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○ July Meeting ○ Chaplains in Gray

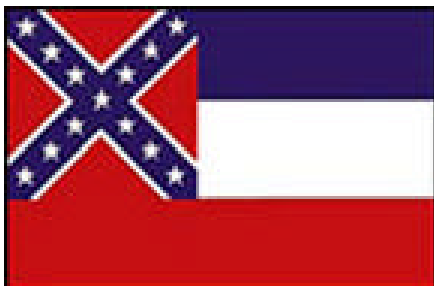
Commander Emmett Eaton reports that he has arranged for one more program before he gives up his 1st Lt. Commander duties. The program will be a presentation entitled "Chaplains in Gray" presented by Mike Webb, Commander, Crystal Springs Southern Rights SCV Camp 712.

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: July 24, 2007. 6:00 pm.

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

See you there!



They understood not that he spake to them of the Father.

Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

As he spake these words, many believed on him.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:27-32
(KJV)

June Meeting Report

Mississippi Division Commander Larry McCluney

The program for June was a conversation between the camp and newly elected Division Commander Larry McCluney. Comm. McCluney expressed his concern that rumors of another state flag fight mean that the Division needs to bolster its funds for heritage defense in the event that a serious challenge to keeping the state flag is raised. A variety of questions on other topics were asked by members and answered by Commander McCluney to the degree that he could at this early point in his term. Commander McCluney also introduced his Chief of Staff Dan McCaskill who accompanied him to the meeting.

Compatriot Dan Duggan presented "this day in the War Between the States" (June 26).

Two of the "Dixie Hummingbirds" were present after an extended absence from meetings and presented several songs.

Bricks for Beauvoir

Fund-raising is continuing on the Bricks for Beauvoir project that was discussed by past Division Commander Ed Funchess some months back. New Division Commander Larry McCluney is managing this project and accepting the donations.

For a fifty dollar donation, compatriots may have a memorial brick installed in the new memorial display near the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier at Beauvoir. The ancestral brick may be inscribed with up to 3 lines of text, 15 characters/spaces per line. Typical inscriptions will have the ancestor's name on the first line, his rank on the second and his unit on the third. Common abbreviations without periods may be used, e.g., "MS" for Mississippi, "Co" for company. Checks made out to Mississippi Division, SCV in the amount of \$50/brick should be included with the specified inscription text and sent to:

Bricks for Beauvoir
c/o Larry McCluney
1412 North Park Drive
Greenwood, MS 38930

If you have questions, you may contact Commander McCluney at:

E-mail — confederate@roadrunner.com

or

Phone — 662-453-7212

This is an excellent way to honor your Confederate ancestors and contribute to Beauvoir at the same time.

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and said "Get down, sir, and have an apple with me." The soldier was thrilled and readily complied. Imagine a man who spent four years with the Army of Northern Virginia, living through all the action, danger, history and excitement that would have accompanied his tenure, describing the highlight of those years as having eaten an apple with General Lee.

A month ago I read a review in the *Wall Street Journal* of a new book about General Lee in which the reviewer made many churlish remarks about my hero. I immediately dashed off a letter to the editor giving the reviewer a good tongue lashing. Then I thought about how the last person on the earth to be offended by this barb would have been General Lee, so I threw my letter away. Maybe reading about this great man has done me some good after all.

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Calendar

July 24, 2007

Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery

August 28, 2007

Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery

**September 25,
2007**

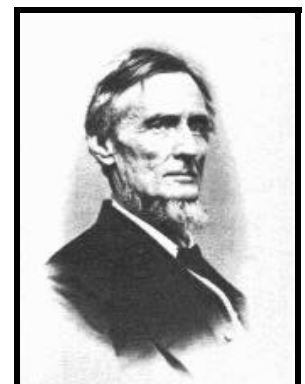
Regular meeting of
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October 23, 2007

Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery

**November 27,
2007**

Regular meeting of
Camp 635 at the
Municipal Art Gallery



Reveille Dedication

Robert E. Lee

Dedication by Robert Murphree

I dedicate this month's issue of *The Reveille* to our great chieftain Robert E. Lee. Now, I know I have made previous dedications to Marse Robert but no matter how much you like to read about the War Between the States, General Lee stands out like a shining star, a giant among men if there ever was one.

A few years ago I asked my parish priest Monsignor Glynn, a native of County Galway, Ireland, -- a saintly man if there ever was one -- if he was able to remember any Gaelic. Monsignor Glynn, then in his late 80's, said, "No -- but then again I don't remember much of anything." Well, the older I get the more I am like Monsignor Glynn in that respect (lack of memory, not saintliness) but I have found it to have one advantage: I can read favorite books over again with unabated pleasure since I have forgotten most what I read before. This has allowed me to enjoy books such as Kyd Douglas' I Rode With Stonewall over and over again. Now I have tackled Douglas Southall Freeman's Robert E. Lee again, and am savoring the work just as much as I did the first time.

Over and over again one is struck with the range of General Lee's greatness, in both his personal and military capacity. I cite two examples of the impression General Lee's personality made upon people.

