

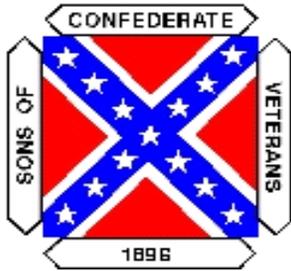


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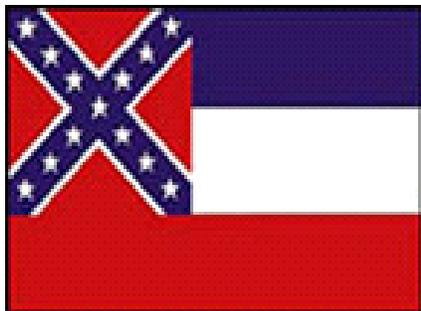
September Meeting Myths and Legends of the Civil War

Dr. Ben Fatherree, Professor Emeritus, Hinds Community College will present a program on "Myths and Legends of the Civil War," and also update us on the Raymond Battlefield Military Park. He previously spoke to the Camp about 10 years ago.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: September 24, 2013. 5:30pm.
Where: Municipal Art Gallery, State St., Jackson.

See you there!



These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:

Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.

When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

*Proverbs 6:16-22
(KJV)*

August Meeting Report

A Tale of Two Generals

Jim Woodrick presented the program for the August meeting. Jim discussed the lives and deaths of Union General James B. McPherson and Confederate General John Gregg. After meeting on the battlefield at Raymond on May 12, 1863, both generals were later killed in action. It's what happened *after* their deaths, however, that is perhaps the most fascinating tale of all.

Dan Duggan brought "this day in the WBTS" (August 27).

Joe Tubb and Murry Stewart brought the camp a few songs.

Reminder

At the August meeting it was decided to hold a **fall work day** for clean-up of the Confederate Section of Greenwood Cemetery. This is scheduled for **October 12, 2013**, beginning at 7:00 am or whenever the volunteers can get there. Cleaning up in the fall helps make the spring clean-up for Confederate Memorial Day go much faster.

Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

Most of you are familiar with the tragedy of the "Lost Order," the general movement order General Lee issued early on in the Maryland campaign that fell into the hands of the Yankees. The short version is that the order was drafted on September 9, 1862 at General Lee's headquarters and gave the details of the army's movement into Maryland. On September 13 a Union soldier in the 27th Indiana, in a campsite vacated by D. H. Hill's men, found an envelope with three cigars wrapped in a piece of paper that turned out to be a copy of Special Order 191.

The copy was forwarded to headquarters where a Union officer recognized the signature of R. H. Chilton, the assistant adjutant at Lee's headquarters who had signed the order. The order was carried to McClellan, who moved with uncharacteristic speed to take advantage of the division of Lee's army.

Naturally, of course, the heroics of the Confederates at Sharpsburg blunted the advantage that the intelligence of the order gave the Yankees.

But after the war the issue of who lost the "Lost Order" raged with as much controversy--in a different sphere--as the September 1862 battles did. D. H. Hill was the logical culprit, for the order found was addressed to "General D. H. Hill, Commanding Division." However, Hill vigorously defended himself, pointing out "the unfairness of attributing to me the loss of a paper, solely on the ground that it was directed to me."

When Walter Taylor wrote his book about his experiences, he speculated about who lost the order and says "General Hill has assured me that it could not have been his copy, because he still has the original order received by him in his possession." In a later edition of his book Taylor adds this:

Colonel Venable, one of my associates on the staff of General Lee, says in regard to this matter: "This is very easily explained. One copy was sent directly to Hill from headquarters [General Lee's headquarters] General Jackson sent him a copy, as he regarded Hill in his command. It is Jackson's copy, in his own handwriting, which General Hill has. The other was undoubtedly left carelessly by some one at Hill's quarters.

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Calendar

September 24, 2013

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

October 22, 2013

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November 26, 2013

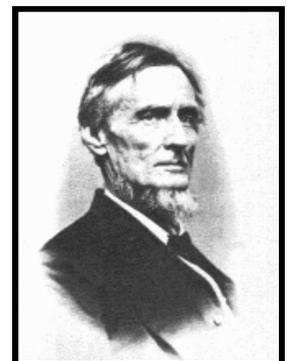
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December ?, 2013

Camp Christmas Party to be scheduled.

January 28, 2014

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Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

To Be Like Jesus

Clint Johnson in this book Bull'eyes and Misfires wrote about an incident that happen to General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. The governor at that time John Letcher nominated Jackson as a field command as Colonel. However, Jackson was called "a law breaker who had taught a Sunday School for black children." This was in violation of a statute that "forbid slaves to read". Jesus said, "let the children come to me and do not forbid them" even when his disciples were rebuking him in Matthew 19: 13-14.

