



# *The Hancock Rebel*



*Winner of the 2016-17 Small Camp Newsletter Award from the Mississippi Division SCV*

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THE SHIELDSBORO RIFLES CAMP #2263 NEWSLETTER

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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,*

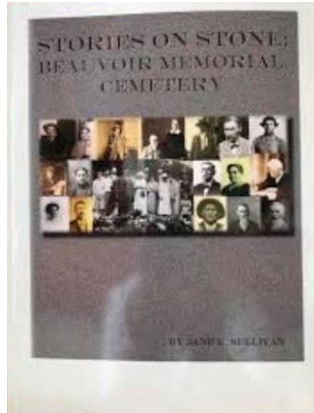
*We are near the end of Confederate History Month and there have been many events to participate in to help defend our and your Confederate Heritage. The National Office has rolled out an aggressive campaign to go on the offensive in defending our Heritage. The Kennedy Brothers are taking the lead in the "Make Dixie Great Again" Campaign where you can join Commander-in-Chief Grambling's Confederate Legion Project. There will be more information in this newsletter on how to join and take part in the programs. The Division Memorial is this coming Saturday at Beauvoir and we hope everyone can come celebrate since it's literally right in our backyard. We will provide more information also for the I-55 Flag Dedication as well. This month's meeting will take place Tuesday April 30, 2019 at 6pm at the American Legion in Bay St. Louis. Commander Joe Abbott is set to present to the Camp on his platform for Division Commander as well as the I-55 State Flag Project. Hope to see you there!*

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## ***Camp Photos***



***Terry "Beetle" Bailey presented to the Camp at the March 26, 2019 Meeting on Mrs. Sullivan's Book.***



***Mrs. Jane Sullivan researched and wrote the book "Stories on Stone: Beauvoir Memorial Cemetery."***



***New camp member Mike Redmond received his Membership Certificate into the Shieldsboro Rifles.***

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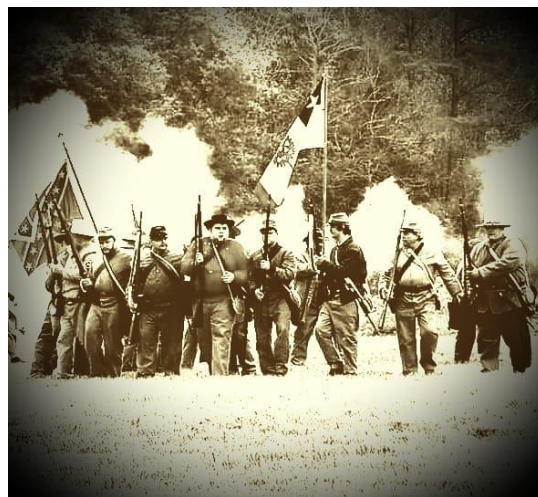
**More Camp Photos**



***Camp #2263 members fell in with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry at the Port Hudson Event March 29-31, 2019.***



***Camp #2263 members fell in with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Infantry at the Port Hudson Event March 29-31, 2019.***



***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Infantry performed well in battle at Port Hudson Historic Site's annual Reenactment.***

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**More Photos**



***The SCV National Memorial was held at Stone Mountain, GA. on Saturday April 6, 2019.***



***SCV Commander-in-Chief Paul Grambling gave a nice speech to a crowd of almost 1,000 members.***



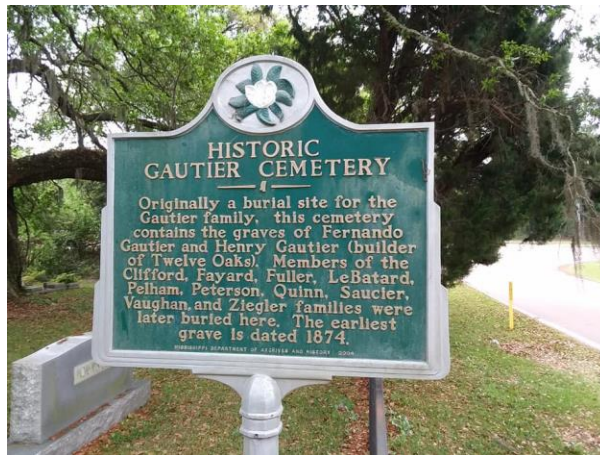
***Camp #2263 Commander Don Green attended the Stone Mountain Rally and took this "selfie."***

