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CAMP MEETING September 8, 2014

Speaker: Arthur W. Oliver

**Topic: King of Battle? How Effective Was
Civil War Field Artillery?**

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

Don't miss our next camp meeting.

JOHN H. MORGAN'S ESCAPE FROM OHIO PRISON (continued)



Last month, we heard about the daring escape of John H. Morgan and his men from prison in Ohio. The story continues as he and his comrade Hines had jumped from a train just shy of Cincinnati.

Knowing that before the hour the train was due to arrive at

Cincinnati, the telegraph would spread far and wide the news of their escape, Morgan and Hines decided that they would jump from the car while in motion and endeavor to make their way to the Ohio river across the open country. In this manner alone could they hope to escape capture.

Hines leaped and fell headlong into the ditch at the side of the roadbed. Morgan followed and struck squarely on his feet.

"What do you mean by jumping from the train," exclaimed a Federal soldier who was guarding that

section of the track. His voice was gruff and his attitude threatening.

"I live here," replied Morgan quietly, "why should I go all the way to town simply to return to my home here on foot?"

The river was soon reached, and there they found a small boy in a boat apparently ready to cross.

"What are you waiting for," asked Morgan.

"For my load. The people up yonder will soon bring it."

"What will they pay you for carrying it over?"

"Two dollars."

"Then take us over first, and we will pay you that sum."

Obtaining a horse and money, on the other side, from a lady known by them to be in sympathy with the Southern cause, they set out for Tennessee in the guise of commissaries purchasing cattle for the Federal army. In one town, they rode unchallenged through an entire regiment of the enemy which had been sent there to intercept Morgan's scattered men. Just after crossing the Tennessee River, he dismounted to rest his horse, which had become thoroughly exhausted by the rapid journey from the Ohio. He had hardly touched ground when he was fired on, but before the shot could be repeated, he had leaped into his saddle and escaped by turning immediately into the undergrowth of a neighboring mountain. Pickets were soon thrown around its base by the large Federal force which had hurried up, and there seemed to be no hope of his breaking through the cordon. That night, however, he decided that he must abandon his refuge even if he had to kill the first man who tried to stop him. Leading his horse, he quietly descended the mountain in the darkness, and coming suddenly on a picket, was about to shoot him when he observed that he was fast asleep as he leaned heavily against a tree. Morgan lowered his pistol and passed silently on.

Stopping for rest after daylight, he found himself in front of a small, one-room farm cabin. Entering, he soon perceived that the family were Northern sympathizers. They gave him a doubly warm welcome when he told them that he was not only a Unionist, but also a quartermaster of the Federal army who had been ordered to supply all the country people favoring the Northern cause with sugar and coffee. During this conversation, the wife of the farmer was in bed, but when she heard that they were so soon to receive a large quantity of these coveted articles, then so rarely obtained, she leaped to the floor without stopping to clothe herself more modestly.

"Thank God for that," she exclaimed, "we ain't seed any rale coffee up here since Kingdom come. I'm goin' to cook yer a fine supper right away."

"Didn't some of the rebels attempt to cross the river today?" asked the General, as he paused in his consumption of the excellent meal which was soon set before him on the rude table.

"That they did," cried the old woman, "and our men kilt some of um and driv' the rest away. Those that got over took to the mountains like wildcats. But they will get kilt too, for every road is watched."

"It is important for me to reach Athens tomorrow," said the General, apparently taking no notice of her remark. "If I don't, it will not be possible for me to obtain your share of that coffee and sugar. But I don't know the way and I must have a guide."

"Why, Paul," said the woman, "can't you show the Captain the path through the farm which will take him right thar whar he wants to go?"

Before the farmer could answer, Morgan turned to him and said:

"The night is very cold. It is only fair I should pay you for your trouble. Here is ten dollars in gold."

The sight of the yellow metal, and the prospect of hastening the arrival of the coffee and sugar, tempted the farmer too strongly for him to resist. He rose at once to obey his wife. When Morgan parted with the countryman, he had to make his way through a region which was overrun by the Federal forces; and at one point in his road, he only escaped capture by hiding himself in the recesses of the thick undergrowth near at hand. Everywhere, he was recognized by persons who had often seen him before; but without his identity having been betrayed to the enemy on a single occasion, he arrived safely within the Confederate lines.

