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Duty, Honor, Integrity, Chivalry
DEO VINDICE!

October, 2014



CAMP MEETING October 13, 2014

Speaker: Randall Chandler

**Topic: Isham Greenberry Hall, Confederate
Prisoner at Camp Douglas**

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

Don't miss our next camp meeting.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Mark Buchanan



Madison County, Va.
May 28th, 1862

Sister Mary,

This evening, the 20th of May, affords me the delightful pleasure of writing to you all at home. Home. Home. How much pleasure there is in that word home? There is more than tongue can express. How oft have I thought of home. That place that I formerly so little appreciated. And to think of those that are there. The kind Father, the indulgent Mother to which I have been so disrespectful in days gone by. The fond sisters that I have so oft mistreated. Oh,

that I could have my time over again how different I would live.

One may imagine something as to the ties that home has. Though, it is nothing compared to realizing the true state of things. I will tell you how much I think of home. That delightful home I have so often thought of the greater portion of my day in quietude enjoying the pleasures and comforts of life, and those that are dear to me. I think just enough of home to spend the remnant of my days, though they may be long, or short, in difference. There is of home a delightful place where one can have peace, and just rights with it. But, without those two items death is far preferable. I will stay in the field forever before I will have my country invaded. I will submit to the toils and hardships of camp. I will be found traversing the snow-clad cliffs of the Thoroughfare and the Blue Ridge Mountains first. I will endure the toil, forbear the pain produced thereby, before thinking of submitting to such tyrannical vandals as those negro-thieving, undermining, careless, unprincipled band of demons, which are really beneath the notice of the Devil himself.

I say and speak from my heart that life is sweet, though give me death before submitting to any such. Never has history, even in the days of uncivilization, not even the heathen when committing their brutal acts regardless of care, or Gospel, had to disgrace her pages with such detestable, disgraceful, disdainful, unprincipled stuff as the present in stating the whys and wherefores of this war, if it is truly accounted for. If it doesn't prove a disgrace to the Federals in the estimation of all nations, I can't see why. In short, to this end give me liberty, or give me death.

I have no message of much importance to communicate to you. I have not heard from Gen. Beauregard for several days. The last account from Richmond, they were sick of fighting, as few expected a general engagement shortly. Gen. Jackson had a skirmish with the Feds the other day. He took 2000 prisoners, saying nothing of killed and wounded. Our loss was 100 killed and wounded. The

enemy totally routed, we captured five car loads of coffee, all of their commissary stores, and also their artillery. What I have stated as to this fight is true, for the man I am staying with saw them with his own eyes, as they came with them from Richmond. Since that time, they have captured 4000, including 1000 cavalymen, horses and all. If this be true, I say glory to God for it. I have great faith in Jackson and Beauregard, but not so much in Johnson as the others.

I can't think of anything else that will interest you. My health is fairly good at this time. You will right to me immediately to tell all you know of about Joseph and Isaac. I have not heard much from home in three months. Direct your letters to Oak Park, Oak Park, Madison County, Va. They will be forwarded from there to me. Write immediately.

Nothing more remains,
your warrior brother, until death,
Thomas D. Newton

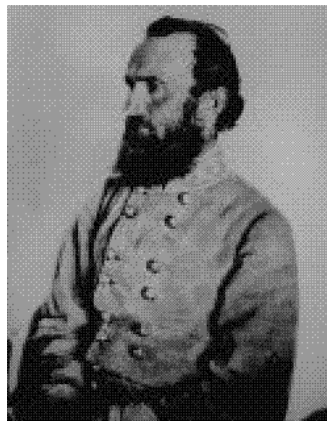
Thomas D. Newton was a Private in Co. H., 8th Regiment of Louisiana Infantry. They were known as the Cheneyville Rifles from Rapides Parish. He was from Sumter Co. Alabama, but had been traveling in Louisiana when the war broke out. He enlisted June 8, 1861. He was present from the Battle of Secessionville, through the Mine Run Campaign. He was wounded at Antietam. He was wounded around the time of the Mine Run Campaign, he later died while on wounded furlough.

The Cheneyville Riflemen were a Confederate group made up primarily from young men who were members of planter's families along Bayou Bouef and Bayou Rapides in Rapides and Avoyelles Parishes. Some men were added to their units from New Orleans and they became part of the famous Louisiana Tigers who fought so bravely in the Civil War. Patrick Keary, whose later wife was President Jefferson Davis's niece, recruited the original group of volunteers. The Cheneyville Riflemen were presented with homemade flags of their unit by the ladies of the town. The men left Cheneyville for Camp Moore at Tangipahoa in the summer of 1861. There, more recruits were added from New Orleans and the Cheneville Rifles were commissioned as part of the 8th Louisiana Infantry and were designated as Company H. The Cheneyville Rifles left for the war front within days, and spent the next four years the Virginia Theatre. These brave central Louisiana men participated in dozens of battles, including Gettysburg, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, and Appomattox.

