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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 Compatriots,

We are coming to the cooler months which means the year is drawing closer to an end. We only have one more meeting, so plan to make it to close out 2017; remember, we don't meet in December due to the holiday conflict. Since our last Camp meeting, we sponsored the very successful Victor Ladner Memorial to help honor the Ladner Family on November 29, 2017. I would say over 150 people attended the memorial, most being descendants of the Ladners. It was a grand day down in Lakeshore and a pleasure to be there. We also participated in the Camp Moore Reenactment November 17-19, 2017 where the 3rd Miss Inf Reg't actually drilled, trained and was reorganized in the Spring of 1862. Upcoming will be the McCloud's Mill Reenactment sponsored by a fellow 5th Brigade Camp the Greene County Gaines Warriors Camp 2215 in Leakesville on Dec. 9, 2017. Followed by the Wreaths Across America Event at Rotten Bayou Cemetery in Diamondhead on Dec. 16, 2017. This coming Camp meeting we have our annual officer elections and a Show and Tell, so everyone is invited to bring an item to share with us; a historic story, family history or just something cool. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and ate plenty of holiday helpings of goodies. So make plans to come to the American Legion in Bay St. Louis, MS. on this Tuesday November 28, 2017 at 6pm for our last Camp meeting of the year and bring a recruit.

Camp Photos



SPARS Paranormal came and presented to the Camp on some of their findings at the October Meeting.



SPARS Members look on and participate in the presentation at the Legion in Bay St. Louis on Oct. 24, 2017.



Camp Commander Don Green looks on as the evidence is explained to the Camp Members by SPARS.

Victor Ladner Memorial



Commander Joe Abbott gave a heartfelt presentation at the Ladner Memorial on Oct. 29, 2017.



Camp Adjutant Beau Ladner and Associate Member Breezy Bice placed the wreath at the headstone.



The Shieldsboro Rifles and the participants took a photo around the newly placed headstone.

Camp Moore



The 3rd Miss Inf drilled on Saturday morning to prepare for battle with the Yankees.



As seen here, the 3rd Miss Inf. was officially presented with the Regimental Flag.



The 3rd Miss. Inf. is marching into battle with the newly presented colors leading the way.



Camp #2263 Members Dorthy Necaise, Brian Matheny and Camp #1740 Member Jimbo Dear were marked as “fresh fish” commemorating their first reenactment battle participation.



Capt. Green gives the Orders before the 3rd Miss Inf is deployed for action to defend Camp Moore.



The 3rd Miss Inf is in the heat of battle giving the Yankees the hot lead while driving them away.



The Renactors all form up to give a final volley to the crowd as a thank you for coming.



Headquarters for the Shieldsboro Rifles at Camp Moore with 7 Stars Artillery next door.



Historic Camp Moore is where the 3rd Miss Inf Reg't trained in early 1862.

Upcoming Events

***December 1-3, 2017 Pea Ridge Reenactment
Pea Ridge, AR.***

***December 8-9, 2017 McCloud's Mill Reenactment
Leakesville, MS. (3rd Miss MAX EFFORT)***

***December 9, 2017 Christmas at the Fort
Fort Gaines; Dauphin Island, AL.***

***December 16, 2017 Wreaths Across America
Rotten Bayou Cemetery; Diamondhead, MS. 10am***

***December 16, 2017 Christmas at Beauvoir
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS.***

***January 20, 2018 3rd Saturday Living History
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 9am-3pm***

***January 20, 2018 3rd Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet
Lakeshore Baptist Church; Waveland, MS.***

***February 17, 2018 3rd Saturday Living History
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 9am-3pm***

***February 23-25, 2018 John Ford Home Reenactment
John Ford Home Site; Sandy Hook, MS. (3rd Miss MAX EFFORT)***

***March 3, 2018 Confederate Flag Day
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS.***

***March 17, 2018 3rd Saturday Living History
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 9am-3pm***

***March 23-25, 2018 Port Hudson Reenactment
Port Hudson Historic Site; Jackson, LA. (3rd Miss MAX EFFORT)***

***April 20-21, 2018 Jackson's Crossroads
Jackson, MS. (3rd Miss MAX EFFORT)***

***April 28, 2018 Beauvoir Confederate Memorial Day
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. (3rd Miss MAX EFFORT)***

