



# Reveille



**Sons of Confederate Veterans**  
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## September Meeting The Freemasons & the War Between the States

The September meeting will feature Compatriot Howard Bahr who will speak on the Freemasons and the War Between the States.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

**When:** September 22, 2015. 5:30 pm.

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

*See you there!*



*Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.*

*And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.*

*For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.*

*For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?*

*For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels.*

*But I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.*

*Luke 9:22-27  
(KJV)*

## August Meeting Report

### Research Experiences

The program was a presentation by Compatriot Grady Howell who talked about his experiences in researching the archival records for the information for his various books. He also told anecdotes about some of the people he has dealt with in his research.

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

### DUES TIME

By now all members should have received a dues notice from Adjutant Ron Stowers. Dues remain at \$55 for full membership and \$15 for associate (non-voting) membership.

If you don't receive a notice, you can pay by sending your check to:

**Ron Stowers, Adjutant**  
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**PO Box 16945**  
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If you have questions, e-mail Ron at [erstowers@aol.com](mailto:erstowers@aol.com) or see him at the meeting.

## Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

You know, a lot of my fellow Ole Miss fans jumped right on the "change the flag" bandwagon, with not a clue what I knew would happen might happen. Yep, in no time the clean sweep crowd started hollering about "Ole Miss" and "Rebels" too. Oops, time to backtrack. I remember what Pastor Niemoller, the anti-Nazi German cleric, said:

"First they came for the Socialists and I did not speak out because I was not a Socialist. Then they came for the Trade Unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a Trade Unionist. . . . Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak for me."

Did Richard Ewell let the South down on July 1, 1863 at a little town in Pennsylvania? Kyd Douglas says that he was with Gen. Edward Johnson that day and when some three miles from Gettysburg Johnson sent him ahead to tell Ewell that Johnson's men would be there shortly and were ready to fight. Douglas arrived just after the Yankees had been put to flight and found Ewell and John B. Gordon in conference, looking at Cemetery Hill. Douglas delivered his message and Gordon joined in, saying "they could carry that hill-pointing to Cemetery Hill-before dark."

Ewell paused, thought a minute and said that General Lee had given him "no orders to go further. I do not feel like advancing . . ." This exchange prompted Sandy Pendleton, the Chief of Staff, to remark to Douglas, "Oh for the presence and inspiration of Old Jack for just one hour."

But what does Walter Taylor, Lee's main staff officer say? Taylor tells a different story, saying that Lee had "witnessed the flight of the Federals through Gettysburg" and then: "...directed me to go to General Ewell and say to him that from the position which he occupied, he could see the enemy retreating over those hills, without organization and in great confusion, that it was only necessary to press 'those people' in order to secure possession of the heights, and that, if possible, he wished him to do this." Taylor immediately rode to Ewell and "delivered the order to General Ewell."

Alas, we all know Ewell DID NOT take Cemetery Hill that evening, and for the next 152 years we still have not taken it.

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## Calendar

### September 22, 2015

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### October 27, 2015

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### November 24, 2015

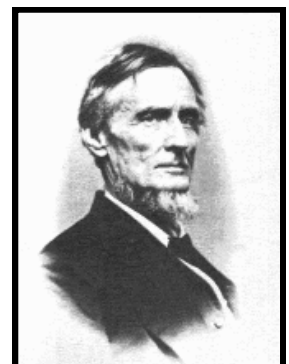
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### December 15?, 2015

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

### January 26, 2015

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



# Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

## **Trenches of Life**

After I retired in June, my wife and I went to Grand Gulf. It reminded me of when I was a young team. I went with my dad and his deer dogs. One of the stands was in the Confederate trenches at Grand Gulf. A couple of times I was assigned to that stand. I remember thinking how they felt watching the yankees coming and then retreating.

We are in trenches of life fighting fear and uncertainties. We need to remember to learn to "...press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus". Phil. 3:14

Sincerely,

Rev. Glenn D. Shows  
Chaplain

## **Jefferson Davis Wisdom**

"One of the fruitful sources, as I hold it, of the errors which prevail in our country, is the theory that this is a government of one people; that the government of the United States was formed by a mass; and therefore it is taken that all are responsible for the institutions and policies of each. The government of the United States is a compact between the sovereign members who formed it; and if there be one feature common to all the colonies planted upon the shores of America, it was the steady assertion of, and uncompromising desire for, community independence."

