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September Meeting Speaker and Topic To Be Announced

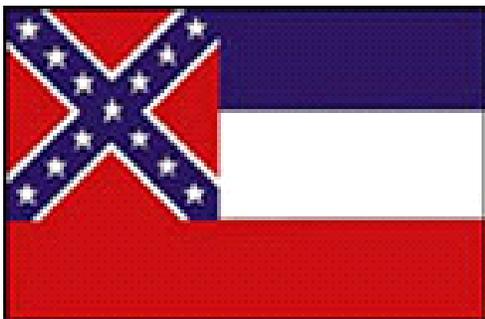
At press time the speaker and topic for the September meeting had not been confirmed. I expect that whatever is scheduled will be interesting.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: September 28, 2010. 5:00 pm.

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

See you there!



*In the beginning
was the Word,
and the Word was
with God, and the
Word was God.*

*The same was in
the beginning
with God.*

*All things were
made by him,
and without him
was not any thing
made that was
made.*

*In him was life,
and the life was
the light of men.*

*And the light shi-
neth in dark-
ness; and the dark-
ness comprehended
it not.*

*John 1:1-5
(KJV)*

August Meeting Report

Gettysburg: Recent Battlefield Visit

The program for the August meeting was presented by Cindy Gardner from the MS Dept. of Archives and History. She spoke about the status of the planned Mississippi Museum of History and the current uses and future plans for other buildings of the MDAH.

Compatriot Dan Duggan gave his "this day in the WBTS" (August 24).

Rick Richardson once again joined the "Dixie Hummingbirds" for a few songs. Everyone was glad to see Rick back after an extended absence due to family health issues.

Thomas Jefferson Quotes

"No provision in our Constitution ought to be dearer to man than that which protects the rights of conscience against the enterprises of the civil authority." --Thomas Jefferson to New London Methodist, 1809.

"The legislative powers of government reach actions only and not opinions." -- Thomas Jefferson to Danbury Baptists, 1802.

"The liberty of speaking and writing guards our other liberties." --Thomas Jefferson: Reply to Address, 1808.

Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

As many of you already know, our camp has voted to purchase a monument for the grave of James West Thompson, our late compatriot and historian without equal. Bill Lee and I have agreed to head up the project and we hope to have some progress soon.

So this weekend I went to the main cemetery in Winona to see if I could find the spot (I couldn't but I am sure we will with Bill's help etc.) and in my search I came across the saddest scene. There were fifty-five white marble headstones, all with the words "Unknown Confederate Soldier" carved in them. We have all come across similar headstones but so many in such a small space were especially poignant. Fifty five lives cut off at an early age; fifty five sets of hopes and dreams never to be fulfilled. Fifty five lives given in a cause that theoretically was little different from the effort made by their ancestors in 1776 -- the right to have a government of their own choosing. Fifty five men who made the supreme sacrifice only to have their motives and effort suffer what any competent scholar recognizes as one of the cardinal sins of historians: judging the actions of the past by the standards of the present.

Saddest of all was a little marker in front of one of the stones. This small marker was inscribed "A Sister's Tribute to Young C. Dunbar, Co. B, 2nd Battalion, Texas Legion, Born August 21, 1840, Died November 29, 1862." Can you imagine the

effort and labor this woman expended in finding where her brother was buried, not knowing exactly which grave was his but knowing he was resting with his comrades in that cemetery?

Experiences like this make me more determined than ever to see that the memory of our Confederate ancestors is protected and defended. We owe it to them, we owe it to ourselves and we owe it to our posterity.

Dues Payment Time — Almost Gone

Dues payment time to keep your membership active is about gone. To avoid late fees that are charged mandatorily by IHQ, please remit your dues to Ron as soon as possible but in no case later than **September 30, 2010**.

Current 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

September 28, 2010

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

October 26, 2010

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

November 23, 2010

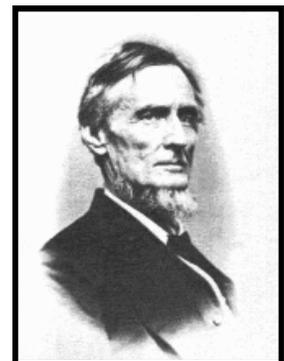
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December 14?, 2010

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

January 25, 2011

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Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

There is an interesting story about Benjamin Franklin while on a trip to Europe. He met with several of his peers---"a meeting of the minds," so to speak. They came together to review various pieces of literature.

Mr. Franklin chose to read a passage that evoked a curious response from the group. "This story must be published!" the group chorused. "What is its title?"

"This is really only part of a story," Mr. Franklin replied, "from a book that you have often ridiculed."

The group protested, insisting they would not have rejected a story of such impact.

"In fact," Mr. Franklin continued, "the story that has so moved all of you is the book of Ruth from the Bible."

