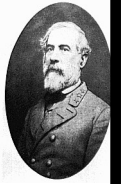


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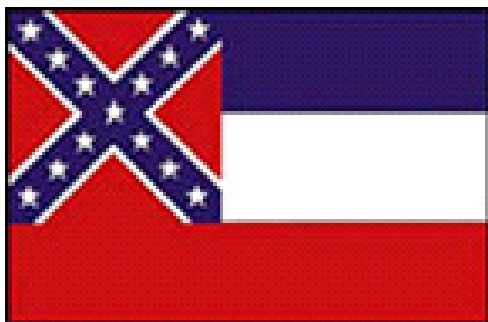
December Meeting Christmas Party Special Early Meeting Date

The camp will hold this year's Christmas party on a special early date of December 13 to avoid conflict with the holidays. Bring your favorite finger food to share.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

When: December 13, 2011. 5:30pm.
Where: Municipal Art Gallery, State St., Jackson.

See you there!



But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

*Matthew 1:20-25
(KJV)*

November Meeting Report

Tim Cupit 2012 Miss. Div. Convention

The November meeting featured a presentation by Tim Cupit, commander of the Brandon Camp, who spoke on his camp's plans for hosting the Mississippi Division Convention in 2012. Commander Cupit is an avid and energetic compatriot who should plan a fine convention.



Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

My capacity for remembering useless information is legion. Thus I well remember reading how Winnie-the-Pooh was having lunch with Rabbitt one day and Rabbitt politely asked "Would you like some more, Pooh?" Pooh then replied "Is there anymore?" "No" Rabbitt said "you've eaten it all." That's the way I felt after the tremendous meal Past Commander Tubb put on last month; I did my best to eat it all but came up a bit short.

Last month we left Bob Wheat and the Tigers on the eve of First Manassas. Wheat, something of a gourmet cook, was famous for his meals at this time, his signature piece being something called "cabeza de buey al rancho" which was the head of an ox, with skin and horns intact, covered in a pit of coals and baked like a potato all night. The Tigers were active during this period too, the records of the provost marshal showing numerous Tigers being arrested for robbery, desertion, forgery, and drawing double pay by fraud. The Tigers once spent twelve hours on Jamestown Island and one observer said that in this short span the Tigers "ate up every living thing on the island but two horses and their own species."

At Manassas Wheat's Tigers were posted on the Confederate left, and it was Wheat who realized the significance of a large cloud of dust across Bull Run working its way around the left side of the Southern positions. Wheat moved his men a mile upstream and put them in line of battle. Wheat's perceptive reaction bought enough time for the Confederates to move reinforcements up to counter this threat, giving Jackson the opportunity to win his nickname. Outnumbered the Tigers were forced back, Wheat trying desperately to rally his men. Waving his sword and calling on his men to rally, Wheat collapsed when a ball passed under his left arm, through his lung and out his other side.

Carried off the field, a surgeon told Wheat his wound was fatal. Wheat's reply was " I don't feel like dying yet." In reply the surgeon (who obviously passed his bedside manner on to some modern doctors I have dealt with) told Wheat "there is no instance on record of recovery from such a wound." Wheat retorted,

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A new web design program has been obtained that will run on newer computers so the web site has recently been updated for the first time in about a year.



Calendar

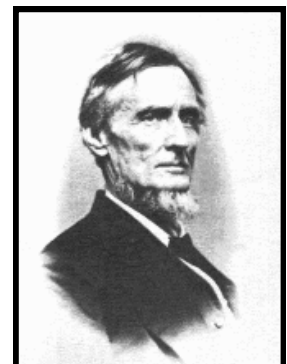
December 13, 2011
 Camp Christmas party (no program) at the Municipal Art Gallery

January 24, 2012
 Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

February 28, 2012
 Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

March 27, 2012
 Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

April 24, 2012
 Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

The late Paul Harvey had a Christmas time tradition of telling the following story on his radio broadcast. He told of a farmer who was alone at home on Christmas Eve while his family had gone to Christmas Eve services at their church. He had declined to accompany them because he could not believe in the divine becoming human in the birth of Jesus Christ. Soon it began snowing and the man heard something hitting against the windows. He went to a window and watched as shivering sparrows beat in vain against the windows.

The farmer bundled up and went through the falling snow to open the barn door for the struggling birds. He turned on the lights, tossed some hay in a corner, and sprinkled a trail of crackers to direct them to safety in the barn. All to no avail. The sparrows hid in the darkness, afraid of him.

He tried various tactics: circling behind the birds to drive them toward the barn, tossing cracker crumbs into the air toward them, retreating to his house to see if they would fly into the barn by themselves. Nothing worked. The birds could not understand that he desired to help.

