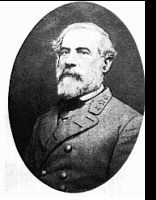




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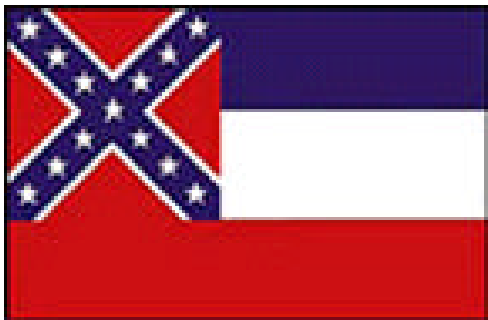
○ May Meeting ○ Mississippi's Military Heritage

The program for the May meeting will be presented by Bill Patrick. The subject is "Mississippi's Military Heritage." Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

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

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

See you there!



Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

**John 14:1-7
(KJV)**

April Meeting Report

Confederate Cannon Production

The meeting program for April was an overview of foundries in the Confederate states that produced cannon for the Confederate war effort presented by Robert Murphree.

Compatriot Dan Duggan presented "this day in the WBTS" (April 27).

The "Dixie Mockingbirds" presented a few songs for the camp's entertainment.

In Memoriam

The camp was saddened to learn of the death of **Jack E. Davis**

"Sgt." Jack passed away on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, following his bout with cancer.

He was a faithful Confederate and will be sorely missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. (Memorial donations in his name may be made to the Blair E. Batson Children's Hospital.)

Welcome New Member

The camp welcomes new member **Joe Fred Brister** who joins on the service of his Great Grandfather Constantine Montgomery, Private, Co. H, 39th Mississippi Cavalry (Summit Rifles).

WELCOME!

Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

The sufferings of the Southern civilian population during the War, and the wanton damage the Federals inflicted on civilians are among the subjects which have faded into history. Had our troops in Iraq done a 20th of what the Yankees did in the South the uproar would still be going on.

In reading a diary of a young girl named Amanda Worthington I came across a particularly melancholy incident. Amanda lived on a plantation in Washington County, Mississippi south of Greenville and kept a journal through much of 1862, 1863 and 1865. The depredations of the Federal forces were continuous over this period, and from a position of plenty and wealth the Worthington family was plunged into poverty by the thievery of the Yankees.

Her diary is particularly interesting to me because of my familiarity with the area. The Worthington brothers came from Kentucky in the 1840s and were successful planters. Samuel Worthington built a great house on his place, and named it "Wayside." His brother William built a large brick house close by and named it "Belmont." The Wayside house stood until the levee was enlarged after the 1927 flood, when it was demolished, but the Belmont house still stands on Highway 1.

In the 1930s my grandfather and his friends started a hunting club near the Worthington property, hunting on an island out in the Mississippi River named Belle Island. The clubhouse was near a little town called Wayside. In the 1940s the club purchased the Belmont house for its clubhouse and until I got out of the club in the 1990s, we used the house for that purpose.

Amanda kept her journal until late 1863 and then skipped until 1865 except for one entry in October, 1864. In it she describes a horrible incident, the death of her brother Bert, killed right before her eyes. Like all her brothers, and all the sons of the Belmont Worthingtons, Bert was a Confederate soldier. In December 1863 Bert was home on leave when some Union troops rode into the yard. Amanda copied the following from Bert's obituary into her journal:

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Calendar

May 25, 2010

Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery

June 22, 2010

Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery

July 27, 2010

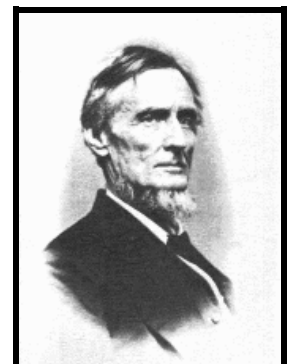
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August 24, 2010

Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery

September 28, 2010

Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery



Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

General Robert E. Lee had a deep and abiding faith in Almighty God and was probably one of the most influential Christian men in the Confederate army. It was General Lee's desire for his soldiers to rely upon God for help. General Order No. 83, which follows, was issued from the headquarters of the Army of Northern Virginia on August 13, 1863. It is only one of many pertaining to the subject.

"The President of the Confederate States has, in the name of the people, appointed the 21st day of August as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. A strict observance of the day is enjoined upon the officers and soldiers of this army. All military duties, except such as are absolutely necessary, will be suspended. The commanding officers of brigades and regiments are requested to cause divine service, suitable to the occasion, to be performed in their respective commands. Soldiers! We have sinned against Almighty God. We have forgotten His signal mercies, and have cultivated a revengeful, haughty, and boastful spirit. We have not remembered that the defenders of a just cause should be pure in His eyes; that "our times are in His hands;" and we have relied too much on our own arms for the achievement of our independence. God is our only refuge and our strength. Let us humble ourselves before him. Let us confess our many sins, and beseech Him to give us a higher courage, a purer patriotism and more determined will; that He will convert the hearts of our enemies; that he will hasten the time when war, with its sorrows and sufferings, shall cease, and that He will give us a name and place among the nations of the earth."

Pray for Christian leaders such as this today.

