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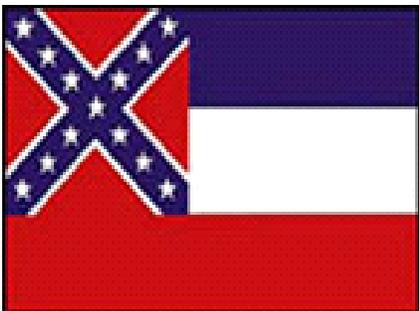
May Meeting The War in Virginia

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

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: May 27, 2014. 5:30pm.
Where: Municipal Art Gallery, State St., Jackson.

See you there!



A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

The rich and poor meet together: the LORD is the maker of them all.

A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

*Proverbs 22:1-6
(KJV)*

April Meeting Report

Nathan Bedford Forrest

Compatriot Dan Duggan will give the program at the April meeting. The topic will be the Nathan Bedford Forrest.

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

He Had God in His Heart

Shortly after his death, Chaplain J. William Jones stated: "As I watched alone by his body the day after his death I picked up from the table a well use pocket Bible, in which was written in his characteristic chirography, 'R. E. Lee, Lt. Col. United States Army.'"

"As I turn its leaves and saw how he had marked many passages especially those teaching the great doctrine of salvation by grace, justification by faith, or those given the more precious promise to the believer, I

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Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

Better look out fellows, I just spent four days in Richmond and I am ever more loaded for bear! You fellows will get so sick of hearing about the trip you might wish me back in Richmond.

But the highlight of the trip for me was getting to attend Mass at St. Paul's Episcopal church right across the street from the Virginia state capitol building. As you know this is the church that Jefferson Davis attended, and that General Lee attended when he was in Richmond. It was while attending St. Paul's that fateful day in April, 1865 that Davis received the message from General Lee that Richmond could not be held any longer and would have to be evacuated.

Not only did I get to sit in General Lee's family pew, but after the service the St. Paul's people very kindly allowed me to take a number of pictures in the church. The memorial tablet to the three Pegram brothers--two of whom were killed in 1865--was so moving tears came down my cheeks thinking about that family's sacrifice.

But this column is about how almost 145 years after his death Lee can still be a good example to people. Like most church's, St. Paul took up a collection and as I was caught rather unprepared my own contribution, was, well, rather unremarkable. Later, when I was reading from a book about General Lee, I came across a letter Lee had written in August, 1870 to General Samuel Cooper, who had served as the Confederate adjutant general, then an old man. In it Lee says:

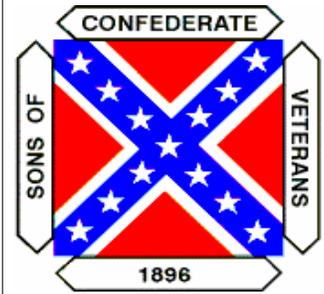
Impressed, with all the people of the South with your merits and services, I have with them admired your manly efforts to support your family and have regretted that more remunerative occupation better suited to your capacities and former habits had not presented itself. This has been a subject of conversation with some of us here . . . and I suggested that efforts be made to raise a sum for the relief of any pressing necessity. The idea was cordially adopted. I have received a letter from General Lawton regretting the smallness of the

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and telephone numbers as well.

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Calendar

May 27, 2014

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

June 24, 2014

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

July 22, 2014

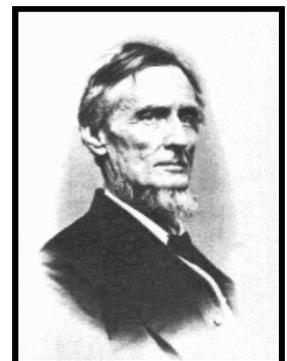
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August 26, 2014

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

September 23, 2014

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

Redemption

This past January I was blessed to be able to pilgrimage to the Holy Land. While there we visited the Garden of Gethsemane and the Gate of Redemption. This gate is the one Jesus would have used. On the last day of our visit we experienced the Holocaust Museum and Memorial. We learned that over six million Jews perished during this dark period. What amazed me was how the Jews call this memorial "a place of redemption". Can you see Jesus redemption for your sins? Are you on the same journey of pursuing redemption in your own life?