Call to Arms

We have successfully formed our own unit the 3rd Mississippi Infantry Company F, Shieldsboro Rifles 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 others at the event. This unit will be based out of Beauvoir and will form there for drill each month as a part of the 3rd Saturday Living Histories to support the crown jewel of the Coast. 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. We have also participated in the Surrender Oaks Festival in Citronelle, AL. on May 6, 2017 where Gen Taylor's Troops were paroled and had a good weekend at Fort Gaines for Thunder on the Bay on May 21, 2017. We were able to garrison inside the Fort along with our parads the 7 Stars Artillery. On June 3, 2017, the 3rd Miss formed up at Beauvoir for the Pres. Davis 209th Birthday Celebration. On June 10th, members formed up as the Division Color Guard in Oxford to post colors. On June 16-17, 2017, the 3rd Miss Inf participated out at Ship Island for a very special weekend of events. The unit has formed up in July & August at Beauvoir's 3rd Saturday Living History and helped out at Fort Morgan's Commemorative Day Aug. 5, 2017. The 31st Annual Fall Muster the 3rd Miss Inf returned to the event with a spectacular weekend. It was truly an honor to represent our unit there. Next, the 3rd Miss Inf to participated in the Ladner Memorial down in Lakeshore where many Ladner descendants attended. After that we formed up at historic Camp Moore where the 3rd Miss Inf drilled, trained, and was reorganized in May of 1862. Color Bearer Oran Thomas has made the unit a beautiful regimental flag shown in many of our photos and that flag was presented to the company at Camp Moore. We have started a Facebook page to communicate with one another and pass along dates and information. The latest news on the 3rd Mississippi is that Co. K has formed from the central part of the state under the command of the Regiment, Co. F is now a member of the Gulf Coast Battalion of Reenactors and I was officially elected Captain. Photos of the 3rd can be seen below and the schedule can be seen in the Upcoming Events section above. All interested in joining us contact Commander Green and we will suit you up.

I Beg to Remain Your Obedient Servant.

Capt. Don P, Green, Jr.

Co. F, Shiledsboro Rifles

3rd Mississippi Infantry Reg't

3rd Mississippi Infantry Co. F in Action



3rd Miss Inf Reg't Flag.



3rd Miss Inf forms for first drill.



3rd Miss Inf with 7 Stars Artillery.



3rd Miss Inf Living History at Beauvoir.



Live Oak Memorial-Gautier.



3rd Miss Inf at Beauvoir CMD.



3rd Miss Inf drills at Citronelle.



3rd Miss Inf at Fort Gaines.



3rd Miss Inf at Beauvoir for Pres. B-day.



Div. Color Guard



3rd Miss Inf at Ship Island



9th Conn Inf at Ship Island



Drill with 24th Miss Inf.



Fort Morgan



3rd Saturday Living History



3rd Miss Inf Co F Sign made by Steve Thoms



31st Annual Fall Muster at Beauvoir



Victor Ladner Memorial



Camp Moore

Rotten Bayou Flyer



2017 WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA EVENT

The Honeybees #257, the local chapter of the Navy Wives Club of America, Inc. are sponsoring the National Day of Recognition at the Rotten Bayou Cemetery on December 16, 2017.

This event is for remembering all of our fallen heroes, honoring all who served, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms.

The Honeybees #257 are actively working on Wreath Sponsoring for our local hero's at Rotten Bayou or your family cemetery. For grave specific requests please contact us!

All donations are accepted and greatly appreciated!
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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. 2nd Lt. Commander J. P. is looking at this for us and will report to us in the very near future with possible options .

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

National Website: www.scv.org

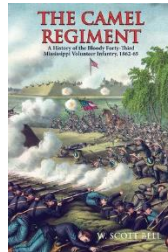
Upcoming Speakers List

Tuesday November 28, 2017 – Camp Show & Tell; Everyone bring something Historical to show

December 2017 – No meeting due to the Holidays; No Presentation

Saturday January 20, 2018 – Lee-Jackson Baquet; TBA

Future Presentation - Jim Huffman; “ The Camel Regiment: A History of the Bloody 43rd MS Infantry, CSA.”



