one of our heroes.

Will you please tell me just why you hold him in such high esteem?

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Leon W. Scott

August 9, 1960

Dear Dr. Scott:



Respecting your August 1 inquiry calling attention to my often expressed admiration for General Robert E. Lee, I would say first, that we need to understand that at the time of the War Between the States the issue of secession had remained unresolved for more than 70 years. Men of probity, character, public standing and unquestioned loyalty, both North and South, had disagreed over this issue as a matter of principle from the day our Constitution was adopted.

General Robert E. Lee was, in my estimation, one of the supremely gifted men produced by our Nation. He believed unswervingly in the Constitutional validity of his cause which until 1865 was still an arguable question in America; he was a posed and inspiring leader, true to the high trust reposed in him by millions of his fellow citizens; he was thoughtful yet demanding of his officers and men, forbearing with captured enemies but ingenious, unrelenting and personally courageous in battle, and never disheartened by a reverse or obstacle. Through all his

many trials, he remained selfless almost to a fault and unflinching in his faith in God. Taken altogether, he was noble as a leader and as a man, and unsullied as I read the pages of our history.

From deep conviction, I simply say this: a nation of men of Lee's caliber would be unconquerable in spirit and soul.

Indeed, to the degree that present-day American youth will strive to emulate his rare qualities, including his devotion to this land as revealed in his painstaking efforts to help heal the Nation's wounds once the bitter struggle was over, we, in our own time of danger in a divided world, will be strengthened and our love of freedom sustained.

Such are the reasons that I proudly display the picture of this great American on my office wall.

Sincerely,

Dwight D. Eisenhower

THE CONQUERED BANNER.



**BY FATHER ABRAM J. RYAN, THE POET
PRIEST OF THE SOUTH.**

Furl that banner, for 'tis weary,
Round its staff 'tis drooping dreary;
Furl it, fold it, It Is beat;
For there's not a man to wave it,
And there's not a sword to save it,
And there's not one left to lave it,
In the blood which heroes gave it,
And it foes now scorn and brave it—
Furl it. hide it, let it rest.
Take the banner down— 'tis tattered,

Broken Is its staff and shattered,
 And the valient hosts are scattered,
 Over whom it floated high.
 Oh! 'tis hard for us to fold it,
 Hard to think there's none to hold it,
 Hard that those who once unrolled it
 Now must unfurl it with a sigh.
 Furl that banner, furl It sadly—
 Once ten thousand hailed it gladly,
 And ten thousand wildly, madly,
 Swore it should forever wave,
 Swore that foeman's sword could never
 Hearts like theirs entwined dis sever,
 Till that flag would float forever
 O'er their freedom or their grave.
 Furl it, for the hands that grasped it,
 And the hearts that fondly clasped it,
 Cold and dead are lying low:
 And the banner, it is trailing,
 While around it sounds the walling
 Of its people in their woe.
 For, though conquered, they adore it,
 Love the cold, dead hands that bore it,
 Weep for those who fell before it,
 Pardon those who trailed and tore it,
 And oh! wildly they deplore it,
 Now to furl and fold it so.
 Furl that banner! true 'tis gory,
 Yet 'tis wreathed around with glory,
 And 'twill live in song and story,
 Though its folds are in the dust;
 For its fame on brightest pages,
 Penned by poets and by sages,
 Shall go sounding down the ages,
 Furl its folds though now we must,
 Furl that banner, softly, slowly,
 Treat it gently—it is holy—
 For it droops above the dead;
 Touch it not, unfold it never,
 Let it droop there, furl'd forever.
 For its people's hopes are dead.

Source: "Confederate Veteran" Magazine, Vol. 1,
 Num 1, 1893

LAST CAMP MEETING

Although illness kept many members from our last meeting, it was still a very successful meeting. It was good to see Kathy Lester well enough to attend again, and our faithful visitor, George Linton, from the Upshur County Patriots is always welcome. Our program was cut a little short by technical difficulties of our computer but was still interesting and we thank Compatriot Rodney Love for it. Rodney was also honored by receiving four (4) Guardian Certificates.



Compatriot Rodney Love receives 4 Guardian Certificates from Camp Commander Joe Reynolds

BATTLES FOUGHT DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



Siege of Fort Donelson - Fort Donelson Tennessee

12-16 February 1862 - General Simon B. Buckner versus General Ulysses S. Grant. Casualties: 16,623 Confederate, 2832 Union!

Battle of Oluste - Olustee Florida

20 February 1864 - General Joseph Finegan versus General Truman Seymour. Casualties: 934 Confederate, 1861 Union!



INTERESTING FIND

While Cub Scout Pack 129 in Needville, Texas where out putting out wreaths for Wreaths Across America, they came across this.



