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○ April Meeting ○  
Justice Bill Waller, Jr.

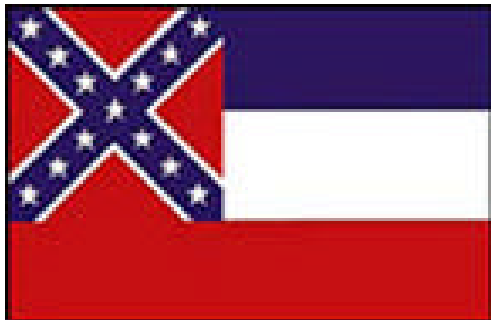
First Lt. Commander Randy Rogers reports that tentatively the program will be presented by Justice Bill Waller, Jr. Justice Waller's topic is TBA.

Everyone come and bring a recruit!

**When:** April 22, 2008. 6:00 pm.

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

*See you there!*



**A** good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.

**T**he rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker of them all.

**A** prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.

**B**y humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.

**T**horns and snares are in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.

**T**rain up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22: 1-6  
(KJV)

## March Meeting Report

### Col. Erasmus Burt



Rev. Glenn Shows was unable to present the March program so our own Compatriot Peter Miazza presented a brief program on Col. Erasmus Burt from Jackson who had only a short tour in the Confederate Army before losing his life at the Battle of Ball's Bluff.



Compatriot Dan Duggan gave his "this date in the WBTS" (March 25) presentation.

Two of the "Dixie Hummingbirds" returned to present

some music.



# Confederate Memorial Day Observance

Don't forget our next Confederate Memorial Day observance scheduled for April 27, 2008.

Decoration of the graves will begin about 1:30 pm with the ceremonies at 2:00 pm and recovery of the grave flags immediately afterward.

The speaker for this year observance will be Dan Duggan.

Everyone come and bring as many guests as you can.

## Welcome New Members

The camp welcomed into membership two new members at the March meeting:

**Steve Colston**, who has attended a number of meetings in the past but did not have the necessary Confederate connection defined to seek membership, has now identified his Confederate ancestor as GGGrandfather James F.M. Colston, Corporal, Co. H, 40th Regiment, Georgia Volunteers.

**Coley Michael Cates**, joins on the service of his GGGGrandfather Thomas J. Rhodes, Private, Co. A, 6th Mississippi Infantry Regiment.

*Welcome!*

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## Calendar

**April 22, 2008**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**April 27, 2008**

Confederate Memorial Day observance at Greenwood Cemetery

**May 27, 2008**

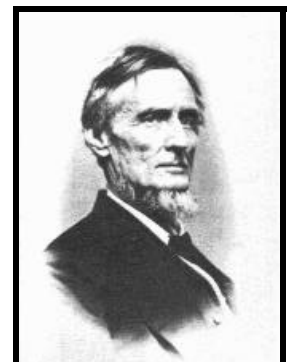
Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**June 24, 2008**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

**July 22, 2008**

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



## Reveille Dedication

There is no dedication this  
month

### Chaplain's Dispatch

One of God's Ten Commandments tells us, "Do not tell lies about others." Dr. Billy Graham tells the story about a woman in England who came to her vicar with a troubled conscience. The vicar knew her to be an habitual gossip---she maligned nearly everyone in the village.

"How can I make amends?" she pleaded.

The vicar said, "If you want to make peace with your conscience, take a bag of goose feathers and drop one on the porch of each one you have slandered."

When she had done so, she came back to the vicar and said, "Is that all?"

"No," said the wise old minister, "you must now go and gather up every feather and bring them all back to me."

After a long time the old lady returned without a single feather. "The wind has blown them all away," she said.

"My good woman," said the vicar, "so it is with gossip. Unkind words are easily dropped, but we can never take them back again."

Sincerely,  
Hubert W. Miazza  
Chaplain

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doodle, stone fence, and any other "saloon drinks", Americans in the 1860s made a grand ceremony of "taking the oath" a period term for liquoring up.