The 43rd Mississippi Infantry of the Confederate States of America is the only regiment to have used a camel militarily east of the Mississippi. Referred to as the Camel Regiment, it was organized in 1862 and surrendered in 1865. Using a variety of resources, the author provides a roster of the regiment along with detailed information on the formation, battles, and controversies surrounding the men. From the acquisition of the African dromedary Old Douglas to carry baggage and musical instruments through his death at Vicksburg and the fate of his fellow soldiers, Bell provides an entertaining historical narrative of this little-known chapter in American history.

Order of the Confederate Rose

ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE



HANCOCK COUNTY CHAPTER,
HANCOCK COUNTY, MS

Camps #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.

Camp Charter



New Division Officers Elected

The 122nd Mississippi Division, SCV, and 23rd MSOCR Reunions were held this past summer in Oxford. Thanks to everyone who traveled to the reunion from across the state. Special thanks to the University Greys Camp for the excellent job hosting this year's outstanding reunion.

Elections were held and the new officers are as follows:

Mississippi Division Commander

Mr. Jeff Barnes

1st Lieutenant Commander

Mr. Conor Bond

2nd Lieutenant Commander

Mr. Carl Ford

Mississippi Division adjutant

Mr. Dan McCaskill

1st Brigade Commander

Mr. Stan Rhoda

1st Brigade Councilman

Mr. Stuart Denman III

2nd Brigade Commander

Dennis Brown

2nd Brigade Councilman

Bill Latham

3rd Brigade Commander

Trent Lewis

3rd Brigade Councilman

John Evans

4th Brigade Commander

Bill Hinson

4th Brigade Councilman

Patrick Charlton

5th Brigade Commander

Jason Smith

5th Brigade Councilman

Charlie Schmitz

Congratulations to the new leadership.

The members of the Mississippi Division look forward to your leadership as we all continue our duty to follow the Charge!

Deo Vindice!

Initiative 62

Should the current State Flag be adopted by Constitutional Amendment?

Initiative Handbook

By Mississippi Division SCV Heritage Defense Committee

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THE PETITION

Initiative Measure No. 62 proposes to amend the Mississippi Constitution to establish the 1894 flag as the ONE Official State Flag for the State of Mississippi, and require that the flag be flown at the principal installations of all State supported institutions, State agencies and political subdivisions.

- This is an official form please keep clean of debris and liquids

PHOTO COPIES

- You can make copies of the petition form; HOWEVER, it must be copied in 8.5 X 14 size, front and back. If you copy it to 8.5 X 11, the entire form will be rejected.
- Signatures cannot be submitted as a photo copy, must be original

