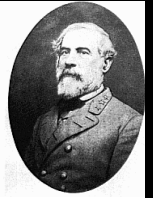




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○ September Meeting ○ To be announced

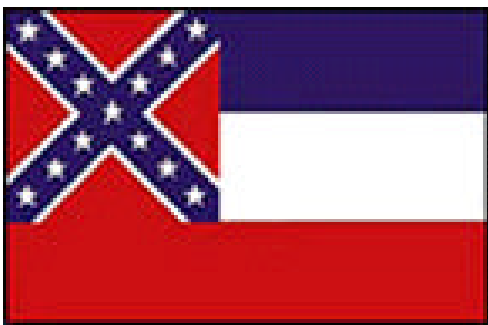
As of press time, the speaker/program for the September meeting had not been identified to this editor. I'm sure whatever the program turns out to be, it will be one of interest to all.

Everyone come and bring a recruit!

When: September 22, 2009. 5:00 pm.

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

See you there!



Keepesthy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

**Psalms 34:13-19
(KJV)**

August Meeting Report

Dr. Robert Penny — From Louisiana to Chickamauga: Soldiers' Letters Home

The meeting program for August was an examination of the service of Private



William Abijah Kennedy of the 19th Louisiana Infantry as revealed through letters during his service. Private Kennedy is an ancestor of Dr. Penny. Comm.

Rogers' column contains more details on the program.

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

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

Music was presented by three of the original "Dixie Hummingbirds" who "flew" in from their far-flung travels to other vistas.

The return of the
"Dixie Hummingbirds"



Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

A lot goes on these days in our public life that I don't agree with or approve of, and I guess you can include in those categories the way it seems our Confederate heroes have been completely excluded from public view. It is inconceivable to me that one could offer better role models to young people than Lee, Jackson, Stuart and a whole host of our Confederate leaders. Brave, moral, honorable, considerate, modest, courteous, all devoted Christians who both embraced and lived their faith, it is a loss to our nation that modern society has pushed these giants into limbo. Perhaps it is this void of suitable examples that causes a Michael Jackson or a Ted Kennedy to receive such adulation. It's all beyond me.

Now to a certain extent, whether Confederate or not, yesterday's heroes tend to have a short shelf-life. When my sports crazy daughter was playing high school basketball we played in West Point. After the game, with barely controlled excitement, I rushed up to Catherine and said "You won't believe who sat by me: Bailey Howell!"

Her reply? "Who is Bailey Howell?" *Sic transit gloria.*

So you can imagine my delight the other day when, turning south out of the main post office onto President Street and passing one of the administration buildings for the public schools, I saw something that warmed my unreconstructed heart. There in the front wall of the building are not one, but TWO busts of Robert E. Lee. Yes, its Marse Robert himself, and a very good likeness it is. How beneficial it would be if Lee's spirit of dedication and duty could work itself back into our public schools, even if it is by the back door.

Switching gears, my favorite Confederate readings these days are the books written by actual Confederates about their war days. In Maxley Sorrel's Recollections of a Confederate Staff Officer, he tells a charming story of Lee's courtesy to common soldiers. Lee and his staff were watching men march by on a hot July day when one soldier broke ranks and approached Lee. "What is it you want?" said Lee.

"I can't see for the water in my eyes and I need to get a rag or something to wipe the sweat out of my eyes."

"Will this do?" said the General, handkerchief in hand.

"Yes, my Lordy, that indeed" said the soldier. No wonder the men loved him.

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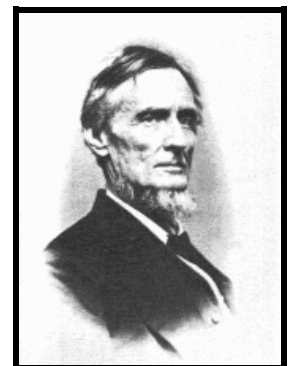
September 22, 2009
Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery

October 27, 2009
Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery

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



Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

Labor Day will have come and gone when you read this column, but the thought of this day brings to mind an old hymn entitled "WORK, FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING."

Work, for the night is coming, work thro' the morning hours; work while the dew is sparkling, work mid springing flowers; work when the day grows brighter, work in the glowing sun; work, for the night is coming, when man's work is done.

Work, for the night is coming, work thro' the sunny noon; fill brightest hours with labor, rest comes sure and soon. Give every flying minute something to keep in store; work for the night is coming, when man works no more.

Work, for the night is coming, under the sunset skies; while their bright tints are glowing, work for daylight flies. Work till the last beam fadeth, fadeth to shine no more; work while the night is darkening, when man's work is o'er.

