

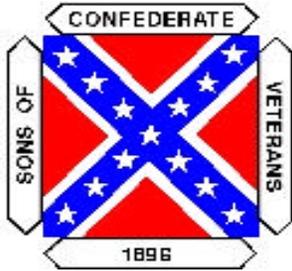


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○ April Meeting ○ Program to be Determined

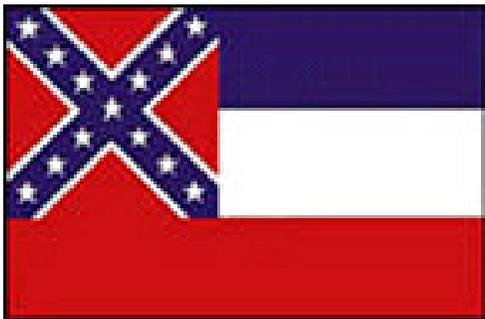
As of press time, the program for the April meeting had not yet been finalized but it's sure to be something of interest to everyone.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: April 27, 2010. 5:00 pm.

Where: Municipal Art Gallery, State St., Jackson.

See you there!



The righteous man wisely considereth the house of the wicked: but God overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness.

Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

A gift in secret pacifieth anger: and a reward in the bosom strong wrath.

It is joy to the just to do judgment: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.

The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.

He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man: he that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

**Proverbs 21:12-17
(KJV)**

March Meeting Report

A Celtic Celebration

The meeting program for March meeting will celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a musical program of Celtic-flavored music focusing on the Irish in the War Between the States presented by Wayne Anderson.

Compatriot Dan Duggan made a triumphant return after almost a year's absence recuperating from his fall. He resumed presenting "this day in the WBTS" (March 23). We're glad to have Dan back.

The camp was saddened to hear of the serious illness of "Sergeant" Jack Davis who recently underwent surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are once again needed to assist with grass cutting and trimming and general cleanup of the Confederate Section of Greenwood Cemetery in preparation for Confederate Memorial Day. Bring your chose gardening tools and present yourself for duty on April 24, 2010, between 7 and 8 am. (Peter Miazza may start earlier; he always seems to already be there when everyone else arrives.)

Confederate Memorial Day

Confederate Memorial Day will be observed with remembrance services on April 25, 2010. Placing of flags on the graves will begin about 1:00 pm and formal services will begin at 2:00 pm.

All are invited to attend to help us honor our Confederate ancestors and remember their sacrifice in the name of freedom from tyrannical rule. Compatriot Rev. Dr. Robert Penny will be the featured speaker.

Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

We all have our favorite brand of Confederate reading, but mine is a good first person account written by a Confederate soldier with a flair for descriptive prose. I know you readers get tired of hearing me praise Henry Kyd Douglas' "I Rode With Stonewall" but for style, content and flair Douglas has few equals. You just pick the book up if you don't believe me, or better yet, borrow it from me as I have three copies. Now Richard Taylor, Rob Styles, Moxley Sorrel and John B. Gordon aren't far behind, BUT they are behind.

Anyhow, I am now reading John Bell Hood's book "Advance and Retreat" and pretty tough sledding it is. Those of you who have followed Hood's career know that at the crucial points Hood was doing more "retreating" than "advancing" much to the damage to our cause. But what I wanted to write about in my column this month is a minor, trivial, insignificant incident Hood describes, one which at the same time speaks volumes about the problems General Lee faced.

Toward the end of Second Manassas, Hood describes how some of his "reliable Texas scouts" pursued some Federal troops and captured "a number of new Federal ambulances, with a view to better the outfit of my troops." A few days later Hood got an order from higher authority to turn the ambulances over to some other troops. Hood describes his response to this order as follows:

"...Whereas I would cheerfully have obeyed directions to deliver them to General Lee's Quartermaster for the use of the Army, I did not consider it just that I should be required to yield them to another brigade of the division which was in no manner entitled to them. I regarded the command which had captured them as the rightful owners in this instance and refused to obey the order."

