



# TRAVELLER



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*Duty, Honor, Integrity, Chivalry*

*Deo Vindici*

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## CAMP MEETING August 12, 2013

**Speaker: Beecher Smith, RE Lee Camp**

**Topic: The Confederacy and its Effect on  
America**

**7:00 p.m. at the Germantown Regional  
History and Genealogy Center  
Don't miss our next camp meeting.**

## Gettysburg — Another day for Yankees to wallow in anti-South hate

By Charles Hurt

Since the beginning of time, the spoils have always gone to the victors. And they get to write history, too.

So here, on the 150th anniversary of Gettysburg, Southerners are once again reminded how badly it sucks to lose.

To hear it told today, the Confederacy was nothing more than a hotbed of racist slavers and murderers. The gallant Yankees were nothing short of a pristine band of heroes laying down their lives to set men free. The whole ordeal was about nothing other than putting an end to the abomination that was slavery.

Add in the farcical state of education in the U.S. today — especially the lack of teaching of actual history that actually happened — and you have a perfect storm of pollyannish fantasy that condemns yet another generation to ignorance and gives today's social engineers yet another false parable to advance their goofy and twisted agendas.

The Gettysburg specials on the History Channel are, of course, told exclusively from the Northern perspective.

This is neither new nor surprising. To the winners go the spoils.

But the truly barbaric caricature of the Confederate soldiers is appalling. Great focus on the rebel yell cries. Cameras zoom in on jumbled, yellowed teeth for full screen shots while guttural, animalistic shrieks play at full-volume.

One Yankee sympathizer masquerading as a historian explains that people always ask him how things would have been different if they'd had automatic machine guns during the Civil War. Really? They wonder how Gettysburg could have been made even bloodier with even more bloated corpses rotting in the fields?

What kind of savages does this guy hang around with discussing the Civil War? Invading the South wasn't enough? They really wanted to kill every last one of us.

Then comes plagiarist historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, who observed the 150th anniversary at Gettysburg by recalling — what else? — her own bleating for civil rights and women's rights and even gay rights in the 1960s. As if she possesses even a tiny fraction of the selfless honor and bravery that defined every man who died on that battlefield in the 1860s.

The truth is that the vast, vast, vast majority of soldiers fighting for the Confederacy owned no slaves. They were fighting for something else.

It wasn't until two years into the war that President Lincoln, perhaps our wisest and shrewdest president, penned the Emancipation Proclamation. And even then, it only pertained to slaves in the Confederacy, leaving slavery perfectly intact in other parts of the U.S.

But it was a stroke of genius. With a flick of his pen, Lincoln managed to manufacture the moral high ground for his cause, which up to that point had not been to end slavery but to simply preserve the Union. This new

moral high ground not only lifted his cause to victory but to this day continues to whitewash Northern motives in that war.

So, why does any of this matter? I mean, the South lost and slavery did end, which is a very good thing. Every second that slavery existed in America was an abomination.

Well, there is another important truism about history. Those who fail to understand it are doomed to repeat it.



## CANNONS FOR FORT GERMANTOWN

Our parks are great! However, to be complete, Fort Germantown needs full size War Between the States cannons. A partnership between the City, the Robert E. Lee Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans, and a few citizens has been developed for this purpose.

The Lee Camp has secured for the City of Germantown two (2) surplus cannon carriages valued at over \$18,000 for reconditioning and painting. Two (2) cannon barrels are needed to complete the project. The camp is in contact with several sources regarding this project and will need to raise over \$10,000 to secure the barrels for placement on the carriages.

To date, the Lee Camp has received donations in excess of \$3,600 for the purchase of the cannon barrels. It is anticipated that with some citizen participation, the funds necessary to purchase the cannons can be raised by this fall. Tax deductible donations can be sent to the Robert E. Lee Camp at P.O. Box 171251, Memphis, TN 38187. For more information, call Commander Tarry Beasley at 901-682-8000.



**LOADED UP** Gage and David Owens of the R. E. Lee Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans with Justin Payne and Joe Dabbs of the Germantown Maintenance Dept. load up 2 cannon carriages which will be reconditioned and painted prior to placement in Fort Germantown



**READY TO ROLL** You can help with the historical and aesthetic restoration of Fort Germantown. Contributions are being sought for the cannon barrels needed to complete the Fort Germantown project.

## Letter from the Brigade Commander

Dear Compatriots,

Your support for the preservation of our historic parks has been incredible. The overwhelming attendance at the Forrest Park Birthday Celebration was evidence of your devotion to the Charge you all promised to keep. Well Done!

We are having our Annual Memphis Brigade Dixie Day Picnic and Rally coming on September 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at Confederate Park. Citizens to Save Our Parks will have a booth and tables set up for donated items. We ask that if you have any items to donate to help raise money for the legal fund for CTSOP we ask you to notify Knox Martin at [knoxmartin2@aol.com](mailto:knoxmartin2@aol.com).

