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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

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year everyone,

The new year is fastly approaching and the time for New Year's Resolutions is amongst us. 2017 could be a banner year for our young Camp as we have renewed dues and are almost back to the numbers we chartered with. As we will not have a Camp Meeting this month due to the holidays, next month we will kick the year off with our 2nd Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet. We will have more information later in this newsletter about the banquet . At our monthly Camp Meeting on Tuesday November 29, 2016, we elected officers for the 2017 campaign year and had a presentation by Camp Adjutant Beau Ladner on Ironclads. Officers for the upcoming year are listed at the top of this page, with J. P. Stelly being elected to 2nd Lt. Commander & Dorty Necaize taking over 1st Lt. Commander. I will be looking at appointed officers into the new year and selcting accordingly. We hope to see you at the Lee-Jackson Banquet on Jan. 21, 2017 and bring a friend if you think they would be interested in joining the Shieldsboro Rifles.

Camp Photos



Members of the Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 participated in the Wreathes Across America Program hosted by the Honey Bees Organization at Rotten Bayou Cemetery on Saturday December 17, 2016 in Diamondhead, MS.



Camp Commander Don Green and Associate Member Daryl Ladner salute Pierre Guardia at his grave.



Gainesville Vols Camp #373 Members Daryl Ladner & Alan Spence pose for a photo with a young Boy Scout.

Media Pages Update

*Jan. 21, 2017 2nd Annual Lee Jackson Banquet
Lakeshore Baptist Church; Bay St. Louis, MS. 5pm*

*April 22, 2017 Beauvoir Memorial Service
Biloxi, MS. 12pm Lunch; 2pm Service*

*Feb. 24-26, 2017 John Ford Home Reenactment
John Ford Home Site; Sandy Hook, MS.*

*April 22, 2017 MS Division Memorial Service
Soldeir's Rest; Vicksburg, MS. TBA.*

*March 3, 2017 (Tentative) 5th Brigade Meeting
Dixie Community Center; Hattiesburg, MS.*

*June 9-11, 2017 MS Division Reunion;
Oxford, MS.; More to come*

*March 10-13, 2017 Cuba Station Reenactment
Gainesville, AL.*

*July 19-23, 2017 SCV National Reunion
Memphis, TN.; More to come*

Call to Arms

We are looking to form our own unit to be the 3rd Mississippi Infantry for Memorial Services and Reenactments here locally. This is an idea I have had for sometime now and other members are showing interest. We want to be able to field our own unit to participate in events to honor our ancestors, as well as the namesake for our Camp. We will welcome others to fall in with us to form a good, diverse Confederate Company. The impression will be coastal defense which will allow for a mixture of branches ranging from dismounted cavalry to artillery. The main drill will be Hardee's Tactics which will mainly put us as infantry. But, my experience will allow us to have flexibility for the impression we want to use for that event. We want to be able to outfit the unit with uniforms, camp all weekend if need be, and enjoy the comradery that has brought us all together. Between Beau, myself and some others who will join us along the way, we can supply uniforms and gear to get started. If you do not have any gear, or have partial gear, come anyway and we will finish supplying you with the necessary items. If we can not complete your uniform, we will borrow from others at the event. We want to try to do our first event at the John Ford Home in Sandy Hook the last weekend in February. All who are interested, contact Commander Green for more planning of the 3rd Miss. Inf.

Media Pages Update

We are looking at creating a new website for a minimum fee, possibly free, for the Camp. Our original website was a bit costly and has not been renewed as of yet. 2nd Lt. Commander J. P. is looking at this for us and will report to us at the Banquet.

Camp Website: In Progress

Brigade Website: www.dgreen1865.wix.com/5th-brig-ms-div-scv

Division Website: www.mississippiscv.org

Beauvoir Website: www.visitbeauvoir.org ; www.beauvoir.org

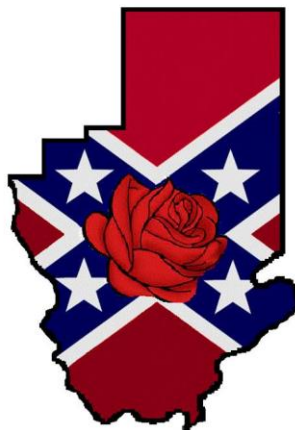
National Website: www.scv.org

2nd Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet

Camp #2263 & Camp #373 will hold the 2nd Annual Banquet to honor the Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson on Saturday Jan. 21, 2017. It will take place again at Lakeshore Baptist Church down in lower Bay St. Louis and start at 5pm, with a social/set up time around 4pm. Brother Elbourne and Lakeshore have been gracious enough to allow us to hold it at their nice facility right across the road from the church. There will be no charge or fee to attend and the camp will cover the meat and the candles. It will be potluck, so everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish along with a tea or dessert. We will have a speaker talk about the two generals we are to honor as well as honoring our own ancestors. Each member will be given a candle to remember the honor of one Confederate ancestor. Period dress is highly recommended, but in no way mandatory; we just want you to attend this special event. The address for Lakeshore Baptist Church is 6028 Lakeshore Rd., Bay St. Louis, MS. 39520. Contact any of your officers for more details if you need them.