Of course Hood--very properly--was immediately put under arrest, just as the Army was starting the Maryland invasion. Hood remarks that his Division became "somewhat inclined to insubordination" because of his arrest. General Lee came to Hood and, according to Hood, said:

"...General, here I am just upon the eve of entering into battle and with one of my best officers under arrest. If you will merely say that you regret this occurrence I will release you and restore you to command."

Hood refused, telling General Lee "I am unable to do so." Lee once again asked Hood make "some declaration of regret" and Hood once more refused. Hood then says that Lee "in a voice betraying the feeling which warmed the heart of this noble and great warrior" announced that Hood's arrest was suspended pending the battle of Sharpsburg. I have to believe Hood completely misread the type of "feeling" that Lee was experiencing at the moment.

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Calendar

April 24, 2010

Cleanup of Confederate Section, Greenwood Cemetery, Jackson

April 25, 2010

Confederate Memorial Day Observance, Greenwood Cemetery, Jackson

April 27, 2010

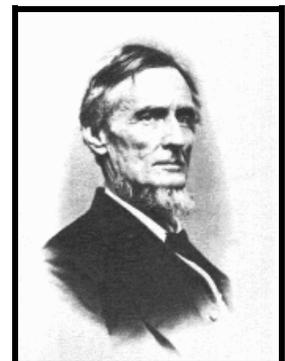
Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

May 25, 2010

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June 22, 2010

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Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

Robin Jones Gunn tells a story entitled "Real Treasure" about her child:

We went to Open House tonight at the public elementary school. When Rachel's teacher met us, her eyebrows seemed to elevate slightly. She spoke kindly of our first grader but said she had some concerns. She then invited us to look at the artwork; we would see what she meant.

Dozens of brown paper treasure chests were tacked to the bulletin board. Each had a banded top attached with a brad. On the front was printed, "A Real Treasure Would Be...." We walked over and began opening the lids to find Rachel's treasure and see why it so concerned the teacher.

As we peeked into each chest, we saw TV's and Nintendos, a few genies, heaps of gold coins, and a unicorn. Rachel's chest was in the very bottom corner. We had to stoop to open it. Inside, our daughter had drawn Christ, hanging on a cross with red drops of blood shaped like hearts dripping from his hands. She had completed the sentence, "A Real Treasure Would Be...Jesus."

"Do you see my concern?" the teacher asked, her arms folded across her chest.

"Yes," my husband agreed, "I see what you mean. The J is backwards, isn't it?"

As you read this Christians will have commemorated the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and celebrated his resurrection and conquest over death which we call Easter.

Do you know the meaning of Easter? Perhaps Rachel's teacher did not!

Sincerely,
Hubert W. Miazza
Chaplain

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Imagine Lee, on the eve of Sharpsburg, with all the problems the Army had in that campaign, having his burdens increased by this proud, stubborn egomaniac. What a telling comment on Hood that he cannot see how poorly the incident reflects upon him! Those who would later see the results of Hood's lack of judgment I doubt would be surprised at this episode, but I was amazed Hood would put it in his book.

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Wayne Anderson was also back and presented the program on Celtic music, and what a fine job he did. It was an enlightening and uplifting program enjoyed by all. Wayne, it is good to have you back after being out several months with a broken leg.

Several days ago I received the below article from a cousin in Georgia, and felt it worth sharing since it is about our great state.

