



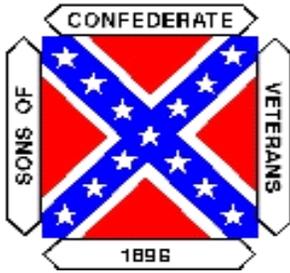
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**February Meeting  
SCV MS Division Commander  
Louis P. Foley**

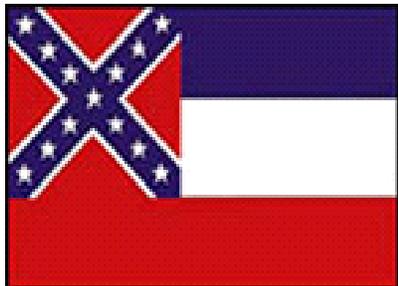
Commander Sandy Jackson reports that he has lined up MS Div. Commander Louis P. Foley to present a program on the status and on-going activities of the Division.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

**When: February 23. 5:30 pm.**

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

*See you there!*



*And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.*

*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:*

*That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

*He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

*John 3:13-18  
(KJV)*

## *January Meeting Report*

### **Robert E. Lee**

The program by Compatriot Bill Lee on the Lee Family home in England had to be postponed due to Compatriot Lee being hospitalized. Compatriot Dan Duggan filled in with a program on General Robert E. Lee.

### **Trivia**

At what locations/battles were these Confederate generals mortally wounded or killed? (And which ones don't belong on the list?)

- Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson
- Patrick Cleburne
- Earl Van Dorn
- John Hunt Morgan
- William Barksdale
- Albert Sidney Johnston
- Louis Armistead
- Turner Ashby
- Leonidas Polk
- Richard B. Garnett
- John Adams
- George Pickett
- Paul J. Semmes
- States Rights Gist
- Lloyd Tilghman
- Barnard Bee
- Carnot Posey
- JEB Stuart

## Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

All of you amateur historians have heard the term "total war," as in complete and absolute warfare, all consuming. I remember in his war memoirs the German general Heinz Guderian, referring no doubt to the loud harangues Goebels made to the German people urging them to wage "total war," said that "by late 1944 the war was total enough for everybody." Too, I recall a tale my late Father told about events in 1942, shortly after Pearl Harbor. Daddy had joined the army, and on a visit home told his Father that a certain lawyer in Jackson, known for his fondness for John Barleycorn, had been drafted. Daddy said that on hearing this news my Grandfather shook his head and remarked "Now I know it is total war."

But total war is what our Northern friends resolved to wage on the civilian population of the South in the fall of 1864. Grant was the genesis of the strategy and in Virginia his tool was Sheridan. Grant gave Sheridan instructions to devastate the Shenandoah Valley to such an extent that, as one yankee writer described it, "a garden spot was to be turned into a desert." Thus it was that barns, grist mills, houses, fences, farm implements, livestock, corncribs--all the property of defenseless civilians, were turned into ashes; after being looted and everything of value stolen, of course. Not since Revolutionary days when the Indians, egged on by their British allies, rained the same type of destruction on frontier farms had America seen such conduct. Back then our whole population united in condemning this activity, but when it came to the people of the South anything was permitted.

Meanwhile Sherman launched his infamous "March to the Sea." In doing so he declared he would "make Georgia howl," especially since there were few Confederate troops left to oppose him. A swath of land some sixty miles wide was looted, robbed, burned, gutted, just to strike terror into the civilian population. There is no similar incident of similar lawless conduct conducted and approved by our government in our history. In his little story about his Confederate service my great-grandfather was especially bitter about the Yankees cutting down the fruit trees, from sheer meanness. Were any United States military force these days do just one percent of what was done to the South, the uproar would shake the nation.

