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CAMP MEETING

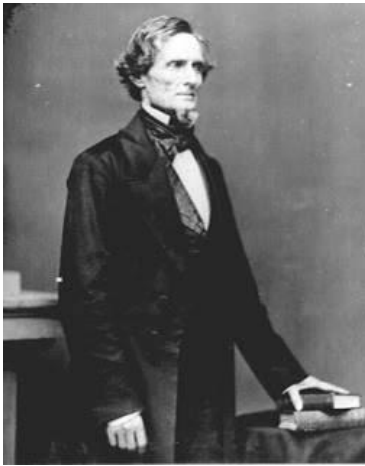
November 11, 2013

Speaker: Beecher Smith, RE Lee Camp

Topic: General A.P. Hill

**7:00 p.m. at the Germantown Regional
History and Genealogy Center**

Don't miss our next camp meeting.



1862 Thanksgiving Day Proclamation by CSA President Jefferson Davis

President Jefferson Davis, Confederate States of America, made the following Thanksgiving Day proclamation in 1862. His first such proclamation, "a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer," had been issued in 1861. It was not until two years later that the infidel Abraham Lincoln copied Davis and announced the first official Thanksgiving day in the North.

To the People of the Confederate States:

Once more upon the plains of Manassas have our armies

been blessed by the Lord of Hosts with a triumph over our enemies. It is my privilege to invite you once more to His footstool, not now in the garb of fasting and sorrow, but with joy and gladness, to render thanks for the great mercies received at His hand. A few months since, and our enemies poured forth their invading legions upon our soil. They laid waste our fields, polluted our altars and violated the sanctity of our homes. Around our capital they gathered their forces, and with boastful threats, claimed it as already their prize. The brave troops which rallied to its defense have extinguished these vain hopes, and, under the guidance of the same almighty hand, have scattered our enemies and driven them back in dismay. Uniting these defeated forces and the various armies which had been ravaging our coasts with the army of invasion in Northern Virginia, our enemies have renewed their attempt to subjugate us at the very place where their first effort was defeated, and the vengeance of retributive justice has overtaken the entire host in a second and complete overthrow.

To this signal success accorded to our arms in the East has been graciously added another equally brilliant in the West. On the very day on which our forces were led to victory on the Plains of Manassas, in Virginia, the same Almighty arm assisted us to overcome our enemies at Richmond, in Kentucky. Thus, at one and the same time, have two great hostile armies been stricken down, and the wicked designs of their armies been set at naught. In such circumstances, it is meet and right that, as a people, we should bow down in adoring thankfulness to that gracious God who has been our bulwark and defense, and to offer unto him the tribute of thanksgiving and praise. In his hand is the issue of all events, and to him should we, in an especial manner, ascribe the honor of this great deliverance.

Now, therefore, I, Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States, do issue this, my proclamation, setting apart Thursday, the 18th day of September inst.,

as a day of prayer and thanksgiving to Almighty God for the great mercies vouchsafed to our people, and more especially for the triumph of our arms at Richmond and Manassas; and I do hereby invite the people of the Confederate States to meet on that day at their respective places of public worship, and to unite in rendering thanks and praise to God for these great mercies, and to implore Him to conduct our country safely through the perils which surround us, to the final attainment of the blessings of peace and security.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Confederate States, at Richmond, this fourth day of September, A.D.1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS



Notes from the Field



Just prior to the cresting of the wave of Confederate charge on July 3, 1863, the men of the 11th Mississippi surged forward to the stone wall along Cemetery Ridge. After weathering the fire from hundreds of muskets in their front, only 53 of the 393 men of the 11th Mississippi survived the battle unscathed. According to the 11th Mississippi marker along the wall, CSA Brigadier General Joseph R. Davis reported, "The regiment was here 'subjected to a most galling fire of musketry and artillery that so reduced the already thinned ranks that any further effort to carry the position was hopeless, and there was nothing left but to retire.' "

Confederate surgeon Dr. Holt worked in a field hospital

behind Seminary Ridge. He spoke of the unforgettable courage of a wounded soldier stating, "His left arm and a third of his torso had been torn away and he dictated a farewell letter to his mother." It read simply:

"This is the last you may ever hear from me.
I have time to tell you that I died like a man.
Bear my loss as best you can.
Remember that I am true to my country
and my greatest regret at dying is that she is still not free
and that you and your sisters are robbed of my youth.
I hope this will reach you
and you must not regret that my body cannot be obtained.
It is a mere matter of form anyhow.
This letter is stained with my blood."

