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January Meeting **Pre-War and Post-War Life** **Selected Writings**

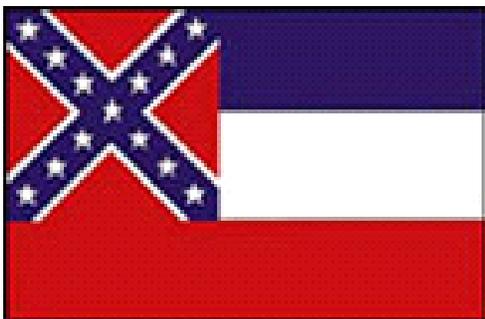
The camp will be back to its regular fourth Tuesday meeting date for the January meeting. This editor will bring the program entitled "Life in Mississippi, Pre-War and Post-War." The subject matter will be taken from the diaries and journals of individuals from that time period.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: January 25, 2010. 5:00 pm.

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

See you there!



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: 14-18
(KJV)

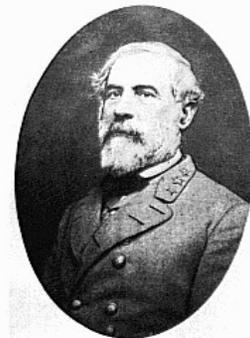
December Meeting *Report*

Christmas Food, Fellowship and Music

The December program was the camp's annual Christmas celebration and was well attended. A number of compatriots brought food; a hearty thank you to those compatriots.

Dan Duggan brought his "this day in the WBTS" (December 14) presentation. Wayne Anderson and the Joe Tubb/Murry Stewart version of the "Dixie Hummingbirds" brought a number of songs to fill out most of the program time.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



General Lee

Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

We have a great month ahead of us, the birthday of our great chief Robert E. Lee is this month and we have the Lee-Jackson dinner this month. It will be held by the UDC on January 15, 2011 at the Cool Water Cafe on Lake Harbor Road, at noon. If you want to make your reservations call Susan Jones at 601/969-1172 or 601/654-7741.

One hundred and fifty years ago our ancestors, believing that they had the same right to determine how they would be governed that their fathers had fought the English to establish, voted to form their own country. Try as I will I am unable to see how what the South did in 1861 can be distinguished in principle from what the colonists did in 1776.

Let me update you on a couple of matters of interest to the Camp. First, the marker for James West Thompson's grave is ready and paid for. I got a call from the ever helpful and resourceful Bill Lee that he has gotten the Mayor of Winona to agree to supply the labor to place the marker and just as soon as your author gets through deer hunting this project will be completed. What pleasure Mr. Thompson will get looking down from Heaven at knowing his Confederate comrades valued his long contributions to Confederate history enough to put this monument on his grave.

The second matter concerns the repairs to the historical marker the Camp placed near the Confederate soldier graves in Greenwood Cemetery. Some rascals, or the elements, broke the marker, and we carried it to a welder to be repaired. I got a call this afternoon that the work has been done and all that remains is to pick the marker up and reinstall it on the post. It is a pleasure to me to be part of a group that takes seriously its responsibilities and pledges to help honor the memory of their ancestors, in the tangible manner of placing and maintaining markers and monuments.

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Visit the camp web site at: <http://www.scvcamp635.org>
A new web design program has been obtained that will run on newer computers so the web site has recently been updated for the first time in about a year.



Calendar

January 25, 2011

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

February 22, 2011

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

March 22, 2011

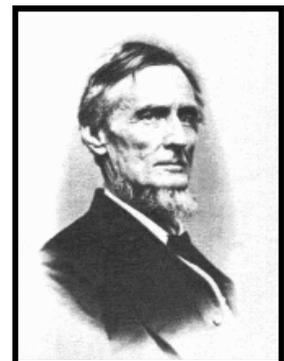
Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

April 24, 2011

Confederate Memorial Day Observance, Greenwood Cemetery

April 26, 2011

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

This month we celebrate the 204th anniversary of the January 19, 1807, birth of Robert E. Lee. He was a Christian gentleman, a devoted father, a faithful husband and a military genius. Following are some quotes from Richard G. Williams, Jr.'s book entitled The Maxims of Robert E. Lee for Young Gentlemen, which speak of his character and genius.

