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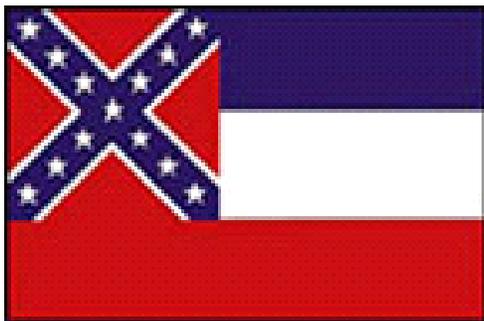
This month's program will be given by Jeff Giambrone who will talk about his new book, An Illustrated Guide to the Vicksburg Campaign and National Military Park.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: June 28, 2011. 5:00 pm.

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

See you there!



Jesus saith unto her, *Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.*

Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.

Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

*John 4:21-26
(KJV)*

May Meeting Report

Civil War Research Holdings at MDAH

The May program was presented by Jim Woodrick who spoke on the war in Madison County, MS. Although there were no major actions in Madison County, it was the scene of a number of small encounters.

Dan Duggan presented "this day in the WBTS" (May 24).

The newly elected officers for the coming year were sworn in. A list of officers was published in last month's newsletter.

Joe Tubb and Murry Stewart brought several songs for the camp's enjoyment.

Words of Wisdom

The strongest reason for the people to retain the right to keep and bear arms is, as a last resort, to protect themselves against tyranny in government.

To compel a man to subsidize with his taxes the propagation of ideas which he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical.

—Thomas Jefferson

Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

The fates seemed to conspire against our Confederate ancestors, as our cause was the victim of bad luck in so many instances. Think, for example, of the Lost Order that doomed Lee's first invasion of the North.

But we were equally as unfortunate in the search for foreign allies. The foreign recognition, principally from England and France, that Jefferson Davis put such faith in gleamed and beckoned, but never grew. In our relations with England, we were the beneficiary in November, 1861 of the stupidity of Capt. Charles Wilkes in removing our commissioners Mason and Slidell from the English steamer Trent. Sympathy for the Confederacy continued to build in England through the summer of 1862, and when Lee went north in September Lord Palmerson indicated he was prepared to recognize the South if Lee was victorious. Alas Sharpsburg wasn't what the Prime Minister wanted to see and the issue of recognition never came back up.

More bad luck for our cause was the failure of the European grain crops during the war years. Despite manpower shortages, productivity on Northern farms rose during the war, as new machinery--binders and reapers--took the place of soldiers. Much of this grain was exported to England and France. As much as England wanted our cotton, it needed Union wheat more.

Our fortune with France was even worse. Napoleon III wanted the South to win, far more than the English did, thinking a Southern victory would help his ambition of establishing an empire in Mexico. With the Monroe Doctrine on hold during the war, the actions of the Mexican government in July, 1861 of declaring a moratorium on payments of foreign debts gave Napoleon the pretext he wanted for intervention. England, Spain and France agreed to send troops to Mexico to force payment of these debts, and these troops landed at Vera Cruz in December,

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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

June 28, 2011

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

July 26, 2011

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

August 23, 2011

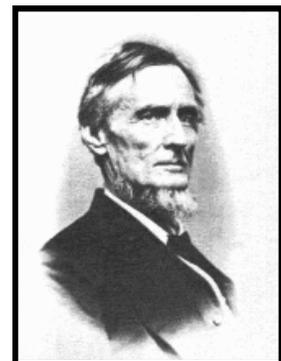
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September 27, 2011

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

October 25, 2011

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Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

During World War II General Dwight D. Eisenhower wrote letters regularly to his wife, Mamie. She saved all 319 of them and their son, John S. D. Eisenhower, compiled them into a book entitled "Letters to Mamie." June 6, 2011, marks the sixty-seventh anniversary of D-Day, the invasion of Europe by the Allied forces. We should never forget the sacrifices made on that day in 1944 and in the months leading up to the Unconditional Surrender of all German Forces on May 7, 1945. On June 9, 1944, General Eisenhower wrote Mamie the following letter from Portsmouth, England.