(Submitted by Lt Commander Mark Buchanan)

SCV & Citizens Prevail in 1st Court Hearing

In our first Parks case hearing on Sept 25 we came out quite well. That hearing was to determine whether the Forrest Camp SCV and the Citizens to Save Our Parks and individual plaintiffs had standing to sue the city of Memphis and Memphis City Council over their attempted renaming of our Confederate parks.

The Chancery Court judge stated that "on 'standing' I don't see an issue with that", that the SCV & all had standing to bring the action.

In addition, we, the plaintiffs, had previously filed additional affidavits and documents to provide added clarity and evidence against the city. The judge ordered the plaintiff's (us) to file an amended complaint to include all of our new evidence and supporting documentation so that it would be in a single complaint. He would then set a further court date.

We came out just fine in this hearing and have now filed our amended complaint. We now await the next court date.

Our campaign to save the Parks continues. Please help us in this Cause of Right and donate to the Parks Defense Fund. www.citizenstosaveourparks.org

Thank you for your continued support.

Lee Millar
Spokesman, SCV, Memphis
Defending the Parks



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DONATION- PLEDGE SHEET

I would like to donate to the following projects my Camp is currently undertaking:

Ft. Germantown Cannon Project	\$ _____
Forrest Boyhood Sign Project	\$ _____
Citizens to Save Our Parks	\$ _____
Camp's General Fund	\$ _____

I would also like to pay my annual dues at this time. \$ 60.00
(If previously paid, please mark through this item.)

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

OR

TOTAL PLEDGED: \$ _____
(enclosed or to be paid within 60 days)

Please **print** and update your information
and mail to camp address above by September 15th.

Name: _____
(Print)

Address: _____
(Print)

_____ City State Zip Code

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____
(Print)

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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*With a new member
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Lee Camp Members Only

*See Camp Commander
for more information
Tarry Beasley*

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CITIZENS TO SAVE OUR PARKS

Dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of our historic parks.

Fight City Hall ?

We ARE !!!

Help us to save our historic parks: Forrest Park, Confederate Park, and Jefferson Davis Park.

I wish to join CTSOP. Please sign me up as a member. No membership fee.

name: _____

address: _____

city: _____ State: TN Zip: _____

email: _____

signature: _____ Date: _____

Please donate to our cause: Amount \$ _____ check number _____

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2012-2013
LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS & EVENTS

1. Historic Tour of Germantown, Tennessee
2. Purchased/Placed Cannons at Ft. Germantown, Tennessee
3. Assisted with Placements of Cannons in Confederate Park - Memphis, TN
4. Camp Composite of Members Published
5. 20th Anniversary Party of the Lee Camp
6. Lee-Jackson-Chalmers Banquet (co-sponsored w/ 3 other camps)
7. Established Brigade Color Guard (participated in 20+ events)
8. Established Bluff City Greys 154th TN Infantry Re-enactment Group
9. Assisted in Collierville School Days Each Year
10. Assisted in Collierville 150th Re-enactment
11. Represented @ TN Division Reunion
12. Represented @ National Reunion
13. Participated through Bankheads Battery in 27 Re-enactments
14. Participated thru TN Infantry in 10 Re-enactments
15. Represented @ 150th Gettysburg by Camp Members in Bankheads Battery & the 154th
16. Represented @ 150th Chickamauga by Camp Members in Bankheads Battery & the 154th
17. Held 12 Regular Meetings Each Year with Outstanding Speakers
18. Published 12 Traveller Newsletters Each Year
19. Represented at Forrest Birthday Celebration Each Year
20. Represented at Forrest Passing Each Year
21. Contributed to Forrest Boyhood Home Road Signs Project
22. Contributed to Citizens to Save Our Parks Lawsuit, Memphis, TN
23. Christmas Celebration Each Year
24. Recruited Approximately Six (6) New Members into the Lee Camp, SCV