Sincerely,
Rev. Glenn D. Shows
Chaplain

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But no matter who lost the order, there can be no dispute that the order was in fact lost. What was the effect? Well General Lee, after the war said that "at the time" he "considered it a great calamity and subsequent reflection has not caused me to change my opinion." Why" As General Lee expressed it:

" . . . had McClellan continued his cautious policy for two or three days longer, I would have had all my troops concentrated on the Maryland side, stragglers up, men rested and I intended then to attack McClellan hoping the best results from state of my troops and those of the enemy. Tho' it is impossible to say that victory would have certainly resulted, it is probable that the loss of the dispatch changed the character of the campaign."

So we have to leave it at that: some careless person attached to Hill's command wrapped his cigars in the copy of the order that came directly from Lee's headquarters, dropped it on the ground, and delivered it to the Yanks. As the old country song says "Thanks, thanks a lot . . ."

Dues Reminder

Time is growing short for paying dues in order to remain in good standing through the Camp, Division and HQ. Adjutant Ron Stowers mailed the dues notices for the next year's dues over a month ago. If you haven't paid or if you received no notice, you can remit directly to Ron Stowers via check w/o having the dues notice. Please pay by month's end so Ron will have ample time to get the dues payments made to Division and IHQ.

Full memberships are \$55 and associate (non-voting) memberships are \$15. Make checks payable to Jefferson Davis Camp 635, SCV and mail to:

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Please consider adding a little extra for one of the Confederate Heritage programs listed on the dues notice. Thank you.

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After his sad farewell, he headed back to Texas. He reported and served under General Magruder, until he was given command of Texas State Reserve troops. He remained here till the end of the War.

He returned to civilian life after the War, and was the organizer of "Hoods Texas Brigade Association." He was elected president to the association in 1875. He was re-elected 11 times after that. The soldiers that served under him and loved him so much made him lifetime president of the association.

Sadly "Aunt Polly" passed on Jan. 7, 1891.

General Jerome Robertson and his son Felix were 1 of only 2 father-son Generals in the War Between the States, the only other father-son duo was General Robert E Lee and his son(s).

Source: Lone Star Generals in Gray, pg 207-211, by Ralph A Wooster

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Trivia Question:

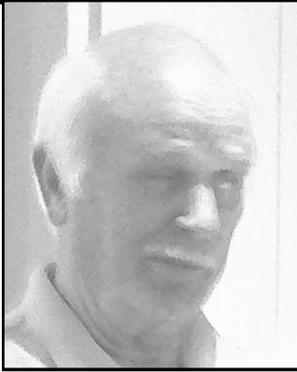
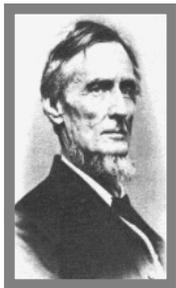
This month's question asks:

In addition to Bull Run at Manassas, what other battle site had a Bull Run in its landscape?

August's question asked: Many battles had more than one name, i.e., a Yankee name and a Confederate name. There was a battle on the June 30, 1862 in VA with seven names, what was it?

The answer (according to my source):

White Oak Swamp/
Frayser's Farm/Glendale/
Charles City Cross
Roads/Nelson's Farm/
Turkey Bend/New Mar-
ket Cross Roads



Commander's Column

Apparently Robert Murphree's decision to write about the "Lost Order" this month has jinxed our commander whose column has been lost in cyberspace, probably readable only by the NSA. Since Commander Jackson is our of town and now unable to resend the column, we'll resume

next month.

General Jerome B. Robertson

Jerome B. Robertson who commanded Hood's Texas brigade longer than any other officer, was one of the most beloved Confederate General officers from Texas.

He was referred to affectionately by his men as "Aunt Polly" because of his genuine regard and consideration for the troops under his command he had personal characteristics and qualities much unlike those of his son, Felix who was also a Confederate General, and was a strict disciplinarian, harsh, and ruthless at times. Very much unlike his father who was, by nature, easy-going patient and understanding. His only failure as a military commander was that he cared for his troops too much, placing their welfare above other considerations including his own military career.



General Robertson in late '63 and early '64 found himself in hot water with an interim commander of the division who was General Micah Jenkins at the time. General Robertson disobeyed a direct order that he thought was too dangerous for the well being of his men.

Jenkins claimed Robertson had insulted his generalship and had him removed.

Much to the anger and sadness of the men, they even tried several petitions to have him stay, but all to no avail....General Robertson was removed from his command..

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