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December Meeting Meeting a Week Early for Food, Fun, Fellowship

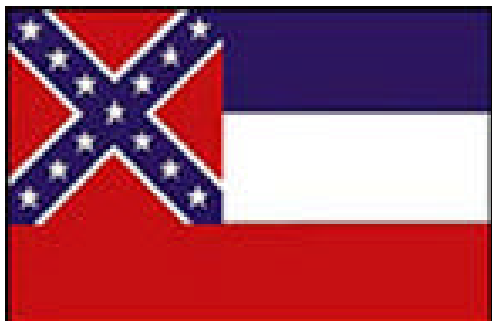
The decision was made at the November meeting to repeat our unstructured Christmas meeting as we've done in the last couple of years. Members are encouraged to bring a covered dish or finger food suitable to feed a dozen or so people. We hope to have a lot of fellowship and music as well but will not have a program.

Everyone come and bring a recruit!

When: December 18, 2007. 6:00 pm.

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

See you there!



And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.

And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

Alight to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

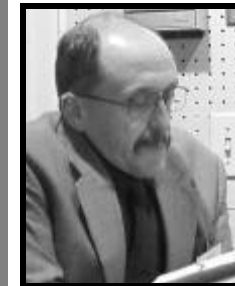
And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

Luke 2 : 25-33(KJV)

November Meeting Report

Warren Grabou: Did the Confederacy Fight the War According to a Strategic Plan?

The program for November was presented by Warren Grabau who presented a lengthy but informative program replete with details on why he believes both sides had a strategic plan of some complexity that they attempted to carry out. Unfortunately by 1863, the Federal plan had significantly deterred the Confederate plan from being implemented.



Compatriot Dan Duggan gave his "this day (Nov. 27) in the War Between the States" presentation.

Compatriot Ron Stowers discussed the recent IHQ communication asking whether camps wished to maintain their charitable institution status and explain-

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ing activities that are prohibited if they do. The consensus of the group was to remain under the charitable organization tax umbrella.

Following the regular meeting, Compatriot Jack Davis showed a memorial presented to him by the Choctaw Nation in memory of his son that was killed one year ago. (Sorry, no photo.)



Calendar

December 18, 2007

Christmas meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

January 22, 2008

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

February 26, 2008

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

March 25, 2008

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

April 22, 2008

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

In Memoriam

William James Simmons

Compatriot Simmons passed away on November 24, 2007, at the age of 91. Our condolences to the Simmons family.

One more time: Dues Time Is Past!

Regular dues are \$45, and any additional contributions to the Reveille, cemetery maintenance and repair, or other CSA purposes will be most appreciated.

Ron Stowers has asked that any compatriots making belated dues payments be warned that dues must include an additional **\$5.00 late fee**. The IHQ due date for their **receipt** of dues from the camps was November 1st; therefore, reinstatement of membership must include the late fee.

Adjutant Stowers appreciates those who remitted their dues on time. Ron may be given the renewal dues at the meeting or by mail to:

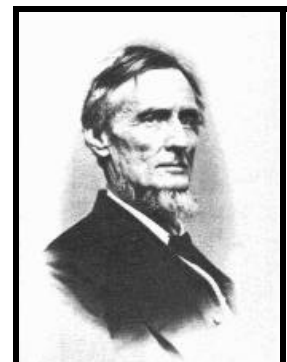
Ron Stowers, Adjutant
Jefferson Davis Camp 635
PO Box 16945
Jackson, MS 39236 6945

Please make checks payable to the Jefferson Davis Camp 635 SCV (and not to Ron personally). Note the purpose as dues payment on the memo line.

Thank you.

Send address corrections to:
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<http://www.scvcamp635.org>



Reveille Dedication
There is no dedication this
month

Chaplain's Dispatch

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Com-patriot William James Simmons, 91, who died November 24, 2007. He was a long-time member of our camp.

