



# *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 Compatriots,*

*Winter is upon us which has brought us the holidays. Beginning this month we participated in the Wreaths Across America Event at Beauvoir on December 2, 2017. Next we participated with Camp 2215 in the McCloud's Mill Event in Leakesville on Dec. 9, 2017. Several of us braved the snowy weekend to take part in living histories, memorials, parades and reenactments all there in town. That was followed by the Wreaths Across America Event at Rotten Bayou Cemetery in Diamondhead on Dec. 16, 2017 as well as the Christmas at Beauvoir events that same weekend. Our last Camp meeting we had a Show and Tell, where members brought some interesting items for us to see. Your officers were re-elected to the same positions for another year so congratulate them when you see them next. I would like to say it has been an incredible year for our Camp; One which saw us grow in membership from 12 to 32 in our numbers which more than doubled our totals from the previous year. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry Reenacting Group has grown in size also as it has seen action from the beaches of Ft. Gaines to the snowy banks of Leakesville. Both the Camp and the 3<sup>rd</sup> have some wonderful events set for the 2018 campaign year. Next up is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet that will be co-hosted with the Gainesville Vols. Camp #373. It will take place at Lakeshore Baptist Church's Mercy House on Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and Terry "Beetle" Bailey will be our speaker.*

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## ***Camp Photos***



***Camp member Brian Matheny, assisted by his daughter, presented his arrowhead collection for Show & Tell..***



***Camp Member Dorthy Necaise showed his death mask collection to everyone and gave a bio of each of them.***



***Camp Commander Don Green accepted a hand drawn picture from the step-daughter of Member Corey Carver.***

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***Wreaths Across America at Beauvoir***



***Camp Members and Associates participate in the Wreaths Across America at Beauvoir.***



***The wreaths were placed at every grave in the Historic Beauvoir Cemetery on Saturday Dec. 2, 2017.***



***The participants took a photo around the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier after the event was over.***

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## ***McCloud's Mill***



***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf marched in the parade through Leakesville before the Memorial at the courthouse..***



***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf captured the Yankee cannon at McCloud's Mill on Saturday December 9, 2017.***



***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf took a photo around the newly placed marker that commemorated McCloud's Mill.***



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## ***Wreaths Across America at Rotten Bayou***



**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!  
For more information please contact:  
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after 5 PM  
you can also email:  
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***Camp #2263 Members participated in the Wreaths Across America Event at Rotten Bayou.***



***Camo Members and Associates uncover at the ceremony at Rotten Bayou in Diamondhead.***



***7 Stars Artillery fires Miss Elizabeth off on Saturday December 16, 2017.***

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## Christmas at Beauvoir



***Camp #2263 Members participated in the Christmas at Beauvoir Encampment Event.***



***Camp Members and Associates take a photo in the Beauvoir Room after the event Friday.***



***Camp Members and Associates take a photo in the Beauvoir Room after the event Saturday.***

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## **Upcoming Events**

**January 20, 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet**  
**Lakeshore Baptist Church; Waveland, MS.(Camp MAX EFFORT)**

**February 17, 2018 3<sup>rd</sup> Ceremony for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**  
**Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS.(Camp MAX EFFORT)**

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

**March 3, 2018 Confederate Flag Day**  
**Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS.(Camp MAX EFFORT)**

**March 9-11, 2018 Cuba Station Reenactment**  
**Gainesville, AL.**

**March 17, 2018 Ft. McDermott**  
**Spanish Fort, AL.**

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

**April 14, 2018 Live Oak Memorial**  
**Gautier City Cemetery; Gautier, MS. (Camp MAX EFFORT)**

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

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

**May 5, 2018 Citronelle Surrender**  
**Camp Pushmataha; Citronelle, AL. (3<sup>rd</sup> Miss MAX EFFORT)**

**May 18-20, 2018 Thunder on the Bay**  
**Ft. Gaines; Dauphin Island, AL. (3<sup>rd</sup> Miss MAX EFFORT)**

**June 2, 2018 Pres. Jefferson Davis Birthday Celebration**  
**Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. (Camp MAX EFFORT)**