Verses 16 and 17 of the first chapter of Ruth are familiar to many of us. It reads, "Please don't tell me to leave you and return home! I will go where you go, I will live where you live, your people will be my people, your God will be my God. I will die where you die and be buried beside you. May the Lord punish me if we are ever separated by anything but death."

The book of Ruth is a short four chapter part of the Old Testament. For an inspirational story, take time to read it.

Sincerely,
Hubert W. Miazza
Chaplain



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Prison. He went on to say one of the worst aspects was that they had ample food to sustain the Prisoners, but they refused to do so. Bob Young had the same response.

Today there is no sign of the prison other than the flag pole, which has been moved to make way for housing in the area. This was a most solemn occasion for both Bert and me.

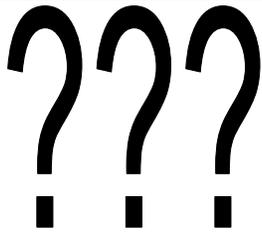
We also toured the Woodlawn National Cemetery where some 2,963 of the 12,122 Prisoners are buried. They died from sickness, exposure and associated causes, many of which could easily been avoided. Every one of these Confederates was buried by a runaway slave, John Jones, from Virginia, a sexton in the area. He kept accurate records of each of these Soldiers as to their name and the unit they were from, and also noted where each was buried. Today, each Soldier has a nice marker, supplied by the government, and the cemetery is well kept by the National Park Service, for which we are grateful.

For the most part our Soldiers are pretty much segregated from the Yankee graves. Although he was a runaway slave, much comfort comes in that John Jones buried each Soldier, and kept accurate records on each of them, otherwise, we would have no record whatsoever of their final resting place.

I will close for now, but, Gentlemen, I trust you realize, as I have, the horrid conditions many of our Forefathers endured while in Yankee prison camps. This has inspired me to learn more and do more to preserve their memory and good name. May God rest the Brave Souls of our Confederate Soldiers that died at Elmira Prison. At some point in the future, I have asked Past Commander Green to present a program on the above subject, and I assure you, it will be an event you will not want to miss.

Please remember to pay your dues, the deadline for getting them in to our Camp Adjutant, Ron Stowers, is drawing nigh. I hope to see you at our next meeting on September 28, and bring a recruit. New members are the life blood of our organization.

Deo Vindice
Randy Rogers,
Camp Commander



Trivia Question:

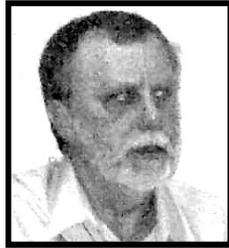
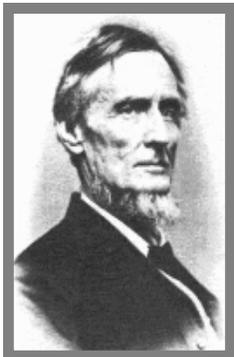
This month's question asks:

How old was John Wilkes Booth when Lincoln was assassinated?

August's question asked:

From what did the Battle of Shiloh take its name?

The answer:
Shiloh Methodist Church



Commander's Column

TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

Reports have come in that our last meeting was good and most informative about the future plans for our History museum that is to be completed in 2017. Thanks go out to all that had part in arranging it and to Lt. Commander Jim Caldwell for pulling double duty in getting the speaker lined up and conducting the meeting.

Word has also been received that we had two new members join our Camp 635, and I trust each of you will make them feel welcome and encourage them to get involved in the Camp helping us as we endeavor to honor our Ancestors. Our forefathers had to be of good stock to live through those years, and they held their heads high. We should all be proud of them doing so, else, we would not be here.

Past Commander Bert Green and I are in close enough proximity up here in yankeeland so that we met up and attended a gathering of Yankees at a cemetery for their Memorial Service recently. They were very gracious and even let Past Commander Green be the Standard Bearer for our Beloved Confederate Flag during the ceremony. It was very much like our Memorial Service, and it was conducted with dignity as one would expect. They also have a confiscated cannon formerly used by the 1st Virginia, and the cannoneer, Ed, fired it twice. Also attending this ceremony was a friend I have made up here at church, Bob Young, one of the finest Christian gentlemen I know North of the Mason-Dixon Line. Later that week, Bert and I met up again and attended the monthly meeting of the Sons of Union Veterans. It was a good meeting with about ten in attendance. It was a much less organized meeting from all standpoints, but nonetheless, a good meeting. At the end they were very gracious to give Bert and me a medal in honor of our participating in the Cemetery Memorial Service and coming to their monthly meeting.

Their Commander Deuel offered to meet us at the site of Elmira Prison and take us on a tour. However, we had already visited there, to which he replied, "We are not proud of the way your Soldiers were treated there at all. They were literally starved, and when the families sent clothing and blankets, they burned all items rather than give them to the Soldiers, or anyone else, they were intended for." Bert and I both could see, and feel, the sincerity in his statement in regards to the treatment our Soldiers received at Elmira

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