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## December Meeting Christmas Celebration

The December meeting will be a week earlier than usual to avoid interference with the Christmas week activities. The camp will have a food, fun, and fellowship social at our usual meeting place. Please bring a dish of your favorite party food to share with the group. Singers/musicians are invited to bring their instruments and join in the music.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

**When:** December 17, 2013. 5:30pm.

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

*See you there!*



*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.*

*And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*

*Luke 2:7-12  
(KJV)*

## November Meeting Report

### Thanksgiving in the South

Compatriot Grady Howell returned to the podium as speaker for the November meeting. He spoke on "Thanksgiving in the South" which has been the subject of a small book published by Grady a number of years ago.



**Merry  
Christmas!**

## Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

We have a compatriot in our camp who is mighty proud of his Texas roots but because of this story he will remain nameless. (Hint: his initials are D.D.) The courage and reliability of the Texas Brigade were the stuff of which legends were made; General Lee considered this unit the most reliable in the army. So it is with heavy heart I report the tale of Hood's Texans most thorough defeat.

The date was June 24, 1863 and Hood's Division had just splashed across the Potomac into Maryland near Williamsport. To the delight of the entire command one unit came across a tremendous store of whiskey that the retreating Federals had abandoned. Almost the entire command at once proceeded to get falling down drunk, some being so besotted that it was days before they caught up with the moving units. What the Yankees could not do, John Barleycorn did--Demon Rum bested the Texas Brigade.

If you got a chuckle out of the above, you might like this story better. We are all familiar with how Ulysses S. Grant lost all his money late in life and as he was dying of cancer raced to complete his memoirs in an effort to earn money to support his family. Well Mark Twain was a great friend of Grant's and helped Grant with the publication of his book.

Toward the end of Grant's life Twain walked in to visit Grant, and as he was coming in the house he met General Simon Bolivar Buckner coming out. Grant and Buckner had been at West Point together and had served with each other in the Mexican War. Grant was in the army in Oregon but resigned and came east, finding himself in New York one day flat broke. Grant happened upon Buckner in the street and borrowed \$50.00 from him. Of course the next time they met was in February, 1862 at Fort Donelson and we all know how THAT turned out.

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## Calendar

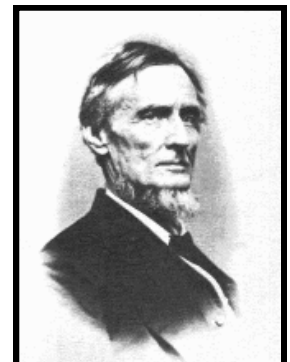
**December 17, 2013**  
Camp Christmas Party

**January 28, 2014**  
Regular meeting of  
Camp 635 at the  
Municipal Art Gallery

**February 25, 2014**  
Regular meeting of  
Camp 635 at the  
Municipal Art Gallery

**March 25, 2014**  
Regular meeting of  
Camp 635 at the  
Municipal Art Gallery

**April 22, 2014**  
Regular meeting of  
Camp 635 at the  
Municipal Art Gallery



# Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

## Stand Firm in the Faith

In Acts 9 we find "Saul (later called Paul) breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord". This reminds me of something I read once about B.H. Carroll of Mississippi. He served in the Confederate army and was known as being an infidel. He had a reputation for preaching against the chaplains in camp. Later in 1864, he was furloughed and found the Lord. He became a noted Baptist preacher. He is remembered as the first president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary serving from 1908-1914.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Glenn D. Shows  
Chaplain

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Twain reported that several other visitors were there and there was a good deal of chaff, some of it at Buckner's expense. Twain gives Buckner's reply as follows:

"I have my full share of admiration and esteem for Grant. It dates back to our cadet days. He has as many merits and virtues as any man I am acquainted with but he has but one deadly defect. He is an incurable borrower and when he wants to borrow he knows of only one limit—he wants everything you've got. When I was poor he borrowed \$50.00 of me; when I was rich he borrowed 15,000 men, and I never got either item back."

Merry Christmas compatriots; we are a band of brothers indeed and I enjoy immensely my association with every one of you.

