

# Reveille



Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Jefferson Davis Camp No. 635

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## ○ October Meeting ○ Exploring WBTS-era Tunnels

Commander Emmett Eaton reports that he has secured presented for a unique program in September, Mark Fielder will present a program about his discovery of tunnels from the WBTS era which were large enough to haul artillery through. He will talk about his exploration of the these tunnels and what their purpose may have been.

Everyone come and bring a recruit!

**When:** October 28, 2008. 6:00 pm.

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

*See you there!*



**A**nd ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you.

**A**nd in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

**H**itherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

**T**hese things have I spoken unto you in proverbs: but the time cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall shew you plainly of the Father.

**A**t that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you:

**F**or the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

John 16:22-27  
(KJV)

## September Meeting Report

### MDAH/Old Capitol Museum



The September program was a presentation by Clay Williams from the MS Dept. of Archives and History

on the renovation/repair of the Old Capitol and the purpose it will be put to following reopening

Compatriot Dan Duggan gave his "this date in the WBTS" (September 23) presentation.

The "Dixie Hummingbirds" were not present but Compatriot Elmo Allen played a beautiful recorded rendition of "Dixie" by the Norman Luboff Choir.

### It's Dues Time Again!

By the time you receive this issue of the newsletter, your dues will be late; therefore, anyone not having already paid should add the IHQ required late fee of \$5 to the \$55 for full membership. Please remit dues directly to Ron Stowers as indicated below.

Make check or money order payable to Jefferson Davis Camp 635, SCV and send to  
**Ron Stowers, Adjutant**  
**P.O. Box 16945**  
**Jackson, MS 39236**

Dues may also be given to Ron at the next meeting.

### Last letter of Pvt. Jeremiah Gage, 11th Mississippi, July 3rd, 1862

This is a true story, recorded by Dr. John Holt, a physician who was with the 11th Mississippi at Gettysburg. Pvt. Jeremiah Gage was mortally wounded during the cannonade on July 3rd and brought to the first aid hospital behind Seminary Ridge by his comrades. Pvt. Gage was in great agony and asked Dr. Holt how long he had to live. Dr. Holt replied "A very few hours." He asked for a dose of "black drop" (a concentrated solution of opium) to ease his pain and make him sleep his last few hours on this earth.

Dr. Holt asked "Have you no message to leave" before he administered the black drop to Pvt. Gage. Gage replied that he would like to write a letter to his dear Mother. This touching letter is a testament to Pvt. Gage's character, sense of duty, and honor of the Confederate soldier. The letter . . .

"Gettysburg Penn., July 3rd.

My dear Mother,

This is the last you may ever hear from me. I have time to tell you that I died  
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### In Memoriam Wilmuth (Bill) Lucas Diamondhead, MS

In response to the recent membership dues reminders sent by Adjutant Ron Stowers, the camp was notified of the passing of Compatriot Lucas, an eighteen-year member of the camp. Compatriot Lucas pass away at age 74 on April 22, 2008. His widow, Mrs. Carla Lucas reports that "Dixie" was played at his funeral, a request he had made many years ago.

### Welcome New Member

In September the camp welcomed new member **James Marcus Jones**, who joins on the service of his ancestor James Cole, Sergeant, Harvey Scouts of Mississippi Cavalry. Compatriot Jones was sponsored by Compatriot Jack Davis (Sgt. Jack of pepper sauce fame).

Welcome!

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## Calendar

### October 28, 2008

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### November 25, 2008

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### December ??, 2008

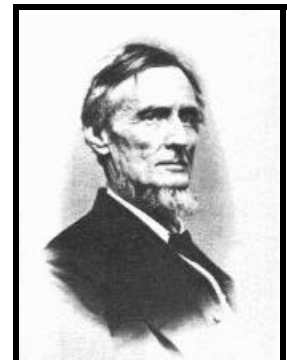
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### January 27, 2009

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### February 24, 2009

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



## Reveille Dedication

There is no dedication this  
month

### Chaplain's Dispatch

In the heat of the current political campaigns the honesty and the integrity of the various candidates are questioned by their opponents and by others. One dictionary defines honesty as "fairness and straightforwardness of conduct" and "adherence to the facts." The following is a tale of the old-fashioned honesty of an old man long ago, which speaks to us today.

There was a war in Germany long ago, and thousands of soldiers were scattered over the country. A captain of the cavalry, who had a great many men and horses to feed, was told by his colonel that he must get food from the farms nearby. The captain walked for some time through the lonely valley, and at last knocked at the door of a small cottage. The man who opened it looked old and lame. He leaned on a stick.

"Good day, sir," said the captain. "Will you kindly show me a field where my soldiers can cut the grain and carry it off for our army?" The old man led the soldiers through the valley for about a mile, and in the distance they saw a field of barley waving in the breeze.