Perhaps this hymn is a bit "dated", but its message still comes through. The Holy Bible has many references to work. I end with this verse from Proverbs 28:19, "He who works his land will have abundant food, but the one who chases fantasies will have his fill of poverty."

Sincerely,
Hubert W. Miazza
Chaplain

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faced the arduous task, as did so many others, of making a life and supporting a family without the husband/father being there during the rest of the war. Then they had to make it through the grueling years of reconstruction. The Widow Kennedy did a fine job raising her family after this monumental loss, and she obviously passed lessons learned on down the family tree that has lasted generations, as evidenced by the presenter of our August program, Bob Penny. It is my belief that we can all relate to this program, substituting our family name, and gain a small picture of what our Confederate Soldiers and their families faced during these terrible times. While there are many unrelated Kennedy families scattered across America, I believe there is not a Kennedy anywhere, from 1861 through today, that has fallen due to disease or bullet, who is any greater or gave more for his country than Private William Abijah Kennedy.

In May, 1864, General Robert E. Lee wrote to A. P. Hill, "These men are not an army, they are citizens defending their Country".

Please remember, its dues time again, and we need to remit them to Adjutant Ron Stowers by the end of September.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on September 22 at 6 p.m., and please bring a recruit. Come early and enjoy the fellowship and the refreshments.

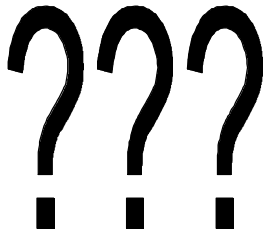
Deo Vindice
Randy Rogers,
Camp Commander

It's Dues Time Again!

By the time you receive this issue of the newsletter, dues notices should have been sent out by our Adjutant. The MS Division decided at the last minute to not send dues notices for the whole division, so we'll be dealing with Ron Stowers directly as in the past. Dues are \$55 for full membership. Please remit dues directly to Ron Stowers as indicated below.

Make check or money order payable to Jefferson Davis Camp 635, SCV and send to **Ron Stowers, Adjutant, P.O. Box 16945, Jackson, MS 39236.**

Dues may also be given to Ron at the next meeting.



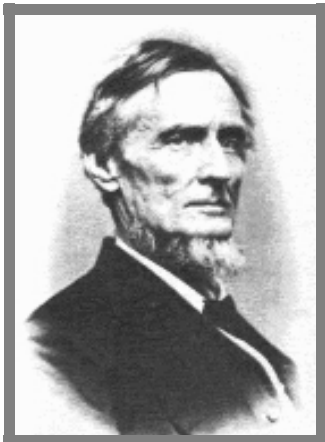
Trivia Question:

This month's question asks:

At what battle did the Cadets of V.M.I. fight?

August's question asked: Which Confederate General had horses named "Virginia" and "Highfly"?

The answer: Gen. JEB Stuart



Commander's Column

TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

What a great meeting we had last month! We had four visitors with some considering membership in our camp, and we would certainly encourage them to do so. Thanks to those responsible for bringing the guests to the meeting.

In the absence of Compatriot Dan Duggan, Past Commander Eaton did a fine job presenting "This Day in the WBTS." We look forward to Dan's return as health permits. We also were glad to welcome back most of our renowned "Dixie Hummingbirds." Once again they did a fine job presenting the musical part of the program, giving Wayne Anderson, "Old Faithful," a well deserved rest. We are fortunate to have all these talented musicians in our camp.

Our speaker was our own Bob Penny, and what a fine job he did speaking about his ancestor, Private William Abijah Kennedy, of the 19th Louisiana Infantry. Bob has copies of the letters Private Kennedy wrote home while off fighting for and defending his native homeland, Dixie. The letters were a first hand account of the war from the front and were both informative and heart breaking. In 1863 Private Kennedy died in a hospital in LaGrange, GA, from injuries he received in battle. Private Kennedy endured many hardships from being a prisoner of war in Illinois, to being a foot soldier fighting battles in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana, never complaining, just doing his duty defending Dixie. As evidenced by his letters to his wife, who he respected and loved to the end, Private Kennedy was a fine example, like many others, of what Sons of Confederate Veterans is all about -- perpetuating the honor, ideals, virtues and principles for which he stood and vindicating the cause for which he fought. As Bob stated, much has been written and discussed about the officers in the Confederate States of America, but often overlooked are the thousands of foot soldiers that were there on the front lines, doing all they could with what they had to deter the yankee aggression on Dixie. Private Kennedy's wife and family

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