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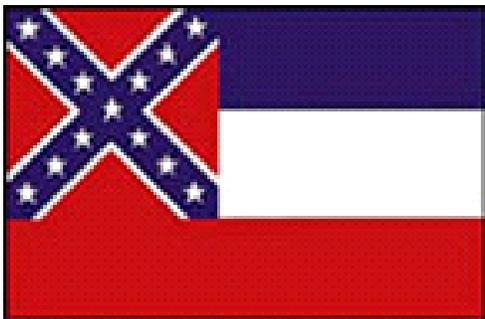
## December Meeting Christmas Party

The Camp Christmas Party will be held two weeks earlier than our normal meeting date and it will be at Joe Tubb's house. The party will start about 5:30 pm. Joe will provide the meat dishes for the party meal. Please bring a side dish, a salad, or a dessert to finish out the menu. If it's not raining, festivities will be outside.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

**When:** December 11, 2012. 5:30pm.

**Where:** Joe Tubb's house. See map, directions on page 4.



*And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.*

*And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

*And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*

*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.*

*Luke 2:7-11*  
(KJV)

## November Meeting Report

**Holt Collier**

The meeting program was presented by Minor Buchanan who gave an overview program on the life of Hold Collier including new information and images found since the original publication of the book.

Dan Duggan brought "this day in the WBTS" (November 27).

The Dixie Hummingbirds performed a couple of modern Southern Christmas songs and led the group in singing "God Bless America."

## Final Reminder: Newsletter Format Changing

Beginning with the January 2013 issue, newsletter distribution will be by electronic means (e-mail) only.

Those of you that have not yet provided an e-mail address may do so by sending an e-mail to Ron Stowers at [ERStowers@aol.com](mailto:ERStowers@aol.com) and putting "Newsletter Address" in the subject line. Please include your name in the message block if your e-mail address

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## Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

With this Christmas season coming up we are all moved to consider the many blessings we enjoy in this wonderful nation we have. Not the least by any means is the willingness so many of our citizens have demonstrated to give all for the preservation of our way of life. If anyone can point out better examples of heroism and devotion to a cause than that proved over and over by our Confederate ancestors I want to hear about it.

On this same point, I am often amazed when I read some matter of fact recitation a Confederate soldier has written about his service, at the nonchalant manner in which staggering hardships are related. One such narrative lies before me now: a two page, single-spaced, typed note made by Duey Jones Ellington, outlining in graphic fashion his service in Company C, 40th Mississippi regiment. Written for the most part in 1909, this writing comes to me courtesy of his great-nephew, Edward Ellington--who by the way came to our camp meeting when Don Barrett talked to us.

Washington Ellington came to Mississippi around 1828 and settled in the Attala County area. One of his sons was Duey Jones, was born in 1845. By early 1862 three of his brothers were already in the Confederate army, so Duey Jones joined in January, 1862. His first action was helping stop the Federal river campaign against Vicksburg at Fort Pemberton. He then returned to Vicksburg and fought in the Big Black River battle in May, 1863. Ellington was in the retreat to Vicksburg and "participated in 3 battles during the 47 days of the siege." He remarks he had "several narrow escapes." I bet!

After being exchanged his unit went to north Georgia, arriving after the fiasco of Missionary Ridge. In early 1864 Ellington was in service around Meridian when Sherman first began to hone his terrorism skills against civilian property, then back to north Georgia when Sherman began his campaign against Atlanta.

Our readers don't need a recitation of the disasters the Confederacy suffered in the retreat to Atlanta, but Duey Jones Ellington was in the thick of it. As went the Army of Tennessee so went Duey Jones Ellington, except listen to how he was lucky enough to avoid the slaughter pen of Franklin.

*We passed through Columbia, Tennessee and while at Columbia I was detailed to go with Captain Poindexter with about 20 other soldiers to gather corn from the fields and shell it for bread for the army. While I was on the detail the Battle of Franklin was fought.*

He might well have added "and this saved my life" but he didn't. At Nashville he was captured "on Granny White Pike" not far I surmise from where my daughter lives now. Let compatriot Ellington pick up his narrative:

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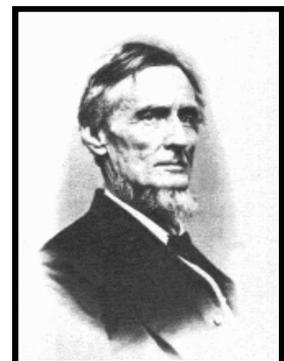


## Calendar

**December 11, 2012**  
 Camp Christmas Party at Joe Tubb's house. Joe will provide the meat dishes, bring desserts, salads, side dishes to complete the meal. Starts about 5:30 pm. Will be outside unless it rains. See the map and directions to Joe's house.

**January 22, 2013**  
 Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**February 26, 2013**  
 Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



# Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

## Follow Me

I recently purchased some post cards that had pictures done by Mort Kunstler. One had a column of Confederate Soldiers riding through a dense snowy forest. It was inspired by the story of the surrender at Fort Donelson, Tennessee in 1862. One confederate commander refused to surrender, "I will not do it if they will follow me out" vowed Nathan Bedford Forrest. Follow him they did on that winter night.