T. Tarry Beasley II, Commander

Commander's Corner

Gentlemen,

OCTOBER CAMP MEETING was another blockbuster program. I feel sorry for each of you that were unable to be at the meeting as it was a stellar presentation of the history of the National Guard units in Memphis beginning back with our forefathers and their fantastic history that the current unit holds diligently in their capable grasp. Arthur Oliver made the presentation as well as bringing eight, yes 8, guests to the presentation. You ought to mark your calendar for the Camp meetings with a bright red four inch wide paint brush on your refrigerator so that you will not forget to come. We have fantastic presentations that will enthrall you with the history and lives of those that have gone before us. At the meeting we had 40 members and guests in attendance. Bring someone with you to the meetings both of you will enjoy them and don't be afraid to challenge Clark Doan and Arthur for the largest number of guests brought to a single meeting.

DUES are now past due and an additional \$5.00 needs to be added to them so that National will put you back on the rolls and reinstate the *Confederate Veteran* magazine you have been receiving. The total is now \$65.00 for this year. There are only a few members who have not renewed their membership. Do it now. Send them in to the Camp at P, O, Box 171251 Memphis TN 38138

FT GERMANTOWN CANNON CARRIAGES are now placed in the redoubt in Ft Germantown and the volunteers (all three of us) have painted them. Thanks to Mike Dougherty and Mark Buchanan who showed up and painted till the job was done. They do look good. The Cannon Barrels are just about completed but I do not have a delivery date yet. As soon as they are available and placed we will have a dedication event.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS will occur at the November meeting. We had five members nominated for all three officers. Two were previous commanders who were unable to serve at this time for one or more reasons. The nomination committee has thus come up with the following slate of officers subject to nominations from the floor at the meeting: Commander Mike Daugherty; Lt. Commander Dr. Brad Waters; and, Adjutant/Treasurer Arthur Oliver. All three of these men were nominated to one or more of the offices and all have agreed to serve in the capacity for which they are being proposed.

FORREST BOYHOOD HOME now has the funds for

the signs that we have been collecting from time to time. The Order of the Southern Cross came forward with a matching grant to push it to completion. Thanks for the great participation by our Camp members.

FORREST VIGIL was attended by our Lt Commander representing our Camp and the Citizens to Save Our Parks on the 29th. It is a ceremony you should plan on going to each year to remember the General's passing.

EVENTS your camp has participated in and done during the last two years is enclosed on a separate sheet. Take a look at the activities and see what you have participated and assisted the Camp with. We are a very active Camp and do a lot of things that are interesting and beneficial not only to our members but also for our community all of which honor our forefathers and the Cause for which they stood. If you have not participated in most of these events you are missing a lot of fun and great times.

EATING & DRIVING means that you should have a Kroger Card in your wallet and a SCV license plate on your car. Both of these support the SCV and the Tennessee Division particularly which in turn supports our Camp and can earn you a Life Membership in National, the Division and even our Camp. Sign up get involved this passive activity helps us a lot.

BRING a friend to our next meeting November 11th at 7:00 pm at the TN-Gen Building 7779 Poplar Pike next to the Pickering Center both of you will enjoy it.

Tarry Beasley, Commander

American by Birth
Southern and Saved by the Grace of God



New Cannon Carriages Arrive at Fort Germantown

SCV LIFE MEMBERS ROSTER

T. Tarry Beasley II	T. Tarry Beasley III
Winston Blackley	Eugene Callaway
John Cole	W. Kent Daniel Jr.
James Anthony Davis	Hubert Dellinger Jr., MD
H. Clark Doan	Eugene Forrester
Robert Freeman	Donald Harrison
Frederick Harrison	Frank Holeman
M. Gary Hood	William P Hunter, Jr.
Bobby Lessel	Jerry C. Lunsford
Frank M. McCroskey	Steve McIntyre
Arthur Oliver	Charles Wendell Park
Steve Reason	Bill Simmons
Larry J. Spiller, Jr.	Larry J. Spiller, Sr.
Osborn Turner, IV	Charles L Vernon
William C. Wilson	

41% of active members



**N.B. Forrest Candlelight Vigil –Forrest Park
Memphis, Tennessee
October 29, 2013**



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