We are all familiar with the obstacles facing Jubal Early in trying to hold the Valley for our side in 1864, and his ultimate cruel defeat by Sheridan. The public discontent forced General Lee to remove Early from his command, but to the day he died Early's proudest possession was the letter General Lee wrote to Early informing Early of this action. Imagine that, friends: a commander getting the chop being proud of the letter bringing the news. Only a diplomat in the class of General Lee could pull that off.

In one of his lectures Freeman recalled the last Confederate soldier he knew in Richmond, a man who had been a gunner in Stephen D. Lee's unit. Over and over again, Freeman said, this man would recount to Freeman what the old soldier described as the very highlight of his service in the Army of Northern Virginia. Once Stephen D. Lee had spied an apple tree loaded with fruit and got the young soldier to climb the tree and pick a supply. The young man was then instructed to ride over to General Lee's headquarters to share the apples. the youngster delivered the apples to headquarters, but then General Lee saw him and inquired from the staff about the newcomer. General Lee then walked over, thanked the young man,

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

Chaplain's Dispatch

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

Even though all of our ancestors that fought for the Confederate Cause from 1861-1865, have gone on to glory, it is our purpose to preserve and honor their good name. Even though we lost the War of northern Aggression, our forebears were not wrong for the stand they took in defending Dixie. It is my prayer that Camp 635 will continue to do the right thing in the future, as we have in the past, to preserve their honor, integrity and character.

While it is true in this day and time, it is hard to convey our message and purpose to others without being misunderstood and incurring slurs, our message must not be stifled as there are many out there that are willing to listen; we have just got to find them.

In short, I hope we can continue to grow while we educate those innocent men that have a misconception of what we are about.

The Bible verse above says it all, keep it handy and convenient to your mind; may it flow freely from the lips of the compatriots of Jefferson Davis Camp #635.

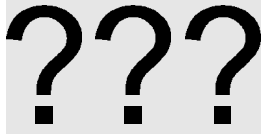
This will be my last column as your Chaplain, and I would like to thank Compatriot Phillip Kelly and his wonderful wife for helping me in the past years with writing this column in a way not to butcher the kings English and correcting my grammatical errors.

I feel sure Bro. Hubert Miazza will carry on in a wonderful way that will honor our forefathers in a way pleasing to our Father, Jesus Christ. Bro. Hubert is a caring and compassionate man with a heart for his fellow man.

On a personal note, I want to thank the members of this camp for all you do in supporting one another through the bumps and bruises we all incur in life. You are a wonderful group of gentlemen and it has been my honor and privilege to serve you in the past.

May God bless each of you in a special way in the years ahead, and I look forward to having Bro. Hubert as Chaplain.

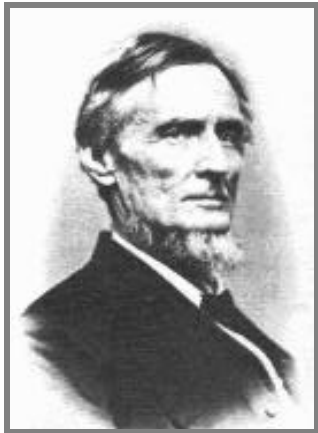
In God We Trust,
Randy Rogers
Chaplain



Trivia Question:

This month's question asks: What was Lt. Gen Richard S. Ewell's nickname?

June's question asked: We all know Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Jackson's nickname was "Stonewall", but his cousin, Major Gen. William L. Jackson also had a nickname...what was it? The answer: "Mudwall"



Commander's Column

TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

I am honored to have been selected to follow in the footsteps of some great past commanders of Camp 635, Sons of Confederate Veterans. I will do my best to lead the membership in General S. D. Lee's charge and continue to promote the good name of Camp 635. You, the membership, have given me a great officer corps to work with and I have great expectations for my coming term.

I want to thank Commander Bert Green for his stewardship and steadfast diligence during the past two years, which arguably may have been the toughest that a commander has had to endure during recent memory in the SCV. I will rely heavily on his opinions and advice. I also want to thank Ron Stowers for agreeing to continue as adjutant. His knowledge of the SCV from National down to camp level is invaluable. Without his wisdom, insight and expertise the Commander's job would be difficult indeed. Thanks and kudos to Wayne Anderson for his untiring work on *The Reveille*.

As with all other organizations Camp 635 Sons of Confederate Veterans needs to focus on three basics of membership; recruiting of new blood, retention of current members and visiting with past members. I encourage the camp membership to help me with all of the above. Bring a guest to the meetings, visit with your fellow compatriots at the social before the meeting, contact a past member and encourage them to reenlist. We need everyone in our effort to stave off the attacks that occur daily on our heritage and ancestors' good name.

I want to encourage all of our members to help 1st LT. Commander Randy Rogers in his quest as program chairman. Believe me, it is a difficult task to find new programs. Bring Commander Rogers suggestions for programs, offer to give a program. They don't have to be long or complicated. It makes the program chairman's job so much easier if he has a list of places just to go look.

I will be available for any member to come and discuss any issue with me in confidence and urge you to do so. If I don't have an answer, be assured I'll try and get one.

"Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a southerner apologize for the defense we made for our heritage"... President Jefferson Davis.

Emmett Eaton
Camp Commander

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