As we enter into the final weeks of this year, we approach the Christmas season. For some, Christmas has no meaning other than a secular holiday. For most of us, Christmas has a deep religious meaning, a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. This year contemplate the true meaning of Christmas. May you have a joyous and meaningful Christmas celebration.

Read the familiar words of Henry Longfellow:

I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along the unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head:
"There is no peace on earth," I said,
"For hate is strong, and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep;
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men."

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

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of his time. In his letter asking for Lee's opinion of the result of the war he wrote:

"The institutions of your Republic have not exercised on the old world the salutary and liberating influence which ought to have belonged to them, by reason of those defects and abuses of principle which the Confederate Constitution was expressly and wisely calculated to remedy. ...Therefore I deemed that you were fighting the battles of our liberty, our progress, and our civilization; and I mourn for the stake which was lost at Richmond more deeply than I rejoice over that which was saved at Waterloo."

Later Dahlberg wrote an analysis of the war in which he said:

"The North has used the doctrines of Democracy to destroy self-government. The South applied the principle of conditional federation to cure the evils and to correct the errors of a false interpretation of Democracy.....[and the inevitable result of an unfettered federal government will be] the initiative in administration; the function of universal guardian and paymaster; the resources of coercion, intimidation, and corruption; the habit of preferring the public interest of the moment to the established law; ... a public creditor; a prodigious budget – these things will remain to the future government of the Federal Union, and will make it approximate more closely to the imperial than to the republican type of democracy."

Looking at where our government is today, I fear Lord Acton to be correct...

God Save the South!

Deo Vindice
Emmett Eaton,
Camp Commander

Till ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Sincerely,
Hubert W. Miazza
Chaplain

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Trivia Question:

This month's question asks:

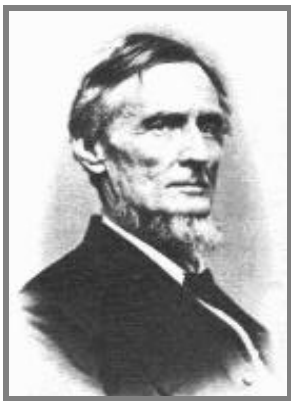
Where did Gen. Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson die?

November's question asked:

How many cannon were in Union and Confederate Batteries, respectively?

The answer:

Six in a Union Battery and four in a Confederate Battery.



Commander's Column

TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

It was good to see a number of you at the November meeting. Your presence was noted and your absence in the past felt. Please continue coming to the camp's meetings. For those who missed the meeting, you missed out on a fine presentation by Mr. Warren Grabau. His topic "Did the Confederacy Fight the War According to a Strategic Plan?" was very thought provoking. Most historians feel the South fought from a purely defensive posture, without an overall general plan for victory. Mr. Grabau contends that both North and South would have had strategic plans in place. He put out on the "table" a number of reasons to believe his theory but history lacks a written record to prove him up. We've all heard of the North's "Anaconda Plan", but did the South have a counter strategy? Hmmm.....May be on to something Mr. Grabau.....

The Camp has decided to have a Christmas get together on December 18, 2007, at the regular time and place. It will be a pot luck/covered dish affair. Please plan to attend and bring your favorite dish. Plan for 10-12 people for your dish. We hope to get the Hummingbirds to come and provide us with some good Southern sounds. The Camp will provide drinks and coffee. Join us for some Christmas in Dixie and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Carter Naugher and Bill Kimmell have taken on the task of helping ramrod our Confederate Memorial at the Greenwood cemetery in April 2008. Let's give these gentlemen a round of applause and all the help they deserve!

Compatriot Jack Davis shared with us a Choctaw Nation memorial honoring his son, who was tragically taken from him. Jack indicated that his lineage was about half Choctaw and that the memorial was traditionally presented about a year after a members passing. Thank you Compatriot Davis for sharing one of your most prized possessions.

In the war's aftermath:

Englishman. Sir John Dahlberg, also known as Lord Acton, whose most famous quote is; "Absolute power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely" wrote Lee after the northern victory. Dahlberg was one of, if not the most erudite political philosophers

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