**June 9, 2018 SCV Division Conv. Color Guard**  
**Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS.(Camp MAX EFFORT)**

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## Call to Arms

*We have successfully formed our own unit the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss formed up at Beauvoir for the Pres. Davis 209<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. On June 10<sup>th</sup>, members formed up as the Division Color Guard in Oxford to post colors. On June 16-17, 2017, the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History and helped out at Fort Morgan's Commemorative Day Aug. 5, 2017. The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Muster the 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf returned to the event with a spectacular weekend. It was truly an honor to represent our unit there. Next, the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Lastly, we participated in the snowy weekend at McLoud's Mill in Leakesville where we marched in a parade, commemorated a memorial at the courthouse, and reenacted the battle on the banks of the Leaf River in 4 inches of snow at 30 something degrees. We have started a Facebook page to communicate with one another and pass along dates and information. 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, Co. F is now a member of the Gulf Coast Battalion of Reenactors and I was officially elected Captain. Photos of the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry Reg't*



## ***3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry Co. F in Action***



***3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf Reg't Flag.***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf forms for first drill.***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf with 7 Stars Artillery.***



***3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf Living History at Beauvoir.***

***Live Oak Memorial-Gautier.***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf at Beauvoir CMD.***



***3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf drills at Citronelle.***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf at Fort Gaines.***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf at Beauvoir for Pres. B-day.***



***Div. Color Guard 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf at Ship Island***

***9<sup>th</sup> Conn Inf at Ship Island***

***Drill with 24<sup>th</sup> Miss Inf.***





**Fort Morgan**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf Co F Sign made by Steve Thoms**



**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Muster at Beauvoir**



**Victor Ladner Memorial**



**Camp Moore**



**McLoud's Mill Reenactment**



**Rotten Bayou Cemetery**



**Christmas at Beauvoir**

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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 in the very near future with possible options .*

**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)

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

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## Upcoming Speakers List

**Saturday January 20, 2018 – Lee-Jackson Banquet; Terry “Beetle” Bailey**

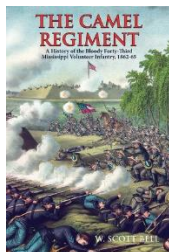
**Tuesday February 27, 2018 – TBA**

**Tuesday March 27, 2018 – TBA**

**Tuesday April 24, 2018 – TBA**

**Tuesday May 29, 2018 – TBA**

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

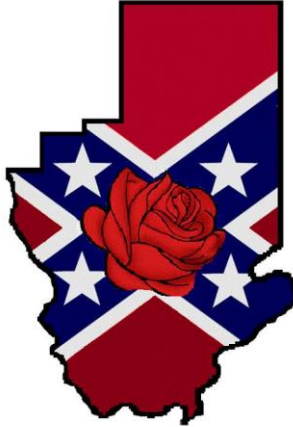


*The 43rd Mississippi Infantry of the Confederate States of America is the only regiment to have used a camel militarily east of the Mississippi. Referred to as the Camel Regiment, it was organized in 1862 and surrendered in 1865. Using a variety of resources, the author provides a roster of the regiment 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.*

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

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## Camp Charter





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## ***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 elections were held and the divisions 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!***

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## 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.



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## **Memphis Statue Removal**

**21 December 2017**

**SUBJECT: LAST NIGHT'S EVENTS IN THE CITY OF MEMPHIS**

**December 20th and 21st were extremely sad and disgraceful days for the City of Memphis, our State, and our Republic.**

**For civilized people throughout the world and for all Tennesseans that believe in the rule of law, the acts of the Memphis City Council should be recognized as being abhorrent and diametrically opposed to a government of the people. The Memphis City Council violated our system of laws, due process, and respect for the law.**

**The Sons of Confederate Veterans has fought efforts to destroy history, and specifically fought for four or five years to prevent the Memphis City Council from removing the Forrest Monument, headstones, and graves. In the courts and through administrative proceedings, the SCV has successfully defended the wrongful and bad intent of the Memphis City Council.**

