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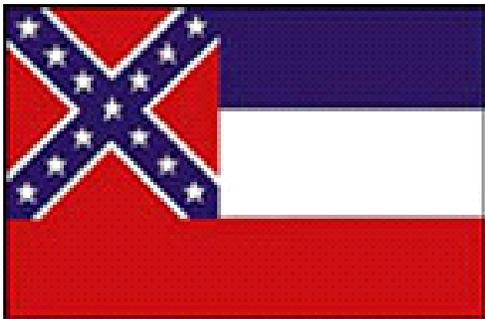
October Meeting Speaker and Topic To Be Announced

Due to 1st Lt. Commander Jim Caldwell's resignation, a committee is in the process of planning programs for future meetings. At press time the speaker and topic for the October meeting had not been confirmed. I expect that whatever is scheduled will be interesting.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: October 28, 2010. 5:00 pm.
Where: Municipal Art Gallery, State St., Jackson.

See you there!



And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:13-18
(KJV)

September Meeting Report

NB Forrest's Defense Against a Federal Raid

Robert Murphree presented another of his in-depth summation of action in the WBTS. This time he described the attempt by Federal forces out of Memphis to destroy the GM&O railroad and their repulsion by Confederate cavalry under NB Forrest.

Compatriot Dan Duggan gave his "this day in the WBTS" (September 28).

Past Commander Emmett Eaton chaired the meeting in the absence of Commander Rogers. He read a message from 1st Lt. Commander Jim Caldwell who has resigned his office due to personal reasons.

Wayne Anderson brought a couple of songs for the camp's enjoyment.



Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

My kinsman Jesse Murphree was killed on Iwo Jima. Wounded twice, he was killed trying to aid an injured comrade. Imagine my pride when I came across an account of his exploits in a book which had one of his soldiers describing him by saying "There was a man."

Well that is the same way I describe Berry Benson, of the 1st South Carolina regiment. Berry joined the army in January 1861 at the age of 17; his brother Blackwood joined the same regiment at 16. They saw the first shots at Fort Sumter, then were transferred to Virginia. Benson fought the whole war; from Manassas, through the Seven Days, Sharpsburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Petersburg, then to Appomattox. Wounded at Chancellorsville, Benson missed the battle of Gettysburg.

The litany of battles recited above is enough credential for any man, but Benson was no ordinary man. On the march into Maryland in September, 1862, he was so ill he couldn't keep up, despite heroic efforts, such as leaving early each morning to get ahead of his command.

Interestingly enough, Benson was sent home after being wounded, and there he followed the movements of his regiment through Blackwood's letters. In a letter Blackwood said that although the army had been repulsed at Gettysburg, "there was not the slightest feeling of defeat amongst the men."

He rejoined the army in December, 1863. In May, 1864 he was captured at Spotsylvania while scouting the enemy's position. Sent to Point Lookout, on the Potomac, he was determined to escape and rejoin the army. He did indeed escape by swimming

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Dues Payment Time — Late Fees

Dues payment time to keep your membership active is past. If you pay now, please add \$7 to cover the IHQ and MS Division late fees. (This applies to full membership only; associate members are not recognized above the camp level.) Please remit your dues to Ron as soon as possible via the address below. (Ron will not be at the next meeting so payment then will not be possible.)

Regular dues are \$55 for full members and \$15 for associate (non-voting) members. Checks should be made out to Jefferson Davis Camp #635, SCV and sent to:

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Calendar

October 26, 2010

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

November 23, 2010

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December 14?, 2010

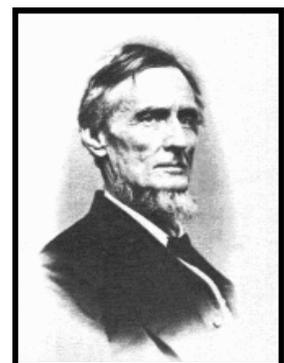
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January 25, 2011

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

February 22, 2011

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

Thomas Jefferson was asked by a friend to give some advice to his young son, who was named after him. Jefferson wrote the following letter in 1825 to the young child to be given to him when old enough to appreciate it. The letter is timeless in its advice.

"This letter will, to you, be as one from the dead. The writer will be in the grave before you can weigh its counsels. Your affectionate and excellent father has requested that I would address to you something which might possibly have a favorable influence on the course of life you have to run; and I too, as a namesake, feel an interest in that course. Few words will be necessary, with good dispositions on your part. Adore God. Reverence and cherish your parents. Love your neighbor as yourself, and your country more than yourself. Be just. Be true. Murmur not at the ways of Providence. So shall the life into which you have entered be the portal to one of eternal and ineffable bliss. And if to the dead it is permitted to care for the things of this world, every action of your life will be under my regard. Farewell. "

Sincerely,
Hubert W. Miazza
Chaplain

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out into the river and going around the camp. Walking up the river, he swam the Potomac right below Mt. Vernon, putting a fence rail under each arm.