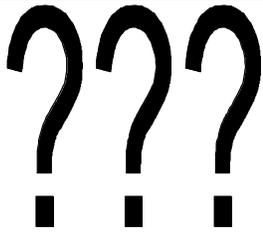
Black Mississippi Legislator Defends Confederate Monument
In Mississippi on February 1, 1890, an appropriation for a monument to the Confederate dead was being considered. A delegate had just spoken against the bill, when John F. Harris, a Black Republican delegate from Washington, county, rose to speak: "Mr. Speaker! I have risen in my place to offer a few words on the bill. I have come from a sick bed. Perhaps it was not prudent for me to come. But sir, I could not rest quietly in my room without contributing a few remarks of my own. I was sorry to hear the speech of the young gentlemen from Marshall County. I am sorry that any son of a soldier would go on record as opposed to the erections of a monument in honor of the brave dead. And, Sir, I am convinced that had he seen what I saw at Seven Pines, and in the Seven Day's fighting around Richmond, the battlefield covered with mangled forms of those who fought for this country and their country's honor, he would not have made the speech. When the news came that the South had been invaded, those men went forth to fight for what they believed, and they made not requests for monuments. But they died, and their virtues should be remembered. Sir, I went with them. I, too, wore the gray, the same color my master wore. We stayed for four long years, and if that war had gone on till now I would have been there yet. I want to honor those brave men who died for their convictions. When my Mother died I was a boy. Who, Sir, then acted the part of Mother to the orphaned slave boy, but my old Missus! Were she living now, or could speak to me from those high realms where are gathered the sainted dead, she would tell me to vote for this bill. And, Sir, I shall vote for it. I want it known to all the world that my vote is given in favor of the bill to erect a monument in HONOR OF THE CONFEDERATE DEAD." When the applause died down, the measure passed overwhelmingly, and every Black member voted "AYE."

(Source: War For What? by Francis Springer) By: Calvin E. Johnson, Jr., Chairman, Confederate History and Heritage Month Committee, Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

I look forward to seeing you at the Confederate Memorial Service on the 25th, and at our regular meeting on Tuesday, the 27th.

May God Bless the South, and with His blessings and guidance, shall Dixie stand!

Deo Vindice
Randy Rogers,
Camp Commander



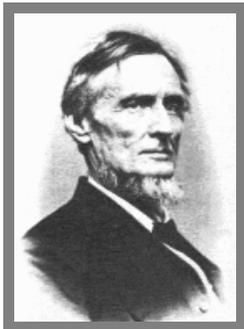
Trivia Question:

This month's question asks:

Who said, "War means fightin' and fightin' means killin'?"

March's question asked: What was the only major WBTS battle fought in Florida

The answer: Olustee.



Commander's Column

TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

As you know, April is Confederate History Month, and I trust we will all do our part to remember our heroes and what they fought for in the War of northern Aggression. Our forefathers from all over Dixie took up arms and fought to defend our states rights, our homeland, our families and our way of life here. There was not one Southern family that did not escape death, destruction, or devastation in some form due to the yankee invaders. Our Confederate ancestors were of strong stock; otherwise, we would not be here today. It is my hope that you will put the following date on your calendar and will make an effort to attend the Annual Confederate Memorial Service:

When: Sunday, April 25, 2010, 2:00 P. m.

Where: Greenwood Cemetery, Jackson, MS.

(Take Fortification St. Exit off I-55N, go about 2 miles, turn left on West St. at red light, Cemetery is on the right.)

For those of you that can help, we are meeting at the Cemetery on Saturday, the 24th, about 8:00 A. M., to clean and groom the Confederate Section of the Cemetery. If you can help out, bring a rake, mower, trimmer, or whatever you can find. I know Peter will appreciate all that can spare an hour or two that morning.

I hope you can make it to the Service. I assure you it is one that will inspire you to remember them and what they did for Dixie in 1861-1865. It is a most solemn and reverent service for all descendants of Confederate Soldiers. For those of you that have never been to this service, it is a brief--lasting about 30 minutes--and our speaker this year will be Compatriot Rev. Dr. Robert Penny, a member of our Camp. Ms. Susan Jones, of the UDC, is also on the program. There will be soldiers there in period uniform and the Camp Bugler to participate in the service.

There is a possibility that we will have the honor of dedicating a Confederate Marker to Private Thaxton, CSA, at 1:30 P. M., but at this time it is not known if the marker has come in. The entire purpose of this Service is to honor our Confederate Soldiers and to give all the glory to our Almighty God above.

Our last meeting was one to remember since we had several features that brought much joy for our camp. One of these was that Past Commander Dan Duggan was back with us to present his "This Day In the War Between the States." He did so, with much vim and vigor and with an ever so slight Southern slant commemorating the valor of our CSA forces. It is great to have him back with us after fourteen months of sick leave.

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