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## Calendar

### February 23, 2016

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### March 22, 2016

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### April 24, 2016

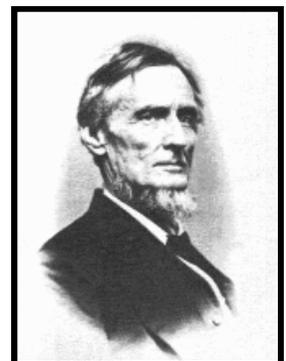
Confederate Memorial Day Observation, Greenwood Cemetery, Confederate Section

### April 26, 2016

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### May 24, 2016

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



# Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

## Using Evil People

Who do you consider to be the most evil person involved in the War Between the States? Have you thought about how God has used evil people for his glory through the centuries. If you read the first chapter of Habakkuk the prophet has a dialogue with God about using the evil Babylonians. In Genesis 31:30 you can also read about Laban, a pagan, and how God spoke to him. Remember God says, "my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways..." Isaiah 55:8

Sincerely,

Rev. Glenn D. Shows  
Chaplain

## SHERMAN'S HEARTLESS REPLY TO THE MAYOR OF ATLANTA...

On pages 124-5 of his Memoirs, General Sherman quotes from a letter from the Mayor of Atlanta addressed to him as follows: "Many poor women are in an advanced state of pregnancy; others now have young children, and whose husbands for the greater part are either in the army or dead. Some say, I have a sick one at my house; who will wait on them when I am gone? Others say, what are we to do? We have no house to go to, and no means to buy, build or rent any; no parents, relatives or friends to go to. ... This being so (they say), how is it possible for the people still here (mostly women and children) to find any shelter? And how can they live through the winter in the woods — no shelter, no subsistence, in the midst of strangers who know them not, and without the power to assist them much if they were willing to do so. "This is but a feeble picture of the consequences of this measure. You know the war — the horrors and the sufferings cannot be described by words; imagination can only conceive it; and we ask you to take these things into consideration."

To this General Sherman says he replied: "I have

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I know this is not related to my subject matter but I wanted to close this month's column with an story that really moved me. Lucian Truscott was an American commander in Italy in WW II. Asked to dedicate a new cemetery at Nettuno, full of Anzio dead, Truscott, after being introduced, turned his back on the audience and faced the graves of the men he had commanded. He started by apologizing to the men for their presence in the cemetery, telling them how sorry he was for their deaths. He said commanders were always told casualties were not their fault but he knew that wasn't always true. His voice rising, Truscott then said he hoped anyone who had lost his life through any mistake of his would forgive him, though he knew this was asking a lot. He said he would not refer to the "glorious" dead as he didn't see anything glorious about getting killed at such a young age. He closed by apologizing again to the dead men.

your letter of the 11th in the nature of a petition to revoke my order removing all the inhabitants from Atlanta. I have read it and give full credit to your statements of the distress that will be occasioned, and yet I shall not revoke my orders." And he did not; the people were driven out and their houses burned. General Sherman further says (p. 185) that when he reached General Howell Cobbs' plantation he "sent back word to General Davis to explain whose plantation it was, and instructed him to spare nothing."

*Source: Acts of the Republican Party as Seen by History, By C. Gardner, 1906.*

Link to free e-book: <https://archive.org/details/actsofrepulican00gard>

*Taken from a posting on the Facebook page of "Defending the Heritage."*

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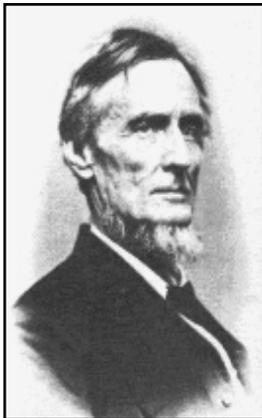
**Trivia Question:**

This month's question asks:  
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January's question asked:  
What relatively famous Confederate also fought in the Spanish-American War and was said to refer to the current enemy in the heat of battle as Yankees?

