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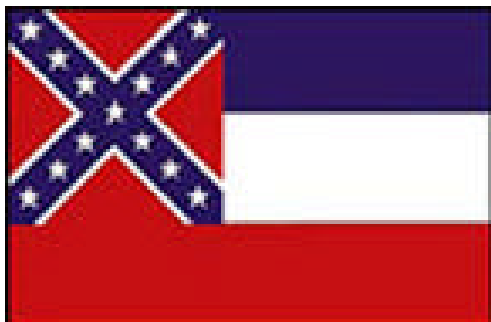
## ○ January Meeting ○ Black Confederate Pensioners: Black Contributions to the Civil War Effort.

Adjutant Ron Stowers reports that he has arranged for Dr. Jim Hollandsworth, Past President of the Jackson CWRT and retired Dean of the Graduate School at the Univ. of Southern Mississippi, to give a presentation on black Confederate pensioners.

Everyone come and bring a recruit!

**When:** December 16, 2008. 5:00 pm.  
**Where:** Municipal Art Gallery, State St., Jackson.

*See you there!*



**P**ride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

**B**etter it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

**H**e that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.

**T**he wise in heart shall be called prudent: and the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

**U**nderstanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.

**T**he heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips.

**P**leasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

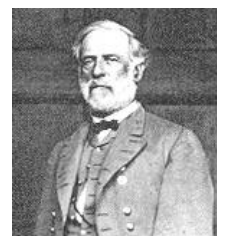
Proverbs 16:18-24  
(KJV)

## December Meeting Report

### Christmas Fellowship— Food and Fun

The earlier-than-normal December meeting was devoted to fellowship, food and fun in observance of the Christmas season. At last observation, there was a lot more food available than the assembled group could, or should, eat at one sitting. In the absence of the Dixie Hummingbirds, this editor tried to provide a little music

Remember the birthdays of  
our Confederate Heroes this  
month



## Robert E. Lee / Confederate Heroes' Birthday Observances

First Lt. Commander Randy Rogers reports that he has received an invitation from Lewis Jones of the **Forest, MS SCV Camp** inviting anyone interested to attend their meeting/celebration on **January 16, 2009**. The speaker will be the HQ **SCV Chaplain**. The chaplain's address will be preceded by a meal. Other details (time, cost, reservations, etc.) can be obtained by calling **Lewis Jones at 601-832-2155**.

Adjutant Ron Stowers reports that the **W. D. Holder UDC Chapter's "Celebration of the Birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson and Commodore Matthew F. Maury"** Will be held at **noon, January 17, 2009**, at the **Western Sizzlin' Restaurant**, 1011 Lake Harbor (Spillway Road), Ridgeland, MS 39157. The cost of the luncheon is \$12.00.

Checks should be made payable to the W.D. Holder Chapter #458 and mailed to:

Mrs. Jo Hubbard  
113 Sandstone Drive  
Brandon, MS 39047

The luncheon speaker has not yet been announced.

Although the venue has changed a number of times over the years, this Confederate Heroes Luncheon has been held each year for many years and has become something of a tradition. All compatriots will likely enjoy it.

Send address corrections to:  
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Visit the camp web site at: <http://www.scvcamp635.org>



## Calendar

### January 27, 2009

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### February 24, 2009

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### March 24, 2009

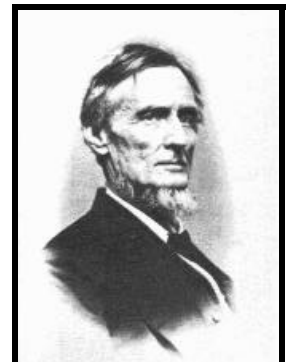
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### April 26, 2009

Anticipated date of observance of Confederate Memorial Day with ceremonies at Greenwood Cemetery, Jackson

### April 28, 2009

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



**Reveille Dedication**  
There is no dedication this  
month

**Chaplain's Dispatch**

Dear Friends and Compatriots,

When G. W. Custis Lee, was in school his father, Robert E. Lee, wrote him the following letter to impress upon him some guiding principles of character, duty and virtue. His words are relevant to us today.