Sincerely,
Rev. Glenn D. Shows
Chaplain



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Other recipients include the eight crew members of the Confederate submarine H. L. Hunley who perished in 1864 while attacking the federal war sloop USS Housatonic near Charleston, South Carolina. Another recipient, Sergeant Richard Kirkland of South Carolina, was honored for actions in the 1862 Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia. Kirkland, moved by the cries of dying Union soldiers, reportedly brought them water on the battlefield during a fire-fight. "People don't know these stories, but they need to know these stories."

James Breathed's citation describes his disregard for his safety in keeping a cannon from falling into enemy hands even as two horses were shot out from under him in battle. The Confederate Medal of Honor program helps to fill a void in the history of brave and noble Americans.

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sum collected, \$300. To this sum I have only been able to add \$100 but I hope it may enable you to supply some immediate want and prevent you from taxing your strength too much. .

Well after reading how generous our leader was in 1870, when shekels were not very plentiful, I was even less overwhelmed with my effort on behalf of St. Paul's. Shamed, I think, might be a better word. So I sat down and wrote a check for a more appropriate sum to St. Paul's.

General John Gordon spent a good deal of time in the 1890s giving speeches in the North designed to promote reconciliation. At one such speech in Vermont an old man came up and told Gordon how for thirty years the man had hated the South for killing his only son but after listening to Gordon "My hatred for the South is gone forever." The old Robert--the Robert who had not gone to General Lee's church—might have been tempted to remark to the fellow that we had never invaded Vermont and if the son had stayed there he would still be alive; but the new Robert, the one who had been to General Lee's church, would have held his tongue.

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thought of how, with simple faith, he took this blessed book as a man of his counsel and the light of his pathway; how it's precious promises cheered him amid the afflictions and trials of his eventful life; and how it's glorious hope illuminated for him 'the valley of the shadow of death.'"

"He had God in his heart," which made him "a leader unlike the famous captains of the ages. Alexander believed in himself, Caesar in his legions, Napoleon in his destiny, Lee in his God."

Source: "Robert E. Lee, The Christian" by William J. Johnson. Pg. 231.

Copied from the Facebook page of "Defending the Heritage."

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Trivia Question:

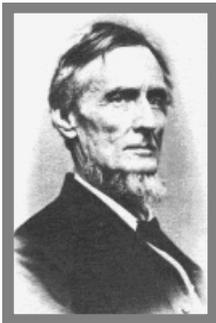
This month's question was submitted by Michael Rodgers and asks: During the war, which town changed hands the most? How many times?

April's question asked:

Two ram type ships were made by the British for the Confederacy but neither saw Confederate service. What were their names?

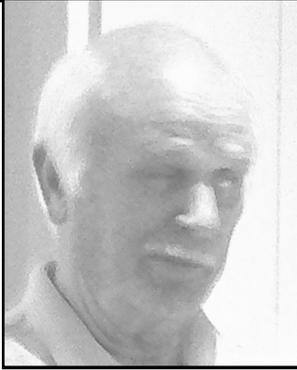
The answer:

The North Carolina and the Mississippi were the intended names for Confederate service. Both were used in the British navy under other names.



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Commander's Column

Commander Jackson has no column this month

The Confederate Medal of Honor

Contributed by Michael Rodgers
Story Research by David Dishneau

The Medal of Honor, created by Congress during the Civil War as America's highest military decoration for valor, was never meant for Americans who fought for the South.

But there's a Confederate Medal of Honor, little known yet highly prized, that the Sons of Confederate Veterans bestows on those whose bravery in battle can be proven to the group's satisfaction. The silver and bronze medal is a 10-pointed star bearing the Great Seal of the Confederate States and the words "Honor. Duty. Valor. Devotion." It has been awarded 50 times since 1977, most recently to Maj. James Breathed, a native Virginian buried in Hancock, Maryland. He was honored for his bravery as an artillery officer in the 1864 battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse in Virginia.

"The SCV created their own Confederate Medal of Honor because there were some incredible acts of valor that had received little or no recognition during and after the war." The medal has Civil War-era origins. Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a law in 1862 authorizing medals for courage on the battlefield, but none was issued. The US Army Center of Military History says General Robert E. Lee refused to award individual citations for valor, mentioning noteworthy performance in his dispatches instead.

The Confederate Medal of Honor recipients are largely low-to-middle rank figures. The first medal recipient was Private Samuel Davis of Smyrna, Tennessee. Davis was captured by Union troops and hanged as a spy in 1863 at age 21. His statue graces the grounds of the state capitol in Nashville.

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