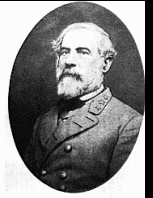




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November Meeting Grady Howell: Thanksgiving in the South in the WBTS era

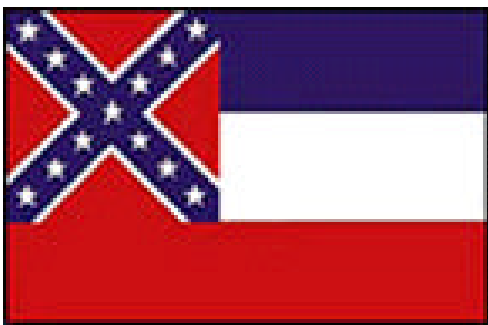
First Lt. Commander Jim Caldwell reports that Grady Howell will present the program for the November meeting. Grady will reprise a program from several years ago on Thanksgiving in the South during the WBTS era.

Everyone come and bring a recruit!

When: October 27, 2009. 5:00 pm.

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

See you there!



O come, let us sing
unto the Lord: let us
make a joyful noise to
the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his
presence with thank-
sgiving, and make a joy-
ful noise unto him with
psalms.

For the Lord is a great
God, and a great
King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep
places of the earth: the
strength of the hills is his
also.

The sea is his, and he
made it: and his
hands formed the dry
land.

O come, let us worship
and bow down: let
us kneel before the Lord
our maker.

For he is our God; and
we are the people of
his pasture, and the
sheep of his hand. To day
if ye will hear his voice,

Psalms 95:1-7
(KJV)

October Meeting Report

Robert Murphree: Forrest's Raid on Memphis

The meeting program for October was

presented by
Compatriot
Robert
Murphree on
Forrest's raid
on Memphis
executed to
draw the Fed-
eral army back
to Memphis out

of north Mississippi. The program was
very informative, covering details I was
not aware of, and, of course, entertain-
ing as well as only Robert can do it.

An update was given on Compatriot
Dan Duggan's condition; he continues
to progress in his physical rehabilita-
tion.

Past Commander Emmett Eaton subbed
for Compatriot Duggan in giving "this
day in the WBTS" information.

Music was presented by Wayne Ander-
son who did a couple of songs unre-
lated to the WBTS.



Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

A friend sent me a copy of the recent appeal for funds for Beauvoir. I see it once again trotted out the tired old canard that the dispute back in 2006 was some type of effort to take Beauvoir away from this Division, and the litigation "ratified" the Division's "ownership." I have no interest in re-fighting that battle, but I will point out the memo brings into focus why we had the dispute.

Nobody was trying to take Beauvoir away from the Division. What we WERE trying to do was avert the financial crises the memo describes. The letter seems to describe Beauvoir's financial dilemma as of recent origin, an unexpected result of the current recession, but nothing could be further from the truth. Long before the storm it was perfectly obvious to anyone who would face facts that Beauvoir's finances were in disarray. The cornucopia of federal money we were able to put in motion after Katrina merely postponed the day of reckoning.

The first small change we proposed was the members of the nonprofit that owned Beauvoir actually pay dues to remain members, the same way Rotary, Lions, DU, etc., all do. State law specifically allows dues and the bylaws we adopted allowing the dues were approved by every single person who later called the move "attempted theft." I always felt the persons who opposed us were more interested in making sure they led Beauvoir than in making sure Beauvoir was well led.

With all the good intentions in the world the Division cannot alone support Beauvoir. For example, if 100% of the Division pays the full sum the memo suggests over three years, it will bring in some \$375,000. How far will this go to fund an annual deficit of \$500,000 and a larger construction requirement? We knew the financial base of Beauvoir had to be expanded for it to survive. The memo of course proves us right, but I take no pleasure from this sad fact.

Beauvoir's problems flow from a failure of leadership, a failure of vision, a failure of imagination and an absence of flexibility. There is a tremendous reservoir of goodwill and support in the general public for Beauvoir but as long as a litmus test of ideological purity is a requirement for involvement in Beauvoir's affairs that reservoir can never be tapped. One can only hope that at some point the Division rediscovers the concept of accountability, and begins to see some connection between those piloting the ship and the fact the ship is on the rocks.

The litigation did have one lasting effect on Beauvoir; it cost Beauvoir the services and leadership of Earl Faggert, Ron Stowers, Phil Gunter and Ward Calhoun. Until Beauvoir can once again gain the guidance of men of similar caliber, I have to say I see a bleak future.

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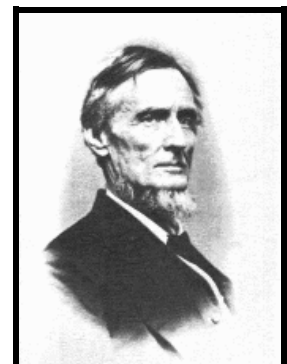
November 24, 2009
 Regular meeting of
 Camp 635 at the
 Municipal Art Gallery

December 15?, 2009
 Annual Camp Christmas
 Party.