Before he could reach Lee's army he was recaptured and sent by train to the infamous Elmira Prison, which Commander Rogers just wrote about. Benson at once began to plot another escape and joined a group digging a tunnel under the fence. In October, 1864 he and his comrades made good their escape using this tunnel. Walking and riding trains, Benson made his way south, once more swimming the Potomac, this time with the aid of a large plank. He rejoined his command at Petersburg.

At the final scene at Appomattox, Benson said that he greeted the news that Lee had surrendered "with sur-

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Aggression, they can believe as they choose, be it correct or not. A friend once told me, "You can tell a Yankee, but you can't tell him much," and this statement yet rings true up here-however, the ten that are interested in the truth are willing to listen and have done an excellent job educating themselves in the truth.

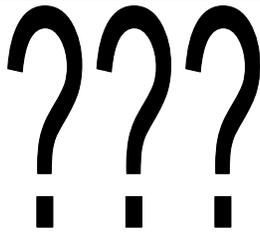
It is my hope and prayer that we never waver from the truth, regardless of what others say or believe, for the Bible plainly states, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free." This applies not only to us in eternity after being on this earth as we currently know it, but to us while we are yet here and engage others in all aspects of life and the War of northern Aggression.

We have several Camp posts that need to be filled. If you are willing to serve in a capacity to further the reach and scope of our Camp 635, please step up. We are members of a proud Camp with one of the largest memberships and are blessed with members from all walks of life, making us a well rounded group to further the cause of honoring our ancestors, The Confederate Soldiers, that gave it all they had. Think about it.

I hope to see you at our next meeting. Bring a recruit, come early, and enjoy the snacks and fellowship provided by our Quartermasters.

Deo Vindice
Randy Rogers,
Camp Commander

prise and utter discredit." He said the "idea was simply preposterous and I hooted it." When he found out it was true he and Blackwood determined they wouldn't surrender so off they headed to North Carolina to join Johnston. Before they could join that army it too was no more, so the Benson brothers headed home with the rifles that were never surrendered.



Trivia Question:

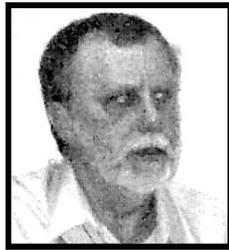
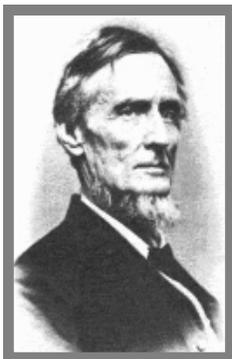
This month's question asks:

What was the largest city in the Confederacy at the beginning of the war?

August's question asked:

How old was John Wilkes Booth when Lincoln was assassinated?

The answer:
24, or 26, depending on which reference you believe.



Commander's Column

TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

It is with much remiss and sadness that I accept, on behalf of Camp 635, the resignation of 1st Lieut. Commander, Mr. James "Jim" Caldwell. Jim has done an excellent job over the past 16 months at his job; and lately pulling double duty in the absence of your commander. Jim is a stalwart Confederate and assures me that will not change, but other duties are requiring more of his time and attention taking away from time that he has been devoting to the betterment and enrichment of Camp 635. Jim, thanks for a job well done, and we look forward to continue to see you at our monthly meetings.

From all reports lately, our last meeting was excellent and the speaker, Mr. Robert Murphree, did a great job. Our thanks to Compatriot Murphree, for being our speaker, and we are grateful for his many deeds and unending efforts to remember the virtues, character, and good name of our Confederate Ancestors.

It is my hope that all of our duty bound and proud members have by this time gotten their annual dues in to Adjutant Stowers, as the time has come and gone to avoid late fees. For reasons unknown to this writer, dues have in the last few years continued to rise in spite of reported escalating membership numbers on the national level. I am in hopes that can keep our membership dues constant for a while now as we strive to honor and remember our Confederate Ancestors. The Charge penned by General Stephen D. Lee, stating our purpose, has not changed. It is as relevant today as it was when it was written over 100 years ago.

Your commander is yet up here in enemy territory striving to educate and inform the general population, when an opportunity arises, of the true causes of the War of northern Aggression. I have been pleasantly surprised by the ten Yankees that are aware of same. Many others want to hear nothing about the truth; we trudge on, spreading the good word about our beloved Dixie and its proud inhabitants and descendents of the Confederate Soldiers. By and large, number one, they do not care, and number two, they maintain that since they won the War of northern

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