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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,**

*The Holidays are upon us meaning Christmas is right around the corner. Christmas seems, to many, to have lost it's underlying meaning with the over commercialization of the holiday. We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and we hope you take the needed time to reflect that. Our Camp has the Wreaths Across America at Rotten Bayou Cemetery Program this weekend and it has become a big event. Beauvoir has Christmas events all month and we will participate in the Christmas in Camp on Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup>. I have to put a plug in for our Lee-Jackson Banquet which will be held January 18, 2020 at Lakeshore Baptist Church in Waveland, MS. This looks to be our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet and Camp Member Brother Don Elbourne is the pastor who helps us secure the Mercy House there for that special event. Upcoming for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Inf. will be the McLeod's Mill Reenactment at Leakesville, MS. This month's camp meeting will take place Tuesday December 17, 2019 at 6:30pm at the American Legion in Bay St. Louis. Our ladies will be meeting to vote a name for the OCR Chapter and finalize the charter formation. Adjutant Mike Redmond will present on the Naval Soldier Impression of the period so you will want to see that. This will be a Camp Christmas Social, so any and all seasonal food, decorations and celebrations will be welcomed. We are moving our monthly meeting a week early to avoid the Christmas week conflict. We hope to see you there!*

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## ***Camp Photos***



***Shelby Harriel presented to the Camp on Tuesday November 19, 2019 on her new book.***



***The program was on "Behind the Rifle: Women Soldiers in Civil War Mississippi" her first book.***



***Camp Members enjoyed the presentation, purchased some books and asked good questions.***

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## More Camp Photos



*The Shieldsboro Rifles posed for a photo at Camp Moore on Saturday November 23, 2019.*



*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf formed for flag raising at the Camp Moore Museum during the annual event.*



*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf had to portray the 9<sup>th</sup> Conn Inf on Sunday November 24, 2019 at Camp Moore.*

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***More Camp Photos***



***Camp Commander Don Green portrayed Gen. Davidson on Saturday November 30, 2019.***



***The John Ford Home was decorated for Christmas for the annual Candlelight Celebration.***



***The home was all lit up for the Candlelight Tour as nightfall was bringing the event to a start.***



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**More Camp Photos**



***Camp Adjutant Mike Redmond, his wife Shea, new member Zach Bunter and his wife Callie.***



***Callie Bunter and Mrs. Pat Salassi attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Meeting in Dixie December 6.***



***The Shieldsboro Rifles were represented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Meeting with the other Camps.***

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**More Camp Photos**



***Division Commander Conor Bond presents New Camp Member Tanner Goff with his Certificate.***



***Camp Members and Associates take a photo with Commander Bond in the Beauvoir Cemetery.***



***The wreaths were all laid at each grave in the Cemetery for the program on Saturday December 7.***



*Beauvoir Photos and Updates*



# Christmas Events in Beauvoir

*Join us for several weekends of Christmas Cheer at Beauvoir, the Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library.*

**DEC 7**  
2 p.m.  
REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY  
honoring the Confederate Veterans and their families buried in Beauvoir's Confederate Memorial Cemetery

**DEC 14**  
9 - 12  
BRUNCH WITH SANTA  
make Christmas keepsake crafts, write Christmas wish lists and get to personally deliver those to Santa! Enjoy a tour of Beauvoir mansion and the grounds following the event.

**DEC 21**  
6 - 9  
1860S CHRISTMAS IN CAMP  
Our gallant boys in Grey will be joined by their brothers in Blue to come around the campfire and share in the Christmas spirit.

Tickets for both events can be purchased in the gift shop at Beauvoir or by visiting our website at [visitbeauvoir.org](http://visitbeauvoir.org).

Beauvoir Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library  
2244 Beach Blvd. Biloxi, MS 39531 | 228-388-4400 | [visitbeauvoir.org](http://visitbeauvoir.org)

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**Other Events**



**YOU'RE INVITED  
TO THE FIRST ANNUAL  
"Miss Battle For The  
Texas Hospital"  
Pageant**




**3 AGE DIVISIONS**  
Miss 18-25 yrs  
Teen Miss 13-17 yrs  
Jr Miss 8-12 yrs  
**ATTIRE:**  
Civil War Clothing



Feb. 22, 2020 - 9am  
Archusa Water Creek Park,  
Quitman, MS



**JOIN US! DEADLINE: 2/15/20**  
Contact: Erica Stroo or Jerry D. Mason  
PayPal.me/StrooPro      StrooPro.MS@gmail.com



**Battle of the Texas Hospital**  
**Archusa Creek Water Park**  
**Quitman, Mississippi**  
**Friday- Sunday, February 21 - 23, 2020**



**RECRUITING - Civil War Reenactors and Sutlers**  
No Registration Fee (if registered before February 7, 2020)

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A School Day is  
scheduled for  
Friday, Feb. 21st

Hosted by:  
The Battle of the Texas Hospital Organizers,  
Archusa Creek Water Park,  
and Historic Clarke County, Inc.



