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○ September Meeting ○ Warren Grabou Topic not yet announced

First Lt. Commander Randy Rogers reports that Warren Grabau will present a program on a topic as yet unidentified. All of Mr. Grabau's past presentations have been extremely interesting and informative; I'm sure this one will be as well.

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: October 23, 2007. 6:00 pm.

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

See you there!



Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men.

Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; and their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.

For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence.

But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.

The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.

Proverbs 4:14 - 19
(KJV)

September Meeting Report

Political, Social and Economic Impact on Mortality

The program for August was a presentation by Compatriot Harold Webster that explored the possible effects on mortality of differing political, social, and economic views and the underlying issues in two, War Between the States and Reconstruction era, Mississippi towns — Vicksburg and Natchez. Due to this editor operating the computerized slide program, no photo of Compatriot Webster could be taken.



Due to Commander Eaton's absence, 1st Lt. Commander Randy Rogers filled in for him.

Compatriot Dan Duggan gave his "this day (Sept. 25) in the War Between the States" presentation.

The "Dixie Hummingbirds" had all flocked to the nest for this meeting and provided several songs. See photos on page 2.



Left: Joe Tubb Below: Rick Richardson & Jerry Brooks
Lower left: Murry Stewart



Dues Time Is Almost 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 compatriots be warned that dues not sent to him until after receipt of this newsletter will not be included in the remittance to IHQ since their due date for their **receipt** is November 1st. Therefore, the payment should include the additional **\$5.00 late fee**.

Adjutant Stowers appreciates those who have remitted their dues so far. 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.

Update on the Greenwood Cemetery Historical Marker

Ron Stowers reports that there is nothing new on the marker.

Send address corrections to:
Wayne B. Anderson, Mailing Coordinator
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1737 Bridgers Drive
Raymond, MS 39154

Visit the new camp web site at:
<http://www.scvcamp635.org>



Calendar

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

December ??, 2007

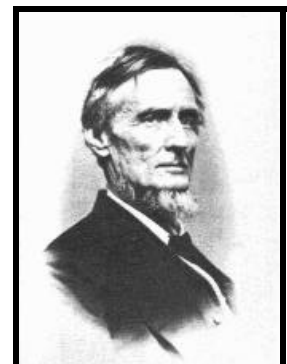
Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

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



Reveille Dedication

There is no dedication this month

Chaplain's Dispatch

Gentlemen:

Do you appreciate receiving a sincere compliment?
Do you enjoy paying compliments?

The following is a short prayer from "I've Got to Talk to Somebody, God", entitled THE COMPLIMENT.

I want to suggest a new Beatitude: "Blessed are the sincere who pay compliments."

For I have just had a compliment, and it has changed my day.

I was irritated. Tired. Discouraged. Nothing seemed much use. Now suddenly all this is changed.

I feel a spurt of enthusiasm, of energy and joy. I am filled with hope. I like the whole world better, and myself, and even you.

Lord bless the person who did this for me.

He probably hasn't the faintest idea how his few words affected me. But wherever he is, whatever he is doing, bless him. Let him too feel this sense of fulfillment, this recharge of fire and faith and joy.

Thank you, God, for this simple miracle so available to all of us. And that we don't have to be saints to employ its power.

Remind me to use it more often to heal and lift and fortify other lives: a compliment!

Sincerely,
Hubert W. Miazza
Chaplain

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

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to withdraw from the Federal Union on account of any real or supposed grievance, shall never be assumed by this State, nor shall any law be passed in derogation of the paramount allegiance of the citizens of this State to the government of the United States."? Because the US Constitution did not prevent secession!

Use those arguments the next time a Yankee calls you a traitor!

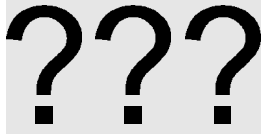
"Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable a most sacred right — a right which we hope and believe is to liberate the world. Nor is this right confined to cases in which the whole people of an existing government may choose to exercise it. Any portion of such people that can, may revolutionize and make their own of so much of the territory as they inhabit." -- Abraham Lincoln to Congress on January 12, 1848, concerning Texas splitting off from Mexico. What happened between 1848 and 1860?

"Force may perpetuate a Union. That depends upon the contingencies of war. But such a Union would not be the Union of the Constitution. It would be nothing short of a consolidated despotism." -- Alexander Stephens to A. Lincoln, December 30, 1860.

"The country has decided by the most prolonged and fearful war, by the successful operations of vast armies and navies, by an incalculable sacrifice of precious life, and an enormous expenditure of money, that, whether lawful or unlawful, constitutional or unconstitutional, there shall be no secession of states from the Union. The doctrine of State sovereignty, which was the only plea of the rebellion, has been judged in the battle-field and overthrown by arms." -- Harper's Weekly Journal Of Civilization, November 25, 1865.

Deo Vindice
Emmett Eaton,
Camp Commander



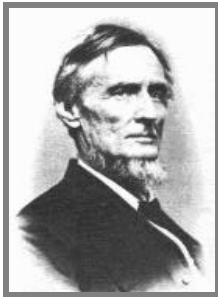


Trivia Question:

This month's question asks: When formally organized into regiments, companies were given letter designations. Ten letters were used beginning with "A". One letter was left out in the sequence, however. Which letter was it?

September's question asked: What were the Union and Confederate Armies called at the time of First Manassas?

The answer: The Union army was known as The Army of Northern Virginia and the Confederate army was known as The Army of the Potomac. This, of course, is exactly opposite naming from what each of the armies eventually were re-named to be.



Commander's Column

TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

Alas, I was not able to attend our September 2007 meeting. Funny how work sometimes gets in the way of what we'd rather be doing. I understand that the meeting went well and that 1st Lt. Commander Randy Rogers did an outstanding job. I did not expect otherwise. We have a great cadre of officers and our membership grants us a great pool of talent on which to draw from.

Speaking of that; we still are in need of filling our 2nd Lt Commander slot. I would like for someone to nominate a candidate. A 2nd Lt. Commander will work with the raffle committee to assure we have prizes at each meeting. He will be in line for the 1st Lt Commander's position which is program chairman and ultimately Camp Commander. Will the camp membership think about a nominee?

At our October meeting I will be accepting volunteers for committees to work on our Confederate Memorial ceremony in April 08 as well as one to initiate recruitment and retention of our membership. Please consider volunteering (I don't want to have to volunteer you!).

The most controversial discussion about the War Between the States usually focuses on secession. When the States that became the Confederacy seceded was it: treasonous or Constitutional? Volumes have been written about this issue. But it seems pretty simple. For secession to be illegal, the Constitution had to contain a prohibition against it, but no evidence exists of such a prohibition. On the other hand, no specific constitutional affirmation of the right of secession was necessary for it to be legal. Secession was not only considered a legal, constitutionally sanctioned act, the principles of secession were taught at the anti-bellum U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The textbook, View of the Constitution of the United States of America, was written in 1825 by William Rawle, a Philadelphia attorney. Jefferson Davis, Lee, Jackson and many others who had been schooled at West Point did not view secession as treasonous but were only doing what was constitutionally allowed and called for.

If the South couldn't secede why did the States have to be accepted back into the Union? Why did Mississippi have to put the following into its 1868 Constitution: "The right

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