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November Meeting **Al Arnold on His Black** **Confederate Ancestor**

The November meeting program will be presented by Al Arnold, a member of the Jackson Civil War Round Table, who will speak on his Black Confederate ancestor

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: November 24, 2015. 5:30 pm.

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

See you there!



Be not thou envious against evil men, neither desire to be with them.

For their heart studieth destruction, and their lips talk of mischief.

Through wisdom is an house builded, and by understanding it is established:

And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.

A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.

For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counselors there is safety.

Proverbs 24:1-6
(KJV)

October Meeting *Report*

Stonewall Jackson

The program was a presentation by Past Camp Commander Dan Duggan who spoke on General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

Dan Duggan also presented his monthly "This Day in the WBTS" (October 27) feature.

The "Dixie Hummingbirds" (Joe Tubb and Murry Stewart) presented a few songs for the camp's entertainment.

From the OR

Here's a Confederate commander's report that raises the question: Why don't today's critics of Confederate "racism" ever mention how the other side treated blacks.

"...As usual with the enemy, they posted their negro regiments on their left and in front, where they were slain by hundreds, and upon retiring left their dead and wounded negroes uncared for, carrying off only the whites, which accounts for the fact that upon the first part of the battle-field nearly all the dead found were negroes." - Federal Offi-

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Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

We all have our favorite form of history book, and my personal nominee is a first person narrative. Now all writers are not created equal and some can take the most interesting material and make it dull as mud. However I am constantly amazed at the number of really talented writers that the "Confederate War," as my great-grandfather called it, produced. Many of them, with a wonderful eye for detail, have produced works that I can read over and over and never tire of the tale.

Take William Poague's book *Gunner with Stonewall*. Written for Poague's children and family and not designed for publication, and some of the writer's remarks about famous individuals are completely uninhibited. But in this short column I want to tell you about Poague's experience in the Rockbridge Artillery's first battle: First Manassas. A junior lieutenant in the battery, Poague was with Johnston in the Valley when that army was summoned to help Beauregard.

Placed in a line as the battle heated up, Poague's job was to look after the caissons, which gave him plenty of time to look around. A pine tree near him was torn open by a solid shot, causing an Irishman to remark: "Be jabers! Abe Lincoln's at his old trade of making rails." After some two hours the battery was told to retire to another ridge some distance back.

As the battery rode back, another group of guns, "in charge of young officer" came up behind Poague's battery. As the column topped a ridge just behind the position just vacated, that "young officer" exclaimed "I'll be dogged if I'm going any further back" and wheeled his guns into line. Poague later learned that the unknown officer was named John Pelham, whose career in the artillery of the Army of Northern Virginia became the stuff of legends.

As the battery was placed in line, Poague described seeing President Davis calmly watching the battle, wearing a "stove pipe hat." Here Poague also saw hundreds of stragglers in a draw behind the battery, and got to witness General Thomas J. Jackson trying to rally these men. Jackson got officers to put the men in some type of line, and then pointed to a clump of pines in the direction of the enemy. "Now men, if you see any Yankees come out of those pines, give them pepper," then wheeling his horse to head back toward the

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Calendar

November 24, 2015

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

December 15?, 2015

(Probable date) Camp Christmas social, details to be announced.

January 26, 2016

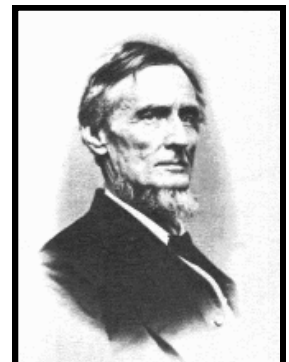
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February 23, 2016

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March 22, 2016

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

A Servant Heart

The act of Jesus in John 13 of washing his disciples' feet was an ultimate act of humility that anyone could have done. He teaches us to become humble as a servant. A pretty picture of legacy that I heard, "they might not remember your name but they will remember how you made them feel."

Sincerely,

Rev. Glenn D. Shows
Chaplain

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pins and rings among them.

General Sherman has gold and silver enough to start a bank. His share in gold watches and chains alone at Columbia was two hundred and seventy five. But, I said I could not go into particulars. All the general officers and many besides have valuables of every description down to ladies pocket handkerchiefs. I have my share of them too. We took gold and silver enough from the d_ _ _ _ d rebels to have redeemed their infernal currency twice over. I wish all the jewelry this army has could be carried to the Old Bay State. It would deck her out in glorious style, but alas, it will be scattered all over the North and Middle States.