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## More Camp Photos



*The Live Oak Rifles Camp #2236 held their 5th Annual Memorial in Gautier on April 13, 2019.*



*The Gautier City Cemetery is located at the foot of the Hwy 90 Bridge connecting to Pascagoula.*



*Camp Members participated in the Live Oak Memorial and posed for this photo after the Memorial.*

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**More Camp Photos**



***Camp Members Don Green and Jerry Mason participated in the Pleasant Hill, LA Reenactment.***



***Camp Members Don Green and Jerry Mason participated in the Pleasant Hill, LA Reenactment.***



***The Battle of Pleasant Hill was held on the weekend of April 12-14, 2019.***

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**More Camp Photos**



***Camp Member Mike Redmond participated at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday/Easter Egg Hunt.***



***A very large crowd attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Beauvoir.***



***The Easter Bunny appeared at Beauvoir's Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, 2019.***

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## ***Beauvoir Photos and Updates***



***Beauvoir's back steps are finally getting replaced and are near completion.***



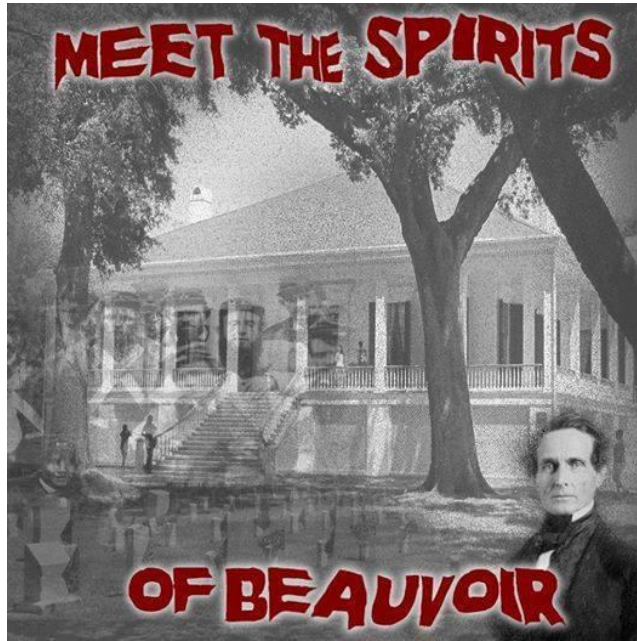
***Beauvoir has new signs at the edge of the property which replaces the old signs.***



***Camp Member Mike Redmond participated in Park Day at Beauvoir on April 6, 2019.***



**Beauvoir Photos and Updates**



**The next Meet the Spirits will be held May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Beauvoir.**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beauvoir Coastfest Car Show**

All Makes, Models & Years Welcome!

Over 20 Classes with multiple trophies  
Best of Class, Children's & People's Choice

\$25.00 Registration Fee  
Dash Plaque to the first 75

Registration 8AM to 11AM  
Judging 11AM to 1PM  
Trophy Presentation at 2:30 PM

**Saturday, July 6, 2019**

Rain or Shine  
2244 Beach Blvd.  
Biloxi, MS 39531  
228-388-4400 x 200  
visitbeauvoir.org

Live Music Great Food Beauvoir Mansion

Beauvoir's Coastfest Car Show will take place rain or shine, unless inclement weather causes cancellation. There is no rain date and no refunds will be issued should it rain, your entry fee will be considered a donation to Beauvoir the Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library, a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization.

Gates open to the registrants at 8:00am and entrant must be parked by 11:00am. Entrants shall not remove their vehicle prior to the conclusion of the trophy presentation without permission from a Beauvoir Coastfest official.