Now is the time to show Memphis and the rest of the nation that we are 100% dedicated to the fight to preserve our historic parks. The powers that be think we will give up, they think we will surrender; they think they can outlast us, run us dry. Nothing could be farther from the truth! They care not for history, for truth, for what is right and legal. They intend to force their will upon a complacent people. Their agenda is to erase the last vestiges of honor, heritage and truth from the history books when it comes to the south. We will not let our Confederate dead be forgotten! We will preserve the memory and honor of these soldiers for our children, their children's children and on forever. I ask that you make time to come to the picnic and rally.

By your presence our voices can be heard. I also ask that you try to make a contribution to the legal fight, even if it is only \$5 or \$10. Every dime helps. Remember, our opponents have no hesitation in spending our tax dollars to erase our history.

Stand up and be counted Compatriots! Rally to the colors as our forefathers did to preserve their country. Show Memphis what a true southerner is!

Mark Buchanan  
Brigade Commander

### Notes from the Field

From a field surgeon with the 5th Virginia Infantry at the Battle of Sharpsburg

A strong, sturdy-looking Reb was coming laboriously on with a Yank of no small proportions perched on his shoulders. Wonderingly I joined the group surrounding and accompanying them at every step, and then I learned why all this especial demonstration; why the Union soldiers cheered and again cheered this Confederate soldier, not because of the fact alone that he had brought into the hospital a sorely wounded Federal soldier, who must have died from hemorrhage had he been left on the field, but from the fact, that was palpable at a glance, that the Confederate too was wounded. He was totally blind; a Yankee bullet had passed directly across and destroyed both eyes, and the light for him had gone out forever. But on he marched, with his brother in misery perched on his sturdy

shoulders. He would accept no assistance until his partner announced to him that they had reached their goal - the field hospital. It appears that they lay close together on the field, and after the roar of battle had been succeeded by that painfully intense silence that hangs over a hard-contested battlefield; where the issue is yet in doubt, and where a single rifle shot on the skirmish line falls on your ear like the crack of a thousand cannon. The groans of the wounded Yank reached the alert ears of his sightless Confederate neighbor, who called to him, asking him the nature and extent of his wounds. On learning the serious nature of them, he said: "Now, Yank, I can't see, or I'd get out of here mighty lively. Some darned Yank has shot away my eyes, but I feel as strong otherwise as ever. If you think you can get on my back and do the seeing, I will do the walking, and we'll sail into some hospital where we can both receive surgical treatment." This programme had been followed and with complete success.

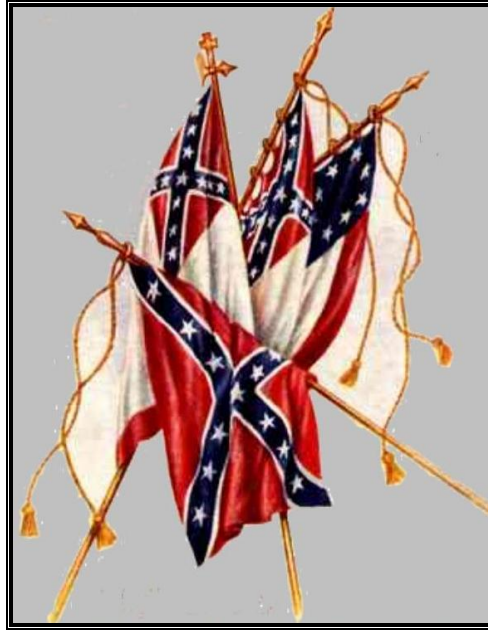
We assisted the Yank to alight from his Rebel war-horse, and you can rest assured that loud and imperative call was made for the surgeons to give not only the Yank, but his noble Confederate partner, immediate and careful attention.

(Submitted by Lt Commander Mark Buchanan)

#### SCV LIFE MEMBERS ROSTER

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*41 % of active member*



The Memphis Brigade  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

**Annual**

# Dixie Day Picnic/Rally

Confederate Park  
Memphis, Tennessee  
Sept 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
2:00 p.m.

For information Call  
Memphis Brigade Commander  
Mark Buchanan  
901-570-1413

Citizens to Save Our Parks will be there.

Items will be obtainable for a donation to CTSOP to protect our historical parks.

If you have items to donate please bring them!

Bring a lawn chair and get ready to have a great time!