"This is just what we want. We'll stop here." exclaimed the captain.

"No, not yet," said the old man. "You must follow me a little farther."

After another mile or two, they came to a second field of barley. The soldiers dismounted, cut down the grain, tied it in sheaves, and rode away with it.

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where money-making is the chief end of life. They have, above all, and giving value to all, that supreme and superb constancy which, without regard to personal ambition and without yielding to the temptation of wealth, without getting tired and without getting diverted, can pursue a great public object, in and out, year after year and generation after generation."

Pretty apt description for the Southern Gentlemen I know!!

Deo Vindice  
Emmett Eaton,  
Camp Commander

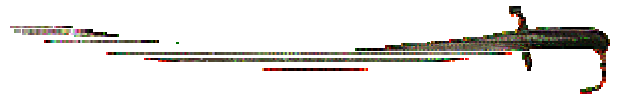
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like a man. Bear my loss best you can. Remember that I am true to my country and my greatest regret at dying is that she is not free and that you and my sisters are robbed of my worth whatever that may be. I hope this will reach you and you must not regret that my body can not be obtained. It is a mere matter of form anyhow. This is for my sisters too as I can not write more. Send my dying release to Miss Mary . . . you know who.

J.S. Gage, Co. A, 11th Miss.  
Richland, Holmes County, Miss.

This letter is stained with my blood."

Quoted from "Picket's Charge, Eyewitness Accounts" edited by Richard Rollins



Then the captain said to the old farmer: "Why did you make us walk so far? The first field of barley was better than this one." "That is true, sir," answered the honest old man, "but it was not mine."

Sincerely,  
Hubert W. Miazza  
Chaplain

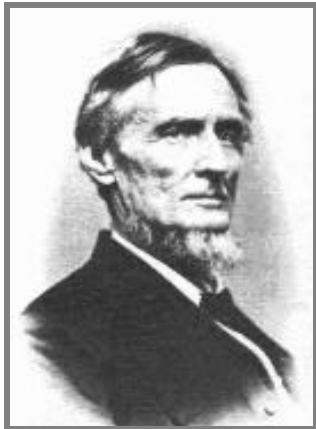
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**Trivia Question:**

This month's question asks: What young South Carolina sergeant took water to wounded enemies and became known as the "Angel of Marye's Heights"?

September's question asked: Who spent his first 13 months in Confederate uniform without coming under fire or taking part in a general engagement?

The answer:  
Robert E. Lee



# Commander's Column

## TO MY FELLOW COMPATRIOTS:

How time flies! It is October already and we had a great program in September. Clay Williams, newly appointed Director of the Old Capitol Museum, gave us a good perspective of the restoration effort underway on the Old Capitol. The Old Capitol was heavily damaged during Hurricane Katrina and due to that damage a massive restoration program is being undertaken. Mr. Williams indicated that the Old Capitol will be restored to look as it did when originally completed in 1839. The red brick on the North, South and West sides will be stuccoed to look like limestone. This was done originally to match the limestone foundation. The East (or rear) side is to be left brick, as was the original, because that was the Pearl River swamp and not normally viewed. Much work will be done on the interior and interactive displays will replace much of what we remember as exhibits. The Old Capitol's new mission will be to teach Mississippi Government and the effect that has had on the state.

The Museum of Mississippi History will move into a new facility to be constructed just to the north of the William F. Winter Archives and History Building. Architectural designs of the new Museum of Mississippi History have been completed and new exhibits are now being planned. In this state-of-the-art facility, the museum will tell Mississippi's history from the earliest times to the present, exploring all aspects of the state's rich cultural heritage.

Mr. Clay was asked two questions that he is always queried on: 1) What about the mummy? and, 2) What about the trains at Christmas? You'll have to visit the Old Capitol to find out.

Thanks to Mr. Elmo Allen for bringing us a beautiful rendition of Dixie. He provided us the musical portion of our program in the Hummingbirds absence.

Sen. Hoar of Massachusetts, speaking of the South on the floor of the U. S . Senate on the 23rd of February, 1889. Sen. Hoar did not understand the South and it's problems before, during and after Reconstruction, nor was he unbiased toward the South, but he sure did have a good understanding of Southern men.

"They have some qualities which I cannot even presume to claim in an equal degree for the people among whom I, myself, dwell. They have an aptness for command which makes the Southern gentleman, wherever he goes, not a peer only, but a prince. They have a love for home; they have, the best of them, and the most of them, inherited from the great race from which they come, the sense of duty and the instinct of honor as no other people on the face of the earth. They are lovers of home. They have not the mean traits which grow up somewhere in places

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