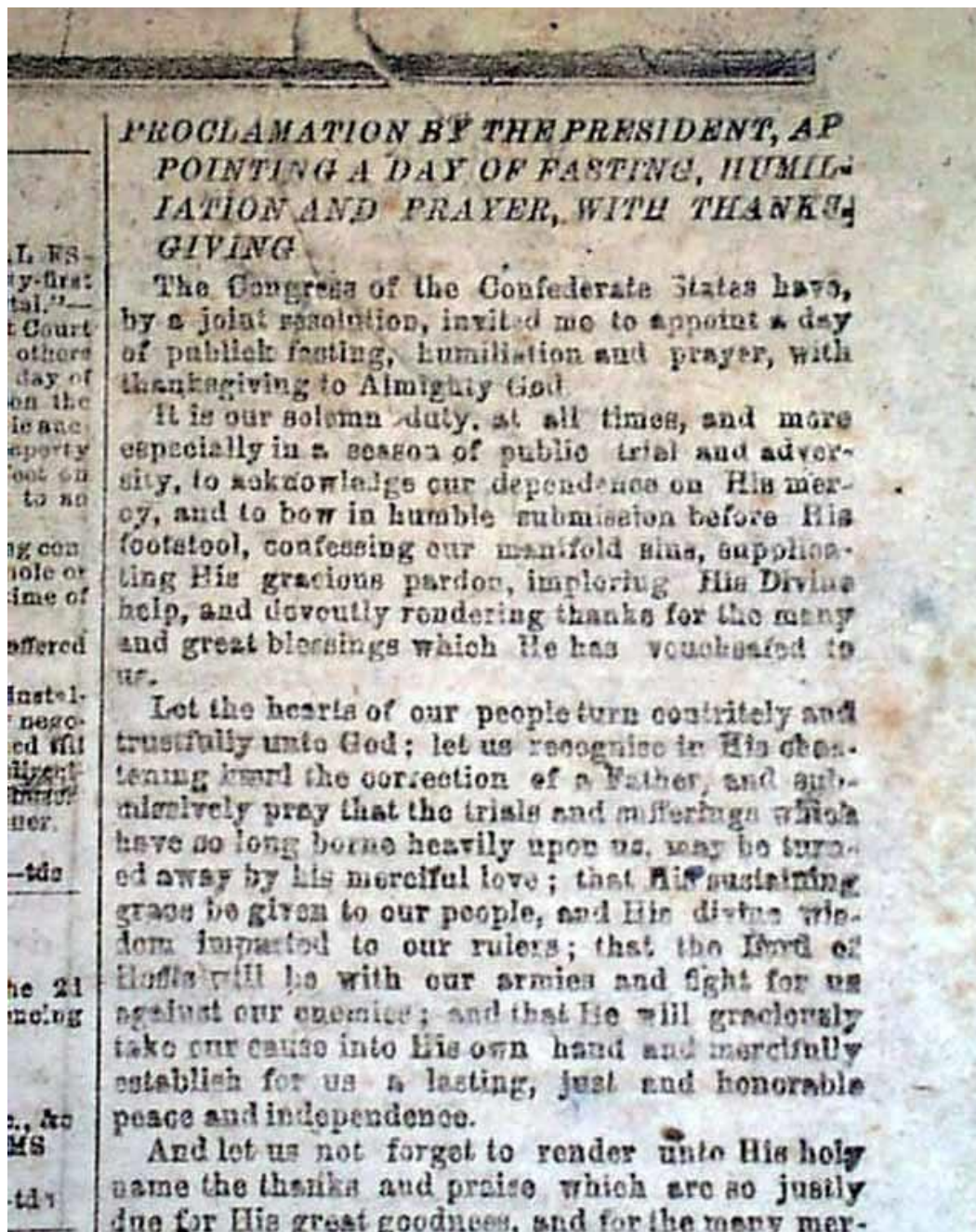
CIRCULATION OF PETITIONS

- Anyone can collect signatures for this petition, please properly train them on all details of this handbook or give a copy of handbook and ask them to review it.



Thanksgiving's First National Declaration

President Jefferson Davis, was the first president to make Thanksgiving Day a national holiday in 1862. His first such proclamation, "a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer," had been issued in 1861. It was not until two years later that Abraham Lincoln copied Davis and announced the first official Thanksgiving Day in the North.



Beauvoir Thanksgiving History

In 1921, Elnathan Tartt, the superintendent of the Beauvoir Old Soldier's Home in Biloxi, wanted to make Thanksgiving Day a very special occasion for the Confederate veterans and their wives under his care at Beauvoir. In keeping with his generous nature, Tartt invited the entire population of the Gulf Coast to join the old veterans in celebrating the season. Admission was free, but Tartt asked that everyone bring with them "a pleasant smile and handshake for the veterans." In response, several thousand showed up and, by all accounts, it was a grand and festive affair. The Thanksgiving feast was but one of the events Tartt (right) provided for the "inmates" at Beauvoir. During most holidays, the superintendent arranged for sumptuous meals for the veterans and spared no expense to ensure that the old Confederates had the opportunity to attend veterans' reunions. He also tried to provide the best medical care available. To do so, Tartt frequently petitioned the Mississippi Legislature for funds to build additional hospital facilities and solicited donations from citizens to provide for the veterans' needs, including a copious supply of chewing tobacco. James Elnathan Tartt's devotion to the veterans of the "late unpleasantness" was obvious to everyone and when Mississippi Governor Mike Conner considered replacing him in 1931, the veterans rallied to his cause and Tartt was able to retain his post. Born in 1867, Elnathan Tartt was himself the son of a Confederate soldier who served in the 36th Alabama Infantry.



