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**Sons of Confederate Veterans**  
Jefferson Davis Camp No. 635

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## June Meeting Richmond Confederate Sites and Memorials

The June program will be presented by Robert Murphree who will talk about his recent tour of the Richmond, Virginia area.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

**When:** June 24, 2014. 5:30 pm.

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

*See you there!*



**B**e not thou envious  
against evil men,  
neither desire to be  
with them.

**F**or their heart  
studieth destruc-  
tion, and their lips  
talk of mischief.

**T**hrough wisdom is  
an house builded,  
and by understanding  
it is established:

**A**nd by knowledge  
shall the cham-  
bers be filled with all  
precious and pleasant  
riches.

**A** wise man is  
strong; yea, a  
man of knowledge in-  
creaseth strength.

**F**or by wise counsel  
thou shalt make  
thy war: and in multi-  
tude of counsellors  
there is safety.

**W**isdom is too  
high for a fool:  
he openeth not his  
mouth in the gate.

*Proverbs 24:1-7  
(KJV)*

## May Meeting Report

### The War in Virginia

Joe Lee presented the May program covering his recent tour of important sites in Virginia under the guidance of Parker Hills and company.

The Dixie Hummingbirds provided several songs for the camp's entertainment.

### Call for Volunteers!

The camp is currently in need of volunteers to step in and perform quartermaster duties. Normally this only involves providing the snack foods and drinks for the hospitality period prior to each meeting. The cost of the refreshments is covered by the camp funding from the monthly "collection plate."

Multiple volunteers would be preferable to reduce the load on one person having to do the refreshments each month.

If you would like to volunteer, please see Ron Stowers at a

## Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

William Thomas Poague was a lawyer in Lexington, Virginia when the unpleasantness of 1861 broke out and he joined that famous unit, the Rockbridge Artillery. Originally attached to the Stonewall Brigade, the battery got the full meal deal, and Poague was there the whole time, from 1861 until Appomattox, ending as a lieutenant colonel. His book about his experiences, *Gunner with Stonewall*, is a delightful personal narrative which Poague wrote in 1903 only for his family, but was eventually published in 1957.

At Fredericksburg Poague relates two incidents I want to share. One is about a caisson driver who was shielding himself behind a small sapling. Poague said "John, that's a mighty small protection for your head." The man replied "Yes, Captain, but if there was a ground squirrel's hole near by I think I could get in it."

The other story is about another of his men was lying on the ground behind a good sized stump, but about a foot from his nose was a pile of manure. Another Rebel, wanting the benefit of that stump himself, said "look at that stuff near your face" to which our sheltering friend replied "Pshaw, go away! It smells sweet as a rose."

Memorial Hall in New Orleans is a delightful museum of all things Confederate, and it puts out a first-rate newsletter. In the last issue there was a story about a portrait of Jefferson Davis painted by Katherine Helm. Who is Katherine Helm? Well she was the daughter of Emilie Todd Helm and Benjamin Hardin Helm. Emilie Todd Helm was the sister of Mary Todd Lincoln, so she was Ole' Abe's niece. Benjamin Helm was a general in the Confederate army and was killed at Chickamauga. Well the article gave the story of the portrait and then said a sum was needed to restore the painting. Well I was pleased to be able to help and told the curator that this gift was in honor of the men of Jef-

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## Calendar

**June 24, 2014**

Regular meeting of  
Camp 635 at the  
Municipal Art Gallery

**July 22, 2014**

Regular meeting of  
Camp 635 at the  
Municipal Art Gallery

**August 26, 2014**

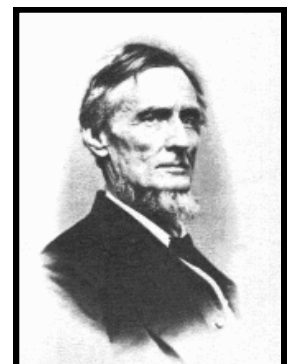
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**September 23, 2014**