DID YOU KNOW??

by Beecher Smith

THE ORIGIN OF THE NICKNAME "STONEWALL" JACKSON



One of the most famous and celebrated commanders of the Confederate army was Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.

During the First Battle of Bull Run, on June 21, 1861, at approximately 2:30 P.M., Confederate Brigadier General

Bernard E. Bee realized the Southern forces were gaining a decisive advantage over their Northern foes and remarked, "Yonder stands Jackson like a stone wall; let's go to his assistance!"

That remark earned Jackson the immortal nickname of "Stonewall."

Sadly, whether Bee's comment was meant to compliment his colleague for resisting a Federal charge or to criticize him for remaining stationary instead of moving into action, we will never know because shortly after making that comment and ordering his men to support Jackson, Bee received a mortal wound from which he died a few hours later. Thus he was not around to explain what he meant by his terse remark.

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

HUMOROUS STORIES OF THE WAR

from the memoirs of A.C. McLeary of the 12th Tenn. Cavalry

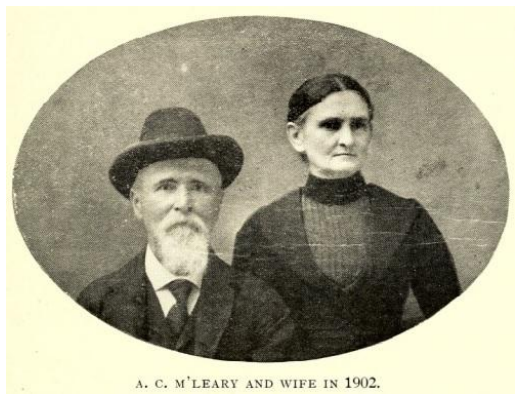
We had all kinds of men in our command — preachers, gamblers, lawyers, doctors, farmers, and also poets. The first day of April, 1864. we had a chance to send letters and April fools back to Tennessee. One young fellow of our company got so carried away he wrote out the following and sent it to "the girl he left behind," but put no name to it.

To My Darling Bettie Jane:

Duck Hill, Miss., April 1, 1864.

I seat myself to write to you,
 And aim to tell what is true.
 Ever since this war first started
 I felt worse when you and I last parted.
 I could not help but cry a while,
 Though thought that too much like a child,
 So I picked up courage and went away
 And tried to appear ever so gay;
 But when I got beyond your sight,
 I began to think I had not done right
 In calling in to part with thee
 And not calling on Miss Lizzie B.
 War, we know, is hard on all,
 Particularly those who play the ball;
 And if I live to get home again,
 I'll call to see my Bettie Jane.

I sent my girl a paper cut full of hearts and other things, also one of my biscuits. I still have the paper, but nine years after we were married she set her trunk out to sun, and a dog got the biscuit out and ate it. A Confederate in Arkansas wanted to know if it killed the dog. I told him I thought it gave him the hydrophobia, at least he died afterwards.



A. C. M'LEARY AND WIFE IN 1902.

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- Oct. 11 - Columbus, KY Re-enactment
- Oct. 13 - Lee Camp Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Oct. 18 - Jefferson Davis Statue Re-Dedication, 11:00 AM
- Oct. 21 - Dedication of Ft. Germantown Historical Marker, 11:00 AM
- Nov. 1 - Battle of Johnsonville, TN
- Nov. 15 - 150th Anniversary Battle of Franklin Re-enactment
- Nov. 22 - "Beyond Glory", 7:30 PM at the Orpheum (GET YOUR TICKETS NOW)
- Nov. 29 - 150th Anniversary Battle of Spring Hill re-enactment
- Dec. 8 - Lee Camp Christmas Party, 7:00 PM at Pickering Center

BLUFF CITY GRAYS UPDATE



SIR -

As the sole survivor of this unit following this action, I submit the following report of events taking place in Iuka, MS.

We were ordered out as a patrol/skirmishing detail ahead of the main army body of the Cedar Bush Mess, 48th Mississippi and some additional men separated from their units. Upon making our way into the outskirts of the town of Iuka, we topped a ridge and ran into a skirmishing unit of blue bellies. We engaged and fought them hotly, pushing them back a little but soon their main unit arrived, as did ours but they had us severely outnumbered. They attempted a flanking maneuver through the tree line on our right, but the 1st Sergeant took a detail down there and met them head on, not allowing them to move on our flank and pushing them back to the main body of their unit. The fight then continued in our front, but they also sent in some cavalry to test our left. The Mississippi Boys and Cedar Bush dispatched them right quickly, leaving the infantry who then tried another flanking maneuver on our right through the trees but our cavalry then arrived and ran them out quickly. By this time we had lost many men, some dead and some injured. Our Captain and 1st Sergeant were still standing, but they both fell while firing at the enemy just before they withdrew and we also withdrew.