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## **Upcoming Events**

***December 13-15, 2019 McLeod's Mill Reenactment  
Leakesville, MS.***

***December 14, 2019 Wreath's Across America  
Rotten Bayou Cemetery; Diamondhead, MS.***

***December 14, 2019 Christmas at the Fort  
Fort Gaines; Dauphin Island, AL.***

***December 21, 2019 Confederate Christmas  
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS.***

***January 18, 2020 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet  
Mercy House at Lakeshore Baptist Church; Waveland, MS.***

***January 24-26, 2020 Raid on Euchee Anna  
Defuniak Springs, FL.***

***February 15, 2020 Pilgrimage to the Unkown Soldier  
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS.***

***February 21-23, 2020 Battles for the Texas Hospital  
Archusa Creek Water Park; Quitman, MS.***

***March 6, 2020 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Quarterly Meeting  
Dixie Community Center; Hattiesburg, MS.***

***March 7, 2020 Confederate Flag Day  
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS.***

***March 13-15, 2020 Fort Randolph Reenactment  
Forts Randolph and Buhlow; Pineville, LA.***

***March 21, 2020 Headstone Dedication  
Brookhaven, MS.***

***March 27-29, 2020 Port Hudson Reenactment  
Port Hudson State Historic Site; St. Francisville, LA.***

***April 3-5, 2020 Pleasant Hill Reenactment  
Pleasant Hill, LA.***

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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.mississippi-scv.org](http://www.mississippi-scv.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 – Don Green - TBA*

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

*Tuesday December 17, 2019 – Michael Redmond – Confederate States Navy*

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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) and Callie Bunter at [callie.bunter@hotmail.com](mailto:callie.bunter@hotmail.com) for more information.**

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## Camp Charter





## **TROOPS WANTED!!!**

### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry!**

Do you love your Country, History, and Martial Camaraderie?



We are a family oriented group, proud member of the Gulf Coast Battalion, and friendly to all other units and organizations. We strive to honor the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry Regiment and the brave souls who served in her ranks. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss. Inf. also portrays the 9<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Infantry which it engaged in battle at Pass Christian in April of 1862.

If you would like to explore the possibility of visiting the regiment and learning about us, please contact one of the following:

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry drills and conducts living history the third Saturday of each month at Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library, at 2244 Beach Blvd Biloxi, Mississippi 39531.

**Come visit us!!! WE WANT YOU!!!**

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## Camp News



***The Shieldsboro Rifles took a group photo with newly voted in members at their monthly meeting on November 19, 2019 at the American Legion in Bay St. Louis, MS. Shelby Harriel presented on her book "Behind the Rifle: Women Soldiers in Civil War Mississippi."***



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**Brigade News**



***5<sup>th</sup> Brigade Meeting was held Friday December 6, 2019.***



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## *Division News*

Gentlemen,

Anyone having an issue or subject you wish to have placed on the Executive Council Meeting Agenda, please send details to me or Commander Conor Bond ([msdivcdr007@gmail.com](mailto:msdivcdr007@gmail.com)). Our Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the War Memorial Building in Jackson starting at 10:00 am.

Your Servant,  
Dan A. McCaskill  
Chief-of-Staff  
Mississippi Division  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
[danmccas@tecinfo.com](mailto:danmccas@tecinfo.com)



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***National News***



***Work continues on the National Museum at the SCV Headquarters at Elm Springs in Tennessee***

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## **The Battle of Kinston**

**By: Dan Blair, 2006**

**The Civil War battle at Kinston on 13-14 Dec. 1862 was the first major Confederate opposition to the advance of Brig. Gen. John G. Foster to Goldsboro. Foster led a force of about 10,000 infantry, 640 cavalry, and 40 pieces of artillery. The defending Confederates numbered about 2,014 and were commanded by Brig. Gen. Nathan G. "Shank" Evans, who won fame at the First Battle of Manassas (Bull Run).**

**On 12 Dec. 1862, as his column approached Kinston from New Bern, Foster sent a small party of cavalry on a feint down the main road into Kinston. Meanwhile, the main body detoured to the south and west, intending to attack the town from the southwest, an unanticipated direction. At midmorning on 13 December, the Union army reached Southwest Creek, a small tributary of the Neuse River. Two regiments forced a crossing of the creek, driving back the North Carolina regiment holding the position. When Evans arrived, he withdrew all of his forces to a defensive line two miles from the bridge crossing the Neuse at Kinston and held this strong natural position overnight.**

**The Union attack resumed at 9:00 a.m. the next day. The inexperienced Federals faced both stiff Confederate resistance and casualties inflicted by their own artillery. Nevertheless, they crossed the swamp in front of the Confederate position and turned its left flank, sending that portion of the troops retreating north across the bridge. Evans, who thought that all of his men were safely across, ordered the bridge burned and turned his artillery on the troops remaining on the right and center of what had been the Confederate line. Shelled by the enemy and their own commander, the remaining Confederate troops made for the bridge. Closely pursued by the Federal advance, the organized retreat fell apart when the men approached the burning span. Nearly 400 of Evans's command were captured in the race for the burning bridge. Confederates north of the river retreated to establish a position two miles beyond Kinston. Foster's men extinguished the flames on the bridge and crossed on the partially destroyed span. Once across the river, Foster entered Kinston and sent a request for Evans's surrender, which was curtly refused. Before Foster could reform his units for another attack, the Confederate commander withdrew once more. The Union forces camped near Kinston that night and recrossed the river the following morning to resume their advance. Foster had lost about 160 killed and wounded in the fight. Confederate casualties were 125 killed and wounded and 400 captured, and Kinston was thoroughly looted by the Federal troops.**





*"First Battle of Kinston Battlefield Park." Image courtesy of Flickr user J. Stephen Conn, uploaded Feb. 4, 2009.*

Courtesy of: <https://www.ncpedia.org/kinston-battle>

**References:**

*John G. Barrett, The Civil War in North Carolina (1963).*

*Clifford C. Tyndall, "Lenoir County during the Civil War" (M.A. thesis, East Carolina University, 1981).*

**Additional Resources:**

**Historical Preservation Group:**

[http://www.historicalpreservationgroup.org/battleofkinstonstory\\_lonnie.pdf](http://www.historicalpreservationgroup.org/battleofkinstonstory_lonnie.pdf)

**National Park Service:** <https://www.nps.gov/hps/abpp/battles/nc007.htm>

**Image Credit:**

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*<https://www.flickr.com/photos/jstephennconn/5132788401/> (accessed May 17, 2012).*