I hereby assume full and complete responsibility for any personal injury to myself or others in my party, or for any loss or damage to my automobile(s), equipment, and personal property whether by accident, vandalism, acts of God, or any other cause which may occur during my participation in this event, and hereby indemnify, release and hold harmless from any and all claims the entity known as the Beauvoir the Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library, its directors, staff, and volunteers. By signing I agree that I have read this document in its entirety.

Entrant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Return form to:  
Beauvoir the Jefferson Davis Home, 2244 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531  
Checks payable to: Beauvoir  
For more information visit [www.visitbeauvoir.org](http://www.visitbeauvoir.org) call 228-388-4400

Pre - Registration Deadline June 22, 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

(Beauvoir the Jefferson Davis Home will use your email address for Museum related communications only. We never provide addresses to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties.)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Car Show at Beauvoir set for July 6, 2019.**

## I-55 Flag Dedication



**POSTPONED  
due to rain  
until MAY 5**



INVITATION!

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**What:** Mississippi Mega-Flag of 1894 Grand Dedication Ceremony. See Living Historians and Reenactors Fire Civil War Muskets and Cannons in a Grand Salute!

**When:** 2:00 PM Sunday April 7, 2019

**Where:** Just South of Brookhaven, Mississippi Take Exit 3 off I-55, go east on US-84 to US-51, go south on US-51 and follow the signs.

**Who:** Everyone is welcome at this Family Friendly Event to Celebrate Mississippi's Flag of 1894!

**Keynote Speaker:** Susan Lee, Founder of the Virginia Flaggers

**Cost: Vehicles:** \$5.00 per auto, car or truck, and \$2.00 per motorcycle

**Vendors:** \$25.00 per space. Reserve with Mr. Joe Abbott (601) 684-5376.

(All proceeds go to the I-55 Flag Fund. Mega-Flags cost about \$1,000 a piece, and depending on weather severity may last only 3-6 months before they are unserviceable!)

Attendance Policies: 1.) Alcohol-not allowed. 2.) Firearms: Concealed Carry Only 3.) Port-o-Johns will be on site.

More details about the Mega-Flag can be found at the page "Third Brigade I 55 MS Flag 'The Last Flag Bearer.'" The address is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2113188129006024/>

Call Mr. Joe Abbott (601) 684-5376 for further details or more specific directions.

(In the event of postponement due to inclement weather the alternate date is scheduled for Sunday May 5)

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## **Upcoming Events**

**March 2, 2019 Confederate Flag Day**  
**Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS.**

**March 8-10, 2019 Cuba Station Reenactment**  
**McGough Property; Gainesville, AL.**

**March 8-10, 2019 Fort Randolph/Buhlow Reenactment**  
**Pineville, LA.**

**March 16, 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History**  
**Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 9am-3pm**

**March 23, 2019 Gilbertown, AL. Living History**  
**County Museum; Gilbertown, AL.**

**March 29-31, 2019 Port Hudson Reenactment**  
**Port Hudson Historic Site; Jackson, LA.**

**April 6, 2019 Beauvoir Cleanup**  
**Beauvoir Garden; Biloxi, MS.**

**April 7, 2019 I-55 Flag Dedication**  
**Bogue Chitto, MS.; 2pm**

**April 13, 2019 Live Oak Rifles Memorial**  
**Gautier Cemetery; Gautier, MS. 10am**

**April 12-14, 2019 Pleasant Hill Reenactment**  
**Pleasant Hill, LA**

**April 20, 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History**  
**Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 9am-3pm**

**April 27, 2019 Beauvoir Confederate Memorial Day**  
**Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. (3<sup>rd</sup> Miss MAX EFFORT)**

**April 26-28, 2019 Thunder on the Bay**  
**Fort Gaines; Dauphin Island, AL.**

**May 4, 2019 Citronelle Surrender**  
**Camp Pushmataha; Citronelle, AL. (3<sup>rd</sup> Miss MAX EFFORT)**

**May 18, 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History  
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 9am-3pm**

