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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,

The new year is upon us and we have the chance to start anew in honoring our Confederate Ancestors and defending our Southern Culture. Last year was a good one for our Camp as we broke the 40 membership roster for the first time in our brief existence. We also had a very good Lee – Jackson Banquet in conjunction with the Gainesville Volunteers Camp #373 this month with a sincere speaker in Reverend Cecil Fayard. I am extremely happy to report that our OCR Chapter, named the Pearl Rivers Chapter #30, was chartered at the banquet with Brandi Gray and the other state officers in attendance. It was a special night to be a part of our 5th Annual Lee – Jackson Banquet. The upcoming events are already stacking up for a good year to defend our Confederate Heritage. Next month will be the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Ceremony by the Oddfellows at Beauvoir on Saturday February 15. The following weekend the 3rd Miss Inf unit will be at the Texas Hospital Event as it returns to beautiful Archusa Creek in Quitman, MS. This will be a re-boot of the event with new management and the same amenities as the past 4 successful events held there. March brings Confederate Flag Day at Beauvoir and reenactments in Louisiana and April will bring a slew of Memorials and Events to take part in. We will not have our monthly meeting this month as the banquet took its place. Our next meeting will be Tuesday February 18 at 6pm a week early to avoid Mardi Gras Day. Compatriot Jay Ginn from the John Ford Home is set to update us on site renovations. We hope to see you there!

Camp Photos



Camp Officers pose for a photo at the Rotten Bayou Cemetery Wreaths Across America Ceremony.



Camp Adjutant Mike Redmond and Member Beau Ladner pose with the artillery on Dec. 14, 2019.



The Honor Guard fires a salute at Rotten Bayou Cemetery at the Wreaths Across America Event.

More Camp Photos



The troops form up for the Memorial at the Courthouse Monument in Leakesville Dec. 14, 2019.



The encampment for the McLeod's Mill Reenactment at Leakesville in town with 7 Stars Artillery.



Camp Members formed up as the 9th Conn Inf at the McLeod's Mill right on the Chickasahay River.

More Camp Photos



The Shieldsboro Rifles held their Camp Christmas Party on December 17, 2019 at the American Legion.



Camp Adjutant Mike Redmond presented on Naval Impressions for the 1860's time period.



The Camp Members pose for a photo at the end of their monthly meeting on December 17, 2019.

More Camp Photos



The Shieldsboro Rifles participated in Christmas in Camp at Beauvoir on December 21, 2019.



The Confederates and their ladies were pictured here around the "campfire" in wait of the Yankees.



The Living Historians posed for a photo on the steps of the mansion before they toured the House.

More Camp Photos



Camp Officers and Guests were seated at the head table and presided over the 5th Annual Lee-Jackson.



The State OCR Officers posed for a photo with the new Pearl Rivers Chapter #30 ladies at the Banquet.



Camp Members and guests all posed for a photo after the very succesful Banquet at Lakeshore Church.

More Camp Photos



SCV Camp #11 Admiral Raphael Semmes Camp in Mobile hosted their annual Lee-Jackson Salute.



Camp Commander Green (far right) participated in the Honor Guard at Magnolia Cemetery.



The Gulf Coast Battalion posed for this photo at the Confederate Monument Sun. January 20, 2020.

MEET THE SPIRITS 2020



- > PLEASE VISIT : www.sparsparanormal.com to purchase tickets
- > Registration will begin promptly at 6 PM in the library building auditorium. All ticket holders must go through registration. Please be on time.
- > Once registration and orientation are complete, the paranormal investigation will begin. Some locations are outdoors, please dress appropriately.
- > Refreshments will be available for a small cost

Hope to see you there !



