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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 Compatriots,*

*As I pen this report to you, the Scalawag government of the City of New Orleans is in the process of removing the Historical monuments with any and all ties to our beloved Confederacy. Their plan has been clearly outlined and it involves removing, renaming & replacing anything to do with the Confederacy, the War of Northern Aggression and anything with ties to slavery; in essence they are raping the Southern culture & history from the City and are succeeding. Closer to home, the city of Biloxi has taken down the Mississippi State flag. The onslaught against our Confederate & Southern Heritage is happening right before our eyes and will only get worse. Prepare for the oncoming battles we are to fight in the attempt to save our heritage. We have had a very successful April aside from the aforementioned atrocities with a good Camp cleanup day at Beauvoir on Saturday April 8, 2017 and a very memorable Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir this past Saturday April 22, 2017. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry is in full recruiting mode and had a successful encampment and weekend at Beauvoir as well. Our Camp Meeting is this Tuesday April 25, 2017 at the American Legion in Bay St. Louis at 6pm. Compatriot Frank Egger from the Picayune Camp will present to us on Gen. Jo Shelby. We may also have a first hand report from the New Orleans Experience a few of our pards experienced last Sunday. Please make plan to attend.*

## **Camp Photos**



***Members of the Gainesville Volunteers Camp #373 & Washington Artillery 4<sup>th</sup> Co, Robert Bonner & Chris Becker presented on the history of the Washington Artillery at the Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 Meeting in March.***



***Dave Adcox visited the Camp to announce his candidacy for Brigade Commander and address the Camp.***

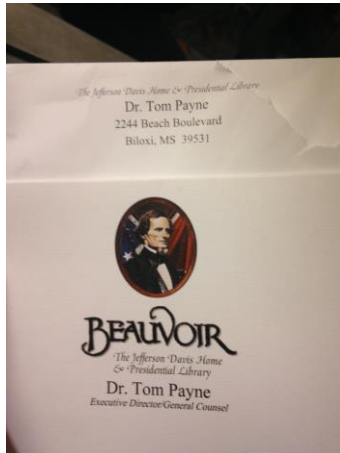


***Capt. Bonner explains more about the History of the Washington Artillery in full dress to Camp Members.***

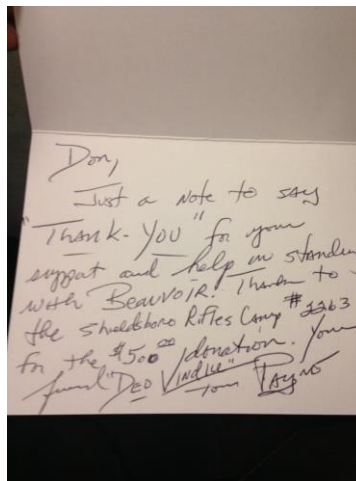
## Camp Photos



**Members of the Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 Dorthy Necaise & Steve Thoms participated in a school day at Beauvoir on Friday March 31, 2017 along with Capt. Daryl Ladner, Lt. Alan Spence & the 7 Stars Artillery.**



**Beauvoir Executive Director Tom Payne sent Camp #2263 a note of appreciation for it's donation and work day.**



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## ***Camp Workday at Beauvoir***



***Members of the Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 Dorthy Necaise, Steve Thoms, Don Green, & Steve Thoms participated in a camp cleanup day at Beauvoir on Saturday April 8, 2017. They worked in Varina's Garden.***



***Steve Thoms's truck was filled with limbs and trash from the workday at Beauvoir held on April 8, 2017.***



***Camp Commander Don Green brought many of his own tools for the workday in which members used.***

## ***Live Oak Cemetery Memorial***



***Members of the Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 Dorthy formed as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry to post colors at the Live Oak Rifles Cemetery Memorial on Saturday April 15, 2017.***



