



# The Hancock Rebel



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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.*

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## From the Commander's Desk

**By: Camp Commander Don Green**

Greetings,

*With the Mardi Gras in full swing, that means the Ides of March are upon us. With the coming of Spring, that means the reenacting and memorial seasons are approaching fast. With the upstart of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry Regiment of Reenacting Group, we are preparing to participate in some of these local events. We had our first organizational drill at Beauvoir during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History last Saturday February 18, 2017. Upcoming events for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss and Camp #2263 can be found later in this newsletter. There will be a lot of things to participate in and immerse yourself in local history. Our speaker's list is coming along, as well, as there is more interest in the OCR Chapter. We will be back at the American Legion next Tuesday February 28, 2017 at 6pm with Shelby Harriel presenting on Women Who Dressed as Men During the War. We understand that is Fat Tuesday, but feel it is necessary to have our Camp Meeting anyway. Please feel free to join us after the parades and revelry.*

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## ***Camp Photos***



***Members of the Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 participated in the first drill for the newly formed 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf. Reg. Reenacting Group at Beauvoir during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History held on Saturday February 18, 2017.***



***Camp Lt. Commanders Dorty Necaize and JP Stelly dressed out at Beauvoir for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. Living History.***



***Associate Member Steve Thoms dressed out for his first time at Beauvoir and really had a blast doing so.***

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## Schedule of Events

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

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

*March 3, 2017 Confederate Flag Day; Beauvoir;  
Biloxi, MS. 10am*

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

*March 10, 2017 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Meeting  
Dixie Community Center; Hattiesburg, MS.*

*May 6, 2017 Surrender at Citronelle; Camp  
Pushmataha; Citronelle, AL.*

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

*May 19-21, 2017 Thunder on the Bay;  
Fort Gaines; Dauphin Island, AL.*

*March 18, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History; Beauvoir;  
Biloxi, MS. 9am*

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

*March 24-26, 2017 Port Hudson Reenactment; Port Hudson  
State Site; Jackson, LA.*

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

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## Call to Arms

*We are looking to form our own unit to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 will continue to drill every month at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living Histories at Beauvoir. We want to try to do our first event at Fort Gaines on Dauphin Island May 20, 2017 as part of Coastal Defense. All who are interested, contact Commander Green for more planning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Inf.*

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## 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.dgreen1865.wix.com/5th-brig-ms-div-scv)*

*Division Website: [www.mississippiscv.org](http://www.mississippiscv.org)*

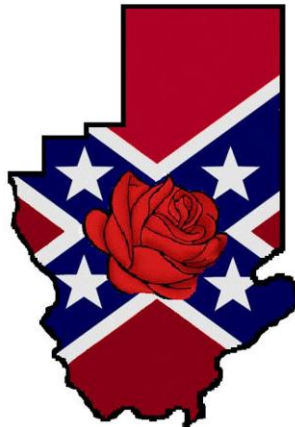
*Beauvoir Website: [www.visitbeauvoir.org](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org) ; [www.beauvoir.org](http://www.beauvoir.org)*

*National Website: [www.scv.org](http://www.scv.org)*

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## 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](mailto:blbice@live.com) for more information.*

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## **Camp Speakers**

**Tuesday February 28, 2017- Shelby Harriel - Women in Combat During the Civil War**

**Tuesday March 28, 2017 – Robert Bonner & Chris Becker – History of the Washington Artillery**

**Tuesday April 25, 2017 – Frank Eggers – General Joseph Shelby**

**Tuesday May 30, 2017 – TBA**

**Tuesday June 27, 2017 – TBA**

**Tuesday July 25, 2017 – TBA**

**Tuesday August 29, 2017 – TBA**

**Tuesday September 26, 2017 – TBA**

**Tuesday October 31, 2017 – TBA**

**Tuesday November 14, 2017 - TBA**

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## **Beauvoir Updates**

**-3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History – As you can tell from our Camp Events Calendar, Reenactors & Living Historians will be setting up every third Saturday at Beauvoir from 9am until to help promote Fall Muster and to educate the visitors on the 1860's military culture.**

**-Meet The Spirits – Started in January and happens every third Saturday Evening. SPARS facilitates the ghost hunts on the property of Beauvoir where many paranormal experiences have happened over the years. Prices and more information can be found at [www.sparsparanormal.com](http://www.sparsparanormal.com).**

**-4<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt – The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place again March 18, 2017 on the beautiful grounds of Beauvoir. There will be different age groups set to look for prize eggs on the site. The cost is \$10 per car load.**

**-Book Fair – There will be a Book Fair in conjunction with Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir to be held on April 22, 2017. This is a chance to meet with authors of currently published period books and look for other books of the time.**

**-President Jefferson Davis Birthday Celebration- Saturday June 3, 2017 Beauvoir will celebrate the birthday of President Jefferson Davis on site. There will be refreshments served during the day.**

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## GENERAL FORREST LOSES HIS YOUNGER BROTHER...

*The Battle of Okolona was fought February 22nd 1864 in Chickasaw County, Mississippi.*

*Union forces made a stand on a ridge, bringing on a series of attacks, at which time Forest's brother Jeffrey Forest was shot and killed. Smith's Union soldiers began a running fight of eleven miles.*

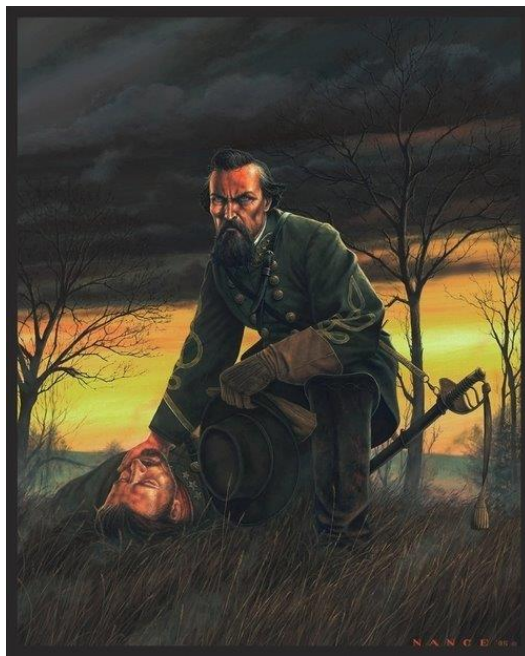
*Forest ordered an end to the pursuit because he was running low on ammunition. Smith's soldiers escaped over the state line back into Tennessee at Collierville on February 26th 1864, where he was criticized for impeding Sherman's Meridian Expedition. Smith resigned from the army and returned to his civilian life. There were about a 150 casualties, about 100 for the Union and 50 for the Confederates.*

*~ † Robert † ~*

*Gravesite of Colonel Jeffery Forrest. Younger brother of General Nathan Bedford Forrest. He is buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis.*

*Jeffery E. Forrest was born 1837 four months after his father died. In June of 1861 he joined the Confederacy in a Tennessee mounted infantry regiment. He rose to the rank of Colonel and commanded the 4th Alabama Cavalry and later the 4th brigade in his brother's command. He was shot in the neck and killed during the Battle of Okolona, Ms.*

*Photo: Artwork of Dan Nance. "Hell to Pay." General Nathan Bedford Forrest mourns the death of his youngest brother, Col. Jeffery Forrest, 1864.*



*Courtesy of Facebook Posts*