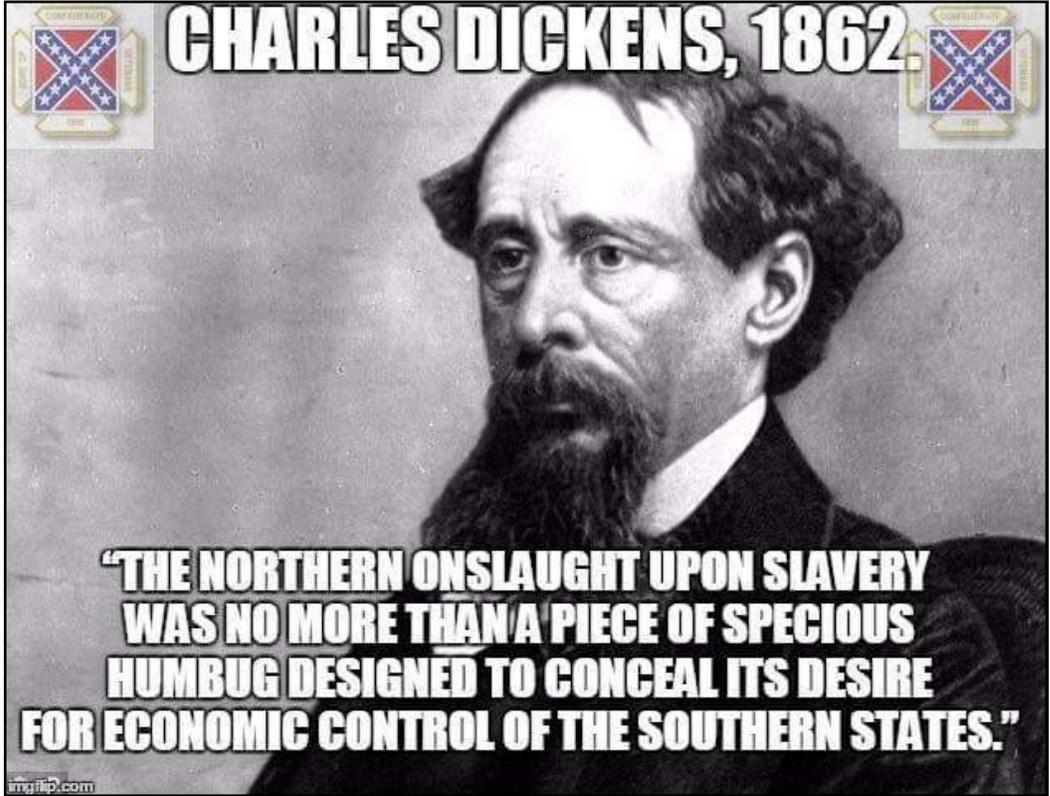
The answer:

Joseph "Fightin' Joe" Wheeler

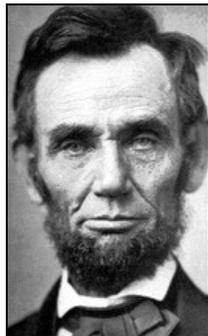


**Commander's Column**

Commander Jackson has no column this month



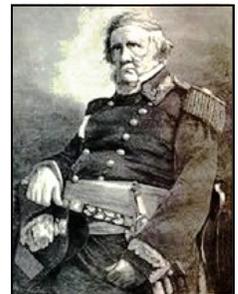
**Lincoln's Question to Winfield Scott**



Abraham Lincoln

"Abraham Lincoln once asked General (Winfield) Scott the question: 'Why is it that you were once able to take the City of Mexico in three months with 5,000 men and we have been unable to take Richmond with 100,000 men?'"

"'I will tell you,' said General Scott. 'The men who took us into the City of Mexico are the same men who are keeping us out of Richmond.'"



General Winfield Scott

*S.A. Cunningham, Editor and Proprietor, Index, Confederate Veteran, Volume XCXI, (Nashville, Tennessee, 1913), 471*

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