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## **August Meeting Mississippi Division Commander Allen Terrell**

Since Div. Commander Terrell failed to make the July meeting as promised, he has committed to be present in August..

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

**When:** August 26, 2014. 5:30 pm.  
**Where:** Municipal Art Gallery, State St., Jackson.

*See you there!*



**A**nd he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

**A**nd the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.

**T**he Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?

**A**nd ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

**A**nd when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

*Luke 13:13-17  
(KJV)*

## *July Meeting Report*

### **Oops! Program No-show**

Div. Commander Terrell had a scheduling mix-up and did not come to the meeting as promised so no program was presented.

Dan Duggan presented "this day (July 22) in the WBTS."

### **"Total War" Not Just a Sherman Thing**

*Here's another short piece taken from "Defending the Heritage" Facebook page. The man who gave us the infamous observation, "The only good Indians I ever saw were dead," helped make the nature of war more violent and all-encompassing than it had ever before been.—  
Editor*

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In 1870 Philip Sheridan was assigned to observe the Franco-Prussian War and shared some  
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## Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

My all too regular drive to and from Nashville, visiting my new grandson, takes me by Parker's Crossroads. Today, listening to the news, it seemed to me many of our problems arise out of a lack of leadership, at a number of levels, and somehow I was moved to recall Forrest's dynamic leadership at Parker's Crossroads. You will recall Forrest's men had surrounded one Union force, and Forrest was negotiating that force's surrender, when out of the blue another Union brigade appeared, capturing many of Forrest's horse holders. Caught between two forces, Forrest instantly thundered "Charge them both ways," gathering a small force to assault the left flank of the new force behind him. Quick thinking and dynamic leadership saved the day for the Confederates.

But what I wanted to write about today was the Hunley, the Confederate submarine that sank the Housatonic in February, 1864. I don't know about you but getting in small places gives me the Willies, and the very thought of getting into something like the Hunley turns my liver to water. Can you imagine getting into something that was 4 feet, 3 inches in diameter? As one of my boyhood literary heroes, William Green Hill, would have remarked "Not on yo' tintype."

We all know that neither the Hunley or any of its crew made it back from that February, 1864 trip, but did you know this was the 3rd crew the Hunley had lost? It had sunk two other times in training missions and each time eight more brave men stepped forward and volunteered to take their spot in a new crew.

You also know the Hunley was located and raised back in 1995 and has been in conservation mode since then. Well recently scientists uncovered a very important secret about what happened to the Hunley. As designed the Hunley was supposed to carry a "torpedo" on the end of a spar attached to the front of the vessel. The plan was for the Hunley to attach the spar to the hull of an enemy vessel, and then back off a safe distance before detonating the charge, sinking the enemy and letting the Hunley escape. Something obviously did not according to plan, since on the fateful night both our vessel and the Yank's ship went to the bottom.

Well, recently scientists examining the remains of the Hunley's spar found the remnants of the torpedo that was used that night. This let the experts know that the torpedo was still attached to the spar and the spar was still attached to the Hunley when the explosion took place. The bottom line is the deadly blast occurred not twenty feet from the Hunley, sealing her fate. Still to be found is evidence to show what type of

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## Calendar

**August 26, 2014**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**September 23, 2014**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**October 28, 2014**

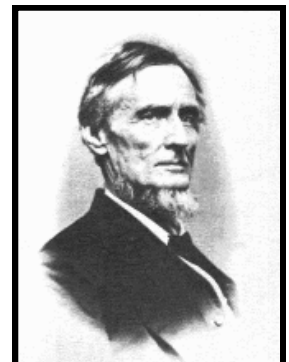
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**November 25, 2014**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**December 16?, 2014**

Camp Christmas Celebration



# Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

## **A Simple Trust in Christ**

This past May was 150 years since General Jeb Stuart died. Reading about the hours before his death he requested his favorite hymn "Rock of Ages Cleft for me let me hid myself in thee\_\_\_". With great effort he joined in the singing. A little later he closed his eyes.