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)

Contact Information
Jerry Mason (601)549-1969 Don Green (601)270-5316
Email: historicclarkecountyms@gmail.com

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

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



Upcoming Events

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

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

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

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

***March 7, 2020 Confederate Flag Day
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 1pm***

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

***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.***

***April 11, 2020 Live Oak Memorial
Gautier City Cemetery; Gautier, MS.***

***April 17-19, 2020 Cuba Station Reenactment
Gainesville, AL.***

***April 25, 2020 Gulfport Memorial
Gulfport, MS. 9am***

***April 25, 2020 Confederate Memorial Day
Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 2pm***

***April 26, 2020 Thunder on the Bay
Fort Gaines; Dauphin Island, AL.***

***May 1-2, 2020 Surrender Oaks Festival
Camp Pushmataha; Citronelle, AL.***

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: www.mississippiscv.org

Beauvoir Website: www.visitbeauvoir.org

National Website: www.scv.org

Upcoming Speakers List

Tuesday February 18, 2020 – Jay Ginn – John Ford Home Renovations

Tuesday March 31, 2020 – Jay Peterson – Collections of Beauvoir Part 2

Tuesday April 28, 2020 - Tristan Dunn – Period Music

Tuesday May 26, 2020 – Commander Don Green - TBA

Tuesday June 30, 2020 – Bobby Sue Koch – Beauvoir’s Confederate Veterans

Tuesday July 30, 2020 – Larry McCluney – “On to Vicksburg: The Mississippi Central Railroad Campaign”

Tuesday August 27, 2020 – TBA

Tuesday September 25, 2020 – TBA

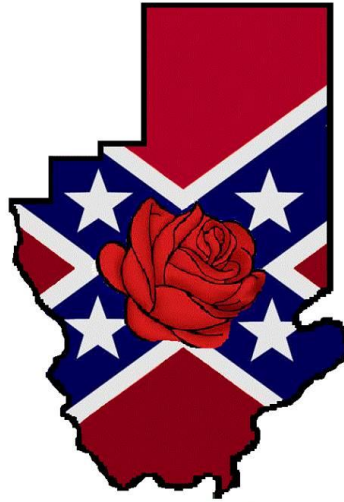
Tuesday October 30, 2020 – TBA

Tuesday November 19, 2020 – Conor Bond - Miss Division Commander

Tuesday December 17, 2020 – TBA

Order of the Confederate Rose

ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE



*HANCOCK COUNTY CHAPTER
HANCOCK COUNTY, MS*

The Pearl Rivers Chapter #30, Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose has been Chartered as of January 18, 2020. We are very proud to have Chartered our Chapter and look forward to supporting our host Camp. Some activities we hope to accomplish in the coming year include cleaning historical cemeteries, raising funds and awareness for the Cause, promoting the OCR in the local community and more.

Our Chapter currently boasts a membership of eight ladies with our President being Callie Bunter and our Historian/Secretary being Bobby Sue Koch.

We are hoping to expand our membership. Membership criteria for the OCR is as follows:

“The Order of the Confederate Rose is open to all ladies, twelve years of age or older, regardless of ancestry. It is non-racial, non-political and non-sectarian. The Order of the Confederate Rose will not compete with the United Daughters of the Confederacy or with any other genealogical organization. We invite other members from other genealogical organizations to join with us.”

If you have a female family members who would like to join the Pearl Rivers Chapter #30, Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose, please email the Chapter at pearlriversocr30@gmail.com – membership fees are minimal and we are looking to start some great benevolent work in the coming months.

Yours,

***Callie Bunter
President
Pearl Rivers Chapter #30, Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose***

3rd Mississippi Infantry Update

3rd Miss Infantry Regiment **2020 - Spring Campaign Reenactment Schedule**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/27084956691036/>

Max Effort, Best Effort, Scouting event, and other event:

1. January 24-26, 2020 – **Raid on Euchee Anna Reenactment**; Lake Defuniak; Defuniak Springs, FL. (Scouting Event)
2. February 21-23, 2020 – **Battles for the Texas Hospital Reenactment**; Archusa Creek Park; Quitman, MS. (MAX EFFORT)
3. March 13-15, 2020 – **Fort Randolph Reenactment**; Forts Randolph & Buhlow Park; Pineville, LA. (Best Effort)
4. March 27-29, 2020 – **"Siege of Port Hudson" Reenactment**; Port Hudson State Historic Site - Jackson, Louisiana (Best Effort/Scouting event)
5. April 3-5, 2020 – **Pleasant Hill Reenactment**; Pleasant Hill, LA. (MAX EFFORT)
6. April 11, 2020 – **Live Oak Rifles Memorial**; Gautier Cemetery; Gautier, MS. (Best Effort)
7. April 17-19, 2020 – **Battle for Cuba Station** (30th Anniversary); Gainesville, AL. (MAX EFFORT)
8. April 25, 2020 – **Gulfport Statue Memorial**; Gulfport, MS. 9am (Best Effort)
9. April 25, 2020 – **Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir**; Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS. 10am-3pm (MAX EFFORT)
10. April 26, 2020 – **Thunder on the Bay; Fort Gaines**; Dauphin Island, AL. (MAX EFFORT) (Sunday Only)
11. May 1-2, 2020 – **Surrender Oak Festival**; Camp Pushmataha; Citronelle, AL. (MAX EFFORT) (GCB Event)
12. May 16-18, 2020 – **Trail of Honor**; Harley-Davidson Shop; Jackson, MS. (MAX EFFORT) (Company Meeting)
13. June 6, 2020 – **Miss Div SCV Conv.**; Vicksburg, MS. (Color Guard Duty)

Capt. Don P. Green, Jr.
3rd Miss Inf. Co. F

Camp News



The Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 now has an OCR Chapter named The Pearl Rivers Chapter #30. The ladies received their Charter at the Camp's 5th Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet on Saturday January 18, 2020 at the Mercy House at Lakeshore Baptist Church in Waveland. This was a 4 year process that has come to fruition. Thank you President Callie Bunter for your perserverence to get this completed.

Brigade News

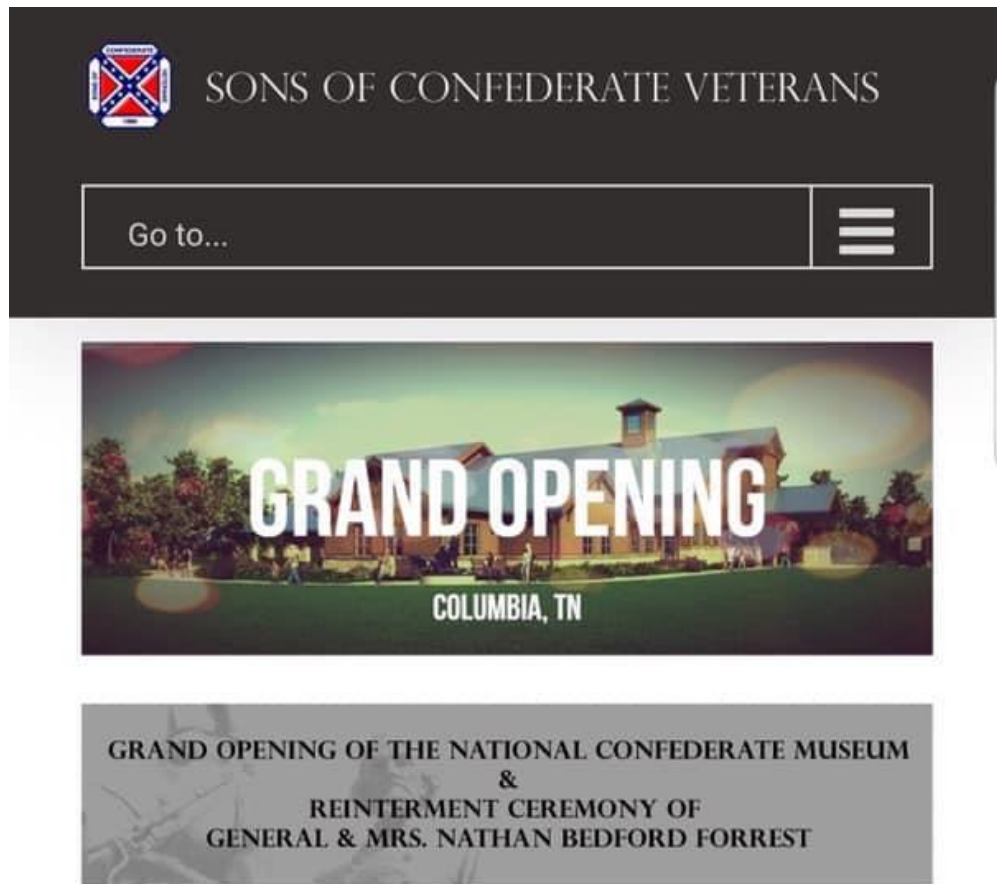


The USM Flaggers recorded their 221st consecutive week flagging the Campus of Southern Miss on Sunday January 20, 2020 in Hattiesburg, MS.

