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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 in full swing with temperatures falling way below freezing here on the Coast. We hope your plants, pets and all family members are safe and cared for. We had a successful Lee-Jackson Banquet last month at the Mercy House and Commander Bond delivered a powerful speech to us. Thanks to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander Steve Thoms for smoking the meats for us, Brother Elbourne for use of the building, Callie and the OCR Chapter for the side courses and everyone else who brought a dish or dessert for the potluck supper. We also participated in a very successful work day at Beauvoir last month that saw close to a hundred SCV Members and volunteers work in the cemetery. Our Camp along with the Gainesville Volunteers sanded, primed, and painted the Celtic Cross in the cemetery which we had planned for quite a while to accomplish. The Cross came out very nice and should hold up to the weather for many years in the future. This coming weekend will be multiple events to partake in. First, this Saturday February 20, Beauvoir will host the Oddfellows Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the cemetery on site. Secondly, Archusa Creek Water Park will host its annual Battle for the Texas Hospital Reenactment in Quitman, MS on Friday February 19 through Sunday February 21. This will fall very close to the anniversary date of when Federal Forces sacked the town of Quitman in February of 1864. Both events are very worthy to attend if at all possible to do so. Our first Camp meeting of the year will be this Tuesday the 23rd, 2021 at 6:30pm at Adjutant Redmond's House in Long Beach. 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Commander Trent Lewis is slated to show us his artifact collection. We hope to see you there.*

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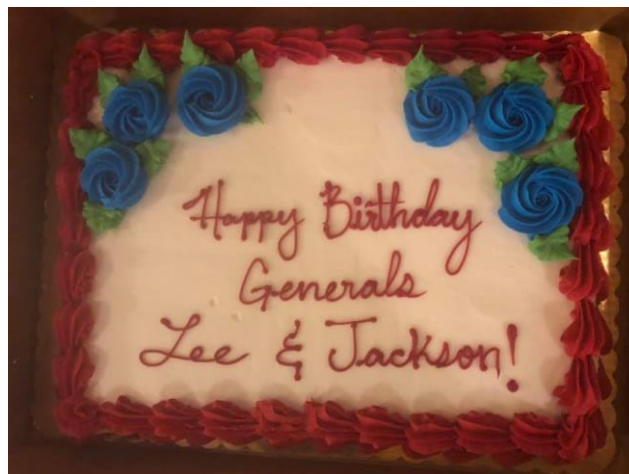
*6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lee-Jackson Banquet*



*Division Commander Conor Bond spoke on General's Lee and Jackson at the Mercy House.*



*Camp Members, OCR Members and guests attended the banquet held on January 16, 2021.*



*The cake was provided by the Pearl Rivers OCR Chapter along with very tasty dishes.*

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*Pirate's Festival at Beauvoir*



*Belly dancers performed at the Pirate's Festival held at Beauvoir January 15-17, 2021.*



*Camp Members Tanner Goff, Adjutant Mike Redmond and Brian Donegan pose for a pic.*



*Camp Members Don Green, Pat Alford, and Steve Thoms pose with other pards.*

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*Beauvoir Cemetery Work Day*



*Camp Members Steve Thoms and Nathan Cothorn sanded on the Celtic Cross in the cemetery.*



*Steve and Nathan began to paint the cross after it was primed on Saturday January 30, 2021.*



*Shieldsboro Rifles and Gainesville Volunteers Members helped work and took this photo.*



### **3rd Mississippi Infantry Regiment 2021 Spring Schedule**

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

1. **Winter Quarters:** 15121 Hwy 15 S. Union MS 39365, MS January 15-17 - **Scouting Event**
2. **Work Day:** Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS - January 30 - **Scouting Event**
3. **Battle for the Texas Hospital:** Quitman, MS February 19-21- **MAX EFFORT**
4. **Fort Beauregard Reenactment:** Harrisonburg, LA February 26-28 - **Scouting Event**
5. **Confederate Flag Day:** Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS March 6 - **Scouting Event**
6. **Fort Randolph Reenactment:** Pineville, LA March 12-14 - **Scouting Event**
7. **Siege of Port Hudson:** Jackson, LA March 26-28 – **MAX EFFORT**
8. **Battle of Pleasant Hill Reenactment:** Pleasant Hill, LA April 9-11 - **Scouting Event**
9. **Confederate Memorial Day:** Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS April 24 - **MAX EFFORT**
10. **Destrehan Plantation:** 13034 River Rd, Destrehan, LA 70047 May 1-2 - **MAX EFFORT**
11. **Surrender Oak Festival Reenactment:** Citronelle, AL May 1-2 - **TBA**
12. **Battle of Resaca Reenactment:** Resaca, GA May 14-16 - **Scouting Event**
13. **Trail of Honor:** Jackson, MS May 23-25 **TBA** - **Scouting Event**
14. **Battle for Cuba Station:** Gainesville, AL May 28-30 - **MAX EFFORT**
15. **SCV Convention:** Vicksburg, MS June 12 - **Scouting Event**