**May 17-19, 2019 Trail of Honor  
Harley Davidson Shop; Jackson, MS. (3<sup>rd</sup> Miss MAX EFFORT)**

**May 17-19, 2019 Resaca Reenactment  
Resaca, GA.**

**May 24-26, 2019 Janney Furnance Reenactment  
Ohatchie, AL.**

**June 1, 2019 Pres. Jefferson Davis Birthday Celebration  
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. (3<sup>rd</sup> Miss MAX EFFORT)**

**June 8, 2018 SCV Division Conv. Color Guard  
Brandon, MS.**

**June 7-9, 2019 Tannehill Reenactment  
Tannehill State Park; McCalla, AL.**

**June 15, 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History  
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 9am-3pm**

**June 29, 2019 Living History Fort Barrancas  
Pensacola NAS; Pensacola, FL.**

**July 10-13, 2019 SCV National Reunion  
Mobile, AL.**

**July 20, 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History  
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 9am-3pm**

**August 3, 2019 Fort Morgan Living History & Garrison  
Fort Morgan Site; Gulf Shores, AL.**

**August 17, 2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Living History  
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 9am-3pm**

**September 27-29, 2019 Cedar Hill Reenactment  
Hernando, MS.**

**October 18-20, 2019 Fall Muster  
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS.**

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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. Camp Members are 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**

***Tuesday February 26, 2019 – Jim Hancock – Period Bugle***

***Tuesday March 26, 2019 – Terry “Beetle” Bailey –Stories on Stone:Beauvoir Memorial Cemetery***

***Tuesday April 30, 2019 - Joe Abbott – Div Commander Platform***

***Tuesday May 28, 2019 – Bridgett Smith – Where the Elephants Fought***

***Tuesday June 25, 2019 – Nic Clark – Civil War Tours of New Orleans***

***Tuesday July 30, 2019 – Josh McCraine – The Battle of Port Gibson/Southern Magnolia Tours***

***Tuesday August 27, 2019 – Brandi K. Gray - OCR***

***Tuesday September 25, 2019 – Jay Peterson – Collections of Beauvoir***

***Tuesday October 30, 2019 – SPARS – Paranormal at Beauvoir***

***Tuesday November 19, 2019 – Shelby Harriell – Women that Fought in the CW***

***Tuesday December 31, 2019 – No meeting***

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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 2019 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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## ***Division News***

### **Credentials Committee 4-19-2019**

MS Division Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Chris Bryant-S D Lee and Division website  
John Echols-Jeff Davis Legion

Gentlemen: attached below is a list of individual members found to be qualified for Division and Brigade office per Article 17 of the Division Constitution.  
Article 20, Section 3 states in part: "The Candidates Credentials Committee, not less than 30 days prior to the Division Reunion shall publish in the Division Newsletter and post on the Division Website the names of the Candidates for Division and Brigade offices who are qualified."  
Please see to it that the names and positions sought below are published and posted ASAP. If you have any questions for the Committee or myself, you may email me or call me at 601-259-4468.

The following individuals were credentialed by the Committee:

**Division Commander:**

Joe Abbott  
George Connor Bond

**First Lt. Commander:**

Stanley Wyatt Rhoda  
Mark Allen

**Second Lt. Commander:**

Dennis Brown

**Division Adjutant:**

William Michael Moore (subject to a background check)

**First Brigade Commander:**

Danny Toma

**First Brigade Councilman:**

James Johnson

**Second Brigade Commander:**

Bill Latham

**Second Brigade Councilman:**

OPEN

**Third Brigade Commander:**

Trent Lewis

**Third Brigade Councilman:**

Aubrey D. Everett

**Fourth Brigade Commander:**

Louis P. Foley, Sr.

**Fourth Brigade Councilman:**

Christopher Merck

**Fifth Brigade Commander:**

Oran Thomas

**Fifth Brigade Councilman:**

Charley Schmitz

Thank you for your prompt attention to this. It is greatly appreciated by the Chairman and the Committee.