# Confederate Silver Dollar

Coin in plastic sleeve \$65.00 ea.  
Coin encased in plastic \$75.00 ea.  
Add \$20.00 for shipping & handling

*\*Price subject to change with market fluctuation.  
Call for live quotes*



*The coin itself is one troy ounce of .999 fine silver. It was minted in Washington State by the Northwest Territorial Mint (NWTM).*

*One side of the coin features the Great Seal of the Confederacy, showing Colonial George Washington astride his horse. The other side of the coin was designed in 2002. The scripture "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" is from Psalm 33:12 and celebrates the strong Christian faith and tradition of the old South. The centerpiece is an eagle from a U.S. 1830s silver half-dollar, a coin in circulation during the war. The Breastplate or shield has the "Stars and Bars" of the battle flag with CSA (Confederate States of America) above.*

*Much history rests in this coin. It can be kept as a treasured keepsake or given as a gift.*

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*See Camp Commander  
for more information  
Tarry Beasley*

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## *Commander's Corner*

Gentlemen,

JULY'S CAMP MEETING was lightly attended due to the reenactors of our camp going to whip the yankees again at Gettysburg. The meetings program though was excellent though abbreviated by an address on the lack of participation by the members delivered by Janet Beasley. The scheduled program was on Confederate flags used by the Troops and covered many flags and banners we were not familiar with but may have seen from time to time in prints and books. To say the topic was interesting is a gross understatement. We will need to have Bruce Lynch back to go into depth on just a couple of the flags so we can get the whole story.

GETTYSBURG was a Blast! (pun intended). I have never seen so many blue coats (targets) at one time. Bankhead's Battery fired about 150 rounds into the Blue line in five engagements while members of the 154th Bluff City Senior Regiment Infantry joined with other units and a member or two from Bankhead's Battery, Rick Lantz and Hilton Cohe, in the long grey line and put up a fierce roar of musketry fire and clouds of smoke. The event was just as good as the 125th even if I do move slower than I did 25 years ago.

VICKSBURG NATIONAL CONVENTION was held July 17th thru the 21st. It is reported as a good nonelection year event corresponding with the 150th event. Our Brigade will be hosting the 2016 convention with the Forrest Camp leading the charge since they have done this on several other occasions.

DUES ARE DUE NOW so please respond to the notice you have just received or will receive shortly from the Tennessee Division and mail them in. If you do not receive one by the 31st of August go ahead and send a check to the Camp's PO Box 171251 Memphis TN 38187 for the year's dues of \$60.00.

FORT GERMANTOWN CANNON PROJECT is on in a big way and close to being fully funded. The City has with the help of some Camp members David and Gage Owens (see photo) who picked up the iron carriages from Shiloh and delivered them to us. They are now at Southern Painting being sand blasted, repaired and painted. Our cost for all of this will be less than 3,000 for both carriages that cost about 12,000 each! Contributions have been received in excess of 600. The other camps have pledged contributions to the Cannon Fund. Have YOU? The next step will be to order and pay for the reproduction barrels which will cost about

4,000 each. We have applications for grants pending with three organizations to help with the funding but we always want our members to have the opportunity, no matter how small, to contribute to the Cannon fund and feel the pride of ownership. YES, we do own the cannons. They will be on loan to the City of Germantown, but they are ours. See photo. The pending grants are with the Tennessee Wars Commission, the Tennessee Division SCV and the Order of the Southern Cross. It would be great to have 100% participation by our camp members in giving something regardless of size to this project that will give us continuous recognition in the public eyes in a very positive manner.

FORREST BOYHOOD HOME SIGNS PROJECT is for the purpose of adding interstate park like signs on the roads leading to the Home Site and to encourage travelers to visit the property. We need 900 more to complete this and full fund the project. Bring an extra 5 or 10 to the meeting and donate it to the cause or add any of these projects to your dues and remit them to the Camp.

FORREST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION was on the 14th in Forrest Park in Memphis and it was a rousing success. Several hundred were in attendance and the Lee Camp was well represented by a number of our members as well as Mark Buchanan for the Citizens to Save Our Parks and Mike Daugherty with the Color Guard. The event should have shown the City that we take our history seriously and it does matter. If you have not registered with the Citizens to Save our Parks please go on line or see Mark and join there is no cost but contributions to the legal offense fund are greatly appreciated.

AUCTION IN AUGUST Bring something to the Camp meeting to give to the Camp for an auction donation. We will auction it at the camp meeting and the proceeds can go to the project of your choice and you will get a receipt for the donation for tax purposes. That second copy of a book you bought and already had or anything WBTS related. Confederate currency and books will be there bring some cash or your checkbook.

FOOD & LICENSE if you eat or drive a car you should have a Kroger card and a SCV license plate on your car. Those items pay for your free life membership and advertise our organization so do your part and get both if you do not have them.

RECRUIT a new member. Only you can tell someone of your reasons for being in the SCV and why you enjoy the benefits there from.

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PRAYER REQUESTED for three of our members namely Warner Swett who may have to undergo additional surgery in November, Ralph Munns who fell and broke his arm in two places and Clark Doan who is now in rehab from a double break of his arm also.

NEXT MEETING Monday August 12th at 7:00 p.m.  
TenGen / Library 7779 Poplar Pike Germantown, TN.

Tarry Beasley,  
Commander

American by Birth  
Southern and Saved By the Grace of God



**2013 Forrest Birthday Celebration at Forrest Park**



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