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



*Here is the schedule for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry for the Spring 2021 Season.*

## Brigade SCV Update

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FRI, FEB 19 - FEB 20

### Pilgrimage to the Confederate Unknown Soldier

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library · Biloxi



Interested



Going



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322 going or interested including Jennifer, Donna and 26 others



Event by Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library



Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library



*The Oddfellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.*

*Division SCV Update*

[www.letmsvote.info](http://www.letmsvote.info) or [www.facebook.com/letmsvote](http://www.facebook.com/letmsvote)



**Mississippi: INITIATIVE 74 putting The Flag of 1894 on the next Ballot is active! SIGN THE PETITION TODAY!**

*Initiative 74 is now available for petitions to be signed. More to Come!*

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*National SCV Update*

*Louisiana 2021*



*SCV National Convention Reunion Louisiana 2021*

*SCV Sons of Confederate Veterans National Convention Reunion Louisiana  
2021*

*2021 National Reunion*

*July 21-24, 2021 Metairie, Louisiana*

*SCV Convention 2021 Reunion Registration Form*

*SCV Convention 2021 Credentials Form*



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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. We are also looking at creating other pages on different social media sites given the biasedness against our heritage that exists on present medias. More to come.*

*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*

*\*All Subject to change.*

*Saturday January 16, 2021 – Conor Bond – Life Lessons of Generals Lee and Jackson*

*Tuesday February 23, 2021 – Trent Lewis – Artifact Collection*

*Tuesday March 30, 2021 – Tristan Dunn – Period Music by Keyboard*

*Tuesday April 27, 2021 - Paul Gramling – SCV Today*

*Tuesday May 25, 2021 – Bruce Roberts – Forrest Rides West (TBD)*

*Tuesday June 29, 2021 – Terry “Beetle” Bailey – TBD*

*Tuesday July 27, 2021 – Don Green – CSS Shenandoah (TBD)*

*Tuesday August 31, 2021 – Pat Alford – Davidson’s Raid*

*Tuesday September 28, 2021 – Grady Howell - 1<sup>st</sup> Mississippi Rifles (at Beauvoir)*

*Tuesday October 26, 2021 – Dorthy Necaise – Period Undertakers*

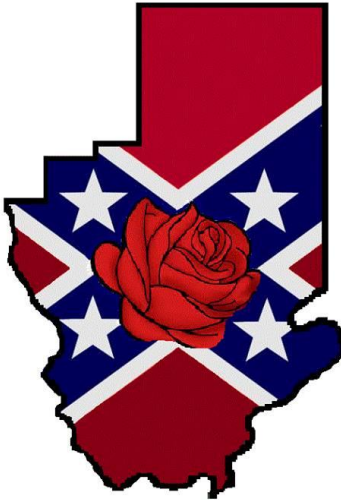
*Tuesday November 16, 2021 – Election of Officers*

*Tuesday December 14, 2021 – Camp Show & Tell*

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*Order of the Confederate Rose*

*ORDER OF THE CONFEDERATE ROSE*



*HANCOCK COUNTY CHAPTER,  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MS*

***The Pearl Rivers Chapter #30 chartered into the Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose during an interesting time in our world. We chartered in January 2020 and were unable to have our first independent meetings due to the COVID pandemic. We are proud to say that we will be hosting our first meeting on September 1st, where our members will discuss activities we hope to accomplish and how we plan on supporting our host Camp.***

***We hope to invite prospective membership to our future meetings, which will be the first Tuesday of each month. If you have a female family member who would like to join the Pearl Rivers Chapter #30, Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose, please email the Chapter at [pearliversocr30@gmail.com](mailto:pearliversocr30@gmail.com).***

***Yours,***

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

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## *What Happened in February throughout the War?*

### *February 1861-*

*February 1 - Texas adopts an Ordinance of Secession and schedules a referendum for February 23.*

*February 4 - Delegates from the seceded states meet to establish the Confederate government.*

*February 8 - The convention of seceded states adopts a provisional constitution.*

*February 9 - Jefferson Davis elected provisional Confederate President.*

*February 15 - The Provisional Confederate Congress establishes a Peace Commission to prevent war with the United States.*

*February 16 - Texas state troops seize the U.S. Arsenal at San Antonio.*

*February 18 - Jefferson Davis inaugurated as provisional president of the Confederacy.*

*February 19 - Louisiana state troops seize the U.S. paymaster's office in New Orleans.*

*February 23 - President-elect Lincoln arrives in Washington, D.C.*

*February 23 - Voters in Texas approve referendum to secede.*

### *February 1862-*

*February 3 - President Lincoln declines an offer of war elephants from the King of Siam.*

*February 6 - Surrender of Fort Henry, Tennessee.*

*February 7/8 - Battle of Roanoke Island, North Carolina.*

*February 10 - Union forces destroy the Confederate "Mosquito" fleet at Elizabeth City, North Carolina.*

