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The Charge

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

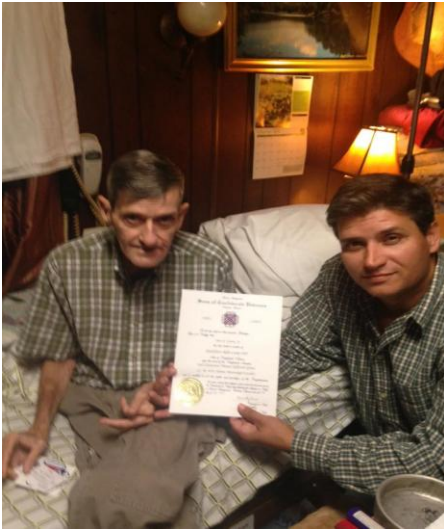
Given at New Orleans, LA in a speech on April 25, 1906 to the SCV National Convention by Lt. Gen. Stephen D Lee.

From the Commander's Desk

By: Camp Commander Don Green

Greetings everyone,

We had a very busy April with honoring our Confederate Veterans. Mr. Charles Gray gave an informative presentation on the history of Hancock County and was voted in as an Associate Member. Now we are moving to get in gear to collect signatures for Initiative 58. We, as a whole, are significantly behind on gaining the required signatures. At last count we were around 10% of the needed 87,000 statewide. We will be looking at setting up at places around Hancock County this summer and in the fall to help get these signatures. We need them completed by November to put the Initiative 58 on the ballot for a vote in 2018 to put the flag permanently in the state constitution where it can not be removed, except by taking the same measures we are. On another note, we lost our first Camp Member when my father passed April 23, 2016. He was a charter member and believed in what we are doing whole-heartedly. My family appreciates all of the prayers and thoughts for him and our family we received during that time period. Division Commander Louis Foley will be at our meeting this Tuesday.



In Memorandum for Camp Member Don P. Green, Sr. RIP January 28, 1950 – April 23, 2016.

Upcoming Events

May 27, 2016 5th Brigade Quarterly Meeting;
Dixie Community Center; Hattiesburg, MS. 7pm.

June 28, 2016 Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263
Monthly Meeting; American Lergion; 6pm

May 28, 2016 John Ford Home Reenactment;
Sandy Hook, MS; All Day Event.

July 9, 2016 Possible set up for Initiative 58
Crabfest or somewhere in the County.

May 31, 2016 Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263
Monthly Meeting; American Legion; 6pm.

July 13-16, 2016 SCV National Reunion;
Dallas, TX. Annual National Reunion.

June 10-11, 2016 – Miss. Div. Meeting at
Beauvoir; Annual State Reunion.

July 26, 2016 Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263
Monthly Meeting; American Lergion; 6pm

Media Pages Update

We have a Camp website up and running for recruiting purposes and to pass on information to others on the World Wide Web. 1st Lt. Brad Johnson was instrumental in constructing this site & serves as its webmaster for the Camp. He has added more tabs and information to our site & it looks very good. It can be found at: www.shieldsborrifles.org. Beauvoir is in the process of merging its two websites into one site. More to come here. Other pertinent sites can be found below:

- Camp Website: www.shieldsbororofles.org**
- Brigade Website: www.dgreen1865.wix.com/5th-brig-ms-div-scv**
- Division Website: www.mississippiscv.org**
- Beauvoir Website: www.visitbeauvoir.org ; www.beauvoir.org**
- National Website: www.scv.org**

Members in Action



Camp Commander Don Green portrays the Confederate Major in Charge May 14, 2016 at the Fort Gaines Reenactment. He accepts the Fort's Surrender as part of the Battle of Mobile Bay.



Camp #2263 Commander Don Green & Camp #2236 Commander Oran Thomas are set up at the Pascagoula Gun Show on May 21, 2016. Commander Thomas also set up the following day.



Camp Member J. W. Binion and his wife Donna take a photo with Gov. Phil Bryant.



Camp Members J. W. Binion and Beau Ladner at the 2016 Trail of Honor.

List of Speakers for Upcoming Camp Meetings

May 31, 2016 – Division Commander Louis Foley; Miss. Div., SCV

June 28, 2016 – Charles Tucker; The Confederate Soldier

July 26, 2016 – Larry McCluney; Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard

August 30, 2016 – Don Green; Period Musical Instruments

September 27, 2016 – Dwayne Bremer; WBTS Stories (Tentative)

Confederate Heritage Proclamation



The Battle of Champion Hill

Champion Hill, the decision battle of the Vicksburg Campaign, began about 7:00 a.m. Lieutenant General John C. Pemberton, the Confederate commander, deployed his three divisions in a three mile-long battle line that ran from southwest to northeast along a ridge overlooking Jackson Creek. His position was suited for defense and was especially formidable against attacks along the Middle and Raymond roads. He was, however, unaware that one of the three Union columns was pushing down the Jackson Road toward his unprotected left flank on Champion Hill. If unchecked, this Union force could capture Edwards and cut the Confederates off from their base of operation - Vicksburg. Shortly aft 9:00 a.m. a courier brought warning of the Federal advance along the Jackson Road. Confederate troops were shifted to the left to cover Champion Hill and protect the vital crossroads. Federal soldiers arrived near the Champion house, swung from column into double line of battle and unlimbered their artillery. The battle roared into action.

Major General Grant established his headquarters at the Champion house. He ordered his 10,000 men on the Jackson Road to move forward in magnificent style with flags flying. The long blue lines extended westward beyond the Confederate flank. To meet this threat, Confederate troops shifted farther to the west creating a gap between the forces defending the crossroads and those defending the Raymond Road.

By 11:30 a.m. the Federals closed in on the Confederate main line of resistance. With a cheer they stormed the position. The fighting was intense as the battle raged on Champion Hill. The lines swayed back and forth as charge and countercharge were made. Shortly after 1:00 p.m. the strength of numbers prevailed. The blue tide swept over the crest of Champion Hill.

The Confederates fell back in disorder to the Jackson Road followed closely by the hard-driving Federals. The powerful Union drive captured the crossroads and severed the Jackson Road escape route. Confronted by disaster, Pemberton ordered his two remaining divisions to counterattack. Leaving one brigade to guard the Raymond Road, the Confederates moved from their right along the Ratliff Road toward the crossroads. Brigadier General John S. Bowen's 4,500 men attacked the Federals near the crossroads. Using bayonets they drove the Federals back and gained control of Champion Hill. Outnumbered, the Confederate attack faltered short of the Champion house.

Grant ordered up fresh troops to drive back the Confederates and moved the Federals forward along the Middle and Raymond roads. Confederate resistance was shattered and Pemberton ordered his army from the field.

Federal combat strength: 32,000. Casualties: 2,441.

Confederate combat strength: 22,000. Casualties: 3,840.

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