***The 7 Stars Artillery salute the colors at the Live Oak Rifles Cemetery Memorial on April 15, 2017.***



***Group photo of Camps #2263, #2236 & #373 at the Live Oak Rifles Cemetery Memorial at Gautier Cemetery.***

## ***Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir***



***Members of the Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 formed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Inf. & participated in the annual Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir on Saturday April 22, 2017.***



***Future OCR Member Breezy Bice pays tribute to a Soldier at the Beauvoir Cemetery on April 22, 2017.***



***The participants all took a photo around the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Confederate Memorial Day.***

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## **Upcoming Events**

**May 6, 2017 Taylor's Surrender; Camp Pushmataha  
Citronelle, AL. 10am**

**May 19-21, 2017 Thunder on the Bay 2017; Fort Gaines  
Dauphin Island, AL. (3<sup>rd</sup> Miss MAX EFFORT)**

**May 20, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History at Beauvoir  
Biloxi, MS.; 9am**

**May 26, 2017 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Meeting  
Dixie Community Center; Hattoesburg, MS. 7pm**

**June 3, 2017 Pres. Jefferson Davis Birthday  
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS.; TBA**

**June 9-11, 2017 MS Division Reunion;  
Oxford, MS.; <http://www.mississippiscv.org/division-reunion>**

**June 16-18, 2017 Ship Island Event  
Fort Massachusetts; Ship Island(3<sup>rd</sup> Miss MAX EFFORT)**

**June 17, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History at Beauvoir  
Biloxi, MS.; 9am**

**July 15, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History at Beauvoir  
Biloxi, MS.; 9am**

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

**August 19, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History at Beauvoir  
Biloxi, MS.; 9am**

**August 26, 2017 Massacre at Fort Mims  
Stockton, AL.**

**September 16, 2017 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History at Beauvoir  
Biloxi, MS.; 9am**

**October 20-22, 2017 Fall Muster at Beauvoir  
Biloxi, MS. (3<sup>rd</sup> Miss MAX EFFORT)**

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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 we 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 othes at the event. We completed our first drill at the Third Saturday Living History at Beauvoir Saturday February 18, 2017 with success. We have formed up at Confederate Flag Day on March 4, 2017, set up a Living History March 18, 2017 both at Beauvoir, and formed up at Gautier Cemetery for the Live Oak Rifles Memorial on Saturday April 15, 2017. The unit had a very successful weekend at Beauvoir with a gathering the Friday night of Confederate Memorial Weekend at Beauvoir and a full day of events on Saturday April 22, 2017 including drill and the Memorial. Color Bearer Oran Thomas has made the unit a beautiful regimental flag shown below and we have started a Facebook page to communicate with one another. The latest news on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi is that Co K has formed from the central part of the state under the command of the Regiment. Photos of the 3<sup>rd</sup> can be seen below and the schedule can be seen in the Upcoming Events section above. All who are interested in joining and participating, 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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## **Upcoming Speakers List**

*Tuesday May 30, 2017 – AOT Commander Larry McCluney; The Yazoo Pass Expedition: A Union Thrust Into the Delta*

*Tuesday June 27, 2017 – Dorthy Necaise and Don Green; Native Americans in The War for Southern Independence*

*Tuesday July 25, 2017 – Jim Huffman; The Camel Regiment (Potential)*

*Tuesday August 29, 2017 – TBA*

*Tuesday September 26, 2017 – TBA*

*Tuesday October 31, 2017 – TBA*

*Tuesday November 28, 2017 – TBA*

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## Order of the Confederate Rose

ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE



HANCOCK COUNTY CHAPTER,  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MS

**Camsp #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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## April 2017 Proclamation



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## ***How the War Began in One Man's House and Ended in His Parlor***

***Rare is the historical boast more provocative than Wilmer McLean's statement that the U.S. Civil War "began in my front yard and ended in my parlor." Rarer still is one that, like McLean's, is actually true. How did McLean, a 47-year-old Virginia merchant, wind up as the Civil War's alpha and omega, a single man whose residence would bookend a nation's grueling four-year ordeal? As with many of life's great synchronicities, it was mostly about location, timing and luck — or simple misfortune, as the case may be.***