Sincerely,
Hubert W. Miazza
Chaplain

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". . . He attempted to make his escape and ran into a field near the house and threw himself down in the tall weeds. The fiends pursued him, led by their lieutenant and found him lying down unarmed and offering no resistance, and deliberately shot him, inflicting a mortal wound, and then carried him dying to his mother. "

Amanda's grief as she writes about this tragedy is heart rending. She prays for the ability to forgive Bert's murderers but admits "I cannot repress the deep undying

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I ask that we continue to remember in prayer Jack Davis, Kevin Davis' wife, and Rick Richardson's wife. We serve a Great and Mighty God who can heal them. Also remember our fellow Mississippians that are hurting and trying to rebuild their lives due to the tornado that came through on April 24.

We are now well into the spring, and in Mississippi, many of us plant a garden. We are fortunate to have tractors, weed killers, and commercial fertilizer now to prepare and nurture a garden. Our forefathers did not have these conveniences, but the one thing that has not changed is the hoe. No matter how many commercial products one uses on a garden, weeds and grass are going to find their way into a garden. Even with all the progress made in gardening since the War of Northern Aggression, nothing has taken the place of a simple tool, the hoe. I use this analogy with regard to the spirit of our brave Forefathers, who took up arms against the yankee invaders that came to Dixie in 1861, to force us to conform to their conceptual way of life.

Not only were our principles and integrity far beyond what the yankees believed back then, they still are today. Today the hoe is as useful as it was during the War; nothing has taken its place. Dixie is today just as it was in 1861, with the mindset and priorities being God, Country, and Family. To my knowledge, just about everything else has changed, but this has not. I hope it never changes, and as a friend once told me, "it is a Southern Thing."

May we celebrate Confederate History all twelve months of the year; we have a great heritage compiled by so many Confederate Soldiers and their families. We cannot forget their sacrifices.

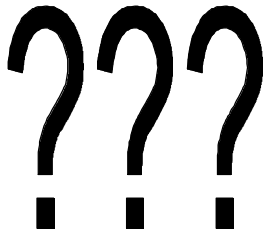
I look forward to seeing each of you at our next meeting on May 25. Bring a recruit and enjoy the fellowship.

Deo Vindice
Randy Rogers,
Camp Commander

thirst for vengeance on them that I have."

Who can blame her?

This diary has a good deal more information about civilian life in the South during the war, fodder for future columns. But with incidents like the one above seared in their memory, is there any wonder why our ancestors went to such lengths to build monuments to their Confederate dead?



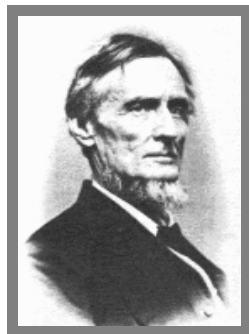
Trivia Question:

This month's question asks:

What was the first Indian tribe to declare for the Confederacy and when?

March's question asked: Who said, "War means fightin' and fightin' means killin'?"

The answer:
Nathan Bedford Forrest



Commander's Column

TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

I am sad to report that one of our staunch and faithful members, Sgt. Jack Davis, has passed away. His funeral was held on Friday, May 7, 2010, in Magee, MS. He experienced the sad loss of two sons and a granddaughter during his lifetime. In experiencing and enduring the loss of family members, he did not dwell on it. He put his energies toward honoring the heritage of his Choctaw and Confederate Ancestry. And I must say, he did an exemplary job. He always had a kind word for a Confederate Brother. His quips at our meetings will be missed as will his generosity of keeping us supplied with his Confederate Viagra, which he manufactured. May God comfort and console his family during the trying days ahead. He will be sorely missed in our Camp, but knowing he has now joined those of his family that have also crossed the river, and Almighty God, we take comfort. Thank You Sgt. Jack Davis, for the generosity, happiness and support you provided for all of us in Jefferson Davis Camp # 635. We will meet, but we will miss him.

April has passed, and we had a great Confederate History Month for Camp 635. It was a distinct honor and privilege to be at the Confederate Memorial Service April 25th to honor our Confederate Soldiers. I believe our forefathers and their comrades would be proud of all the events that took place at the service. Our thanks to all compatriots who had a part on the program. We are fortunate and thankful that our Governor, the Honorable Haley Barbour, and Alabama's Governor, the Honorable Bob Riley, set aside Monday, April 26th, as Confederate Memorial Day.

We also had the honor of dedicating a monument for Private Francis M. Thaxton, Company E, 49th Alabama Infantry, CSA. It was an honor to have the Wes Mobley family, and friends, direct descendants of Private Thaxton, in attendance. Wes did an excellent job in his address at the dedication. Particularly meaningful was the reading of a letter Private Thaxton had written home in 1862, prior to his death in the Mississippi Governor's Mansion which was used as a hospital. It was a moving and fitting tribute to Private Thaxton, who died on January 10, 1863, and now he has a headstone some 147 years after his death.

About 15 compatriots met on Saturday, the day before the service, to do last minute grooming in the Confederate Section of Greenwood Cemetery. Thanks to all who were able to be there. A special thanks to Peter Miazza for keeping a watchful eye over the Cemetery year round. Our meeting on April 27 was well attended, and Compatriot Robert Murphree did an excellent job with the program. It is also good to have Wayne Anderson, Phil Kelly, and Dan Duggan back on a regular schedule for the program. As always, the Dixie Hummingbirds did a fine job with the music.

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