Casualties were heavy, hopefully not many dead. I look forward to a joyous reunion with my compatriots very soon.

Left with a very small detachment of men from various units and different ranks, we camped for a bit, forming a partisan unit. Pvt. Chrestman had suffered minor injuries in the Iuka affair, and found his way to us. Having heard that the army had withdrawn to the East, we wandered that way and connected with another similar group who was

headed toward Nashville and had an idea of taking Fort Negley. Not knowing what had become of our unit, we joined up with them and marched East.

We sent out a small party on patrol upon getting close, and they took fire immediately. Our group fell into line of battle and immediately fired on their outer defenses. We kept it on them good and hot, but there just weren't enough of us to really make a dent. I guess the Yankees figured there must be more of us coming as they opened up with some artillery fire from the top. This was returned by some surprise fire from Capt. Sharp's 1st TN Artillery Co. K who had been hidden even from us! We sustained a few casualties but we inflicted some as well. It was a tough fight, but we found taking the fort to be impracticable and fell back, setting up defensive positions as we went but we weren't followed. We did some recruiting and picked up a few new members. Now we hope to catch up with our missing compatriots again very soon.

CONFEDERATE ANCESTOR SPOTLIGHT



Given our recent presentations from Hilton and Joe on Genealogy and some of the incredible resources we have at our disposal to work with in this area, I'd like to make this a more regular part of our Camp's newsletter, but I'd like those contributions to come from you all. Here's a great

example from one of our newest members, Mike Lewellen, used with his permission:

Tobe's Tale a Civil War Story

Jessie (Tobe) Lewellen was a Confederate Soldier he enlisted at Ripley on May 1, 1861 and ten days later was present at a muster taken at Lynchburg, VA.

He was with his unit, Co B of the 2nd Mississippi Infantry until June 26, 1862 when he left Ashland due to illness. After returning to

action, he was wounded at the Second Battle of Bull Run (Mannasses) on August 28, 1862. Receiving wounds in the right arm and left hand.

The wounds were serious, and he was sent to a hospital at Warrenton, VA. On September 26, 1862, he was transferred to the Confederate hospital at Culpepper, VA. and was sent home on furlough. He returned to duty in the spring of 1863.

He fought at Sharpsburg, Gettysburg, the Wilderness and Spotsylvania. Still troubled by his wounds, he was admitted to the Receiving and Wayside Hospital at Howard's Grove near Richmond on June 17, 1864 and was discharged at Petersburg, VA on August 16, 1864.

By the time he filed for the Confederate pension, he was in poor health both physically and emotionally. He stated on his application that he had no home other than living with his children, and his income came from doing odd jobs. By 1901 he was living in the Indian Territory of Oklahoma, living with some of his wife's relatives. By 1902 all land that remained in his name was sold for taxes.

On Oct. 16, 1902, the Southern Sentinel newspaper stated: On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Lewellen was brought to town and from external appearances one could see that he was suffering from some sort of disease that was slowly but surely robbing him of life. As he walked, his frame tottered, and as he talked his voice was weak and trembling.

From some source the charge came that he was deranged. A jury was empaneled and the verdict was to the effect that he was unbalanced." The charge of insanity was placed by his brother Samuel.

Tobe was placed in the county jail to await transport to Jackson (Mississippi). The Sentinel reported that it would never forget Tobe's appeal to the Sheriff: " Let me see my brother for a few minutes; can I not get a new hearing? It will kill me to go".

Tobe was right - he died a few hours after being put in jail on Oct. 14, 1902. The Sentinel, in summation, editorialized: Think of this brave old soldier, through a land of civilization, dying

behind bars! It is enough to make a country blush with shame. It is enough to make a family feel that their good name has been banished.

Jessie was one of my 2nd Great Grand Uncles, I couldn't be more proud of his service and more sad at how his life turned as a result of his service.

Information prepared by Martin Speer

BANKHEAD'S BATTERY UPDATE



Report of Battery Action at Iuka, Mississippi Camp,

We received orders to join up and attach with General Sterling Price's army at Iuka, Mississippi on the 20th of Sept.. Anticipating that movement, Cpl. Kelsey was dispatched ahead of our movement to secure our assignment and provisions, thereby arriving Iuka on the 18th. I received his report advising that a proper camp had been procured and we had been placed in battery with our comrades of Turner's Battery yet again for another engagement. As a credit to our honors, it appears that when command wants an excellent artillery support both batteries are always dispatched to the same area. Having that report, we started toward Iuka on the 19th with some arriving in the night and the remaining compliment the following morning and setting camp.

