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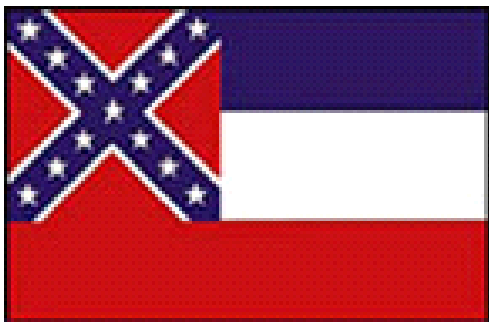
November Meeting Holt Collier

The meeting program will be a presentation on Holt Collier by Minor Buchanan, author of the biography of this most interesting ex-slave and Confederate Veteran. Minor has developed additional information on Collier since his original book publication..

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: November 27, 2012. 5:30pm.
Where: Municipal Art Gallery, State St., Jackson.

See you there!



The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?

Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.

Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

But ye have set at naught all my counsel, and would none of my reproof:

*Proverbs 1:7, 22-25
(KJV)*

October Meeting Report

WBTS Prisons

The meeting program was presented by Professor Ben Cloyd from Hinds CC, who spoke about WBTS prisons and their influence on the memories of the war..

Important Notice Below

Reminder: Newsletter Format Changing

Beginning with the January 2013 issue, newsletter distribution will be by electronic means (e-mail) only.

Adjutant Ron Stowers has collected a large number of e-mail address from members. We would like to be able to have everyone in the e-mail database so that no one misses out on the newsletter. Those of you that have not provided an e-mail address may do so by sending an e-mail to Ron at ERStowers@aol.com and putting

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Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

You won't find a better Confederate and loyal son of the South than Billy Ellis of Lexington, Mississippi. When we all went to the 11th Miss. monument dedication at Sharpsburg this August, Billy wrote a poem for the ceremony, and read it to the crowd. He very kindly sent me a copy of the poem and I find it so moving I want to share it with you.

Elegy to the Eleventh Mississippi at Sharpsburg

by Billy Ellis

Up Sharpsburg's bloody plain they came, so handsome, proud and young
 Above their gleaming bayonets, those glorious banners hung.
 Without a thought of turning back or quailing from the fray,
 The Eleventh Mississippi charged into fame that day.
 In bloody rags with tattered flags they faced the mouth of Hell
 And never flinched and never quit 'til drained of life they fell.
 They gave their dashing spirit for their kinsmen and their state,
 And we who love their memory, this ground we consecrate.
 But we can only contemplate the power of their death,
 Or blow a futile trumpet for their mothers so bereft.
 This corn field was the alter for those brave boys' tithes of blood
 That swells in us a passion, like old Jordan at the flood.
 On Sharpsburg's bloody killing ground lay Mississippi's pride,
 With valor and with honor, for you and me they died.
 So at this final roll call, their splendid record tell:
 Dead on the field of honor, Sir! For those they loved so well.

When you read the figures I gave you a couple of months ago on the odds we faced in that battle you appreciate all the more the sacrifice Billy Ellis so eloquently describes. More importantly, it makes you think about the obligation we carry from the charge General S. D. Lee gave us to make certain these gallant men's memory is not forgotten. Worse than being ignored is the prospect of their memory and motives being sullied, marginalized and diminished.

Speaking of Confederate bona fides, this issue of the Calhoun County Historical Society had a brief recitation of the family of a man named Mark Mitchell Stribling. He had five sons, all of whom served in the Confederate army, three dying in the struggle. Mr. Stribling also had a grandson, Mitchell Hastings, who served in the 4th Miss., distin-

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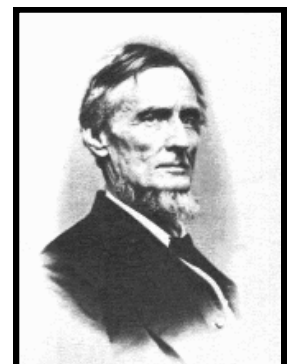
Calendar

November 27, 2012
 Regular meeting of
 Camp 635 at the
 Municipal Art Gallery

December ??, 2012
 Camp Christmas
 Party—Joe Tubb has
 proposed a party at his
 home. Will decide on
 details at November
 meeting.