--Jefferson Davis

*From the Facebook page of "Defending the Heritage"*

Visit the camp web site at:  
<http://www.scvcamp635.org>

## **Andersonville: A Union Soldier Places Blame**

Edward Wellington Boate was a soldier in the 42nd New York Infantry and a prisoner at Andersonville in 1864. He wrote of his experiences in the New York Times shortly after the war and commented on whom he held responsible for Andersonville's legacy.

"You rulers who make the charge that the rebels intentionally killed off our men, when I can honestly swear they were doing everything in their power to sustain us, do not lay this flattering unctio to your souls. You abandoned your brave men in the hour of their cruelest need. They fought for the Union and you reached no hand out to save the old faithful, loyal and devoted servants of the country. You may try to shift the blame from your own shoulders, but posterity will saddle the responsibility where it justly belongs."

*From "Defending the Heritage" Facebook page*

## **YANKEE COMPASSION**

The following disturbing account was taken from an 1865 South Carolina Newspaper. A returned Confederate prisoner, who was confined on one of the Federal Vessels, relates the following incident, which he declares he saw with his own eyes:

A Negro women was on board with a child, which being sick, was rather fretful and lachrymose. Its sobs disturbed a Yankee officer, and he roughly ordered the women to "silence that brat". The poor creature did her best to do so, but of course did not succeed, whereupon the officer seized the wailing innocent, and tossed it into the sea, where it sank to rise no more.

*Taken from the Facebook page of "Defending the Heritage"; Original Source: Edgefield Advisor, February 01, 1865, Image 3*

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Undoubtedly, General Chamberlain would be as outraged by today's denigration of Confederates as Lee would be.

*Taken from a web publication of the Archibald Gracie Camp #985 SCV, New York, NY*

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**Trivia Question:**

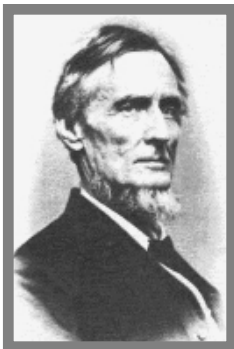
This month's question asks:

What was the highest rank Robert E. Lee reached in the US Army?

August's question asked: What was the "Stainless Banner" and why was it's time of official use shortened?

The answer: The Second National Confederate flag is the "Stainless Banner."

It had the battle flag design in the canton but the rest of the flag was white. When flown on the battlefield in calm winds, the flag would drape such that the canton was not visible and appeared to be a flag of truce.



**Commander's Column**

Commander Jackson has no column this month

**Joshua Chamberlain's Praise of the Confederate Soldier**

On the occasion of Union General Joshua Chamberlain's birthday (Sept. 8), it seems fitting to honor him not just for his admirable courage and leadership throughout the Late War, most notably in his defense against incredible Southern opposition at Gettysburg, but for the way he perceived and treated his adversaries.

Of course today, many Americans would like to pretend that a war over slavery, beloved by Southerners and despised by Northerners yielded two armies that loathed each other, but as surely as the War was more complex than that, so too were the competing militaries' relations. This was well exemplified by an account, written by General Chamberlain, of the surrender at Appomattox.

As Confederate General John Brown Gordon approached Chamberlain and his men on horseback, leading his troops, his head bowed, his appearance downcast, Chamberlain recounts:

The momentous meaning of this occasion impressed me deeply. I resolved to mark it by some token of recognition, which could be no other than a salute of arms...

In a description of his Confederate adversaries, the words of Chamberlain, who had lived through a brutal war and had as much right as any to hate the Confederates, would be deemed treasonous by many today.

Before us in proud humiliation stood the embodiment of manhood: men whom neither toils and sufferings, nor the fact of death, nor disaster, nor hopelessness could bend from their resolve; standing before us now, thin, worn, and famished, but erect.

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