Several days before Thanksgiving, the Gulfport Daily Herald published a story about the plans for the Thanksgiving feast. The article included a menu, which listed two hundred pounds of baked turkey, one hundred pounds of chicken and dumplings, four thousand raw oysters, five gallons of cranberry sauce, two thousand pounds of candy, four boxes of oranges, five boxes of apples, six hundred bananas, a 105-ft. jelly roll cake, twenty five gallons of sweet milk, an equal amount of coffee and "an assortment of fresh vegetables." The program for the day featured a brass band from the Gulf Coast Military Academy, and rousing speeches by the presidents of both the military academy and Gulf Park College. Also on the program was a wedding for two of the patients at the Old Soldiers' Home. The groom was a Confederate veteran named Frank Gardner, who served in Co. E, 7th Mississippi Cavalry during the Civil War. Gardner, who was 76 years old at the time, was slated to marry a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, who was a 71 year old bride. Most interesting of all, perhaps, was a footrace between Patrick McLaughlin, a 100-year old veteran of the 10th Louisiana Infantry, and a widow named "Mrs. Nunnery." McLaughlin, an Irish immigrant (lower left), enlisted in the Confederate Army at age 30 and served in the Army of Northern Virginia. According to his service record, he was captured at Woodstock, Virginia, in 1864 and sent to the Point Lookout prison. When Lee surrendered, only 17 men and officers remained in his company. McLaughlin's racing opponent at the Thanksgiving feast was a "Mrs. Nunnery." A widow, Mrs. Nunnery was sixteen years younger than McLaughlin. A

veritable spring chicken, she was no doubt heavily favored to win the race over “Uncle” Pat McLaughlin.



On Thursday, November 24, approximately 2,500 guests arrived at Beauvoir from across the Gulf Coast by automobile and street car. The Thanksgiving dinner, which was provided to the 250 residents of Beauvoir, plus their attendants, began at noon. As promised, the food was bounteous, and included a large supply of turnip greens picked from Beauvoir’s gardens (Superintendent Tartt regularly promoted the health benefits of turnip greens and frequently shared the garden’s produce with the Coast’s residents, “rich or poor, black or white”). The newspaper reported that the 105-foot jelly roll cake “made the feed a complete one.” The public guests arrived at 1:30 p.m. and the festivities began promptly at 2:00 with musical selections by the brass band and several speeches, led by the Hon. Charles Latham Rushing, a local judge and a member of the Biloxi Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, Lodge of Elks and Woodmen of the World. He was also the attorney for the Mississippi Oyster Commission, which might explain the 4,000 oysters. During his address, Rushing expounded on the merits of President Jefferson Davis. Just two years later, at the age of 42, Judge Rushing died after two weeks of illness following “an attack of acute digestion,” leaving behind a wife and several children.



The next speaker on the program was Dr. Richard Garfield Cox. Cox was the founder and first president of Gulf Park College, a female college which was the predecessor of the USM Gulf Park Campus. Interestingly, Cox, even in 1921, was an accomplished pilot. He continued to fly and teach other pilots until his death in 1967. On this day, Dr. Cox (left), who was described as “a fluent

speaker," focused on educational and spiritual matters. Joining him from the Gulf Park College were approximately one hundred young ladies, who gathered on the front porch of the Beauvoir mansion to "sing songs, play musical instruments, and give recitations." The president of the Gulf Coast Military Academy also spoke to the assembled crowd, but the biggest event of the day was scheduled for 3:00, when the wedding was to take place at the main house. After the nuptials, approximately 1,000 people lined up to shake hands with the groom. The long-awaited footrace, meanwhile, took place along a 400-foot path between the steps of the mansion and the front gate. Throughout the festivities, the old soldiers, their wives and the Confederate widows seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly.



As promised, Elnathan Tartt had indeed provided a memorable day for not only the residents of Beauvoir but for many of the Gulf Coast's citizens. Tartt continued to serve as the superintendent and caretaker at Beauvoir for a number of years, but died before the final veterans left the Old Soldier's Home. He is buried in Lauderdale, Mississippi. The last Confederate veterans left the home in 1951. Six years later, the last two widows were moved to a nursing home. "Uncle" Pat McLaughlin, who competed in the footrace, died in 1925 at the age of 104. The newlyweds died soon thereafter. The groom, Frank Gardner of Lafayette County, died in 1926, while his bride (and his fifth wife) passed away in 1928. All three are buried in the Beauvoir Confederate Cemetery in Biloxi, along with more than 800 other Confederate veterans and Confederate widows.

And the winner of the race? As expected, the spry Mrs. Nunnery, just 84 years old, claimed the crown...

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