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Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Jefferson Davis Camp No. 635

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○ April Meeting ○  
Business Meeting

First Lt. Commander Emmett Eaton reports that no formal program will be presented this month so that the meeting can be devoted to discussion on the proposed resolution that is being sent to camp members by separate mailing.

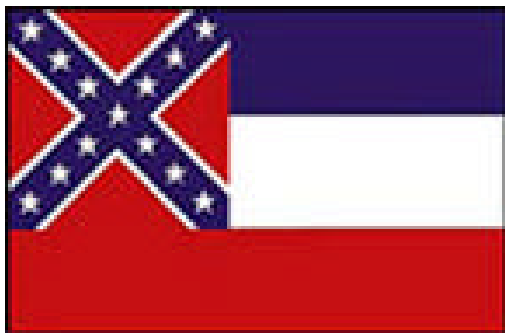
The raffle this month should be something every member would like to have so bring money for raffle tickets.

Everyone come and bring a recruit!

**When:** April 25, 2006. 6:00 pm.

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

*See you there!*



**I**n the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

**A**nd, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

**H**is countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

**A**nd the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

**H**e is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

**A**nd go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

**Matthew 28 : 1-7**  
(KJV)

## March Meeting Report

### Greenwood Cemetery

The program for February was presented by Compatriot Peter Miazza who gave a portion of his program on notable individuals who are interred in Greenwood Cemetery.



Compatriot Dan Duggan gave his regular presentation on "what happened on this day (March 28) in the WBTS."

Commander Bert Green presented a resolution for camp consideration on expressing the camp's support of Beauvoir in the ongoing lawsuit brought by the Mississippi Division SCV. The resolution was approved without dissenting vote by the attending members.

It was announced that the annual observance of Confederate Memorial Day is scheduled for 2:00 pm April 30, 2006. The guest speaker will be Compatriot Robert Murphree. Graves will be marked with small battle flags at about 1:30 pm immediately preceding the ceremonies.

A work day to tidy up the Confederate section of the cemetery will be

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held as usual on Saturday preceding the Sunday ceremonies. Volunteers are asked to show up for a bit of yard work beginning about 8:00 am. Bring any available yard tools that you may be able to contribute to the effort.

Compatriots Joe Tubb, Murry Stewart, Rick Richardson and Jerry Brooks reunited for a full assembly of the "Dixie Hummingbirds" and performed three songs for the camp.

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On January 8, 1845, Major Murphree was married to Margaretta Patton, daughter of John D. and Margaretta Hester Patton, and sister of Captain William H. Patton. Mrs. Murphree was born April 12, 1824, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and died November 13, 1863. She is buried in Murphree family cemetery at the Point Evergreen plantations two miles south of Thomaston, De Witt County.

Children of Major and Mrs. Murphree were Alexander (who was killed in the Battle of Pleasant Hill, April 8, 1864, while serving in the Confederate Army), James Owen and John Charles Murphree

During the Civil War, Major Murphree served in the Confederate Service as a home guard on the Indianola coast.

In 1866, Major Murphree sent a drove of fine horses overland to market in Missouri under the charge of Colonel Harvey Cunningham and John R. Calhoun. Major Murphree went by stage and boat and arrived at Osceola, Saint Clair County, Missouri, in August, just before the arrival of his trail drivers. Leaving the stage he started with his hand baggage to walk to the home of a friend of his, a Mr. Moore, who lived about three miles in the country. There was brewing in the community friction between Union soldiers and Southern sympathizers. Major Murphree was overheard by some of the Union men to inquire about the trouble. It being known that he was from the South, he was followed by some of the irresponsible Union soldiers and murdered just out of town. His friend, Mr. Moore, had him buried in Osceola.

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sion and consternation we may encounter along the way. SCV Camp 635 is a strong camp made up of an honorable membership from all walks of life, well grounded in the principles of the Bible, friendship, fellowship and the Charge given by Lt. General Stephen D. Lee. May God bless each and every member of our camp.

Please continue to lift up Kevin Davis and his family in the days ahead with your prayers.

If I can help you in any way, please let me know.