Order of the Confederate Rose

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*HANCOCK COUNTY CHAPTER,
HANCOCK COUNTY, MS*

Camp #2263 and 373 will be helping to start an OCR Chapter in Hancock County. All ladies 12 years and older are eligible to join. We had a lot of interest this year and feel like 2017 will be the year to charter this wonderful organization. Contact Breezy Bice at blbice@live.com for more information.

The Battle of Coffeeville

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant never gave up Mississippi and capturing Jackson, the capital, and Vicksburg. At the end of November, he headed south from the Memphis area. This generated a frenzy of activity for the Confederate army scattered across North Mississippi.

Grant's first march to Vicksburg followed the Mississippi Central Railroad out of southwest Tennessee. On December 1st, resisting Mississippi Confederates, close by the railroad north of Abbeville, pulled out of south-bank entrenchments along the Tallahatchie River and moved south. Union XIII Corps' cavalry commander, Col. T. Lyle Dickey, ordered to pursue, gathered his troops near Abbeville on the 2nd and skirmished with Maj. Gen. Earl Van Dorn's rear guard through town, down the railroad, and through Oxford.

On the 3rd, Dickey divided his force in 4 different parts: 1 regiment secured Oxford; Col. John K. Mizner's men, dispatched west, roved the right flank looking for the Confederates; Cols. Albert L. Lee and Edward Hatch headed up 2 columns, Hatch's traveling the Coffeeville Road south and Lee's moving down a parallel route on the east. Grant sent Dickey encouragement to press the Confederates as far as possible. Hatch hit stout resistance on the Yocknapatalfa River. Following behind his columns, Dickey sent word forward ordering Lee to ride to Hatch's support, cross the river, and then press on for Coffeeville.

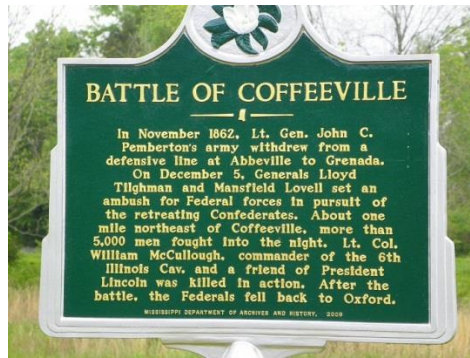
Dickey caught up with his force the next day below the Yocknapatatalfa at Water Valley and found that rough terrain and resistance had kept Lee and Hatch from receiving orders. They met at Water Valley by accident after Hatch was driven from the hamlet by superior numbers. At Dickey's direction, Mizner also arrived shortly. Union units, some scattered below the Confederates at Grenada, others to the west, composed the nearest support. Dickey, unsure of Confederate numbers behind or in front, decided to press pursuit one more day, perhaps making contact with other Union forces.

Dickey's men crossed the Otuckalofa River south of Water Valley the morning of the 5th, pressing down the Coffeeville Road as 1 column. They hit Van Dorn's skirmishers at 2:00 P.M., fanned out forming a broad front, and moved within a mile of Coffeeville. Resistance briefly cooled. Having hauled 2 cannon with them, they probed the Confederate's front with artillery fire. From a screened front, Confederates answered with 6 cannon and sent an infantry battle line forward.

Maj. Gen. Mansfield Lovell and Brig. Gen. Lloyd Tilghman, Van Dorn's subordinates, commanded the defense. Federals, reeling under superior fire, organized a fighting retreat and withdrew, alternating defensive lines. Tilghmean admitted that "the tactics of the enemy did them great credit", but volunteered pursuit. With Col. William H. Jackson's 700 cavalry and about 600 infantry, he pressed Dickey's force until nightfall, when the Federals secured a superior position opposite a large open field. The engagement broke off.

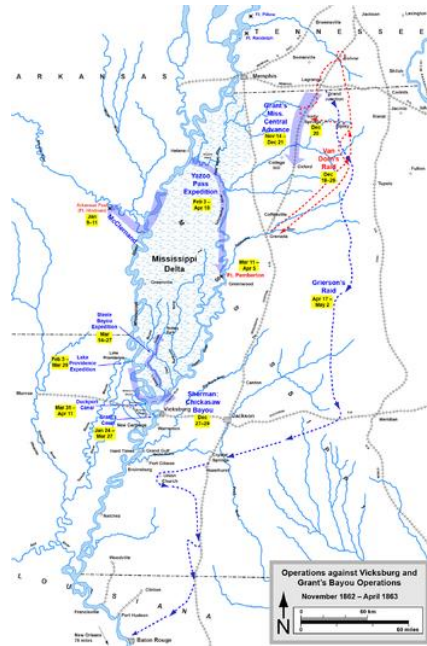
Dickey's cavalry returned to Grant's line unmolested. The pursuit from the Tallahatchie netted them 750 prisoners, 200 horses, 4 wagons, and \$7,000 in Confederate money. Van Dorn summed up the engagement in a 2-sentence report, saying Federals had learned a lesson about pursuit. The Battle of Coffeeville brought Grant's Mississippi invasion via Tennessee to a halt. He pulled his army back to Oxford.

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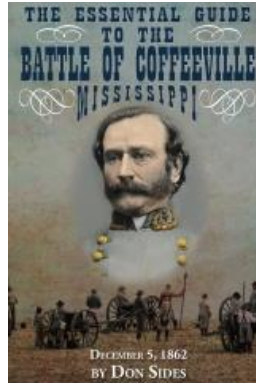
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