"My darling: I just sent you a teletype. As always when I go through these intense periods of strain and effort I think of you, want you here, and try to write to you—but I'm afraid that even my short notes are rather incoherent!

Anyway, we've started. Only time will tell how great our success will be. But all that can be done by human effort, intense devotion to duty, and courageous execution, all by thousands and thousands of individuals, will be done by this force. The soldiers, sailors, and airmen are indescribable in their élan, courage, determination and fortitude. They inspire me.

How I look forward to seeing Johnny. It will be odd to see him as an officer of the Army. I'll burst with pride!" (John Eisenhower graduated from West Point on D-Day.)

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to all of those who fought to achieve victory over the German forces and later over the Japanese forces. May we never forget!

Sincerely,
Hubert W. Miazza
Chaplain

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1861. The Mexicans immediately reached an agreement with the Spanish and English on payment, but the French refused to be satisfied. It was clear to all that the debt issue was an excuse for armed French intervention in Mexico. Advancing on Mexico City, the French troops were defeated by the Mexican Army in May, 1862 at the battle of Puebla.

Ever after the hold of the French puppet ruler Maximilian on power was very shaky, collapsing after the final withdrawal of French troops in 1865. But IF the French had WON at Puebla and had established firm control of Mexico in 1862, there is little doubt substantial and perhaps decisive French aid would have flowed to the South from across the Rio Grande.

Welcome New Members

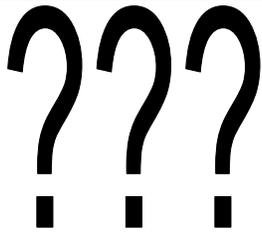
The camp is fortunate to have inducted three new members in recent months.

Joel Christopher Boothe joined in March on the service of his G-G-G-Grandfather Louis Henry Shelton, Private, Co. B, 41st Alabama Infantry.

In April, **Tom Lord** joined on the service of his Great Grandfather William R. Crenshaw, Co. C, 14th Battalion, Mississippi Artillery.

In May, **Lee Inman White II** joined on the service of his ancestor William N. White, Co. K, 16th Mississippi Infantry.

Welcome to these new members. To others who have visited the camp recently but haven't joined, we'd love to have you. If you need help with the application, contact someone in the camp for assistance.

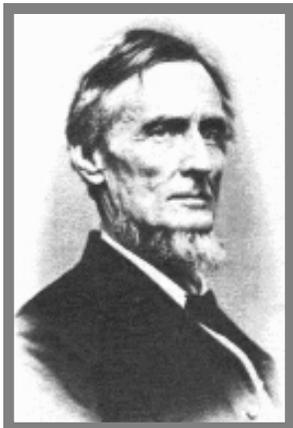


Trivia Question:

This month's question asks:

When Robert E. Lee's youngest son entered the army, what was his rank and duty? Also, do you know his name and age?

May's question asked: Where was the famous CSS Alabama constructed? The answer: Liverpool, England



Commander's Column

Compatriots,

First, a big "Thank you" to everyone who attended and helped to make this year's Confederate Memorial Day Service at Greenwood Cemetery a great success.

A new year is beginning, a new Guard is in place, and the word that I would like to see promoted is the word "**Relevant.**" I want to ask you this question: Is the S.C.V. being relevant to why you joined the organization? I joined because of my interest in history and genealogy. Why did you join? The way you answer that question will determine the success or failure of Camp 635, and it will be reflected in the membership numbers. If those numbers are increasing then we are doing something right; if they are decreasing then we are doing something wrong. It is my primary goal to see our membership increase, and those numbers will be an indication of our success or failure.

I am posting my personal cell phone number, 769-218-6251, and you may call me Monday through Thursday from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.—no weekends, please—for the purpose of unloading, enlightening, or telling me what you would like to see accomplished, what you would like to see put in place, or what needs are not being met. Again, I want to see this Camp being "**relevant**" as to why you joined. **Let me know!**

Deo Vindice,

Mike Rodgers, Commander
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