After a rousing celebration reuniting with Turners, we opened our new "battlewagon" and placed our gun with limber in the forward position overlooking the Mill Road with

Freeman's Battery tucked safely to our rear. We heard of a request by General Ord that we surrender even before we engaged. It was jokingly refused and replied with an invite for General Ord to come take us. He was not much of a man by sitting in Corinth and sending another of comrades, General Roscrans to meet us. We also had information that Grant was there too, but too drunk to get out of bed.

The afternoon of the 20th, we sighted union skirmishers to our front which had made it passed our pickets undetected. They never fired a shot once realizing they had stumbled into the face of our artillery at that range and retreated. That brought up our infantry and we retired to the shade only to be called up to service as the two main lines met pushing our own back to ours. We opened with shell and continued at a steady pace until a line of Union guns was identified in the far tree line within our reach.

Pvt. Oliver gave a superb performance at the number one on the gun, firing so furiously at times that he wore out both sponges causing us to temporarily borrow one from Turner's Battery to finish the engagement. Command of the gun was turned over to Cpl. Kelsey who's skill is given honors in the following report :

We then turned on their guns attempting to drive them away in support of our infantry with much success as it seems. The evening report read, " the 154th Tenn. succeeded in reaching the battery before being repulsed twice. On the third attempt our line drove off their gunners and compelled the 48th Indiana to fall back upon the 4th Minnesota. The 11th Ohio lost 46 of their 54 gunners and three of their four officers. Although our infantry had captured all six guns of the battery, they were unable to take advantage of them, because all of the horses had been killed in the fighting". Once the threat was eliminated, we were honored with visiting generals on our gun line. They were given honorary commands for battery volleys and we even fulfilled one's request to pull the lanyard. After much hip, hip, hurrahs!, we were glad to be rid of them as we usually detest the fanfare until someone important happens upon us. The Battery retired that evening with a meal of

cooked pork, beans, and "apple pie".

Much of our infantry moved out in the night as our main objective was to await General Van Dorn and move to Kentucky anyway, but Grant has delayed us.

The next day was beautiful and with some adjustment to our gun positions, we opened in the mid day to supply a cover for the remaining troop movements. We kept a rate of fire upon the troops to our far front noticing no danger from their artillery today. We even dedicated one of our shots to a "young belle" who had come out to observe us from the rear. It caused us to remember one of our fallen, Pvt. J. W. Hall who always had an eye for the belles around us.

After determining all was safe and enough time made, we escaped down the Fulton Rd. with a heavy rear guard. We learned later, "Rosecrans's cavalry pushed on in pursuit of Price for 15 miles, but owing to the exhausted condition of his troops, his column was outrun and he gave up the pursuit."

All returned to their posts, safely with only Cpl. Kelsey sustaining an injury to a finger. Expect further orders by early October, possibly moving into vicinity of Columbus, Kentucky.

Present for this engagement: Pvt. Geminn, Pvt. O'Steen, Pvt. Oliver, Cpl Kelsey

Regards,

Captain H. Cohea - commanding
Bankheads Battery, Company B
1st Tennessee Light Artillery
CSA

HERITAGE ATTACK OF THE MONTH

Well, thankfully it was kind of slim pickins this month for heritage attacks which is good, however you can always leave it to some dummy to step out and make the wrong move. I went back and forth on this one from the People's Republic of Maryland, because I believe in this case these kids did what they did for all the wrong reasons. However, it is my contention that if we taught kids right about the flag, it would not be used as a hate symbol, therefore this is still the fault of the Howard County School

System and school systems in general:

A Howard County student who unfurled a Confederate flag at a high school football game was disciplined, according to a spokeswoman for the school system.

Rebecca Amani-Dove, the spokeswoman, would not say what type of action was taken against the Glenelg student who displayed the flag while standing at the top of the bleachers during the season opener between Glenelg and River Hill high schools on Friday night. The student was immediately told to take the flag down.

"Carrying a Confederate flag is not illegal, but anything that causes disruption is actionable from an administrative perspective," Amani-Dove said. "Administrative action was taken in alignment with our student code of conduct."

Amani-Dove said the principals at Glenelg and River Hill sent letters to parents and addressed students about the incident on Monday.

Word that the flag, which is seen by many as a hate symbol representing slavery and racism, was displayed in Howard County, quickly spread over the weekend in the county. "Public displays of the Confederate Flag evoke division, hate and subjugation -- precisely the opposite of the values we hold in Howard County, and in Maryland," Howard County Executive Ken Ulman posted on his Facebook page Monday. "We must teach our kids why this is such a hurtful symbol to so many people. We must fight against injustice and intolerance in any form, especially at our schools."