"You must study to be frank with the world; frankness is the child of honesty and courage. Say just what you mean to do on every occasion, and take it for GRANTED YOU MEAN TO DO RIGHT. If a friend asks a favor, you should Grant IT, IF IT IS REASONABLE: IF NOT, TELL HIM PLAINLY WHY YOU CANNOT: YOU WILL WRONG HIM AND WRONG YOURSELF BY EQUIVOCATION OF ANY KIND. Never do a wrong thing to make a friend or keep one; the man who requires you to do so, is dearly purchased at a sacrifice. Deal kindly but firmly, with all your classmates; you will find it the policy which wears best. Above all, do not appear to others what you are not. If you have any fault to find with anyone, tell him, not others, of what you complain; there is no more dangerous experiment than that of undertaking to be one thing before a man's face and another behind his back. We should live, act, and say nothing to the injury of anyone. It is not only best as a matter of principle, but it is the path to peace and honor.

In regard to duty, let me, in conclusion of this hasty letter, inform you that, nearly a hundred years ago, there was a day of remarkable gloom and darkness--still known as "the dark day"--a day when the light of the sun was slowly extinguished as if by eclipse. The Legislature of Connecticut was in session, and, as the members saw the unexpected and unaccountable darkness coming on, they shared in the general awe and terror. It was supposed by many that the last day---the Day of Judgment---had

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treason. ... It is treason to circulate petitions for a compromise or peaceful readjustment of our national troubles ... to question the constitutional powers of the President to increase the standing army without authority of law ... to object to squads of military visiting private houses, and to make search and seizures ... to question the infallibility of the President, and treason not to concur with him. ... It is treason to talk of hard times, to say that the war might have been avoided. It is treason to be truthful and faithful to the Constitution."

If only our current media had the guts to do the right thing! If only our society were not so politically correct!

We will weather the storm. We are Mississippians!

Deo Vindice

Emmett Eaton,  
Camp Commander

come. Someone, in the consternation of the hour, moved an adjournment. Then there arose an old Puritan legislator, Davenport of Stamford, and said that, if the last day had come, he desired to be found at his place doing his duty, and, therefore, moved that candles be brought in, so that the House could proceed with its duty. There was quietness in that man's mind, the quietness of heavenly wisdom and inflexible willingness to obey present duty. Duty, then, is the sublimest word in our language. Do your duty in all things like the old Puritan. You cannot do more, you should never wish to do less. Never let me or your mother wear one gray hair for any lack of duty on your part."

We commemorate the 202nd anniversary of Robert E. Lee's birth this month. It is fitting that we recall these words of wisdom given by a loving father to his son.

Sincerely,

Hubert W. Miazza  
Chaplain

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**Trivia Question:**

This month's question asks:

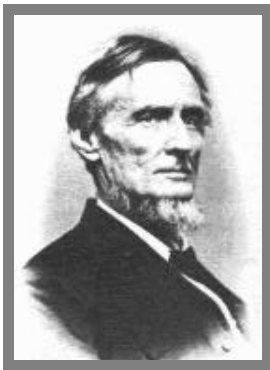
What war did Confederate General Robert E. Lee's father fight in?

November's question asked:

What is an "abatis"?

The answer:

A tangle of trees and brush felled in the approach of an assaulting force to slow down its progress and give fortification defenders more time to direct fire.



# Commander's Column

## TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

It is the time of year that we come together with family and friends to celebrate the birth of the Savior and to give thanks for our many blessings. What do you give thanks for?

Thank you for allowing me to be Camp Commander of Jeff Davis Camp #635 Sons of Confederate Veterans. My term is drawing to a close and it has been an honor.

Thank you to the Compatriots who made the effort to come to our Christmas gathering. You are the progeny of those stalwarts who fought so long ago from Shiloh to Bentonville, First Manassas to Appomattox. I would shoulder a musket with each and everyone of you.

Thank you to the men who behind the scenes work tirelessly for the camp and the SCV. You know who you are.

Thanks to President Bush who has kept us from further terrorist attacks.

Thanks to the men and women who have answered the call to duty, who keep us safe and out of harms way. Many have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Your service will not be forgotten.

Thanks for having been born American and Southern. No greater place or people exists on earth!

I'm thankful for my friends - those far away, those around the corner, those who I've known for years, and if I'm lucky those I've yet to meet. If we leave this earthly existence with five true friends then we are more than blessed .

Thanks to my family who allow me to indulge in my passion of history and put up with more than they should have to.

In the summer of 1861, after the "traitor" label was let loose by the North, an editorial by the Cincinnati (Ohio) Daily Inquirer stated: "The Republican papers are great on

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