"BEYOND GLORY" - A Broadway Performance by Stephen Lang



You may remember Stephen Lang from his performance as Stonewall Jackson in "Gods and Generals" or as Gen. George Pickett in "Gettysburg" or more recently as

the antagonist Colonel Miles Quaritch in "Avatar" or even as Increase Mather in "Salem". Well, as a fundraiser for Veterans' Park Projects, the Memphis World War II Memorial, and the Wounded Warrior Project, Mr. Lang is bringing his renowned one-man performance of "Beyond Glory" to the Orpheum in Memphis, one night only, November 22 at 7:30 PM.

In "Beyond Glory", Lang presents the firsthand stories of acts of valor of eight veterans from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam which resulted in the nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor. The oral histories of these eight men are brought to life through Lang's commanding performance.

By all accounts, this is a phenomenal show. Tickets are \$60, \$50, and \$35 each, and will be on sale Friday, Sep. 5. There is a presale scheduled for SCV and UDC members on Sep 4. More details to come on that. For further info, see the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3OQrXooaVk>.

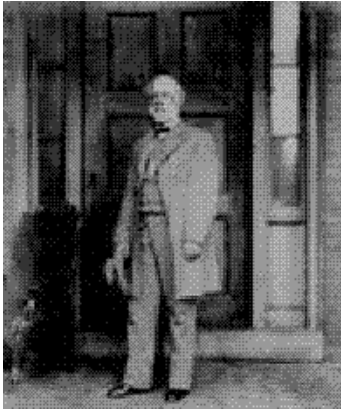
See you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Sep. 6 – 7 | Germantown Festival |
| Sep. 13 | Confederate History and Heritage Rally (Franklin, TN) |
| Oct. 3 | Collierville School Day |
| Oct. 4 | Morton Museum, "Spotlight Saturday" focusing on Civil War and Battle of Collierville |
| Oct. 18 | Jefferson Davis Statue Re-Dedication, Confederate Park |
| Nov. 22 | "Beyond Glory" at the Orpheum Theater |

DID YOU KNOW??

by Beecher Smith



ROBERT E. LEE assumed command of the Army of Northern Virginia when Gen. Joseph E. Johnston was wounded at the Battle of Seven Pines on June 1, 1862. For the next thirty-two months Lee frustrated his Union opponents who possessed overwhelmingly superior manpower, supplies, equipment, and weaponry (but were woefully lacking in effective leadership), and twice invaded the North. However Lee was NOT appointed Commander in Chief of all Confederate forces until January 28, 1865, a post he held for less than three months before surrendering at Appomattox Court House.

On June 13, 1865, Lee sent similar lengthy letters to “His Excellency Andrew Johnson” and “Lt. Gen. U. S. Grant,” pointing out that he had been excluded from provisions of a federal proclamation of amnesty and pardon for ex-Confederates, and asked to be afforded the same treatment. Grant replied on June 20, saying that in his opinion the terms of surrender to which the two commanders had agreed protected Lee from trial on charges of treason. Grant assured Lee that he was simultaneously requesting that all indictments against paroled prisoners of war be quashed. He also pointed out that Lee’s Oath of Allegiance had not been forwarded to Washington because “the order requiring it had not reached Richmond.” Subsequent efforts to have Lee’s citizenship restored failed because that all-important piece of paper could not be found.

Over a hundred years later, Elmer O. Parker at the Library of Congress discovered Lee’s Oath that had “for a century remained buried in the nation’s archives.” The Order was dated October 2, 1865, and the Oath accompanying it, duly notarized, constituted the former Confederate commander’s solemn vow to protect and defend the Constitution and the Union of the States, and to “abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations with reference to the emancipation of slaves.”

When Lee’s written vow was presented to Congress, it took another vote and formally restored Lee’s citizenship in 1970—105 years after he took the Oath of Allegiance.

Source: *Civil War Curiosities* by Webb Garrison (Rutledge Hill Press, Nashville, TN; 1994)

Also, **Mark Buchanan** submits the following:

In 1780, after unpaid Continental soldiers barricaded Congress in Philadelphia. Congress decided to move the capital. In a move to get SOUTHERN states to pay for the first war of independence they considered a move south to a new place in Maryland. A smallpox outbreak in Philly forced the deal to quick conclusion. The South has been paying for independence from the beginning.

KROGER CARDS - CHANGE IN PROGRAM

I hope that those of you with Kroger cards got loaded up before August 30 as recommended. The new program is rolling out in September, and seems to simplify things a bit. In any case, The Kroger Community Rewards Program, using your Kroger Plus Card, is in, and the Kroger Gift Cards program we had is out. Please enroll your Kroger Plus Card, by following the below directions, for us to earn more funds for you, the Lee camp, and the Tennessee Division.