**Specifically, this past October, in Athens, Tennessee, the Tennessee Historical Commission voted 18 to 6 to deny Memphis's petition to move the Forrest Statue and Monument. The SCV was present and was instrumental in having the City Council's actions denied.**

**In legal and administrative proceedings, Memphis admitted that the Tennessee Historical Commission had jurisdiction over the Forrest Statue. Still, in defiance of the law and legal procedures, they coordinated and sanctioned removal of the Forrest Monument.**

**It has been reported to the SCV that the Tennessee Attorney General repeatedly confirmed that the Forrest Statue and Monuments were being watched and safeguarded against illegal action. The Monument, and grave site, was to be protected until and unless legal proceedings resulted in alternative courses of action. Such was not the result last night.**

**Under the cloak of darkness and in defiance of our State's legal system, Memphis's claim that "We sold the parks to a 3rd party " is under the law, a sham, a deceit, and a subterfuge. It has been reported that Memphis sold the parks for \$1,000.00. Any such action would be shameful and would serve as the Memphis City Council's mockery of both our Judicial system and the Tennessee General Assembly.**

**Legal action by the State of Tennessee should be taken against the Memphis City Council. All residents of Tennessee are encouraged to request legal proceedings against the City by the State of Tennessee, and against anyone responsible for altering, moving, or disturbing the Forrest Statue, monument, or graves.**

**The Sons of Confederate Veterans, especially those members in the Memphis area, have valiantly defended the sanctity of the Forrest Monument, Statue, and graves. The Sons of Confederate Veterans and the legal team fighting to protect State history via the rule of law and through the legal bounds of the Courts and Administrative offices are to be highly commended. Such successful legal action stymied the ISIS-like action of the Memphis City Council, until lawlessness stole the night.**

**The Sons of Confederate Veterans will continue to uphold the law, and will continue to fight against injustice, such as the events in Memphis, Tennessee, on December 21, 2017.**

**Scott D. Hall, Esq  
Judge Advocate-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans**



*Former Forrest Monument in Memphis*



*Forrest Statue Base in Memphis*



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## Raid on Holly Springs

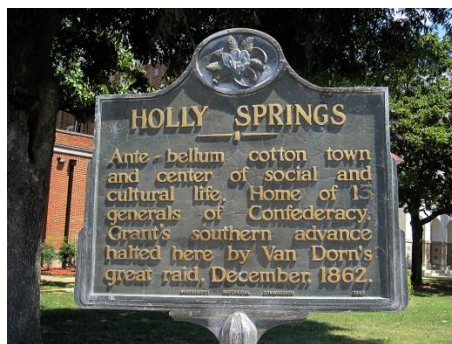
*On December 20, 1862, Confederate General Earl Van Dorn thwarts Union General Ulysses S. Grant's first attempt to capture Vicksburg, Mississippi, when Van Dorn attacks Grant's supplies at Holly Springs, Mississippi.*

*Grant planned a two-pronged attack on the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River. He would take a force from western Tennessee to approach Vicksburg from the interior of Mississippi. Meanwhile, Union General William T. Sherman would lead an army down the Mississippi River for an attack from the north. Grant said, "We can go as far as supplies can go."*

*The plan started on a good note for the Yankees when Grant's army pushed aside Confederates in northern Mississippi. In response, Confederate cavalry colonel John Griffith suggested attacking Grant's supply line at Holly Springs, and recommended Van Dorn for the mission. Up to that point, Van Dorn had done little to build his reputation. He lost the Battle of Pea Ridge in Arkansas and the Battle of Corinth, Mississippi, earlier in 1862, and was known for his drunkenness and tendency to cavort with prostitutes.*

*Van Dorn gathered three cavalry brigades and left Grenada, Mississippi, on December 17. On December 20, his forces fell on the Union supply depot at Holly Springs, driving the Yankee defenders away and capturing materials. What could not be carried was destroyed. Van Dorn remained in the area a few more days, cutting rail and telegraph lines, before fleeing in the face of pursuing Union cavalry. The Confederates rode 500 miles in two weeks, returning on December 28 after successfully disrupting Grant's campaign. The raid was the highlight of Van Dorn's military career. He was murdered five months later by the husband of a woman with whom he was having an affair.*