Howard County Schools Superintendent Renee A. Foose released a statement saying the incident "has been addressed in both of the school communities, and administrative actions have been taken in accordance with our Student Code of Conduct."

Saying that to many, "the Confederate flag is a powerful symbol of racism, hatred, and unspeakable acts against humanity," she said the county school system has policies that address civility, student conduct, and safe schools, and that "collectively, these policies support a culture that is intolerant of hateful and disruptive behaviors, words, and symbols."

Foose spoke of the diversity of the school system, which is a majority-minority district. Twenty-two percent of its student population is African American, 18 percent is Asian and 9 percent is Hispanic. Forty-four percent of the student body is white.

“We believe that we are enriched by our diversity,” she wrote. “Howard County is an enlightened, civil community that values and draws strength from our rich diversity. Our children learn about the world in which they live not only in the classroom, but by visiting the homes of their peers who have different backgrounds and traditions.

“In education, we look for teachable moments in every situation that life brings our way. Even the most unfortunate incidents give us an opportunity to draw positive lessons. I encourage our 53,000 students to understand the sociocultural and historical contexts of all of their peers, and act in ways that are both honorable and respectful.”

Thus ends this ridiculous story - or so you'd think. There's all manner of coverage of it, equally ignorant or even more so if that's possible. My recommendation is to email the Schools Superintendent at Howard County Schools, Dr. Renee Foose, at superintendent@hcpss.org and explain to her where she gets it wrong. This is probably not the only place, but we can only deal with what we can deal with. Fill her email box but be respectful and factual.

HERITAGE COUNTERATTACK OF THE MONTH



This month there are two: one is very short and was expected, and comes from our compatriots in Mississippi:

From Chuck Bond, SCV:

THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION SCV IS TAKING ACTION. The

chancellor and vice provost on diversity affairs [Ole Miss] have been served a summons to appear in court on October 27th concerning the Mississippi Division SCV's injunction, petition, and restraining order preventing the renaming of Confederate Drive [on campus]. I had the honor of witnessing the same summons being served on the Mississippi Attorney General at exactly 11:35 this morning. So the game is afoot now in Oxford, and it should be interesting to see how this turns out. We will support our compatriots in Mississippi to the best of our ability, and who knows - we might even get to shoot a musket salute at the cemetery there next time. Or so we thought. The word on this got out - no surprise since it was all over Facebook - and the Chancellor had the sign removed, claiming he had not been served. Looks like this will be yet another long, hard fight but one that is winnable.

Also, here's another great article from our friends in Canada of all places - I'm going to have to write and thank them for "getting it". Another very good read, you can check it out [HERE](#):

And lastly, here's a message from your humble correspondent regarding the Howard County MD schools issue. Not that it changed anything, but I felt it a good writing that spoke to all of the issues as they were laid out in the initial article. Maybe it can be used as a model for future similar letters that can be sent in similar situations by some of you so I can post them here. We really need to take the time to do this when somebody attacks our heritage, if for no other reason just to let them know we're watching.

Subject: Article on Recent Football Game in Washington Post

Dr. Foose:

I recently read an article in the Washington Post regarding a student's display of the CSA Battle Flag at a football game. I then read your statements regarding "diversity", "tolerance", and "teachable moments", both in the article and on your web site. I would respectfully submit that if school systems taught your students properly and honestly what the Battle Flag stood for that it would no longer be seen as a "powerful symbol of racism, hatred, and

unspeakable acts against humanity".

As a Southerner, I understand and take great pride in the Battle Flag and what my ancestors and the vast majority of those who fought in the War for Southern Independence stood for. It was carried by soldiers who were fighting for the freedom and independence of a new nation and defending their homes against the invading troops of a nation from which their states had legally and constitutionally seceded. Unfortunately, through history there are those who have carried it in support of causes that thankfully only a tiny minority of people even then supported. I don't know what motivated this student, but if the student was taught the truth as opposed to the outright lie as quoted above, this probably would not have happened.

If you value and draw strength from diversity, and want your 53,000 students to understand the sociocultural and historical contexts of all their peers, then I would question how many of your students have learned from the "different backgrounds and traditions" of those who value the tradition and history that is in fact representative of the Battle Flag; duty, honor, patriotism and courage. Shouldn't that be included as a part of an "enlightened, civil community that draws strength from its rich diversity"?

There is nothing wrong with diversity and inclusiveness as long as they are not selectively applied, at which point they become nothing more than meaningless buzzwords.