Call me if I can help walk you through this new program. Detailed instructions as provided by the Tennessee Division are below - I did this earlier this week and it was easier than it sounded. Please sign up using the instructions below as soon as possible.

For the Delta Division (West Tennessee) use NPO #80324, for the Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

- Simply encourage your members to register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
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password, agreeing to the terms and conditions

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- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number 80324 (Tennessee Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans) or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

HERITAGE ATTACK OF THE MONTH



This month's dubious award goes to Dan Jones, Chancellor of what we used to call Ole Miss. Or DO we call it that? I'm conflicted now. Do we call it that because he doesn't want us to and in that spirit nobody should give in, or not call it that because he is making Ole Miss undeserving of its name? It was suggested by one member that the "Ole Miss University Grays" would be awesome (and it would be), but I guess that would be far too much to ask. It's obviously not enough for Ole Miss to eliminate, Col. Reb, "From Dixie with Love", Battle Flags and other traditions that many reading this might have fond memories of, oh no. Now we find "Confederate Drive" needs to go, that certain buildings and other

markers on campus need plaques next to them to "put them into proper historical context and perspective". I can't begin to imagine how those might read. In any case, see Ole Miss's [statement](#) for his most recent attack on Southern Heritage, which is as usual masked by those old familiar buzzwords "diversity" and "inclusiveness" - neither of which exists if you have taken away the aforementioned symbols and traditions.

For those that are interested, there is a movement afoot to remove Mr. Jones - or at least there is an online petition to remove him, I'm not sure what the requirements are. I am sure that he has done significant damage to Southern Heritage and to Ole Miss as a whole and he really, really does need to go.

To sign, go to:

<http://www.gopetition.com/petitions/calling-for-resignation-of-dan-jones.html>

HERITAGE COUNTERATTACK OF THE MONTH

Hopefully, this will turn out to be Mississippi's Heritage Law, which reads: "(1) None of the following items, structures or areas may be relocated, removed, disturbed, altered, renamed or rededicated: Any Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican-American War, War Between the States, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, War in Iraq or Native American Wars statues, monuments, memorials or nameplates (plaques), which have been erected on public property of the state or any of its political subdivisions, such as local, municipal or county owned public areas, and any statues, monuments, memorials, nameplates (plaques), schools, streets, bridges, buildings, parks preserves, reserves or other public items, structure or areas of the state or any of its political subdivisions, such as, local, municipal or county owned public areas, which have been dedicated in memory of, or named for, any historical military figure, historical military event, military organization or military unit." Seems pretty simple, right? Let's hope so.

Also, there was a great article regarding the Ole Miss debacle on, of all places, CanadaFreePress.com that discusses the failure that this type of experiment in social engineering that this type of thinking has been, the bureaucracy and cost it has created and how it has made things worse, not better. A great read, check it out [HERE](#).

Also, we saw a letter to Washington and Lee

President Kenneth Ruscio from a 15 year old student - this without any prompting, coaching or instruction whatsoever. So maybe there is hope for the future:

"Dear Mr. Ruscio/ Mr. Ruscio's Secretary,

As a Virginian, I am completely appalled and disgusted with your University's unintelligent decision to remove the replica (but historically accurate) Battle Flags from the Lee Chapel.

Your university has several different flags in the chapel that honor Robert E Lee, but you felt the need to exclude the Confederacy from the Chapel. The Battle Flags that were in the Chapel were appropriate for the following reasons: 1) They were positioned above/beside the "Recumbent Lee", a statue by Edward Valentine that depicts Lee in his Confederate uniform, asleep on the battlefield where these flags were present. 2) Most (if not all) Confederate Generals have at least one (yes replica) battle flag on their grave to honor them. For example: Nathan Bedford Forrest, Stonewall Jackson, JEB Stuart, John Singleton Mosby, George Pickett and the President of the Confederacy, Mr. Jefferson Davis. 3) The Battle flags that you removed were the flags of the Confederate Soldier, not the government. The Battle Flag never flew over any building of the Confederate government. It was kept safely in a wooden box and when battle occurred, it was raised and ran through the battlefield so the Confederate Soldiers could be identified. Therefore, if someone deems the Battle Flag "racist" then they don't understand the flag in no way represents the institution of slavery, which the South wasn't fighting to preserve in the first place.

