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August Meeting Officer Installation

There will be no formal program for the August meeting. Incoming officers will be installed and the rest of the meeting will be taken up with music.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: August 28, 2012. 5:00pm.

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

See you there!



Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

*Psalms 1
(KJV)*

July Meeting Report

Flags of the Confederacy

The scheduled presenter for July, Minor Buchanan, was unable to make the meeting due to a conflict. Instead Ross Aldridge, compatriot from the Lowry Rifles Camp in Pearl, presented a program on the "flags of the Confederacy." The camp thanks Compatriot Aldridge for bringing a good program on short notice.

Compatriot Dan Duggan presented "This Day (July 24) in the War Between the State."

Dues Call

Adjutant Ron Stowers has mailed the dues notices for the next year's dues. Full memberships are \$55 and associate (non-voting) memberships are \$15. Please remit the appropriate amount to Ron by the end of September so that he can forward the required amounts to IHQ and the Mississippi Division before their deadlines. Make checks payable to Jefferson Davis Camp 635, SCV and

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Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

So much wrong information about our ancestor's struggle is put out as gospel these days that the odds of future generations ever knowing the truth is remote. Of course the number one canard is that the war was fought over slavery.

Like many of our camp members, I have read dozens of books that Confederate soldiers wrote about their experiences, and I have yet to read one that stated the writer fought to preserve slavery. Mind you these books were written in a time when political correctness was a theory yet to be born and the writers need have no fear of reciting they fought to preserve slavery if in fact they had. I always think of what Dr. Hunter McGuire, the famous Confederate surgeon, said when he heard the suggestion: "The men of the South fighting to preserve the monetary value of the Negro? What a wicked lie!" I also think of what John Gordon said in his book about this theory; that if the Union soldiers had been told they were fighting to free the slaves, or the Confederate soldiers told they were fighting to keep slavery, both sides would have thrown down their guns at once and gone home.

Well imagine how refreshing I found a book published in 2011 by the Harvard University Press--no friend of the South to be sure--entitled "The Union War." The writer, Gary Gallagher, exhaustively searched the letters, diaries, and contemporary records of Union soldiers and concluded that what motivated the North to go to war and persist in the war was preservation of the Union--not slavery. As he put it, the North "fought a war for Union that also killed slavery." Of course there were those in the North who did view the war as a moral struggle against slavery, but they were a very small minority.

The author points out it is puzzling that so many have a hard time accepting this fact, when it was the central theme of speech after speech that Lincoln made about the war effort. Gallagher readily concedes that issues relating to slavery played a part in precipitating secession, but the average Northerner, who lived in an environment that was 99% white, gave little thought to emancipation. Indeed, in the early summer of 1862, before General Lee began to work his magic, the Yankees were poised to win the war and force the South to return to the Union with slavery intact.

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Calendar

August 28, 2012

Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery

September 25, 2012

Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery

October 23, 2012

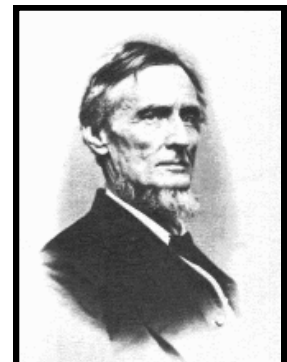
Regular meeting of
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November 27, 2012

Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery

December 18?, 2012

Camp Christmas Party



Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

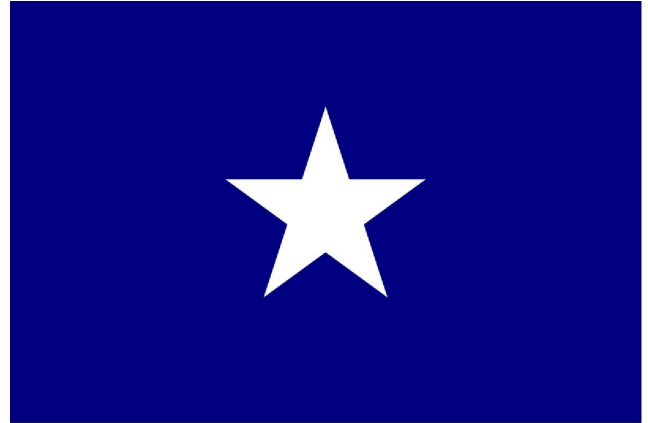
"Joy in the Morning," a book of meditations by Billy Hutto, Jr. includes the following meditation which he entitled, "Kindness With An Impact."