Division News



Camp Commander Don Green attended the Funeral for Compatriot Chuck Bond.



The image shows a screenshot of a website header for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. At the top left is the organization's logo, a shield with a red and white saltire on a blue background. To the right of the logo, the text "SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS" is displayed in white, all-caps, serif font. Below this is a dark navigation bar containing a search box with the placeholder text "Go to..." and a white hamburger menu icon on the right. Underneath the navigation bar is a large banner image of a large, multi-story brick building with a central tower, set against a sunset sky. The text "GRAND OPENING" is overlaid in large, white, bold, sans-serif letters, with "COLUMBIA, TN" centered below it in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below the banner is a grey rectangular box with white text that reads: "GRAND OPENING OF THE NATIONAL CONFEDERATE MUSEUM & REINTERMENT CEREMONY OF GENERAL & MRS. NATHAN BEDFORD FORREST".

23 May 2020 – At
Elm Springs –
Columbia TN

The Battle of Fort Hindman

The Battle of Arkansas Post, also known as the Battle of Fort Hindman, was a combined land-river assault by Union forces on the Confederate Fort Hindman, which loomed over a bend in the Arkansas River near the town of Arkansas Post. As the Union advance down the Mississippi River passed the mouth of the Arkansas, the presence of Fort Hindman outflanked the Federal forward positions.

Confederate ships used the Fort as a base to launch vexing raids on Northern shipping, culminating in the embarrassing capture of the Blue Wing, a supply ship laden with munitions meant for General William T. Sherman's command. To intensify the problem, throughout the final months of 1862 rumors abounded that a powerful new ironclad was being built at Little Rock.

In the midst of organizing for an attack on Vicksburg, Mississippi, Union commanders decided to deal with the threat in their rear in the first week of 1863. River gunboats pounded the fort as the infantry made a slogging assault overland. Outnumbered and outgunned, nearly 5,000 Confederates, approximately one-fourth of the Confederate force in Arkansas, surrendered on January 11, 1863. This was a catastrophic capture, not to be equaled west of the Mississippi River until general Edmund Kirby Smith surrendered the remainder of the department, some 20,000 men, on June 2, 1865 in Galveston, Texas.

General William T. Sherman had met a bloody repulse at the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou in December, 1862, and was temporarily relieved of his command. He was superseded by General John McClernand, a political officer who was almost universally despised in regular Army circles. Sherman later called the replacement "the severest test of my patriotism."

McClernand was under orders from Ulysses S. Grant to push down the Mississippi and open an assault on the river fortress of Vicksburg. An attack on Fort Hindman was not part of his purview. Nevertheless, he grew enthusiastic about the idea after Sherman recommended such a move, allocating 10,000 men to an expedition and requesting gunboat support from fleet commander David D. Porter. Porter, however, loathed McClernand and refused to provide support unless Sherman led the infantry assault himself. Additionally, Porter insisted on personal command of the support flotilla. Thus a 10,000-man operation became a 33,000-man operation, supported by fifty transports and nine gunboats (Baron DeKalb, Cincinnati, Louisville, Glide, Rattler, Black Hawk, Lexington, Monarch, and New Era) and the whole affair personally planned and led by the three top commanders in the theater.

Thomas Churchill served as governor of Arkansas from 1881-3 and oversaw the passage of a resolution codifying the proper pronunciation of "Arkansas."

The defense of Arkansas Post fell to Confederate general Thomas Churchill, a talented commander who had directed a devastating flank attack at the Battle of Richmond, Kentucky the year before. He now led a force of some 5,000 men, mostly dismounted Texas cavalry. Fort Hindman was strongly built, and Churchill further augmented the defenses with rifle pits and trenches on land and log pilings and range targets in the river.

The Union flotilla steamed into staging areas a few miles away from the fort on the evening of January 9. The gargantuan attacking force finally completed its debarkation the next morning under the eyes of Churchill's scouts. The size of the Union expedition was most unexpected. Upon receiving the report, Churchill urgently wired theater commander Theophilus Holmes to ask for instructions. Holmes wired back "to hold out until help arrived or until all were dead."