***Virginia merchant Wilmer McLean.***

***On the evening of July 18, 1861 — three months after Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter — a Union cannonball slashed through a wall of McLean's home, landing in his kitchen fireplace and disrupting the Confederate soldiers dining there. "A comical effect of this artillery fight," Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard noted in his diary, "was the destruction of the dinner of myself and staff by a Federal shell that fell into the fire-place of my headquarters at the McLean House."***

***McLean, a retired member of the Virginia militia who was too old to fight, had offered up his strategically positioned home in rural Prince William County, just south of Washington, D.C., as a headquarters for Beauregard and his officers for what was about to turn into the First Battle of Bull Run, the first major battle of the war and considered by many the moment when the Civil War began in earnest.***

***A successful wholesale grocer, McLean had inherited the property, a 1,200-acre plantation amid cornfields and pastures, when he married a widow named Virginia Mason. McLean, his wife, and her two daughters had lived there happily for almost a decade before the war entered their backyard. The***

*bulk of the fighting in the Battle of Bull Run would take place in and around McLean's property, which would ultimately be rented out during the war by Confederate forces, who used the barn as a military hospital and a detention center for captured Union soldiers. The war would follow him, and in its closing days, once again come knocking on Wilmer McLean's door.*

*Despite the risks, McLean made out well for a while, serving as a landlord to the Southern army and helping run sugar and other supplies through Union blockades. By the time of the Second Battle of Bull Run in 1862, however, McLean's business was suffering, his property was in shambles, and his family, including his now-pregnant wife, was growing weary of the danger on their doorstep. So he and his family moved about 120 miles south to a two-story cottage in Appomattox County in south-central Virginia, safely removed from the front lines.*



*Wilmer McLean and his family sit on the porch of his house.*

*But the war would follow him, and in its closing days, once again come knocking on Wilmer McLean's door. In early April 1865, Union troops had surrounded Gen. Robert E. Lee and his retreating Confederate forces in southern Virginia. After one final skirmish near Appomattox, Lee and his troops, hopelessly outnumbered, were forced to surrender. And so, on April 9, Palm Sunday, leaders from both sides commandeered the nicest room in the area, which just happened to be McLean's parlor, to make the cessation of hostilities official.*

*With the Union Army camped outside, the immaculately attired Lee arrived by horse that afternoon to meet with the disheveled Union commander, and future U.S. president, Ulysses S. Grant. And just 25 minutes after they had sat down in McLean's parlor, the Civil War was over. As the vanquished Lee rode off McLean's estate on his gray horse, Grant stood on McLean's front steps and, with his men, saluted his former rival.*

*Undoubtedly a moving, if not sorrowful, sight for the Confederate bystander McLean, but things could have been worse, and soon they were. With the ceremony concluded, Grant's men, including high-ranking Union commanders, set about doing what all victorious soldiers are prone to do — they went foraging in McLean's home for souvenirs. Tables, chairs and other household items — what the soldiers didn't pick clean, local civilians later would from the largely helpless McLean. Maj. Gen. George Armstrong Custer — yes, that General Custer — made off with McLean's desk (now in the Smithsonian), upon which the surrender had been penned.*

*And while the officers did reimburse McLean for some of the bigger-ticket items (including the desk) with what cash they had on hand, they could not compensate him for the full extent of the damage. After the war, his Confederacy notes without value, his home stripped of possessions, McLean and his family relocated yet again, leaving their house to be foreclosed on (it would become a tourist site in 1949). McLean died in 1882, living out the rest of his life as a tax auditor for the IRS — bitter, abused by fate, but with one hell of a story to tell.*

*Courtesy of: <http://www.ozy.com/flashback/how-the-us-civil-war-started-and-ended-in-one-mans-house/40228>*