I understand that the flags were added to the Lee Chapel in the thirties however, many years prior to when the flags were added, the Lee Crypt had Ivy growing inside and stick flags were placed in the Ivy to honor Robert E Lee. When Washington and Lee representatives say that the flags were not original to the Chapel does that mean that the "Recumbent Lee" must be removed considering that it was not original to the Chapel? Why don't we take out the rest of the flags that are on display since they are not original either? Why don't we strip off the extra layers of paint on the walls since they too are not original ?

I also understand that an original battle flag is coming to the museum downstairs however, it will not be their permanently, it is not meant to honor Lee, and it will be displayed in the very back of the museum in a separate section. Don't get me wrong, I applaud your discussion to bring an original flag to the museum, but just because you're putting an original in the museum does not make it necessary to remove the

flags from the Lee Chapel.

I will end this letter with a few questions. Where are the United Daughters of the Confederacy's flags now? When will the original flag arrive to the museum? Why did you cave to the minority? And when will the flags be returned to the chapel to properly honor Robert E Lee?

With great repugnance,

Patrick S, Mechanicsville, VA

Last, but not least, is an email from our own Shane Miller regarding the ongoing Washington and Lee issue which he ok'd my posting here. Certainly a much different approach than many I'm sure they have received. Great job Shane, and thanks for taking the time to write and to stand up for Southern Heritage. Also, let's not forget the Flaggers, who are showing up and raising awareness on the front lines of every battlefield - be it Oxford, Memphis, Richmond, Lexington, Arlington, and the list goes on. The more we have in the fight the better we are. Now here's Shane's letter to W&L:

Subject: please consider putting the flags back

President Ruscio,

I have not heard all the details as to why the Confederate Battle Flags were removed from Gen. Lee's Memorial room. I would prefer to hear it first hand if you would not mind a reply to my message here when you get a few moments. I have learned over the years that there are two sides to every story and so far the information I have gotten has come only from my Sons Of Confederate Veterans sources. I'd very much like to hear your thinking that led to the decision for the flags be removed.

Your institution is a place I would like to visit one day, particularly the Lee Memorial. In my personal time, I have made a study of Lee, The Confederate States Of America and the Army of Northern Virginia. The more I learn, the more fascinated I am by the honor, passion and resourcefulness they exhibited in their quest to form a new Nation. This is an irreplaceable and awe inspiring piece of our Nation's history. Washington & Lee University enjoys a very unique place in this history and it should be celebrated and promoted. Again, you have something no one else does!

I hope you will reconsider removal of the Battle Flags from Gen. Lee's Memorial. Robert E. Lee was a man of tremendous character and indeed an American hero. Association with Lee and legacies of the Confederate States Of America is not something

to be ashamed of but rather to be celebrated if you are lucky enough to have a direct link to this period of time such as Washington & Lee has. You are in a unique position and have a special opportunity to responsibly and accurately teach the history of the Confederacy that so often seems to be victimized by historical revisionist. This is a shame. I hope in the future that the Confederate States of America and men such as Lee will one day gain the appreciation of the public for their contributions and accomplishments to our Nation that have been garnered by the likes of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln. I think institutions such as yours have the opportunity to advance this vision.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will take the time to reply.

Many Thanks

THIS MONTH IN CONFEDERATE HISTORY



Sept. 2, 1864 Surrender of Atlanta

Sept. 5, 1863 Britain seizes Confederate ships and shipyard

Sept. 10, 1836 Gen. Joseph Wheeler, CSA, born

Sept. 15, 1862 Stonewall Jackson captures Harper's Ferry

Sept. 17, 1862 Battle of Antietam

Sept. 19, 1863 Battle of Chickamauga

Sept. 19, 1864 Battle of Winchester

Sept. 24, 1864 Sheridan burns the Shenandoah Valley

BANKHEAD'S BATTERY UPDATE

Bankhead's Battery

Company B

1st Tennessee Light Artillery



We have rejuvenated our troops with orchestra, food, drink, and of course the drill of "cannons in the night" recently at the Annual Starlight Symphony in Jackson, Tennessee on August 23rd. We use this event as sort of a

reunion of friendship with our fellow re-enactors we live with throughout the year. Now it is time to make

plans for the fall campaign. I anticipate some decisions for the 2015 year early that we might not get left out of the fray.

Our tentative fall schedule as it stands now is on Sept. 27th, the battery will participate in a program at Davis Bridge near Pocahton, TN off Hwy 57. It is a site now owned by the park service that we support as we can while they attempt to get it known and into operation. It will begin approx. 9:00 am and be over by noon. The park rangers will host a walking tour of the battle while we provide the background effects. No re-enactment.