*Needville City Cemetery
Needville, TX
Fort Bend County*



“We feel that our cause is just and holy; we protest solemnly in the face of mankind that we desire peace at any sacrifice save that of honour and independence; we ask no conquest, no aggrandizement, no concession of any kind from the States with which we were lately confederated; all we ask is to be let alone; that those who never held power over us shall not now attempt our subjugation by arms.”

President Jefferson Davis, C.S.A. – 29 April 1861



MILITARY TAPS

If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps was played; this brings out a new meaning of it.

Here is something Every American should know. Until I read this, I didn't know, but I checked it out and it's true:

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, 'Taps...' It's the song that gives us the lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes.

But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Elli was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Elli heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead.

The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral.

The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate.

But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

This wish was granted.

The haunting melody, we now know as 'Taps' used at military funerals was born.

The words are:

Day is done.
Gone the sun.
From the lakes
From the hills.
From the sky.
All is well.
Safely rest.
God is nigh.

Fading light.
Dims the sight.
And a star.
Gems the sky.

Gleaming bright.
From afar.
Drawing nigh.
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise.
For our days.
Neath the sun
Neath the stars.
Neath the sky
As we go.
This we know.
God is nigh

I too have felt the chills while listening to 'Taps' but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song, and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Remember Those Lost and Harmed While Serving Their Country.



Our Honored Ancestors

William Augustus White

Private

Company A 10th Georgia Infantry

William Augustus White was born in Georgia on October 20, 1837. On May 10, 1861 he enlisted as a private in Company A 10th Georgia Infantry at Columbus, Georgia for the duration of the war. The regiment captain was R.R. Haw's. He was sent to Camp Fairfield near Richmond, Virginia and in October he is listed as building officer barracks. It is said he was a carpenter by trade.

In the book I have there are reports of his clothing receipts, pay vouchers and various other records of his enlistment.

He evidently got lost from his company as there are reports of him being AWOL and as a deserter, but there is no record of any charges brought against him. Also my book refers to him as being a 2nd LT and 3rd LT during this time and being in the hospital on several occasions. He is also listed as being in Cobb's Legion Calvary and later he shows up back in Company A 10th Georgia Infantry and retained his rank of private.

In 1864 he is listed as being in Jackson Hospital near Richmond with a leg ulcer caused from a wound and then he is listed with ulcers of both legs. In November he is issued a certificate of Disability.

In 1865 he is detailed to the arsenal at Richmond, VA and stays there until the War is over. I have found no record of any battles that he was in, but since he was wounded I am sure that he was.

Not much is known of him after the war. It is said that he followed a soldier to Union, Mississippi. During his stay in Mississippi he met Amanda Emmeline Leach of Newton Mississippi and they were married in 1878. A memoir of Lucille Leach Henson states they were married on the second story balcony of her father's home. Amanda's father Robert T. Leach and her brother Thomas J. Leach were both in the war. Her father enlisted and was sent to Virginia to serve under General Lee but was returned home in 1862 because of his age (42) and family matters. Thomas J. after brief training in Union was sent to Vicksburg during the siege. On July 1, 1863 Thomas was killed at Vicksburg. He was a private in Company B Mississippi 8th Infantry.

Sometime between 1878 and 1907 William and Amanda came to Roberson County, Texas. In 1907 William A White applied for and received a Confederate Pension in the state of Texas. It is told that when they moved to the Pritchett area he was instrumental in starting the Lone Pilgrim Primitive

Baptist Church near Pritchett. His granddaughter and great granddaughter still attend this church.

On April 21, 1917 William A. White died and was laid to rest at Pleasant Hill Cemetery near Pritchett. After his death Amanda applied for and continued to receive the Confederate Pension until her death in 1939. She is laid to rest by her husband in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. He has a Confederate marker and Southern Cross of Honor that the Upshur County Patriots dedicated on April 28, 2012.

This information was compiled by The Harold B. Simpson Confederate Research Center Hill College in October 1996 for William D. White, William A. White's grandson.



GUARDIAN NEWS

From an article by Katy Waldman



Frank Earnest, an SCV member and Vietnam Veteran, chokes up at Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery. He's describing his ritual of placing a fresh Confederate Flag on the grave of his ancestor, Capt. Eusebius Fowlkes. Fowlkes' rode alongside Col. J.E.B. Stuart, the "Knight of the Golden Spurs," before being killed in the Battle of Seven Pines on May 31, 1862. Earnest takes pride in the fact that his forefather fought on horseback. His people were horse breeders so he joined the Calvary.

Fowlkes implored his loved ones to care for his gravesite upon his demise, but over time they abandoned that charge. It took a little more than a century for Frank Earnest to realize his ancestor's wishes. In 1978 he erected a memorial to Fowlkes and adorned it with the banner of the Republic.

Through the graveyard, a burial ground that dates to 1847 and houses the bodies of 22 Confederate Generals, thousands of Confederate Soldiers and a great granite pyramid, 90 feet high, dedicated to the troops in gray in 1869.