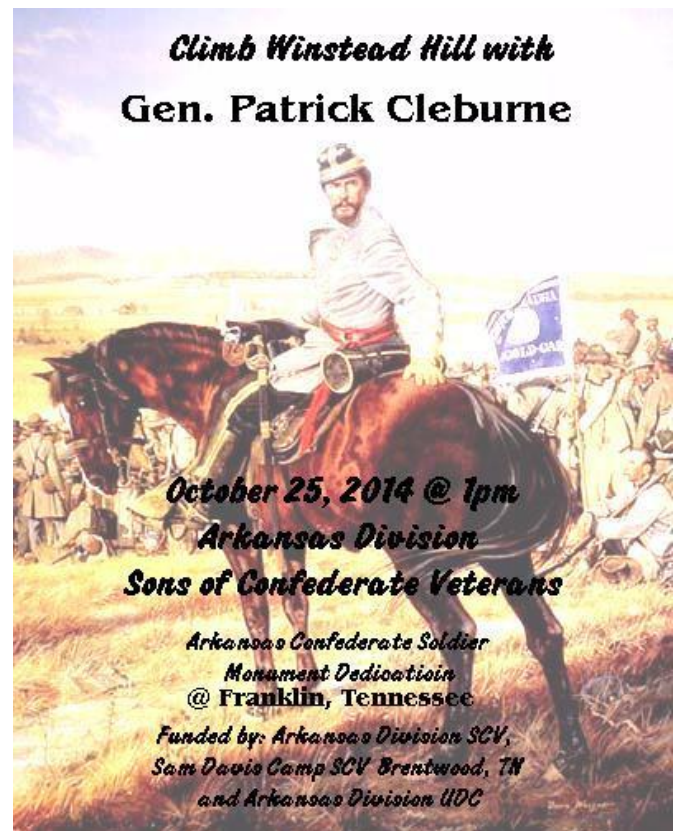
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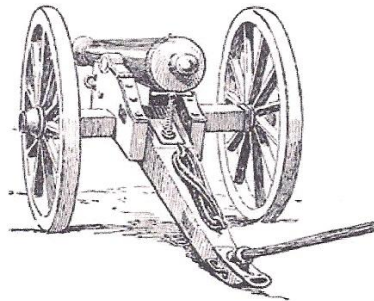
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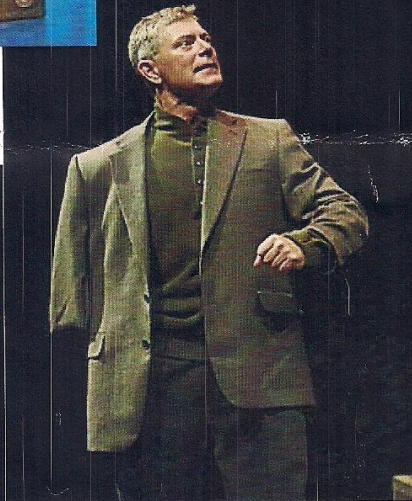
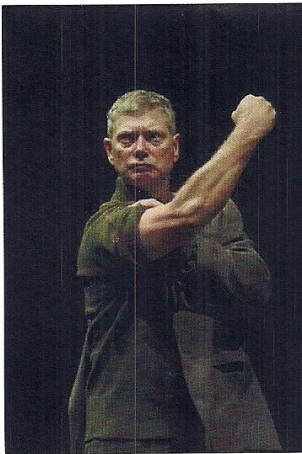
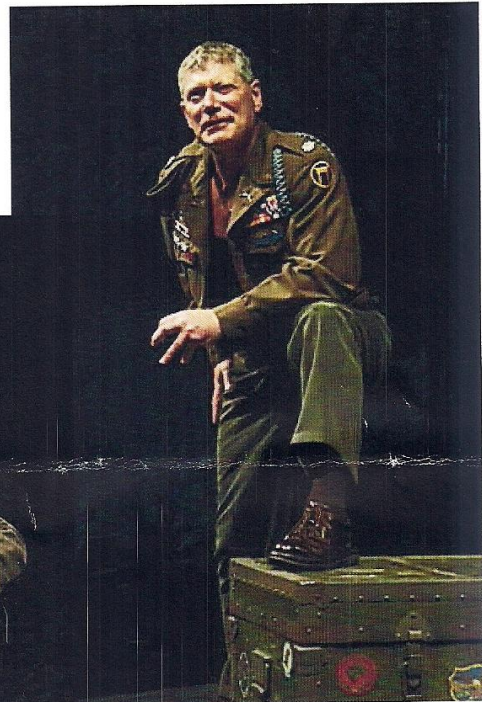
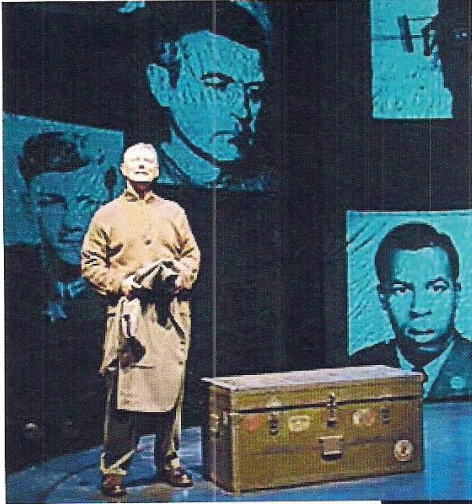