Regular meeting of  
Camp 635 at the  
Municipal Art Gallery

**October 28, 2014**

Regular meeting of  
Camp 635 at the  
Municipal Art Gallery



# Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

## Demonstration of Contentment

On May 3, 1863 at a field hospital near Wildness Tavern General "Stonewall" Jackson's arm was amputated. Beverly T. Lacey, the chaplain, shared this Gen. Jackson comment, "*You find me severely wounded but not unhappy or depressed-but it may appear strange but you never saw me more perfectly contented than I am today. I shall discover that what is now regarded as a calamity is a blessing.*" Can you say that about a situation you are facing?

Sincerely,  
Rev. Glenn D. Shows  
Chaplain

**"If a man does his best, what else is there?"**  
—General George S. Patton (1885-1945)

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**"Political correctness is tyranny with manners."**  
—Charlton Heston (1924-2008)

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meeting or e-mail him at ERStowers@aol.com. Please let him know if your service is being offered on an emergency (short-term) basis or for a longer time, hopefully a full two-year term.

The camp thanks our previous two concurrently-serving quartermasters, Peter Miazza and Phil Kelly, for their hard work over the last couple of years making sure the camp had adequate food and drink to carry everyone over to a late supper.

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person Davis Camp #635, as I thought no group has done more to honor Confederate heritage.

I have had my "say" about Beauvoir and won't belabor the subject. We were pleased last month to have Commander Terrell come talk to the camp and outline his plans to re-structure the Beauvoir Board. I just saw a sheet outlining a year's income and expenses, and the best construction had an average monthly loss of \$22,985.00. One time Andy walked into Kingfish's office and said "Kingfish, I need one of them businesses where you nets more than you grosses." I can't remember if Andy ever found it but Beauvoir could use one too.



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Grady reports that the CD (of which only 50 now exist) sells for \$80.00 each (plus \$4.00 shipping/handling). If multiple copies are ordered in the same order going to the same address, the s/h cost is still only \$4.00.

Order by mail to:

**Grady Howell**  
**103 Trace Harbor Road**  
**Madison, MS 39110**

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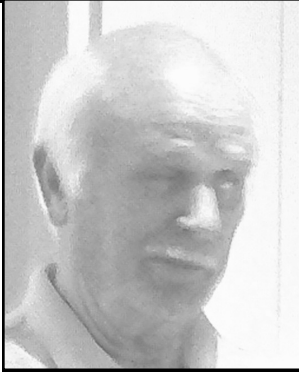
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**Trivia Question:**

This month's question / asks:

What was Virginian Wilmer McLean's unusual distinction?



# Commander's Column

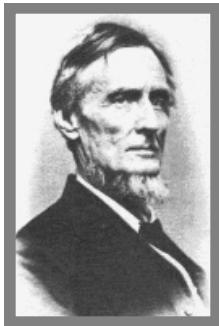
Commander Jackson has no column this month

May's question asked:

During the war, which town changed hands the most?

The answer:

Romney, Virginia (now West Virginia) changed hands 56 times.



## New Publication from Grady Howell

Some sixteen years after the first publication, Grady Howell has now completed an updated and corrected edition of For Dixie Land I'll Take My Stand! A Muster of All Known Mississippi Confederate Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. This new edition has been converted to electronic format on CD and contains new and corrected information gleaned in the interval since the original publication in hard cover book format. The CD also contains a listing of all known Mississippi Confederate Military Units. In Grady's words: "It basically is my complete three volume set with that title (updated with much new material added since the books were published in 1998) and presented in a read-only format. I have been working on this project since 1991 and it contains over 3500 pages of names and military information."

Grady added, "Due to my ongoing research (and wonderful help from Robert Myers, who, during a project he conducted, went through every name in Booth's Louisiana soldier listing and provided me a list of every soldier who listed his residence as Mississippi), there are many more names than were in the books published in 1998. I have also corrected a number of unit snafus that Rowland made years ago regarding some military units.

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