He withdrew to his house and watched the doomed sparrows through a window. As he stared, a thought hit him like lightning from a clear blue sky: If only I could become a bird--one of them--for just a moment. Then I wouldn't frighten them. I could show them the way to warmth and safety. At the same moment another thought dawned on him, just as the church bells pealed Christmas carols in the distance. He had grasped the whole principle of The Incarnation!

The concept of a sovereign as big as the universe He created, confining Himself to a human body was--and is--too much for some people to believe. (Portions from a retelling by Philip Yancey).

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"Well then I will put my case on record." Naturally Wheat made a full recovery.

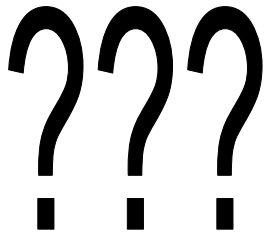
While Wheat recovered, and the army was inactive, the Tigers were determined to prove the old adage "an idle mind is the devil's playground" was accurate. However the sergeant-major of the Tigers was a six foot seven inch former New Orleans prize fighter who handled most discipline cases himself. About once a month he would line the battalion up, take off his coat, and invite anyone "who has anything agin me" to settle it by fists. He generally had few takers.

About this time newly promoted Richard Taylor inherited the Tigers, over his protest as we have already seen. In November, 1861 a group of Tigers rushed the brigade guardhouse and tried to release some of their friends, beating up an officer in the process. Two of the ringleaders were apprehended, tried, and sentenced to death. Wheat, recovering from his wound, made an impassioned plea for mercy, since one of the offenders had risked his own life carrying the wounded Wheat off the battlefield. Taylor however insisted the sentences be carried out, and required the firing squad to be drawn from the Tigers. In fact Wheat was the only Tiger excused from witnessing the proceeding. The sad scene were the first executions carried out in the Army of Northern Virginia and Taylor said the episode had a "marked effect."

Down the road we will follow Wheat and the Tigers with Jackson in his famous Valley campaign. In the meantime, let me wish all the camp members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) May you have a blessed Christmas!

Sincerely,
Hubert W. Miazza
Chaplain



Trivia Question:

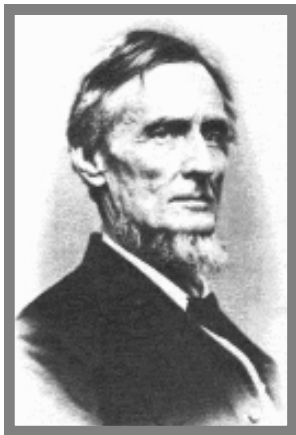
This month's question asks:

To what European country can Robert E. Lee's ancestry be traced?

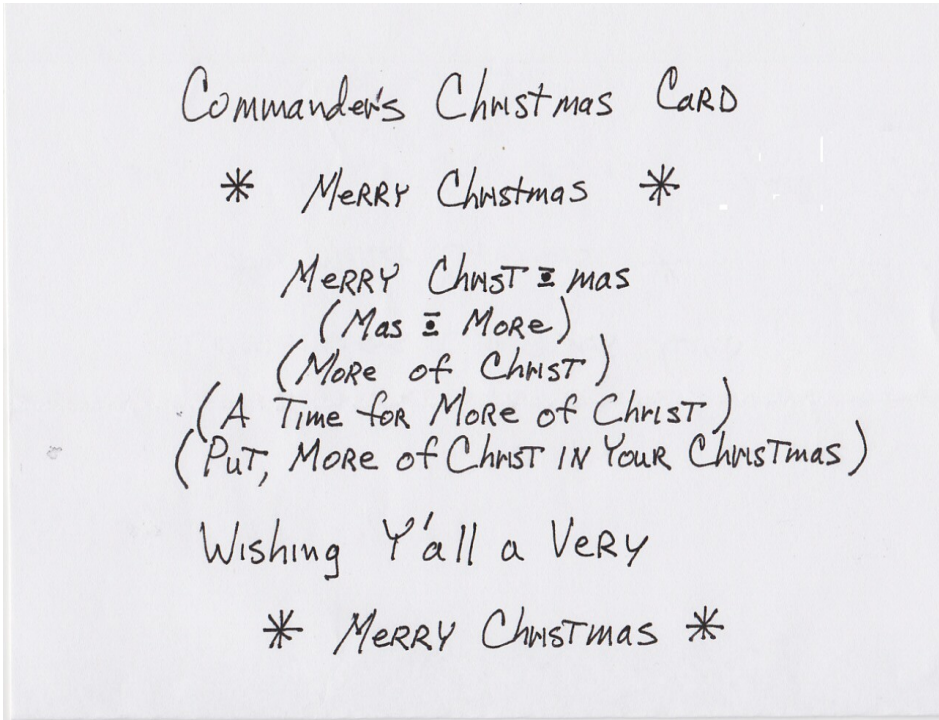
November's question asked:

Who was the only Confederate soldier to be featured on Confederate currency?

The answer:
Stonewall Jackson



Commander's Column



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