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More information coming soon.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

We had a great though unusually lengthy meeting in September which saw us issue War Service Medals to four American Heroes that are members of our Camp. We thank Arthur Oliver, John Cole, Darwin Concon and Bradford Waters for their service to this country and remember their ancestors who fought honorably and valiantly for the Confederate States of America. This was followed by a very interesting presentation by Arthur Oliver on the effectiveness of field artillery during the War for Southern Independence. I'd like to take a minute to apologize for the length of the meeting, but we had a large amount of business to be covered.

There were a number of guests that attended, many of whom met us for the first time at the Germantown Festival. This was a great event for us, and I can see us planning to participate in it for many years to come. We had a very professional looking setup with people who did a great job of explaining who we are and what we do and it was nothing short of amazing what we heard from those who stopped in to just learn about us and offer their support. Also, we want to thank our friends at TenGen, who had the tent next to us and we were able to do some great "teaming" between our two organizations. All in all, that was a great outing even with the rain on Saturday.

As we discussed at our last meeting, we will be working jointly with the Chalmers Camp to put on their annual Civil War Show in February. This is a very different undertaking this year, as it will be held at the Showplace Arena near the Agricenter instead of its traditional location in Southaven. Many of you have already answered the call for help in putting this on, and others will be asked either to serve on a committee or to help staff the event in some capacity. Please help where you can, we would like to make this a great ongoing event.



Many of us came out for Spotlight Saturday at the Morton Museum in Collierville on Saturday the 4th. It was a really nice day, but there was a lot going on and we had a pretty good crowd early in spite of that. There was a great presentation on the Battle of Collierville by Steve Cole, General Grant was on hand, and members of the 154th milling about and talking about the life of a soldier. All in all, a good presentation to be proud of.

I understand that we are at about 60% up to speed on dues being paid. If you haven't paid your dues, there are a number of ways to do that. There's a PayPal link on the web site at <http://www.tennessee-scv.org/camp1640/> which will allow you to pay by credit card. You can bring a check for \$60 to our next

camp meeting or cash (we love cash), or you can mail your check for \$60 to the PO Box at the bottom of this message. However you choose to do it, please get your payment in to us, dues are due in August every year.

I had sent out a message some time ago regarding the new Kroger Program and how to sign up for it. Hopefully you all have by now. There is a similar program with Amazon that I also sent you a message about with instructions. The Kroger card program benefits the division, which indirectly benefits the camp so please sign up for that if you haven't already. The Amazon program benefits the Camp directly. Christmas is coming, and I know a lot of shopping will be done on Amazon so please - if you haven't already, sign up for the Amazon Smile program. I've heard the instructions I sent out are easy to follow and those who have done it say the process is simple. If you need help getting set up, please let me know and I'll walk you through it.

This brings to mind the License plate program that has been in place for years. It was mentioned by the Tennessee Division recently that license plate revenues are down. Again, this is something that

helps the Tennessee Division and indirectly the Camp and while it costs a little bit more, the SCV is a worthwhile organization, right? The first time you do this, you have to go pick up your plates downtown, but after that you can renew your registration as usual, and a percentage of the cost goes to the Tennessee Division while you are promoting the organization just by driving.

In upcoming events, there will be a re-dedication ceremony for the Jefferson Davis statue at CONFEDERATE PARK downtown on Saturday October 18 and I hope you will all be able to attend that event. We'd love as big a turnout as possible. Also, the Historical Marker for Ft. Germantown is in from the State, and we will join the Germantown Historical Society in dedicating that on Oct. 21 at 11:00 AM at Ft. Germantown. We have "Beyond Glory" upcoming on November 22 at the Orpheum. The proceeds from this event will go to defray costs related to the ongoing legal battle with the City of Memphis over FORREST, CONFEDERATE, and JEFFERSON DAVIS parks, so if you haven't bought your tickets yet please do as soon as possible. Besides, it's by all accounts a great show. Following that is our Camp Christmas Party, December 8 at Pickering Center. The Camp will provide a ham or turkey or otherwise, and we will ask the members to bring side items, drinks, or desserts and your family. We'll have a short presentation and deal with any necessary business as always but this will be for the most part a social event with any non-pressing business tabled.



I appreciate your help and support through this year so far. We've tried some new things and re-added some old things that we used to do, much of it is working out well and it would not work at all without the effort of each and every one of our members. There's plenty more to come, so please stay involved and keep bringing new ideas. I look forward to continuing to work with each one of you.