Virtually every regimental history, personal diary and narrative account make mention of whiskey use by soldiers. For some "whiskey" was issued as part of their rations, along with salt pork, dried beans, hardtack and coffee. When the Army moved, so did the whiskey. In a regimental history of the 22nd Massachusetts, a "row" (fist fight) broke out versus the men of the 118th Pennsylvania over a keg of whiskey left behind in a wagon during General Burnside's "mud march". Perhaps this is understandable as barreled whiskey (a broad category of beverages brewed from fermented grain mash) was quite popular. Whiskey could be produced from a variety of grains, including malt, corn, barley and rye, and were commonly "blended" from combinations of these grains. In 1863, Indiana state sanitary commissions sent copious amounts of whiskey "for medicinal purposes". These were shipped from Indianapolis to various Indiana state sanitary agents, hospitals, and encampments in the South.

When Army regulations forbade consumption of alcohol the enlisted men became creative. There is anecdotal evidence of members of a Mississippi company that got a half a gallon of whisky past the camp guards by concealing it in a hollowed-out watermelon; they then buried the melon beneath the floor of their tent and drank from it with a long straw. Others were known to carry a drink of "pop skull" in the presumably empty barrel of their musket to prevent detection. One Union recipe for "pop skull" called for "bark juice, tar-water, turpentine, brown sugar, lamp oil, and alcohol.". The exact ratios of the ingredients in the mix are not provided, but one hopes the recipe would be light on the tar water, turpentine and lamp oil.

While "pop skull" is probably not a good choice to mix-up for an authentic 1860s treat, here is a genuine Civil War-era drink that you might enjoy trying.

"Applejack"

½ gal. apple cider (pasteurized)  
1 qt. Tennessee shine (or vodka)  
1 pint honey

3-5 cinnamon sticks

Mix all ingredients well. Let age (time is up to you). Can be consumed immediately.

Deo Vindice  
Emmett Eaton,  
Camp Commander

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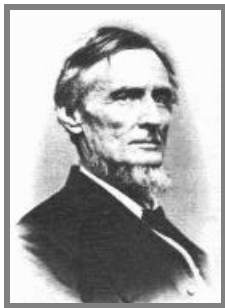
**Trivia Question:**

This month's question asks:

Who took over "Stonewall" Jackson's division after Jackson's death at Chancellorsville?

March's question asked: What South Carolina aristocrat kept a journal that was later published as "A Diary from Dixie"?

The answer:  
Mary Boykin Miller Chestnut



# Commander's Column

TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

Our March camp meeting was well attended. Thanks for the program Peter! We welcome two new compatriots; Steve Colston and Coley Michael Cates. We were also happy to see Rick Hall visiting from the Clinton Camp. Everyone keep up the recruiting effort! Our Quartermaster, Mike Rogers, outdid himself (or should I say his wife) on the dips. Mike, I nearly hurt myself on the one that was "kicked up a notch". Planning for the April memorial day is well along and the camp hopes it will be well attended. As is customary the primary clean up day at Greenwood Cemetery will be April 19, 2008, at around 9:00 am, with a touch up on April 26 the day before our Memorial Day, April 27, 2008. Mr. Peter Miazza will be coordinating the clean up effort. I would suggest just showing up with the normal instruments of destruction; weed eaters, clippers, shovels, rakes, mowers etc.

The Greenwood Cemetery Confederate Marker is in hand and the stand for the marker will be installed by the camp March 29. Thanks to Peter Miazza, Robert Murphree and others who participated. We hope to incorporate the marker unveiling at our Memorial Day service. Please plan to attend and bring a guest.

Our Hummingbirds "warbled" some tunes for us and one reminded me of the bane of both armies during the war.....

"We have lost more valuable lives at the hands of whiskey sellers than by the (musket) balls of our enemies." General Braxton Bragg, Army of Tennessee

The subject of whiskey consumption in America during the Civil War-era is as well documented as any activity of the 1860s. The Confederate and Federal soldiers as a group enjoyed alcohol in many forms. There were a variety of reasons, most prominently soldiers were largely unmarried young men, or at least separated from their wives and sequestered in camp for extended periods. Enlisted men of the Civil War-era were bored by the tedium of camp life, not as self-conscious about social expectations and rougher in manners overall. The lack of exposure to women, at least the sort that would discourage public drunkenness was probably a factor as well.

However, partaking of spirits was hardly endemic to Civil War camp life and soldiers being well documented among the civilian population, too. Whether gulping hot grog (in the winter), sipping mint juleps (in the summer) or downing smashes, Windsor-coolers, cobbler, skins, morning glory, Tom and Jerry, private smiles, corpse revivers, fiscal agents, four-forty-fours, Jersey lightning, monitor, swamp-angel, eye-opener, moustache-twister, egg nogs, gin-sling, timber  
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