Courtesy of: <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/raid-on-holly-springs-mississippi>

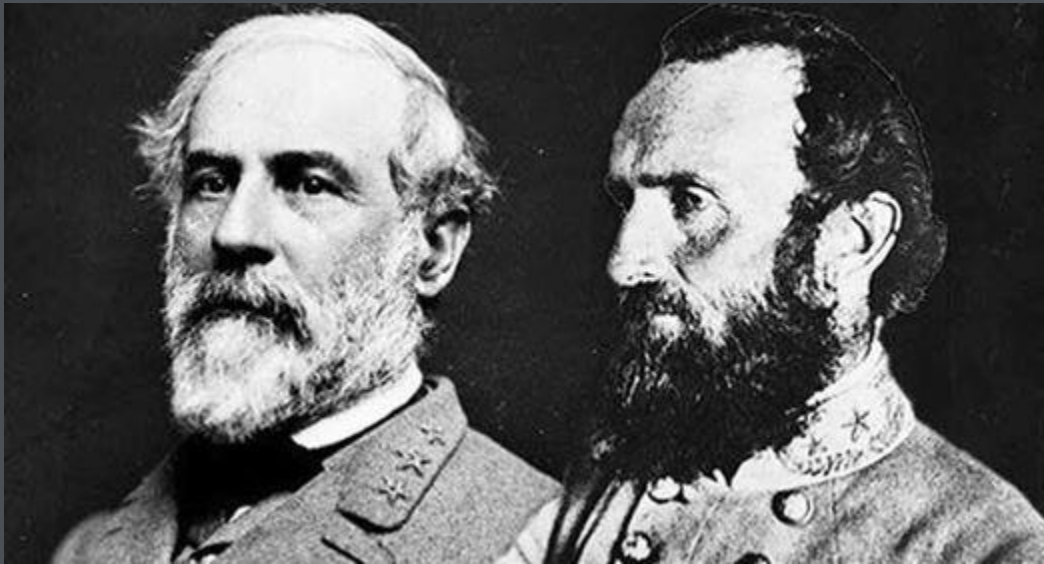


Courtesy of:

[https://www.google.com/search?q=raid+on+holly+springs,+ms&source=lnms&tbn=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKewiDq5j88azYAhVM\\_mMKHV1BTsQ\\_AUIDCgD&biw=1920&bih=922#imgrc=Qr0Ks4HGc2aM:&spf=1514470424697](https://www.google.com/search?q=raid+on+holly+springs,+ms&source=lnms&tbn=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKewiDq5j88azYAhVM_mMKHV1BTsQ_AUIDCgD&biw=1920&bih=922#imgrc=Qr0Ks4HGc2aM:&spf=1514470424697)

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### *3rd Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet*



*Hosted by Shieldsboro Rifles, SCV Camp 2263 & Gainesville Volunteers Camp #373*

*Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 5 PM*

*Speaker: Terry "Beetle" Bailey*

*Lakeshore Baptist Church at Mercy House*

*6028 Lakeshore Rd, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi 39520*

*Ok boys and girls as of now this is what our Lee/Jackson Banquet Menu looks like! Attendees are encouraged to bring a covered dish however it is NOT required.*

*Pork Tenderloin*

*Potato Salad*

*Cole Slaw*

*Green Beans*

*French Bread*

*7 Layer Coconut Cake*

*Water*

*Sweet/Unsweetened Tea*

*Coke/Diet Coke*

*Root Beer*

*Sprite*

*Again, our banquet is "free" so if you'd like to bring a dish or dessert you are more than welcomed to do so but it is NOT required to attend. The Gainesville Volunteers will be jointly hosting this with the Shieldsboro Rifles and have made a generous donation towards the cost!*

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## ***Angel of Marye's Heights Story***