I am, and shall remain your Humble Servant,
Mike Daugherty, Commander

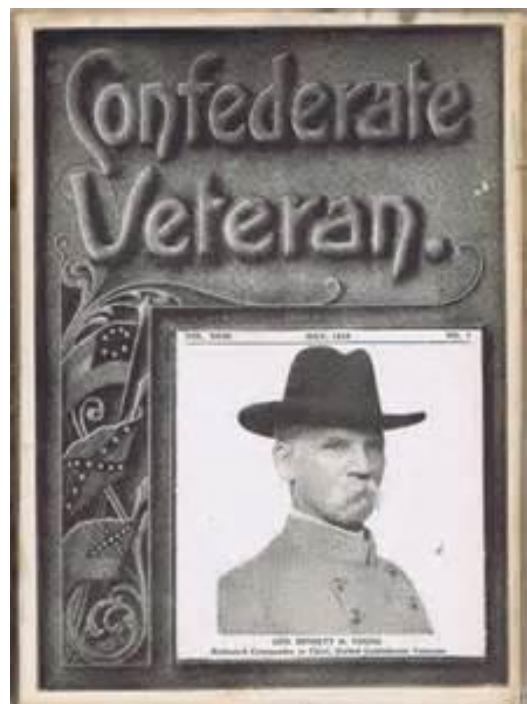
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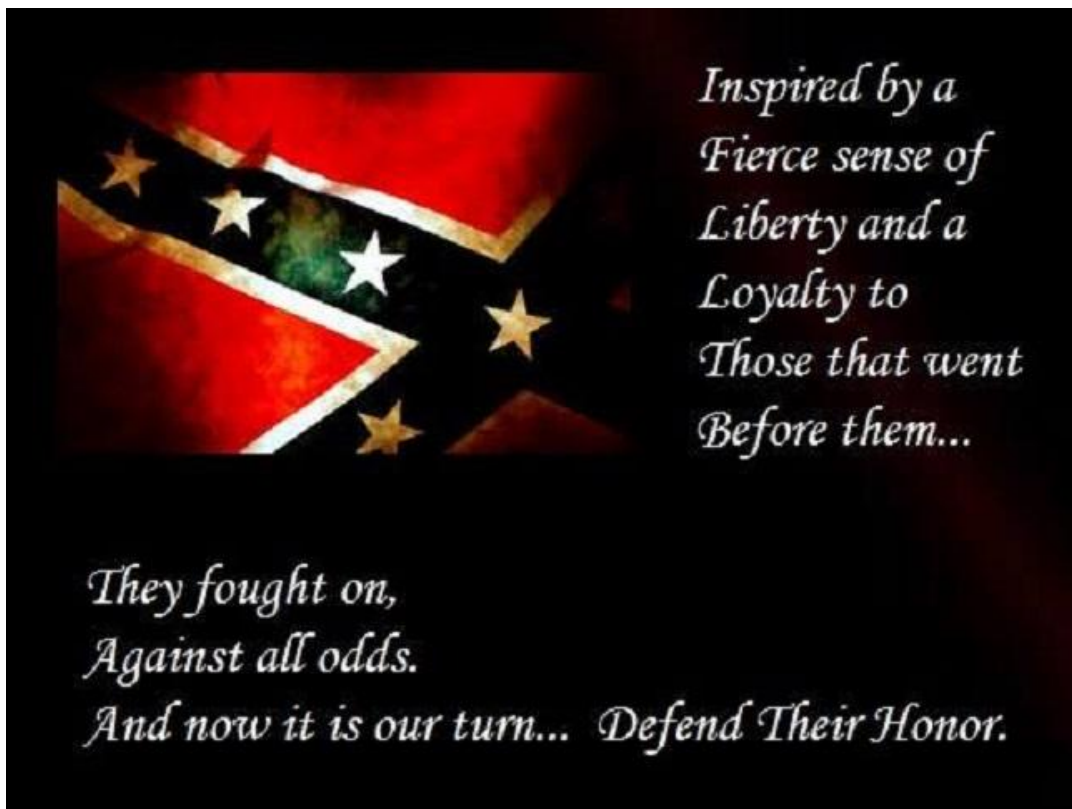


DEDICATION OF FRANCIS WRIGHT AND FORT GERMANTOWN MARKERS

The date of dedication of FW marker and Ft. Germantown marker has been changed to October 21, a Tuesday. The change was necessary to have our state historian Dr. Carroll West there to give keynote address. Lee Curtis with the Tennessee Dept of Tourism and Lee Millar with his band of SCV Musicians will also attend, as hopefully our county historian Jimmy Ogle and the Shelby County Historical Commission. I also hope you all will be able to attend. The Frances Wright marker will be dedicated at 10:30 am and then we will go to Ft. Germantown for its dedication at 11am.

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