"There is no recorded instance when his conversations in the field or barracks could not have been equally acceptable in the lady's drawing room. An examination of the two thousand letters which still exist fails to uncover the slightest suggestion of vulgarity." -- Bishop Robert R. Brown

"No people could live in the atmosphere of Lee and Jackson and not be the best." --Booker Washington

"So great is my confidence in General Lee that I am willing to follow him blindfolded." --Stonewall Jackson

"There was one place where General Lee could always be seen and that was at the daily prayer service in the college chapel." -- Professor C. A. Graves, University of Virginia

"Lee is the greatest military genius in America." -- General Winfield Scott

"My own feelings, which had been quite jubilant on receipt of Lee's letter, were sad and depressed. I felt like anything rather than rejoicing at the downfall of a foe who had fought so long and so valiantly and had suffered so much for a cause." -- General Grant on Lee's surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia.

"He was always solicitous for the promotion of religion in the college, and warmly encouraged the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. He showed more emotion than on almost any other occasion in expressing his fervent wish that the students should all become sincere Christians." -- Rev. Randolph H. McKim

"Those virtues which were so admired by the public

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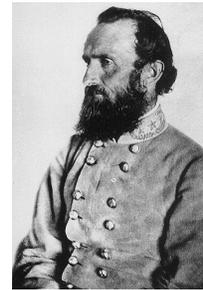
can demagogues in power to manufacture new classes of voters to sustain them in office", and, "All prayers, Catechisms and Bibles will ultimately be driven out of the schools."

Wishing you a good year ahead as we continue to honor our Forefathers, and as we celebrate this 150th Anniversary of the Confederacy, for which our Ancestors fought and died.

I hope to see you at our next meeting, and bring a recruit and enjoy the fellowship.

Deo Vindice
Randy Rogers,
Camp Commander

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



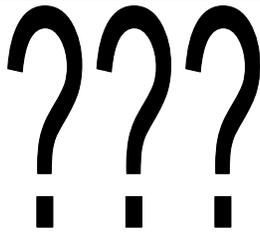
General Jackson

were all the more conspicuous in the home circle, and his private character was as stainless as it was unassailed by the breath of slander." -- Rev. J. William Jones

"Lee had one intimate friend --- God." -- Gamaliel Bradford

As we honor Robert Edward Lee this month, may we be reminded of his military genius, his sterling character and his devotion to our God.

Sincerely,
Hubert W. Miazza
Chaplain



Trivia Question:

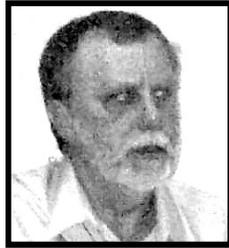
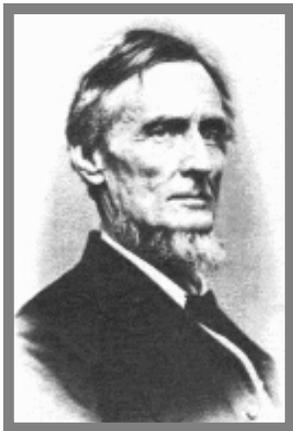
This month's question asks:

What was a "beat"?

December's question asked:

What nickname was given to Confederate bills of small denominations?

The answer:
"Shinplasters"



Commander's Column

TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

Another year has gone by, and I trust you all had a good holiday season from Thanksgiving through Christmas and the New Year. Last year was a good year, and we should anticipate this one with special fervor in that it is the 150th anniversary of the Secession of Mississippi from the union. In the past several weeks, several gatherings have been held and it is my hope that each of you was available to attend at least one of them to honor our Ancestors that were there to witness and participate in these historic events of our great state.

I do hope you had the opportunity to spend the holidays with family and friends since this Christmas season brings so many from so far away together to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the reason for the season. We would be remiss if we did not think about what our Confederate Ancestors went through during this season during the War of Northern Aggression. The last two years of the War were especially hard as The Confederate States of America were pulling from barren cupboards for everything. The Yankees were not fairing so well themselves, due mostly to poor leadership, just as we see today. Our forefathers and their families endured to the end and made the best of what they had. I cringe to think of the atrocities some of them went through, but I am proud of the fact they did not give up; otherwise, we would not be. Thank God Almighty above; they stayed the course, ever moving forward.

I wish each of you the best year yet, as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, but also, The Confederate States of America. I challenge you to look at where we are today and where we could have been, and most likely would be, had we won The War of Northern Aggression. R. L. Dabney summed it up pretty well in two statements; "It is a regular trick of Ameri-

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