January 22, 2013
 Regular meeting of
 Camp 635 at the
 Municipal Art Gallery

February 26, 2013
 Regular meeting of
 Camp 635 at the
 Municipal Art Gallery



Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

Bind Us Together in God's Love

There is a small stone church in Ringgold, Georgia. Built in 1837 and today used as a museum. This church served as a hospital for both the North and South during the War for Southern Independence. The little church bears blood stains that speak of the trauma it has seen. A.J. Showalter had this church in his mind when he wrote words to this hymn, *Learning on the Everlasting Arms, in 1887.*

*What have I to dread,
What have I to fear,
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Chorus: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Sincerely,
Rev. Glenn D. Shows
Chaplain



Book Donation Made

Past Commander Mike Rodgers has reported that he delivered the Camp Book Donation to the Brandon City Library on October 16. This adds to a Civil War Collection that is on-going at that library. For those that are interested, the Civil War Book Collection can be found in the Genealogy & History Section.

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guishing himself at the battle of Franklin. Another grandson, Daniel Richards, was in the 31st Miss and died from some disease in Georgia in 1864. Finally, Mr. Stribling also had one step-grandson and two sons-in-law in the Confederate service. I want to find out more about this outstanding level of commitment and report what I find later.

A Note from Past Commander Mike Rodgers

I want to Strongly Recommend a Book:

The Harbinger by Jonathan Cahn. It tells of The Ancient Mystery that holds The Secret of America's Future. -- Mike Rodgers

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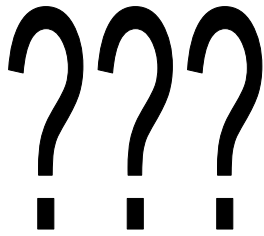
For those of you without e-mail, we encourage you to seek a volunteer friend or relative to receive the newsletter for you. The volunteer's e-mail address should be communicated to Ron as described above with a message in the body stating which member the volunteer is assisting. Alternatively, you may visit the libraries around town that offer computers for patrons' use and download and print the newsletter from the web site:

<http://www.scvcamp635.org>

Each issue will continue to be (in most cases) four standard pages that can be easily printed out on a computer printer.

The electronic version of the newsletter will be a file attached to an e-mail message. The attached file will be in PDF format (Adobe Corporation format). This format is now the most widely used for electronic transmittal of documents. The program for reading/displaying a PDF file is available free-of-charge from Adobe Corporation. (Most computers now come with Adobe Reader already installed.)

If you have questions, you may send them to Ron at the address above or to me at csa4ever@att.net and we will try to respond as quickly as possible.



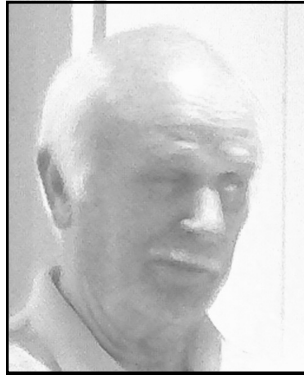
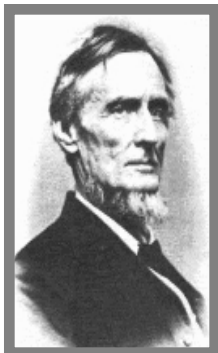
Trivia Question:

This month's question asks:

Can you name the six Confederate Generals killed or mortally wounded at Franklin?

October's question asked: Can you name the four Confederate generals who later served in the US Army in the Spanish-American War?

The answer: Firzhugh Lee, Joseph Wheeler, Thomas Rosser, Matthew C. Butler



Commander's Column

Fellow Compatriots,

I was visiting with my father-in-law in regard to the late War of Southern Independence and part of the discussion went to the percentage of the very young. He told me about one in particular. I had not known, but one was from my home town. George S. Lamkin of Winona, Mississippi, joined Stanford's Mississippi Battery when he was around eleven years old. The second point was that before his twelfth birthday he was wounded at Shiloh. I bet our past Commander Bill Lee knew that, but I didn't.

Another interesting one was T.G. Bean of Pickensville, Alabama who supposedly organized two companies of troops at the University of Alabama in 1861 at the age of thirteen. Now I don't know if all of this is solid, but if it is close, it is just another example of the good men the South produces. All of this to say, at this time of year when we start to declare thanks for all that is good, keep in mind the Ladies and Gentlemen that are our forebears and what they went through. Continue to forward the colors of our heritage.

"Teach your children who these dead men were. tell them of their lofty courage. Instruct them in their virtues."

Sources: Information on the young men from "The Civil War, Strange and Fascinating Facts"; quote from Capt. Ellis, Confederate Memorial Day ceremony in 1874, Atlanta, Georgia, as cited in the Fall 2012 Issue of the "Jeff Davis Legion."

Deo Vindice

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Camp Commander

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