In God We Trust,  
Randy Rogers  
Chaplain

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## Calendar

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**April 25, 2005**

Regular meeting of  
Camp 635 at the  
Municipal Art Gallery

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**April 30, 2006**

Confederate Memorial  
Day Observance at  
Greenwood Cemetery

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**May 23, 2006**

Regular meeting of  
Camp 635 at the  
Municipal Art Gallery

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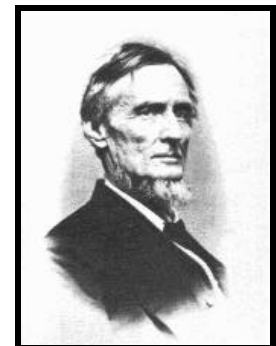
**June 2-3, 2006**

Mississippi Division  
SCV Annual Conven-  
tion, Brookhaven

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**June 27, 2005**

Regular meeting of  
Camp 635 at the  
Municipal Art Gallery



## Reveille Dedication

### David Murphree

*Submitted by Robert Murphree  
from the Murphree Quarterly (family newsletter)*

Born in Bedford County, Tennessee, December 4, 1811, the oldest of eleven children – three boys and eight girls – of Stephen and Rebecca Brooks Murphree. He came to Texas in 1834. He enlisted in the army December 10, 1835, the day that Bexar fell. His son John Charles Murphree is authority for the statement that his father participated in the storming and capture of Bexar. The official records are silent on that point. On December 18, 1837, he was issued Bounty Certificate No. 1097 for 640 acres of land for having served in the army from December 10, 1835, to July 23, 1836.

Mr. Murphree commanded the Columbia Company in the battle of San Jacinto in the absence of Captain William H. Patton who served as one of the aide-de-camps to General Houston. Muster rolls in he land office show that he enlisted in Captain Patton's Company March 16; was promoted to first lieutenant April 10, and was discharged July 23, 1835. Lieutenant Murphree resigned July 23, 1836 and went to the United States on a visit. Lt. Jesse Benton, Jr. succeeded him in command of the company. (Page 232, Army rolls.) On May 26, 1838, he was issued Bounty Certificate 204 for 640 acres of land for having participated on the battle of San Jacinto.

Mr. Murphree in 1837 was a clerk to Gail Borden, Jr., Collector of Customs, at Galveston. Later that year he settled in the Bexar County and in 1838 he was president of the Board of Land Commissioners for the county. This board on February 29, 1838, granted him a Headright certificate for one-third of a league of land, the amount he was entitled to receive as a single man. In the certificate it is stated that he came to Texas before March 2, 1836. He moved to Victoria County prior to 1840 for on January 30<sup>th</sup> of that year he was elected Chief Justice of the County. He resigned on February 22, 1841.

In August, 1840, the Comanche Indians raided Victoria and burned Linnville. Judge Murphree joined the volunteers organized to expel them and was a participant in the battle of Plum Creek in Caldwell County. In 1842 he participated, first, in the Vasquez Campaign, and later, as a major, commanded a battalion in the Somerville Expedition. Obeying orders from his superiors, he did not continue on the Mier Expedition.

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**Next month's dedication will be presented by  
You, perhaps?**

## Chaplain's Dispatch

In the Bible, John 8:32, it says: "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Thanks go out to the Honorable Haley Barbour, Governor of the Great State of Mississippi, for declaring April as Confederate Heritage Month. I trust we will all do our part to remember and honor our family members that stood their ground in defending the homeland during the Yankee invasion. It is my hope and prayer that we will spread this message during April. At the same time we must dispel the ideology of some that we do not like or approve of any group of people simply because they are different from us.

The reason for the founding of our organization was put before us by Lt. General Stephen D. Lee on April 25, 1896. In his charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans he used the word "VINDICATION." The dictionary defines this word as follows: Justification against denial or censure: Defense.

We lost the war; this is a fact we have never denied. However, this fact does not mean we were wrong. It did give the victors the right to write history as they saw fit, and you and I know this. They totally misrepresented the facts that caused the war in the first place. As a result of this, The South and its inhabitants have been looked upon as second class citizens for nearly a century after the yanks invaded our homeland.

Lt. General Stephen D. Lee, realized this, and in 1896, gave a charge in the formation of this organization, to commit the VINDICATION of the Cause for which we fought. Today, one hundred ten years later, we must remain steadfast to this Charge. While we know deep down in our very being that we most likely will never make the masses understand why the South stood up in 1861 and said 'enough is enough,' we must vindicate the cause for which our ancestors fought using rational means. However, in the event that tough times do come, I believe the compatriots of Camp 635 should all stand up and support each other in any action that must be taken. We have proven ourselves to be a camp of action by doing the right thing, whatever and whenever it is.