J. William Jones, a confederate chaplain gave Stuart this warm tribute;

*"Thus the dashing soldier fell on sleep, and left behind the record of a noble life and a simple trust in Christ-the prophecy of a blissful immortality, where charging squadrons and clashing sabers never disturb the rest that remaineth for the people of God."*

Sincerely,

Rev. Glenn D. Shows  
Chaplain

## **Dues Reminder**

It's that time again, folks! Dues notices from Adjutant Stowers will be in the mail by the time you read this (hopefully). Please pay as soon as you can after receiving your notice but by the end of September at the latest. That will give Ron ample time to get the dues payments made to Division and IHQ.

Full memberships are \$55 and associate (non-voting) memberships are \$15. Make checks payable to Jefferson Davis Camp 635, SCV and mail to:

**Ron Stowers, Adjutant**  
**Jefferson Davis Camp 635, SCV**  
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**Jackson, MS 39236**

Please consider adding a little extra for one of the Confederate Heritage programs listed on the dues notice. Thank you.

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torpedo was used, a Singer or a Lee torpedo. One thing is for certain, the Hunley was crewed by some very, very brave men who obviously valued their country more than they valued their lives.

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virtues should be remembered. Sir, I went with them. I too wore the gray, the same color my master wore. We stayed 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 a mother to an 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 voice is given in favor of the bill to erect a monument in honor of the Confederate dead."

A former slave and Confederate soldier, now an elected official of Mississippi, defending the South's honor. Not only did he vote in favor of the passage of this bill, but his address led all six black Republican representatives in voting favorably of the same. Indeed Southerners of Color, are Southerners nonetheless. We honor John F. Harris for his example and integrity, as well as his love of the South land, despite the hardships he no doubt endured.

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of his military philosophy with the Prussian Chancellor.

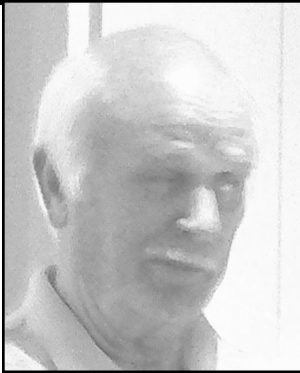
"...cause so much suffering to the inhabitants of the country that they will long for peace... nothing should be left to the people but eyes to lament the war."

Even many of the Prussian Army Officers were shocked but future units of the German Army would remember his teaching. They found Sheridan's model perfected against the South and Native Americans particularly useful in dealing with the French, Greek, Polish, Czech and Serbian partisans. The Uncivil War by Leonard M. Scruggs

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**Trivia Question:**

This month's question / asks:  
What notable (or infamous in some views) event occurred on August 21, 1863?



# Commander's Column

Commander Jackson has no column this month

July's question asked:  
From what did the Battle of Shiloh take its name?  
The answer: The Methodist Church located there

## An Ex-slave's Support for Honoring Southern Heritage

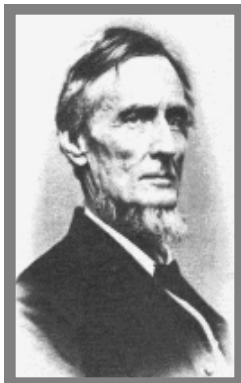
*The following, including the introductory and closing commentary, was taken from the Facebook page of "Defending the Heritage." The quoted speech has appeared a number of times in articles over the years, sometimes with more editing, sometimes with less. As for me, I think a lot of today's so-called "progressives" who try to run our government, our educational institutions, and our very lives sociologically could profit from heeding this man's words and acting accordingly. —Editor*

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When you see a Confederate flag, remember a former slave by the name of John F. Harris. In 1890, twenty-five years after the war, Mr. Harris was serving as a Mississippi representative in the House of Representatives. During his term, a bill came before the house to erect a monument to the Confederate soldiers of Mississippi. Mr. Harris could have remained silent and coasted along the easy road of "political correctness," but his burning bravery wouldn't allow such cowardice. Here's what he said when he took the floor:

"Mr. Speaker! I have risen here 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 gentleman from Marshall County. I am sorry that any son of a soldier should go on record as opposed to the erection 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 Days' fighting around Richmond, the battlefield covered with the mangled forms of those who fought for their country and for their country's honor, he would not have made that speech. . . . When the news came that the South had been invaded, those men went forth to fight for what they believed, and they made no requests for monuments . . . But they died, and their

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