

# 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.

#### From the Commander's Desk

By: Camp Commander Don Green

**Greetings Compatriots,** 

We are nipping at the heels of summer, vacations and hot weather. Please stay hydrated for your coming activiites. I say this because those of us who will be in wool over the summer need to be weary of the heat. I'd like to congradulate newly elected Camp Adjutant Mike Redmond on being nominated and elected to the most important position in the camp. I'd also like to thank Beau Ladner for his sevice as Adjutant for our first 4 years. We are giving support from our camp to Varina's Garden at Beauvoir as new Adjutant Mike Redmond and Carla Harbin, who are now Master Gardners, are putting a plan together along with MDAH and the Beauvoir Staff to replenish the plants, shrubs and trees. I'd also like to mention the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Meeting to be held in Dixie May 31<sup>st</sup> where we will elect our Brigade Commander and Councilman. We are in full support of Oran Thomas and Charlie Schmidtz to these offices, respectfully. On June 8, 2019, we have the Division Convention in Brandon, MS. hosted by the Brandon Camp. The meetings held there will be where Divison business and Beauvoir business is conducted for the year along with Officer Elections. This month's camp meeting will take place Tuesday May 28, 2019 at 6pm at the American Legion in Bay St. Louis. Author Bridget Smith is set to present to the Camp on her book "Where the Elephants Fought" about General Earl Van Dorn. Hope to see you there!

# **Camp Photos**



The Gulfport Memorial was hosted by the Sam Davis Camp #596 at the Confederate Monument.



Camp Members Don Green, Steve Thoms and Mike Redmond fell in with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Inf. at the event.



The participants all took a photo at the Memorial in downtown Gulfport on Saturday April 27, 2019.



Camp #2263 members attended the Annual Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir April 27, 2019.



Camp #373 member Jim Huffman displayed his flag collection back at the Cemetery at Beauvoir.



Camp Members took a photo with all participants around the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

# **More Photos**



Camp Members fell in with the  $3^{rd}$  Miss. Inf. at Fort Gaines on Sunday April 28, 2019.



The Reenactors fired a volley for the crowd at Thunder on the Bay at Fort Gaines.



The  $3^{rd}$  Mississippi Infantry took a photo inside the parade grounds at Historic Fort Gaines.



Camp Members drilled at the Citronelle Surrender Oaks Festival on Saturday May 4, 2019.



The Boy Scout Cabin at Camp Pushmataha in Citronelle, AL. is where the 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Inf. bivouaced.



Camp Commander Don Green posed for a photo at the Gen. Taylor parole sign with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Flag.



Camp Members participated in the I-55 Flag Dedication at Bogue Chitto, MS. on May 5, 2019.



The Kennedy Brothers were both in attendance at the Dedication as well as Susan Lee.



The 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Inf. took a photo with Washington Artillery after the ceremony ended.



Camp Commander Don Green lead the 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Inf. at the Trail of Honor May 18, 2019.



Commander Green lead the 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Inf. at the Trail at the Harley Shop in Jackson, MS.



Commander Green posed for this photo with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Inf. flag at the Trail of Honor.



New Camp Adjutant Mike Redmond addressed the JROTC Program in period dress at their Banquet.

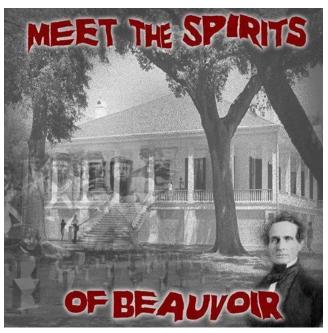


Adjutant Redmond presented the Award to Bay High Freshman Cadet Staff Sargent Kaeleigh Seymour.



Camp Member Mike Redmond shows the certificate he presented on May 20, 2019.

## **Beauvoir Photos and Updates**



The Meet the Spirits is held every month at Beauvoir.



Return form to:
Beauvoir the Jefferson Davis Home, 2244 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, M5 39531
Checks payable to: Beauvoir
For more information visit www.visitheauvoir.org call 228-388-4400

Pre - Registration Deadline June 22, 2019

Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Phone
Email Address
Vehicle Year

Make

Model

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

## **Upcoming Events**

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

June 8, 2019 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 4, 2019 Surrender Ceremony/Living History Old Vicksburg Courthouse; Vicksburg, MS.