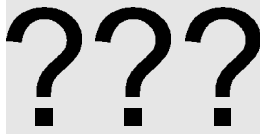
It is my prayer that we continue to be loyal to our leadership in Camp 635. We are fortunate to have had good people in the leadership of this Camp in the past, just as we do now. I challenge each and every one of you to stand behind our leadership on issues that have arisen or may arise in our Camp 635. Support and encourage them in every way you can. They, like our ancestors did in 1861 to 1865, most certainly will need support and confirmation in the days ahead.

Emma Sansom, about the war, said: "We were overpowered but never conquered."

Bernard Baruch said, speaking on the contrast between living in the north and living in the South, "In South Carolina, we never suffered discrimination because we were Jews."

Gentlemen, may we continue to remain true to what we are about and never stray from it, regardless of the confu-

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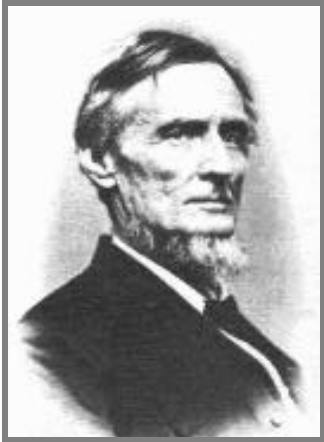


**Trivia Question:**

This month's question asks: Who was known as "the Brain of the Confederacy?"

Last month's question asked: When Gen. Robert E. Lee crossed the Pennsylvania line into the Gettysburg venture, he had 51 generals among his ranks. How many did he return with?

The answer: 34



# Commander's Column

## TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

The month of April is the most important month this year, in our organization for two reasons. First and foremost it is Confederate Heritage Month throughout the South. This is the time when we all should reflect ourselves and educate the public on the reason we do honor our ancestors and the noble fight for which they fought and died.

On April 30, Jefferson Davis Camp 635 will have our memorial service at Greenwood Cemetery in downtown Jackson at 2:00 pm. Our featured speaker will be the Honorable Robert Murphree. His humor, knowledge and insight of our heritage are subjects we all will not want to miss. Plan on being in attendance, and showing your support and love of our noble ancestors and the cause for which they sacrificed so much.

We will also have a clean up day on Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 am in the morning until the work is done, to "spruce up" the area around the Confederate Cemetery area. This effort is being headed by Peter Miazza. Please bring rakes, weed eaters, lawn mowers or whatever you may need to help in this clean up effort. We all need to come and help.

Governor Haley Barbour has declared April to be "Confederate Heritage Month" in Mississippi. In a proclamation, the Governor graciously acknowledged "Those that served in the Confederacy". We humbly thank the Governor for the Proclamation.

The second reason this month is especially important to our camp has more to do with the future of our camp rather than the past. The Executive Committee of Camp 635 met on April 4<sup>th</sup> and discussed two very important matters concerning our camp. The first was the hearing on the Beauvoir law suit of which two of our camp members are defendants. The hearing went well and the judge said he would issue a decision within ten days of the hearing. Your leadership will let you know the outcome as soon as we learn of the judge's ruling.

The second matter put before the Executive Committee was a resolution proposed to deal with two basic issues. A copy of the resolution has been sent to every eligible voting member of this camp. The committee would like for every man to read over the resolution, evaluate it and attend the April camp meeting with any thoughts or comments you may have concerning the resolution. Please be prepared to vote on the resolution.

First is the issue of racism and those that espouse such. The Camp Executive Committee believes it is morally wrong and totally divergent from the views of our ancestors to support any vestiges of racism, anti-Semitism, being unpatriotic to the United States of America, or supporting such groups or people that espouse such feelings. We want the entire camp to take a firm public stand AGAINST such feelings and people that espouse those feelings.

The second issue is the need for an accounting from the national officers of the current state of the SCV and the manner in which it is being run and directed. Our camp feels that we and the entire organization deserve answers to several questions that have been and are now plaguing our beloved organization. We feel that honest and open discussion of issues that we do not agree with are very positive and open and that these frank discussions of opposing opinions are exactly why our forefathers took the stance and fought the war over 140 years ago.

I urge every member of Camp 635 to be in attendance at the April meeting. This could very well be one of if not the most important meeting our camp will hold.

Stand Fast Mississippians!  
Commander Bert Green

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