On October 10 - 12, the battery will be called to Columbus, KY to defend the Mississippi River crossing between Columbus and Belmont, MO. A short 2.5 hour drive north on Hwy 51, you will get to visit original battleground with earthworks so high you will be amazed. We will start it off with free hot-dogs and drinks on Friday night along the bluff overlooking the river. When it gets dark, all the assembled cannon provide a night fire echoing sound, smoke, and fire out over the river to announce our presence for the weekend. A battle will ensue on both Saturday and Sunday while we make our encampment among the earthworks just as our forefathers did.

We are attempting to attend the 150th Anniversary Commemoration Event of the Battle of Johnsonville, Tennessee October 31, Nov. 1-2. This event is taunted as Johnsonville on the east side of the Tennessee River just north of I-40. But we will be camped and set up in Nathan Bedford Forest Park on the west bank of the river across from the union forces of Johnsonville. We will again under the command of General Forrest attempt to set fire to their docks, boats, and warehouses with our accurate guns as before. Please visit Nathan Bedford Forrest Park for that weekend.

To our "Home Guard" of SCV members, if you would like to join the battery, we would love to have you. We need able-bodied volunteers for any and all duties.

Rate of pay for Privates entering into active duty is 1/5 that of the rank of Sgt. Major and above. Contact any of the battery members within the camp for further information.

Regards,

Captain Hilton Cohea

BLUFF CITY GRAYS UPDATE



Finally healed up, patched up, debriefed, and mostly recovered from our recent adventures at Linden, Brice's Crossroads, and Hurricane Mills, I see that there is much activity in loading and preparing supplies. It

would appear that a long march is coming soon. We've heard rumors that the Yankees are coming East and sounds like we're going to meet them. Maybe Corinth, maybe Farmington....or maybe Iuka...

Yes, we're back on the road again after what seems like a very long hiatus. Our schedule for the second half of the year is below. Hope to see a bunch of you out in the field soon!

Sep. 19-21 Battle of Iuka, Iuka, MS

<http://www.battleofiuka.com/>

Sep. 26-28 Battle of Fort Negley, Nashville, TN

<http://gunsoffortnegley.org/GunsofFortNegleyNews.html>

Oct. 3 School Day, Collierville TN

Oct. 4 - Living History, Morton Museum, Collierville

Oct. 10-12 Battle of Columbus-Belmont

<http://parks.ky.gov/calendar/details/civil-war-days-at-columbus-ky/19140/>

Nov. 1-2 Battle of Johnsonville

[http://www.nowplayingnashville.com/event/detail/441786672/150th Anniversary of the Battle of Johnsonville](http://www.nowplayingnashville.com/event/detail/441786672/150th%20Aniversary%20of%20the%20Battle%20of%20Johnsonville)

Nov. 15-16 Battle of Franklin

<http://150thfranklin.com/>

Nov 29-30 Battle of Spring Hill

<http://www.rippavilla.org/specialevents.asp>

Some of these will be very large events due to the scope of the actual battles and are 150th anniversaries. Those can be very exciting. We are always looking for a few good men, if you're interested let us know.

Mike Daugherty, 1st Sergeant

CONFEDERATE MAIL BAG

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7 Reg Ga Vol Near Zolicofer Tenn April the 4th 1864

Mrs Sary Jane Benefield

Dear beloved wife I seat my self this morning to drop you A few lines to let you no that I am well at this time and hoping this few lines may --- ---- to hand and find you enjoying the best of health Jane I have no mise of intrust to write to you Only we have had A hard march we marched five days it snode and rained everyday we ar campt a- Zolicofer tennessee Aleven miles from the line of Virginia When you hear from me again I will be in Virginia I recton We hav stopied at Zolicofer to rest A few days on tuesday the 22 of March the snow fell two feet deep hear & it has bin snowing & raining evry sence We ar on our rode to Virginia I think

Jane we ar faring verry bad for something to eat we git flour with the brand in it & it is half oats & man cant hardly eate it we dont git half A nuf if it We steal A little & prearsh A little We cant by nothing our money ant no count Jane this is the fift letter I hav rote to you & got no ancer yet Jane I dont no what to think Jane you sed you wood write to me every week if you have rite to me I hant got you letter Jane if node how bad I want to hear from you you wood write to me I hant got A crutch of fear from no body Sence I left home I am About eight hundred milds from home Jane I dont no how to write if I git A letter I wood no better how to write Jane tell brother that I am A looking for A letter from him thay Say that the Yankes is Advansing on richmon A gin we hav to go and defend it we A folling back out of east tennessee Jane we saw a bad time A marching threw the snow & rain thay ar A feeding us on oats & rye & wheat mus- together & it not boiled the chaf & brand is all in it Giv my lov and best respects to all friends I must Close So no more at present Only remains your truly husband until deth