Deo Vindice

John P. Evans/Chairman, Credentials Committee

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## **Division News**

***'Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans 124 th Annual Reunion hosted by the Rankin Rough and Ready's Camp 265 of Brandon, MS 2019.***

***Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans 2019 Reunion***

***Public · Hosted by SCV Camp 265 Rankin Rough & Ready's and Order of Confederate Rose Mary Ann Forrest Chapter***

***SCV Camp 265 Rankin Rough & Ready's  
W. Government St., Brandon, Mississippi 39042***

***Hosted by SCV Camp 265 Rankin Rough & Ready's***

### ***Details***

***Mississippi Sons of Confederate Veterans,***

***Greetings from SCV Camp #265 in Brandon, MS. We are hosting the state/division SCV Reunion in Brandon, Mississippi this year on June 7th and 8th of 2019 and wanted to personally invite each and every one of you and your families to attend.***

***Our first thought was: "How can we convince our fellow SCV members around the state to come to the Division Reunion if they've never been or have not planned on coming?" Well let me tell you what we brain stormed. We will be hosting a Civil War Relic Show in conjunction with our reunion! Isn't that a great idea?! We will have vendors for men and women, MS authors, MS artists, musicians, a live band (from MS) playing period music, a cannon display outside, a civil war surgeon with all the tools of the trade inside, and much, much more! The Relic Show will open at 9:00am on Saturday morning and close at 5:00pm Saturday evening. Please come early, visit, and support the vendors that are here for you. Registration is from 3pm -7pm on Friday afternoon and from 6am-9am Saturday morning. By the way, the relic show will be open to the public so they can see what the SCV is all about. Your attendance will be very impressive to the public and the vendors at the show. Men and women are welcome to wear their period clothes. At 6pm on Friday afternoon we will have a president's reception for all the vendors, members, and families. At the reception we will be serving a large birthday cake along with dinner to celebrate Jefferson Davis' 211th Birthday. Hopefully feeding everyone will ease the financial strain of coming to the reunion. At 7pm we will have a short musical performance. We will end the night by everyone singing "Dixie". Dress for the business meeting is business, business***



*casual or period dress. Everyone who wants to dress out is welcome to be a part of the color guard. This would make for an impressive picture for the Confederate Veteran magazine!*

*Opening ceremonies for the business session will be from 8am to 9am. The business session will run from 9:00am – 1:00pm with our memorial service at 1:00pm through 1:30pm. Sorry, but the business session is for division members in good standing only. After the business session we need a group picture of all members! After the group picture will be a good time for fellowship time and an opportunity to get dressed for the banquet starting at 6:30pm. At 6:30pm dinner will be served buffet style with some of the best food you will ever lay your lips on. Let me put it this way, the last National Reunion I went to, I paid \$30.00 for lunch and got a turkey wrap! I assure you there will be no turkey wraps on our buffet!! The menu will be: baked chicken and prime rib with all the trimmings.*

*At 7:30pm, Mr. Walt Grayson will be our speaker. He is a great speaker! The wives will enjoy him just as much as you do. At 8:00pm awards will be given out and at 8:30pm door prize winners will be announced! At 9:00pm we will end by the members singing "Dixie" and afterwards we will have a special treat along with the announcement of the winner of the drawing.*

*Let's look at finances. When you come to the reunion, dinner will be provided on Friday night for FREE, there will be FREE coffee and donuts Saturday morning, hotel rates are from \$89.00 a night, and registration is \$45.00. The banquet is \$25.00/person, and in theory, the convention ends early enough for you to drive home Saturday night and not spend the extra money on the hotel. That's two days of entertainment around some of the best people you will ever meet for approximately \$70.00 for one person within driving distance; \$165.00 with a one night hotel stay; \$190.00 with a one night hotel stay with your spouse. Now that's affordable!*

*We here in Brandon are proud to be members of the Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and are not ashamed of it. We will not be having this convention in a barn in the middle of the woods hiding from view. We are having this convention at City Hall in downtown Brandon; the largest room we could find. We have a letter from the Mayor, the Rankin County Chamber of Commerce, and the Rankin County Board of Supervisors welcoming the Sons of Confederate Veterans to Brandon and Rankin County for our 124TH annual reunion.*