He has told you, O man, what is good: and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? MICAH 6:8

Micah has given us a recipe for a great day in the eyes of the Lord. There are three requirements we should meet each day in which God considers good. First, "do justice." Will you do all within your power today to make sure people are not mistreated, used, undervalued, or shortchanged in any way? Fairness is an attribute for anyone who has Christ leading, guiding, and directing his or her decisions. To "do justice" in all your relationships and transactions pleases God. Secondly, "love kindness." One of the most revealing fruits of the Spirit is kindness. Those without Christ will probably be first drawn to you simply by some act of kindness on your part. Christ in one's heart results in kindness to everyone in virtually every situation. It can be no other way. Without kindness, we have no lasting impact. Lastly, "walk humbly with your God." Today will be a day of frustration and weakness without God's presence. It should comfort you to know God knows what this day holds. Does it not make sense to have Someone by your side Who knows what is on the way? Walking humbly with God will keep: justice in your mind and kindness

within your heart. Let us live by Micah's advice each day!

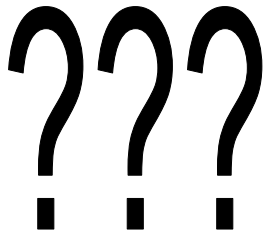
Sincerely,
Hubert W. Miazza
Chaplain



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As the war continued and casualty lists mounted, the average Northern citizen became more likely to embrace emancipation for four reasons. First, the belief that it was a powerful tool to punish the South for its struggle; second, it was a way to weaken the Confederacy; third, it would eliminate the potential for future strife over the issue; and fourth, it was a way to recruit more soldiers as manpower shortages were felt in the North, especially soldiers whose death was inconsequential to the average Yankee.

Gallagher points out the truth: that most of the Civil War scholarship the last four decades has been dedicated to the theme that the struggle was all about slavery and has tended to stress the role that Blacks played in all events. While the theme of the War as a struggle to end slavery may seem more morally compelling, and certainly satisfies more people's contemporary sense of justice, the diminished role of Union as the motivation for the North's effort to subjugate the South is simply wrong.



Trivia Question:

This month's question asks:

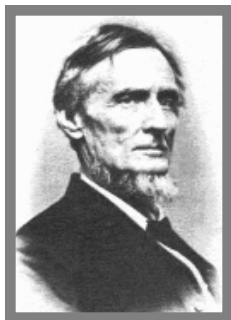
What is Hayfoot, Strawfoot

July's question asked:

Can you describe the first postage stamp used by the CSA (image, color, denomination, and where produced)?

The answer:

The first stamp was a 5 cent stamp, colored green, featuring an image of Jefferson Davis. The stamps were made in England.



Commander's Column

Compatriots,

Robert E. Lee's last words were "Strike the tent!" This was a term taken to mean that it was 'time to move on to what would come next.' Now that time has arrived for me. I want to express my thanks for your allowing me to be your Commander these past two years. I will always appreciate the opportunities you have afforded me every month by permitting me to write on subjects concerning my life's experiences.

I may be "stepping down" as your Commander, but I am not "stepping out." I will continue to support the Southland and honor the memory of the fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters who stood against the Yankee Invasion in the War Between the States. As a son from families of confederate Veterans I wish to say "Thank you and God bless!"

Deo Vindice,

Mike Rodgers, Commander
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