Holmes's order was strange, considering he made no provision to reinforce Churchill's garrison. When the Union attack got underway on January 10, Churchill and his eleven regiments were facing very long odds.

From rifle pits cut into the slopes of Coines's Hill, Confederate vedettes could see the sinuous Union assault columns winding their way along the riverbank. In the river, ironclads belched steam as they moved on the infantry's flank. Huge gunboat shells began to howl into the trenches as the Navy laid down a punishing cover fire for the deploying infantry. Outflanked on the water, the Confederates retreated through the mud back towards the fort as the Union lines began to slog up the hill.

McClerland, relying on reports relayed to him from a private soldier who had climbed a tall tree, soon sent word to Porter that the infantry assault was in place. The tree-climber, however, had failed to notice that half of the army, Sherman's corps, was caught in the mire and well behind schedule.

The USS Rattler was the flagship of the Mississippi Squadron's "tinclad" flotilla, the name given to civilian river steamers repurposed by the Navy. (Naval Historical Center)

The gunboats went in alone, dashing to within 400 yards of the fort and opening a furious cannonade. The Rattler, a tinclad, crashed aground in Churchill's log piles and was torn apart by the Confederate guns. The other Union ships also took a bruising, although Porter claimed

that many shells were deflected by tallow that the sailors had rubbed over their ships' hulls before the fight. After a firefight lasting several hours, Porter's ships withdrew. There was no further infantry attack that day, but Fort Hindman's walls were crumbling after sustaining hundreds of blows from the Union naval guns, which fired shells ranging from 30-105 pounds.

The Union force renewed the assault shortly after noon on January 11. The Confederate infantry put up a stubborn fight and drove the attackers to ground with musketry as they tried to advance across scrubby cleared fields. But Fort Hindman itself could no longer withstand the naval bombardment. Walls tumbled down and, one by one, guns flickered out of action. Their passage no longer hindered, the gunboats steamed past the ruins and trained their guns on the Confederate trenches. The first white flag came up at 4 P.M., hoisted by men of Colonel John Garland's brigade on the Confederate left flank.

The end of the battle came with some confusion. Porter himself was the first to climb into a hole in the fort's wall and secured the surrender of Colonel John Dunnington, the officer in charge of the fort's artillery. Out in the scrubby field, Sherman found General Churchill and demanded his surrender. At that moment Colonel Garland approached, and Churchill began to angrily reprimand him for surrendering without orders. Garland hotly protested that he had been ordered to surrender, presumably by a member of Churchill's staff. Colonel James Deshler, commanding the Confederate right flank, then arrived and proclaimed that he had not surrendered at all and would continue the fight. He acquiesced when Sherman, in some irritation, pointed out that his men were already in the process of disarming Deshler's troopers.

John McClernand greeted news of the bloody victory with the cry: "Glorious! My star is always in the ascendant!"

By the end of the day, more than 4,700 Confederates were captured. Even though the Southern infantry fought well, inflicting more than a thousand casualties while suffering approximately seven hundred, there could only be scant defense against the combined-arms tactics that the Union Army and Navy had employed at Fort Henry, Fort Donelson, and Island Number Ten in the months before the battle for Fort Hindman.

With the fort razed and the Arkansas River open, McClernand ordered a raid on Little Rock to commence before nightfall. Fort Hindman had represented the only real challenge to the Union naval power on the river. The rumors of the Little Rock ironclad were false. The Confederate fleet on the river was burned to prevent its capture.

Despite the success of the operation, Grant was exasperated by the loss of time, resources, and men on a maneuver that contradicted his orders. The immensely self-serving after-action reports submitted by McClernand and Porter (each of whom barely mentioned the other's contributions) were also stirring up fresh enmity in the army's high command. On January 30, 1863, Grant steamed down from Memphis, Tennessee to replace McClernand as chief general in the field. By securing the Union right flank and inducing Grant to take personal command, the Battle of Arkansas Post marked a turning point in the campaign for Vicksburg.

Courtesy of: <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/battle-arkansas-post>



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