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## May Meeting The War in Madison County

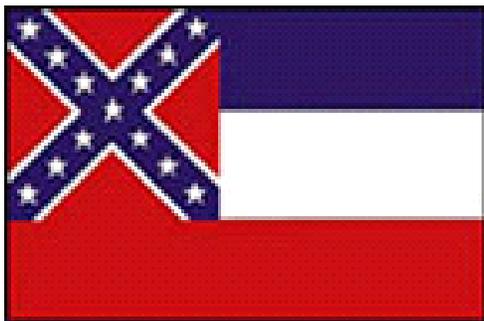
This month's program will be given by Jim Woodrick who will speak on the war in Madison County, MS..

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

**When:** May 24, 2010. 5:00 pm.

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

*See you there!*



*And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?*

*And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.*

*For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

*And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*

*For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.*

*All these are the beginning of sorrows.*

*Matthew 24:13-8  
(KJV)*

## April Meeting Report

### Civil War Research Holdings at MDAH

The April program was presented by Jim Pitts of the MDAH who told about explain the Civil War Research Holdings in MDAH.

This editor was unable to attend the April meeting and has no further information on business activities.

### Letter from Long-time Member

Danny Toma who works with the US State Dept. in the Foreign Service in Iraq, recently sent this letter to Adjutant Stowers:

"Things are relatively quiet here in Basra over the last couple of months. We have had the odd rocket launched at us from time to time, but these have been relatively infrequent, compared to the first part of January when we got hit every day for a week, or Thanksgiving when we had nearly twenty hit all around us in a 30 second period. Thanks be to God, however, there have been no major casualties here since last summer.

Basra itself is probably one of the best places in Iraq in terms of a return to normal life, but there are occasional security incidents (IEDs remain a problem, and there were some protests a few weeks ago on the "Day of Rage" - nothing like the protests in the rest of the Middle East though.)

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It has been interesting seeing the economic development here over the time I have been here, but I am ready to get back to the family - not to mention to be among greenery, which is conspicuous by its absence here.

I hope all is well with the members of Camp 635. Good luck with the flag preservation efforts."

## Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

This past Friday and Saturday I went with a group to trace Nathan Bedford Forrest's route to Shiloh, Parker's Crossroads, and finally Brice's Crossroads. Parker's Crossroads is where Forrest, faced with Union assaults from two directions, gave the famous command to "Charge them both ways." Shiloh is where Forrest led a charge against the Union lines, finding himself virtually alone and surrounded by Yanks shooting at him. Although wounded, Forrest came back alive, grabbing a Union soldier and holding him up on the horse as a human shield. Don't you know that was one evermore surprised Yankee!

But Brice's Crossroads is considered Forrest's most masterful victory. There on June 10, 1864 Forrest's 3,300 men sent 8,000 Federals under General S. D. Sturgis packing back to Memphis. Sturgis' voyage out took ten days, but his return trip was only 64 hours. Sturgis' men were coming southeast from Memphis on the Ripley Road when Forrest met them, approaching the Federals from the northeast and the southeast. Out-numbered, Forrest used aggressive flanking tactics, and a masterful sense of timing to absolutely route the Yankees, capturing some 18 guns, 250 wagons, 500 weapons and 500,000 rounds of ammunition. To give some measure of how badly the Yankees were cut up, one brigade started with 1674 men, of which 748 were killed, wounded or missing. Of the 926 who escaped, ONLY 267 had not thrown their weapons away.

Our Confederate Memorial Day ceremony at Greenwood Cemetery was held on May 1 since the previous Sunday was Easter and I must say it was a moving and meaningful event. Our eloquent chaplain Mr. Hubert Miazza gave a beautiful prayer at the start of the ceremony, a prayer that gave me much to think about. Mr. Hubert thanked Our Lord for the bravery of our Confederate ancestors, who were willing to give all for what they believed in, then prayed for the safety of our sons and daughters in the Service today who are in harm's way. When he concluded I added to Mr. Hubert's prayer my own request that there will never be a time in our country when we can't find men and women who will bear the burden of protecting our freedom. Later, when thinking it over I felt comforted, knowing that no matter what else happened, there would never come a time when the descendants of the men who followed Lee, Jackson and Forrest would fail to rise to protect America should the need be there.