Write soon Good By When this you See remember Me

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Our November
VETERANS' TRIBUTE

***“BEYOND
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**The Medal of Honor ‘Broadway’ play
Starring Stephen Lang**

(Col. Miles Quaritch in the movie “*Avatar*”,
Gen. George Pickett in “*Gettysburg*”, Gen Stonewall Jackson in “*Gods &
Generals*”, Ike Clanton in “*Tombstone*”, & many others.)

Orpheum Theater

Saturday, Nov. 22, 7:30 pm

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Tickets available at TicketMaster or the Orpheum box office 901-525-3000
Tickets: \$60, \$50, \$35. Reserved seating. This will sell out; get your tickets now.

<http://www.orpheum-memphis.com/>
www.beyondglorytheplay.com

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COMMANDER'S CORNER



"...the contest is not over, the strife is not ended. It has only entered upon a new and enlarged arena."

-President Jefferson Davis, C.S.A., address to the Mississippi legislature in 1881.

Well, August was certainly an interesting month. Hard to believe it's September already, this year has gone by VERY fast. We had a great August meeting which was well attended and saw us bring on another new member, Michael Lewellyn and was highlighted by an excellent presentation by Joe Burns on easy and inexpensive ways to learn more about your ancestors, but which had a bit of a damper put on it by news of the ruling in our court case against the City of Memphis. More on that later. There's quite a bit of activity upcoming to cover, and these are great opportunities for us that will beg your help.

First and foremost is the Germantown Festival, the weekend of Sep. 6-7. This should be a great event and is always well attended. We hope to come out of it with a number of new members and prospects. It's our first time back in a while and we are looking forward to it. Collierville School Day is coming up on Oct. 3 which is huge and is going to require a lot of help. Since Collierville has its own schools now, as does Germantown partially, they are expecting as many as 1200 students to attend. Last year's event only had 900 and those who were there remember that that was big. The Wigfall Grays sponsor this and are asking for speakers, guides, registration workers, parking, all manner of other help. The next day, October 4, we will take it to the streets in Collierville as the Morton Museum will be having an event that celebrates Civil War History in the area since the Battle of Collierville was in October. Not a skirmish, but an educational opportunity for the entire family. Bluff City Grays, get ready for that. More to come on that as we get more detail as to what the program will consist of.

On October 18, Saturday, we will have a re-dedication of the Jefferson Davis statue in Confederate Park. A nice ceremony has been planned out, and we hope you can all attend. Looking into next year, we have agreed to work jointly with the Chalmers Camp to put on the Civil War Show in February. This is mostly for manpower in the planning and setup area, and we will discuss that more at our next meeting. But stand by for that, as this is another great opportunity.

This brings me back to the Memphis Parks situation. As we all know, the judge ruled on standing and said we had none. This was an inexplicable decision, but it was his

decision. The City and the media spiked the football and did a touchdown dance as if it was all over. It is not. We will appeal the standing issue, and once we are past that, the City has no case and we will prevail. That said, the lawyers do want money and we still need your help in order to continue the fight, and every dime helps. Citizens to Save Our Parks is doing a great job but they can't do it without each and every one of us. So help where you can, financially or otherwise. This fight is a LONG way from over. And do plan to attend "Beyond Glory" at the Orpheum in November. More on that at our meeting on Monday, too.

We will have updates for you on most of these topics at Monday's meeting. In the meantime, remember that the "professionally offended" can only stand up so long against truth and hard facts - and those are on our side. We've had significant wins in Texas and Georgia, but lost



on a preemptive strike in California. I know, it's California, but still - our enemy uses "collective outrage" and the media enables them. As an example, just look to the Commercial Appeal's coverage of our recent court ruling, or what they are saying about this recent legislation in California. Call them all out. Write letters, send emails, blog, do what is necessary but

it is time to defend our heritage and let history tell the truth!!

I am, and shall remain, your humble servant,


Mike Daugherty, Commander
Robert E. Lee Camp 1640
Sons of Confederate Veterans
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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
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