Do we not owe our Ancestors the same respect and diligence in caring for their final resting places? Three graveside visits per year is not too much to ask for these brave men who fought for our homeland.

Please consider becoming a Guardian
Contact Program Chairman Phil Davis for
information. userphill97@aol.com



BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

February 17th –George Bois Stout

February 1st – This day in 1861 Texas secedes from the union.

February 22nd – This day in 1862 President Jefferson Davis Inaugurated President of the CSA.



An Update From The Virginia Flaggers

In Virginia, a Louisa County judge denied a motion in a murder case to remove a portrait of Robert E. Lee from the Louisa County Circuit Courthouse.

Attorneys for Darcel Murphy, who faces the possibility of the death penalty if he is convicted for the murder of Kevin Robinson in March 2016, had argued that the portrait of the Confederate general in the courtroom could influence jurors during

Murphy's trial. Murphy is African American, as was Robinson.

The display of Confederate symbols "violate the defendant's right to equal protection under the law," lead attorney Douglas Ramseur wrote in his 2018 motion to remove the portrait. "There is no greater offense to the Equal Protection Clause [of the Constitution] than government favoritism of one race over another."

Sanner agreed that the Lee portrait is much larger than any other portrait in the courtroom. But he described the image of Lee in his uniform, standing in front of a tree, as "benign."

"The concern of the Defendant in this case is really not what this portrait depicts, but who it depicts," he wrote. "Setting aside its subject, the portrait does not compromise the fair administration of justice."

The judge said, referring to slavery, that "those who played an active role in defending the indefensible face substantial difficulty in escaping the harsh judgment of history."

But he also noted that many people admire "the real or perceived qualities of General Lee." He noted that Lee is one of the few individuals to have a state holiday observed in their honor.

"It is difficult for the Court to accept that nothing other than the implied original and continuing racism of the Virginia General Assembly supports that distinction,"

God save the South!

Susan Lee

<https://vaflaggers.blogspot.com/>



"I am nothing but a poor sinner, trusting in Christ alone for salvation."

Robert E. Lee





Stonewall's Last Command

Brothers and fellow Compatriots, we are all aware of the sad event at Chancellorsville during the spring of 1863. One of the greatest heroes of the Confederacy, General T. J. "Stonewall" Jackson was severely wounded, and after having his left arm amputated, would later die. As he was being carried from the field, General Pender saw Jackson, and after expressing concern for his wounds, said his men were in such confusion that he feared he would not be able to stop the enemy. General Jackson, in a weak but determined voice instantly replied, "General Pender, you must keep your men together, and hold your ground." This was Stonewall's last command. (Ref. The Great Revival in the Southern Armies pg. 291)

Today, we are also at war. But it is not a war we started or wanted any more than our Confederate forefathers did. They fought because they were being attacked, just as we must fight because we are being attacked. And, just like the Yankees 150 years ago, those who attack us will not be satisfied until our Southern heritage and the memory and honor of our fine Confederate history is totally destroyed. We cannot afford complacency. Our just and worthy Cause is under attack by unrighteous foes. We are being oppressed and ridiculed by those who fear us and resent our proud Southern heritage. We are being opposed by forces of darkness who will stop at nothing to stamp out the memory and honor due our brave Confederate ancestors.

There are those who would deliberately and maliciously take from us what is rightfully ours. They would steal away our fine Southern heritage. They would loot and pillage the pride we have in our Confederate ancestors. They would empty us of our history and leave us with a legacy of shame and in a

condition of disgrace. They are in fact assaulting our land and all we hold dear.

Being Southerners and more particularly descendants of the Confederacy is our birthright, and something to be militantly proud of. We must draw a line in the sand and stand defiantly in defense of our proud Confederate history and those who lived it and passed it on to us. But, unfortunately, many Southerners, Like Esau in Genesis 25: 27-34, are willing to trade their birthright for a bowl of pottage. They seem more concerned with the comforts, pleasures, and tasks of today. They seem to say, as Esau did in verse 32, "What profit shall this birthright do to me?" They are being robbed of their past and don't seem to care.

Ours is a history of respect, dignity, and concern for our fellow human beings, and I believe the Lord is on our side. The Scripture says, in Isaiah 41: 11, "Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish." Then in the next two verses, "They that war against thee shall be as nothing, and a thing of naught. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee."

As members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, we need to unite as Confederate Brothers and resolve to place our faith and trust in Almighty God and seek His guidance. We must also follow our elected SCV leaders, as our forefathers followed Generals Lee and Jackson. In so doing, we will defeat those who seek our destruction, accomplish the task set before us, and fulfill the mission with which we are charged.

I'm sure General Pender heeded Jackson's words and Chancellorsville was a Confederate victory. Let us do the same today. Let us be mindful of Stonewall's last command. Let us, as the historic Sons of Confederate Veterans, pull together and hold our ground.

Bro. Len Patterson, Th.D
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