*The task of putting all this together for the entire state has been no walk in the park. We will try to personally visit each camp in the state to invite you to the convention but there will probably be more to do than time and money will allow. On top of that, as each one of you know, everything done for the SCV is done after working, church activities, school, kids, health issues, and without pay.*

*In closing, I want you to know we are doing this because we are proud of our history in this great country, we are proud of our brave ancestors, and we are proud to be Sons of Confederate Veterans. Please mark your calendars for June 7th and 8th 2019, request vacation days at work, put off the family reunion for one year, whatever you have to do to come and support the vendors that will be here for you, meet your fellow SCV members from around the state, enjoy some good ole southern*

*hospitality, and let's show everyone that old times here are not forgotten! May God bless you and your families.*

*Sincerely,*

*Tim Cupit*

*Cmdr., SCV Camp 265 Rankin Rough and Ready's*

*PS: Hotel reservations must be made by May 30th, 2019 to get the SCV rate. Contact info is on the registration form.*

*-Registration forms must be received by May 25th, 2019. We will register you at the door but, it comes with the obvious consequences; name tags hand written, no goodie bag, etc.*

*-Remember to bring your scrapbook! They will be judged on Saturday after the business meeting. Your scrapbook will be good ways to let the other camps in the division see what you have done over the past year and may also give other camps ideas for activities in their communities.*

*-Activities in the community for nonmembers or people who do not want to attend the relic show: The Bass Pro Shop, Braves Stadium, AG Museum, Children's Museum, Wildlife and Science Museum, Shopping at The Dogwood Promenade, Antique Stores, and much more!*

*-The reunion, relic show, and registration will be at City Hall. (Address will be on the registration form)*

**MESSAGE, CALL, or EMAIL for registration form**

**Important Reunion Dates:**

**-Ancestor Memorials & Program Ad Deadline - April 25h**

**-Earlybird Registration Deadline - May 15th**

**\*\*\*Registration Deadline - May 25th\*\*\***

**-Hotel SCV Discount Rate Deadline -May 30th**

**-Onsite Registration-Friday June 7th 3-7pm & Saturday 6-9am**

**REUNION June 7th & 8th**

**-President's Reception - Friday June 7th 6pm**

**-Opening Ceremonies -Saturday June 8th 8am**

**-Business Session - 9am-1pm with Memorial to follow**

**-Banquet, Speaker, Raffle, & Division Awards- 6:30-9pm**

**RELIC SHOW June 8 & 9th**

**[\(https://www.facebook.com/events/1010976655750081/\)](https://www.facebook.com/events/1010976655750081/)**

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## **National News**

*History is not incorrect; our knowledge of history is too shallow. - Larry and Donnie discuss Holt Collier's life and the impact he made upon the Confederacy and America. They also talk about Black Confederates and the courageous honor they brought to the South then and today.*

*Paul Grambling*

*Commander-in-Chief*

**Make Dixie Great Again**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djhX-alqO9U&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0br6OU6tcq1VuL8nRWqIHQ6icU-YKT0ZxJB-ukgVpZxuovrqpY8Fu2oz0>

**2019 National SCV Reunion**

**Hosted by Admiral Raphael Semmes Camp#11 Sons of Confederate Veterans**

**July 10 - July 14, 2019**

**Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center**

**1 S Water St, Mobile, Alabama 36602**

**Details**

**Along with the usual National Reunion business several events are available to our guests. They include a shrimp boil on the deck of the USS Alabama; a ladies tour to the Mobile Carnival Museum; Battlefield tours of Ft. McDermott and Blakeley. Ft. McDermott is a relatively new addition to our local history as it belongs to the Semmes Camp and was dedicated and opened to the public in 2015. There is also a tour of Beauvoir which includes a ceremony at the Tomb of the Confederate Unknown and a cemetery program. More information is available at [www.scvsemmes.org](http://www.scvsemmes.org).**

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## ***Pleasant Hill***

***The Battle of Pleasant Hill was fought on April 9, 1864, during the Red River Campaign of the American Civil War, near Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, between Union forces led by Major General Nathaniel P. Banks and Confederate forces, led by Major General Richard Taylor.***