## Interesting Article in Yankee Newspaper

A member of the Indiana Twentieth Regiment, now encamped near Fortress Monroe, writes to the Indianapolis Journal on Dec. 23rd 1861. "Attack on Our Soldiers by Armed Negroes!"

Yesterday morning General Mansfield with Drake de Kay, Aide-de-Camp in command of seven companies of the 20th New York, German Rifles, left Newport News on a reconnaissance. Just after passing Newmarket Bridge, seven miles from camp, they detached one company as an advance, and soon after their advance was attacked by 600 of the enemy's cavalry.

The company formed to receive cavalry, but the cavalry advancing deployed to the right and left when within musket range and unmasked a body of seven hundred NEGRO INFANTRY, all armed with muskets, who opened fire on our men, wounding two lieutenants and two privates, and rushing forward surrounded the company of Germans who cut their way through killing six of the negroes and wounding several more. The main body, hearing the firing, advanced at a double-quick in time to recover their wounded, and drive the enemy back, but did not succeed in taking any prisoners. The wounded men TESTIFY POSITIVELY that they were shot by Negroes, and that not less than seven hundred were present, armed with muskets.

This is, indeed, a new feature in the war. We have heard of a regiment of Negroes at Manassas, and another at Memphis, and still another at New Orleans but did not believe it till it came so near home, and attacked our men. THERE IS NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT. The 20th German were actually attacked and fired on and wounded by Negroes.

It is time that this thing was understood, and if they fight us with Negroes, why should not we fight them with Negroes too? We have disbelieved these reports too long, and now let us fight the devil with fire. The feeling is intense among the men. They want to know if they came here to fight Negroes, and if they did, they would like to know it. The wounded men swear they will kill any Negro they see, so excited are they at the dastardly act. It remains to be seen how long the Government will now hesitate, when they learn these facts. One of the Lieutenants was shot in the back part of the neck, and is not expected to live.

Sandusky Ohio Register

December 31, 1861

From: Indianapolis Journal December 23, 1861

Taken from the Facebook page of Defending the Heritage

*Editor's Note: It's too bad the Yankees didn't report what Confederate unit they were fighting. It must have been at least a regiment if there were 700 infantry.*

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**Trivia Question:**

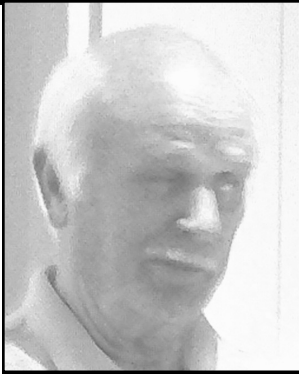
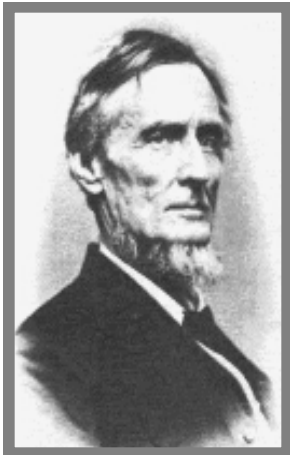
This month's question asks:

Confederates named battles for physical locations such as towns, churches, etc. What did Yankees prefer as a naming convention?

November's question asked:

How many days did Confederate President Jefferson Davis spend at Fort Monroe prison?

The answer:  
720 days



# Commander's Column

## COMPATRIOTS:

We had a great program on Thanksgiving in the South and how it started in MS by our own Grady Howell. If you were not there, you missed a good one. Grady brought up a point I had forgotten about, in 1864 it was the 2 cent piece that had the first "In God We Trust." Thanks Grady for setting us up for a Great Thanksgiving!

Robert Murphree presented our Adjutant Ron Stowers a beautiful personalized wooden box made from a lumber piece from Beauvoir for all he has meant to and has done for the Camp. Thanks Robert and your lovely bride. Thank you Ron for all you do for the Camp, next time you see Ron thank him.

Please remember that our December meeting has been moved up to Tuesday, December 17th. Bring a dish to share and if you would like your spouse, significant other or guest. Might be a good time to think of a new recruit to be introduced.

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and hope you have a great Christmas Season! Let's all remember what the season is all about.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

*Forward the colors!*

Deo Vindice  
Sandy Jackson  
Camp Commander

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