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

August 23-25, 2019 Fort Mims Massacre Fort Mims Historic Site; Stockton, AL.

September 13-15, 2019 John Ford Home Reenactment John Ford Home Site; Sandy Hook,MS.

September 20-22, 2019 Fury in the Felicianas Reenactment Audobob State Historic Site; St.Francisville, LA.

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

## **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

Division Website: <a href="www.mississippiscv.org">www.mississippiscv.org</a> Beauvoir Website: <a href="www.visitbeauvoir.org">www.visitbeauvoir.org</a>

National Website: www.scv.org

## **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

# Order of the Confederate Rose

ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE



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 <a href="mailto:blbice@live.com">blbice@live.com</a> for more inormation.

# **Camp Charter**



## **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 of 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

## **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  $\cdot$  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/)

## **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=djhXalgO9U&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=lwAR0br6OU6tcg1VuL8nRWgIHQ6icU-YKT0ZxJBukgVpZxuovrqpY8Fu2oz0

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 <a href="https://www.scvsemmes.org">www.scvsemmes.org</a>.

## Pleasant Hill

In early May 1865 the Confederate States of America was greatly disorganized, largely because of the frenetic events of the previous month. General Robert E. Lee had surrendered the Confederate armies at the Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia, and most Americans believed the Civil War (1861-65) was over. The assassination of U.S. president Abraham Lincoln in Washington, D.C., by John Wilkes Booth and other sympathizers with the Southern cause, cast suspicion over many in the Confederate government. Though still intact, the government was largely ineffective.

Confederate president Jefferson Davis still retained hopes for the future of the Confederacy. Privately, he harbored a desire to reinforce the armies and move the fighting to the western part of the Confederacy. Publicly, he was forced to flee the Confederate capital in Richmond, Virginia, with a cadre of trusted advisors, which in effect became a government in exile. Upon departing Richmond, Davis and his retinue established a temporary center of government at Danville, Virginia. They soon moved farther south, however, because Virginia was heavily saturated with Union troops.

Among Davis's advisors were John H. Reagan, Judah P. Benjamin, John Breckinridge, and Burton Harrison. A small but elite military escort was also in tow, and they all arrived in Washington, in Wilkes County, on May 3. The next day Davis held a final meeting with his cabinet, and the members dispersed after the president authorized their belated compensation from the remaining Confederate treasury, including gold. Davis proceeded south to Sandersville, where on May 6 he entrusted the remaining Confederate treasury to Captain Micajah Clark, the acting treasurer of the Confederacy, and on May 7 he was reunited with his wife, Varina, and their children. Together they moved on through Abbeville, in Wilcox County, on May 8, keenly aware that Union forces were close behind. The pursuit of Davis resulted largely from the U.S. War Department's false assumption that he was complicit in the assassination of Lincoln. A \$100,000 reward was promised for anyone who could bring in the president and his aides.

Reaching the farming community of Irwinville, in Irwin County, on the evening of May 9, the remaining hopefuls, still assuming that they were a step ahead of their pursuers, set up camp near a creek bed. Early the next morning the camp was awakened by a pop of gunfire and within minutes was surrounded by members of the First Wisconsin and Fourth Michigan cavalries. Not one shot was fired by the Confederates. Through some confusion Davis made a quick dash toward the creek. He had thrown his wife's raglan, or overcoat, on his shoulders. This led to the persistent rumor that he attempted to flee in women's clothes. A popular song of the era was "Jeff in Petticoats," and the major tabloids featured artists' renderings of the fallen leader dressed in everything from a wig to a hoop skirt. A zealous member of the Michigan detail quickly apprehended Davis, and he was transported to Fortress Monroe, Virginia, where he remained a prisoner for

more than two years. His poor treatment and its subsequent exposure in the press helped strengthen the cause of Southern nationalism.

A historic marker indicates the spot where he was arrested, and the surrounding area is now the Jefferson Davis Memorial Historic Site, a thirteen-acre park that features a museum, hiking trail, and picnic facilities. Jeff Davis County, in central Georgia, is named in the Confederate president's honor.



Capture of Jefferson Davis



Jefferson Davis Memorial Historic Site

Courtesy of: <a href="https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/capture-jefferson-davis">https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/capture-jefferson-davis</a>