***The battle was essentially a continuation of the previous day's Battle of Mansfield, fought nearby, which ended around sunset due to darkness. The night time provided a brief interlude in hostilities. On April 9, Taylor launched an ambitious assault against the newly reinforced Federals at Pleasant Hill and had the upper hand before General Thomas J. Churchill's Arkansas division was flanked on its right and repulsed. After the battle, the Federals remained demoralized and unconfident in their commander; they retreated to Grand Ecore, and from there to Alexandria. This was the largest battle fought west of the Mississippi River.***

***Officially, the battle was a Union victory; as the Confederates were successfully driven from the field. However, because Banks and his army had retreated so soon afterwards, many argued over who had really won.***

### ***History of Pleasant Hill***

***The original site of Pleasant Hill, now referred to as Old Town was given its name by John Jordan. In 1844, Mr. Jordan, from the community of Pleasant Valley in Dallas County, Alabama, was looking for a new home. A beautiful spot in slightly hilly country in the extreme southern part of DeSoto Parish appealed to Mr. Jordan so much that he and his family settled there.***

***Soon, relatives and friends from Alabama joined the Jordans. Others came. By the early 1850's Pleasant Hill had become a village, a center of refinement and education. Among its early settlers were families named Jordan, Childers, Chapman, Davis, Harrell, and Hampton. Because of cotton, most of them became wealthy before the Civil war. Some lived in fine homes described as mansions.***

***When the Civil War began, Pleasant Hill was a thriving little town with a post office, a hotel, a school for girls, the Pierce-Payne Methodist College for boys, and a Methodist church. But on April 7, 1864, terror came to Pleasant Hill and everything was changed. On that day Federal troops (the Yankees) entered town. Stores were broken into and goods carried off; chickens, turkeys, cows, pigs, garden produce, and clothes were taken; fences and even buildings were used for fuel; and officers were quartered in some of the nicest homes.***

***The last known surviving witness of the days of terror in Pleasant Hill was Mrs. R.A. Rembert who resided in the town until her death at the age of 93. As Miss Sallie Chapman, she knew the suspense and the agony of Civil War days when only women were left in her town, when the enemy occupied***

*her home, and when 1,200 men were left dead or wounded on one of the bloodiest battlefields of the war.*

*The ordeal for the women of Pleasant Hill began when Federal troops passed that way in their march toward Mansfield. The soldiers left the little town of Pleasant Hill on the night of April 7, but returned after the Battle of Mansfield. Confederate troops followed, and fighting began about three or four o'clock in the afternoon on April 9, 1864. The battle lasted only a few hours. Both sides claimed the victory. There is still a question as to who really won.*

*On the morning after the battle, the women of Pleasant Hill did what they could for the sick and the dying. Later in the day, Federals returned to bury their dead and nurse the wounded. Pierce-Payne College was turned into a hospital for the Yankees, while the Confederates were cared for in other buildings, including private homes. Among them was the Childers mansion, which General Banks had used as his headquarters.*

*Time passed. The Civil War ended. In 1881, the railroad came. Again, Pleasant Hill changed; the town moved. Since the railroad, the Texas and Pacific, did not come to the town, the town went to the railroad.*

*The new community, about two miles away and in Sabine Parish, was called Sodus; but the residents, most of whom had moved from the old town, continued to say Pleasant Hill. In 1922, the railroad commissioners decided to drop the name Sodus. Pleasant Hill, the little town incorporated in 1893, was and is.*

*There is little to the area now to remind a visitor that Pleasant Hill was once an educational center. The Pleasant Hill Academy for Girls, which operated from 1850 to 1870 and which had as many as 65 – 70 pupils in attendance, has long been gone. The Pierce-Payne College, which opened in 1858 as a companion school to Mansfield Female College, has passed into history, as well. Its construction was halted by the Civil War and its buildings were never completed; but the college filled a need during its few years of existence and its home, Pleasant Hill, was an important place.*

*Courtesy of: <https://battleofpleasanthill.com/history/>*