### ***Angel of Marye's Heights***

***Sgt. Richard Kirkland, Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 14, 1862***

***Artwork and Comments by Mort Kunstler***

***He believed he had to help. Sergeant Richard Rowland Kirkland looked out on the field of battle at Fredericksburg, Virginia and was appalled at what he saw. The day before, he and other Southern troops in General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia had turned back the Federal Army of the Potomac in one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War. Wave after wave of courageous Northern troops had charged up Marye's Heights at Fredericksburg into the deadly massed fire of Confederate forces entrenched behind a fortified stone wall. The slaughter had been horrendous, and had left a carpet of blue-uniformed dead and wounded on the frozen slope of Marye's Heights. All night Kirkland and the other Southern defenders had listened to the heart-rending cries of the Federal wounded.***

***Finally, Kirkland could stand it no longer. At daylight on December 14th, the young sergeant in the 2nd South Carolina Infantry, requested permission to aid the enemy. His commanding officer was reluctant: Kirkland would likely be shot dead by Federal sharpshooters as soon as he showed himself above the wall. Kirkland was determined, however, and he was allowed to go – but he could not carry a flag of truce or a weapon. The youth borrowed an armload of canteens from his fellow soldiers, and climbed over the wall onto the field of dead and wounded.***

***While the other Confederates braced themselves for the rifle shot that would fell Kirkland, the young sergeant calmly walked to the closest wounded Northerner. The opposing Federal troops held their fire long enough for Kirkland to kneel down, lift up the wounded man's head and give him a drink of water. A loud cheer arose and rolled down the Federal line. Silently, the astounded line of Northern troops watched Kirkland move to another wounded man in blue and give him aid. Both sides held their fire while the courageous sergeant moved from one suffering soldier to another. Going back and forth over the wall for an hour and a half, Kirkland had done all he could do, and he returned safely to the Confederate line behind the wall.***

***It was an extraordinary event in an extraordinary war, and served as a heartfelt reminder that these enemies in blue and gray – Southerners and Northerners facing each other on the field of battle – were Americans all.***

### ***Mort Künstler's Comments***

***To me, the most compassionate and heroic act that occurred in the Civil War was Sergeant Richard Kirkland's action at the battle of Fredericksburg. I've wanted to paint the scene for years, and I thought a lot about how to do it best. First, the historic event had to be depicted accurately and authentically. That required – as do all my paintings – a tremendous amount of research. What time of day did this remarkable action take place? What were the weather conditions? How did the field of battle appear? How were the fallen Federal troops equipped? What kind of winter uniforms would each side have worn? How were Northern canteens different from Confederate canteens? As usual,***

*countless questions have to be answered in order for the painting to authentically reflect the historical event. For instance, behind the wall fly the flags of Kershaw's Brigade – in which Kirkland served – the appropriate Confederate battle flag, the South Carolina state flag and the Confederate "First National Flag" used at Fredericksburg.*

*Once the historic details were known and implemented in the painting, how could I strategically use artistic elements to effectively convey the power and emotion of this very moving and courageous act? I utilized the early morning sunlight hitting remnants of the snow to focus the viewer's eye on this compassionate Southern Samaritan. Another important point of composition is how the painting features the wounded Northern soldiers reaching out for water. I used the perspective lines of the stone wall converging at the right of the picture to silhouette the hand reaching out for water — and I used the early morning fog to lighten the area behind the hand. The sunlight spreading down the stone wall illustrates the time of day and the weather conditions, but it also allowed me to dramatically position the central focus on the courageous Kirkland, who less than a year later was killed at the battle of Chickamauga.*

*Our American Civil War was such a terrible, terrible tragedy, and yet it was replete with countless expressions of American courage, sacrifice and compassion like that of Richard Kirkland – who became famous as the "Angel of Marye's Heights."*



*Courtesy of Mort Kunstler*



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***Merry Christmas!***



***On behalf of The Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263, the soon-to-be Hancock County Order of the Confederate Rose Chapter, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry Regiment of Reenactors, we would like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our members, friends and families. We hope you have a safe, enjoyable holidays with your loved ones. Please do not forget why we celebrate this time as we honor the birth of our Savior in Christ Baby Jesus! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year with good things planned ahead for Camp #2263 and the Shieldsboro Rifles.***

***Commander Don P. Green, Jr.***