January 26, 2010
 Regular meeting of
 Camp 635 at the
 Municipal Art Gallery

February 23, 2010
 Regular meeting of
 Camp 635 at the
 Municipal Art Gallery

March 23, 2010
 Regular meeting of
 Camp 635 at the
 Municipal Art Gallery



Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

We will be observing our annual celebration of Thanksgiving later this month. The day has different meaning for many people. The following essay on THANKFULNESS from the Golden Rule is appropriate for this season.

"First among the things to be thankful for is a thankful spirit. Some people would grumble at the accommodations in Heaven if they ever got there. They take their blessings here so much as a matter of course, that even a day of general thanksgiving once a year is more than they feel any need of. And if their blessings in any measure fail, gratitude for what they have had or still enjoy is the last thing they think of. Another class really desires to be thankful, but they are naturally despondent. Their sky is as dark with clouds as though a special Old Probabilities were employed to keep it full. They go through the world in a deprecating spirit, hoping things may turn out well yet fearing for the worst. We always feel glad for this class when Thanksgiving Day comes around. They then have an official warrant for gratitude. If their own hearts do not formulate blessings, they can listen to the sermon, or look to the President's proclamation.

"How different with the thankful heart! What a gift it is to be born with an outlook toward the bright side of things! And if not so by nature, what a triumph of grace to be made thankful through a renewed heart! It is so much more comfortable and rational to see what we have to be thankful for and to rejoice accordingly, than to have our vision forever filled with our lacks and our needs. Happy are they who possess this gift! Blessings may fail and fortunes vary, but the thankful heart remains."

Have you been gifted with a thankful heart? May you have a blessed Thanksgiving celebration.

Sincerely,
Hubert W. Miazza
Chaplain

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exuberant with enthusiasm. Even though Dixie finally met Her demise, She is, to this day, alive and well in the hearts and minds of all true Southerners. I hope we never lose this sense of purpose in maintaining Her by vindicating the Cause for which She fought, and by perpetuating the principles, virtues, and the good name of all Her soldiers and citizens during that time of the War of northern Aggression.

Gentlemen, remember that, while Dixie was defeated, She has not gone away as long as we perpetuate Her memory and pass it along to the next generation as it was to us. If we do this Dixie will live until our Lord and Savior returns to take us to our final home.

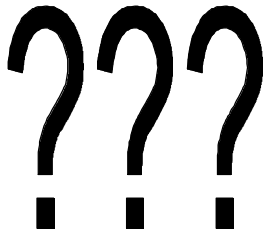
I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, November 24, at 6:00 p. m. and be sure and bring a recruit. Come a little early and enjoy the fellowship and refreshments.

Wishing all of you a happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving in Dixie.

Deo Vindice
Randy Rogers,
Camp Commander

Happy Thanksgiving





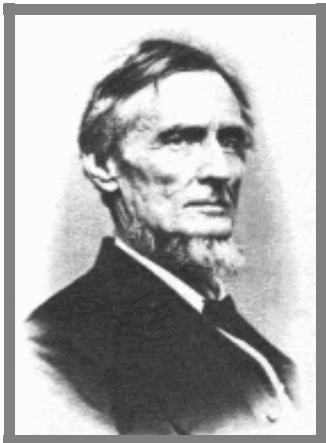
Trivia Question:

This month's question asks:

What happened 5/26/1863 that aided the Federal government's finances (and assured that Native Americans would all ultimately be hounded onto reservations)?

October's question asked: What Southern town was burned on February 17, 1865?

The answer: Columbia, South Carolina



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Commander's Column

TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

The October meeting will go down on the books as one of our best meetings since First Lieut. Commander Jim Caldwell lined up our own Robert Murphree to present the program for the evening.

Excellent job, Robert! We always look forward to your interesting and informative talks. Compatriot Wayne Anderson, "Old Faithful," did a fine job, as usual, presenting the musical portion of the program. In the absence of Compatriot Dan Duggan, Past Commander Emmett Eaton presented the "This Day in the War Between the States" portion. Thanks, guys, for your contribution to the success of the meeting. We pray that Dan is still on the mend and look forward to the return of him and the Dixie Hummingbirds at our next meeting. We had a visitor or two, which we always welcome to the meetings.

Two days after our next meeting will be Thanksgiving. Times are tough, turbulent and trying now, and it appears they will be for a while longer, but we as a Camp, and individually, have much for which we can be thankful.

On Sunday, July 28, 1861, the Confederacy observed a day of Thanksgiving for the success of Southern arms in defending their homes. While it was a different time in the life of our country, the Confederate States of America was very much in its prime, in spite of the fact that many of its brave and gallant troops already had met their demise from disease or lead. Don't you know those back at home, as well as those on the battlefield, were thankful for the rights granted by our forefathers, i. e., to defend themselves and their homeland, Dixie, from the yankee invaders.

This year when you sit down to the table for a Thanksgiving meal with friends and family, look back, in your mind, to this time on July 28, 1861, and think of what it might have been like to share a meal on the battlefield or at home with your ancestors. This was early in the War of northern Aggression, and Dixie was

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