The d_ _ _ _ d _iggers, as a general thing, preferred to stay at home particularly after they found out that we wanted only the able bodied men and to tell the truth the youngest and best looking women. Sometimes we took them off by way of repaying influential Secessionists. But, a part of these we managed to lose sometimes in crossing rivers - sometimes in other ways.

I shall write you again from Wilmington, Goldsboro, or some other place in North Carolina. The order to march has arrived and I must close hurriedly. Love to grandmother and Aunt Charlotte. Take care of

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cial Records, Vol. XXV, Chapter XLVII, pg. 341 - report of the Confederate Commander, Savannah, April 27, 1864 - Battle of Ocean Pond [Olustee] - 54th Mass.

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battle. Poague said this "peculiar kind of swearing" brought a roar of laughter from the men, which caused Jackson to turn in his saddle and shout out "and salt too."

Before I close, in deference to the fine program we heard last month about Stonewall Jackson, I want to quote what Poague said when later he was discussing the courage and nerve of some of the men in the army he admired. Describing how cool and calm Stonewall was in times of danger, Poague said "I saw Jackson afterwards in every one of his fights, big and little, but never detected the quiver of a muscle" or any sign of fear for his own safety.

yourself and the children. Don't show this letter outside of the family.

Your affectionate husband Thomas J. Myers, Lieutenant

PS: I will send this by flag of truce to be mailed, unless I have an opportunity of sending it to Hilton Head. Tell Lottie I am saving a pearl bracelet and earrings for her. But, Lambert got the necklace and breastpin from the same set. I am trying to trade him out of them. These were taken from the Misses Jamison, daughters of the President of the South Carolina Secession Convention. We found these on our trip through Georgia. TJM

Source: "Butler and his Cavalry in the War of Secession, 1861-1865" (page 453-454) by Ulysses Robert Brooks, published in 1909.

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Trivia Question:

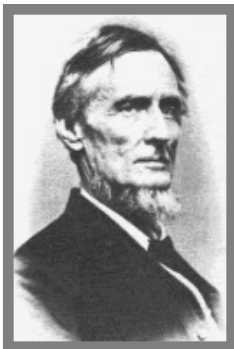
This month's question asks:

A Yankee question this month—what Union commander's HQ was described as a "bar room and brother"?

October's question asked:

In the movie "Gettysburg" one of the characters has a line that goes: "They don't even need guns to defend that! All they've got to do is roll rocks down on us!" What character was speaking and to what did he refer?

The answer: General John Bell Hood speaking about Little Round Top.



Commander's Column

Commander Jackson has no column this month

From a Yankee Letter Home

Editor's note: It is unknown who performed the politically correct textual "bleep-out" of certain words but I think we can be sure that the author of the letter didn't do it. Isn't it interesting how different the real history is from that that modern-day revisionists would like to make it?

My Dear Wife,

I have no time for particulars. We have had a glorious time in this State. Unrestricted license to burn and plunder was the order of the day. The chivalry have been stripped of most of their valuables. Gold watches, silver pitchers, cups, spoons, forks, and so forth are as common in camp as blackberries. The terms of plunder are as follows: the valuables procured are estimated by companies. Each company is required to exhibit the result of its operations at any given place. One fifth and first choice falls to the commander in chief and staff; one fifth to corps commander and staff; one fifth to field officers; and two fifths to the company.

Officers are not allowed to join in these expeditions unless disguised as privates. One of our corps commanders borrowed a rough suit of clothes from one of my men and was successful in his place. He got a large quantity of silver among other things, an old milk pitcher, and a very fine watch from a Mr. DeSaussure of this place. DeSaussure is one of the first families of South Carolina and was made to fork out liberally.

Officers over the rank of captain are not made to put their plunder in the estimate for general distribution. This is very unfair and for that reason in order to protect themselves the subordinate officers and privates keep everything back that they can carry about their persons such as rings earrings, breastpins, and so forth; of which, if I live to get home, I have a quart - I am not joking - I have at least a quart of jewelry for you and the girls and some No. 1 diamond

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