In the New Testament we find a similar "Follow Me Cry". Jesus is speaking to a man outside the city collecting taxes. Jesus approaches him and said "Follow me". Matthew rose and "left everything" and followed Jesus as recorded in Luke 9.

Jesus is calling us today. "Deny yourself, take up your cross daily and follow me.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Glenn D. Shows  
Chaplain



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*I was barefooted when captured. We were sent to prison at Camp Douglas, Chicago, Illinois. When I got to the prison both of my feet were frozen and I was in the hospital 3 months. During that time I had the smallpox, also the mumps. We were treated very bad while in prison. We got less than half rations and many of the guards did not think it a sin to be cruel to prisoners.*

(I gather the clever speaker we heard last month never read this story.) Ellington got home in June, 1865, married, and lived in Attala County until an advanced age. He died around 1933. He remarks in a post-script to the narrative written in 1924 that he is "in my 80th year of life now, but I am feeble from old age and am no longer able to work." Well I guess!!! Friends, anyone who can march barefoot to Nashville in December, survive frostbite, smallpox and mumps, is tough as a hickory stick. What a great example of why the Yankees found the Confederacy such a tough nut to crack.



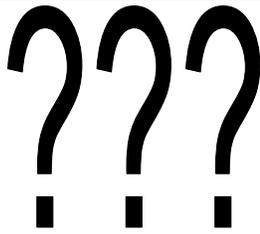
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doesn't clearly state your name.

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**<http://www.scvcamp635.org>**

If you have questions, you may send them to Ron at the address above or to me at [csa4ever@att.net](mailto:csa4ever@att.net) and we will try to respond as quickly as possible.



**Trivia Question:**

This month's question asks:

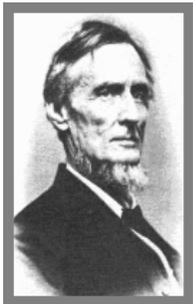
Due to the party and no meeting, there will be no trivia questions this month.

November's question asked:

Can you name the six Confederate Generals killed or mortally wounded at Franklin?

The answer:

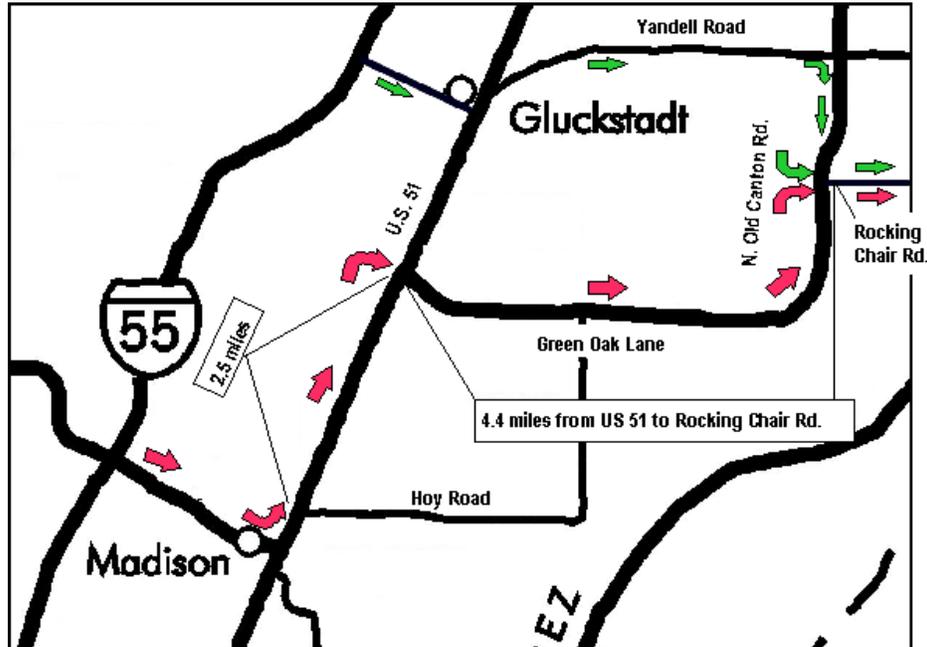
Patrick Cleburne, John C. Carter, John Adams, Hiram B. Granbury, States Rights Gist, and Otho F. Strahl



# Commander's Column

Commander Jackson was unable to provide a column this month.

## Christmas Party Information



## Map/Directions to Party

1. Exit I-55 at Madison. On US 51 go north about 2.5 miles to Green Oak Lane. Turn right, take Green Oak Lane for about 4.4 miles. Turn right onto Rocking Chair Rd., go to end.
2. Exit I-55 at Gluckstadt. Take Yandell Road to N. Old Canton Rd. Turn right. Go south, watch for Rocking Chair Rd. on left. Turn left on Rocking Chair Rd., go to end.

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