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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

**May 24, 2011**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**June 28, 2011**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**July 26, 2011**

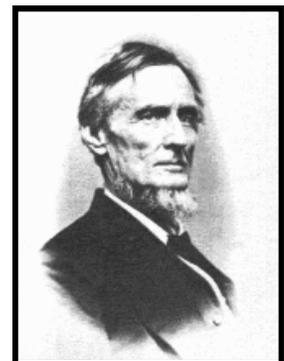
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**August 23, 2011**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**September 27, 2011**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



# Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

Historians record that General Robert E. Lee's favorite hymn was "How Firm a Foundation." This hymn was sung at his funeral in the chapel of Washington College in 1870.

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you  
He hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed, for I am thy God,  
and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee,  
and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace all sufficient, shall be thy supply: the flame shall not hurt thee;  
I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will  
not desert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should  
endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

This hymn was written in the 1700's, and it is relevant today. Do you understand why it had such meaning for General Lee?

Sincerely,  
Hubert W. Miazza  
Chaplain

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the Orange Plank and Brock Roads area in the Wilderness.

Cpl. Clark's remains have never been found and it is surmised that he is buried in an unmarked individual or mass grave or his body was consumed by the fire that swept much of the Wilderness battlefield. Research into the location of his remains has been and is continuing to be conducted around Orange, Culpepper, Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania.

A stone marker stands dedicated to his memory at the old Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, southwest of Shannon, Lee County, Mississippi.

Like many Mississippians, Pleasant Clark walked away to help defend his home and constitutional rights—and never returned.

Pleasant Clark was the great grandfather of Wm. H. "Bill" Robbins, Jackson, MS.

## **Camp Officers Elected in April**

Camp Commander: Michael Rodgers

1st Lt. Comdr.: Sandy Jackson

2nd Lt. Comdr.: Phil Kelly

3rd Lt. Comdr.: Robert Penny

Adjutant: Ron Stowers

Judge Advocate: Dan Duggan

Chaplain: Hubert Miazza

Historian: Peter Miazza

Publications Officer: Wayne Anderson

Medical Officer: Bill Howard

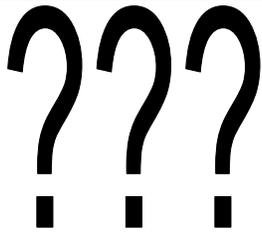
Quartermasters: Tom Lord and Chris Boothe;  
to be assisted by Robert Murphree

Camp Musicians: The Dixie Hummingbirds, and Wayne Anderson

Camp Bugler: Bob Davidson

Color Sergeants: Ricky Haynes and Chris Boothe

Executive Committee: Past Commanders



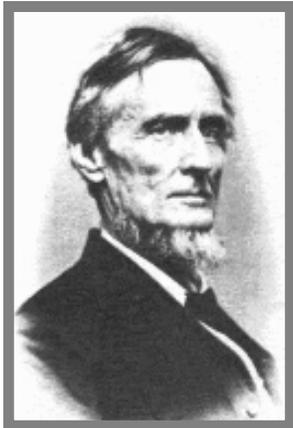
**Trivia Question:**

This month's question asks:

Where was the famous CSS Alabama constructed?

March's question asked: Who was the last Confederate veteran to pass away, in what year, and what was his age at death?

The answer: Walter Williams who died in 1959 at age 117.



# Commander's Column

New Camp Commander Mike Rodgers is just getting settled in to his new duties and did not yet have a column prepared when print deadline came. Hopefully he'll join us here next month. — Editor

## Reveille Dedication

*By Wm. H. "Billy" Robbins*

This is dedicated to the memory and valor of

### Corporal Pleasant Clark

2<sup>nd</sup> Mississippi Infantry, CSA

Recipient of the

Confederate Roll of Honor Designation

Corporal Pleasant Clark was born in 1828 and became a farmer and community healer in Chesterville, Mississippi. He entered service with Co. H, Coonewah Rifles. He was hospitalized in 1862 for 25 days at the Confederate General Hospital, Charlottesville, Virginia, with pneumonia. He was killed in action in the Battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864.

He served in General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, General A.P. Hill's Corps, General Henry Heth's Division, General Joe Davis' Brigade. He saw action at 1<sup>st</sup> Manassas, Seven Pines, Gaines Farm, Malvern Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Manassas, South Mountain, Sharpsburg, Gettysburg, Falling Water, Bristoe Station and the Wilderness.

At Gettysburg, he charged next to General George Pickett's Division with General Heth's force, then under the command of General James J. Pettigrew due to Heth's head wound. Research indicates that, due to his unit's deployment, he and his comrades probably saw General Lee many times as he rode up and down

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