*February 14 - Union ironclad gunboats attack Fort Donelson, Tennessee.*

*February 15 - All-out Confederate counter-attack at Fort Donelson.*

*February 16 - Fort Donelson surrenders unconditionally to Ulysses S. Grant.*

*February 20/21 - Battle of Val Verde, New Mexico Territory.*

*February 22 - Jefferson Davis inaugurated as President of the Confederate States of America. He had been serving as the Confederacy's provisional president since February 1862.*

*February 23 - Federal troops occupy Fayetteville, Arkansas.*

*February 25 - Federal troops occupy Nashville, Tennessee.*

**February 1863-**

*February 5 and 7 - Skirmish at Olive Branch Church, Virginia.*

*February 13 - Skirmish near Washington, North Carolina.*

*February 15 - Skirmish at Arkadelphia, Arkansas.*

*February 18 to 21 - The Cherokee National Council meets at Cowskin Prairie to disavow Stand Watie's pro-Confederate faction and abolish slavery.*

*February 26 - Confederate guerrillas attack freight train near Woodburn, Tennessee.*

**February 1864-**

*February 2 - Southern navy captures U.S. gunboat Underwriter but is forced to burn and flee.*

*February 3 - Union General William T. Sherman begins the Meridian Campaign in Mississippi.*

*February 11 - Skirmish at Lake City, Florida.*

*February 14 - Federal troops capture Meridian, Mississippi.*

*February 17 - Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley sinks the USS Housatonic.*

*February 20 - Battle of Olustee (Ocean Pond), Florida.*

*February 22 - Engagement at Okolona, Mississippi.*

*February 28 - Kilpatrick's Raid on Richmond begins.*

*February 29 - George Custer's cavalry fights skirmishes during a raid on Albermarle County, Virginia.*

**February 1865-**

*February 1 - Sherman's march through the Carolinas in "full swing."*

*February 3 - Union and Confederate officials meet to discuss peace.*

*February 5 - Battle of Hatcher's Run (Armstrong's Mill), Virginia begins.*

*February 6 - John C. Breckinridge named Confederate Secretary of War.*

*February 17 – Columbia, South Carolina burned.*

*February 17 - Evacuation of Charleston, South Carolina.*

*February 22 - Wilmington, North Carolina captured.*

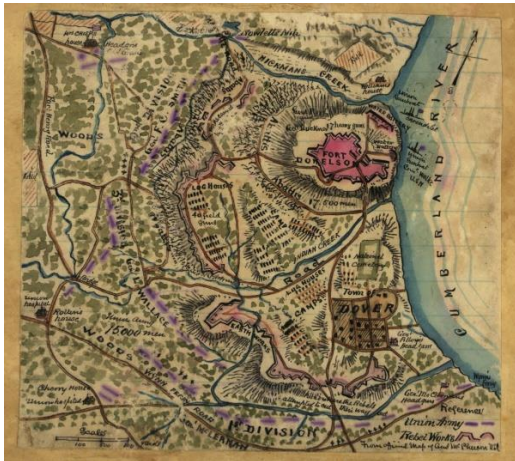
*Courtesy of: <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/day-civil-war>*

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## **Battle of Fort Donelson**

*The Battle of Fort Donelson (February 11-16, 1862) was one of the Union's first major victories in the American Civil War (1861-65). A week after capturing Fort Henry on the Tennessee River, Union Brigadier General Ulysses Grant began his assault on Fort Donelson on the Cumberland River, a key gateway to the Confederacy. On February 16, after Confederate forces under Brigadier General John Floyd failed to break through Grant's lines, the Confederates relinquished the fort, meeting Grant's terms of "unconditional and immediate surrender." Grant's victory ensured that Kentucky would remain in the Union and helped open up Tennessee to future Union advances.*

### **Battle of Fort Donelson: February 1862**



*A would stay with the Union. map of Fort Donelson. The fall of this heavily fortified fort on the Tennessee River was deep in the heart of the confederacy. It ensured that Kentucky*

*Buyenlarge/Getty Images*

*After the fall of Confederate-held Fort Henry on the Tennessee River to the Union on February 6, 1862 (largely thanks to Union gunboats), thousands of rebel troops were sent to reinforce the larger Fort Donelson, which was located 10 miles away on the Cumberland River—another key gateway to the Confederacy. On February 13, one of Ulysses S. Grant's (1822-85) officers, Brigadier General John McClernand (1812-1900), initiated the Battle of Fort Donelson when he tried unsuccessfully to capture a rebel battery along the fort's outer works.*

***Did you know? Among those Confederates who escaped before the surrender of Fort Donelson was cavalry leader Nathan Bedford Forrest. In 1864, he led his troops in a controversial attack on Fort Pillow, in which some 300 black Union troops were killed after surrendering.***

***Over the next three days, Grant tightened the noose around Fort Donelson by moving a flotilla up the Cumberland River to shell the fort from the east. On February 15, the Confederates tried to break out of the Yankee perimeter. An attack on the Union right flank and center sent the Yankees back in retreat, but then Confederate General Gideon Pillow (1806-78) made a fatal miscalculation. Rather than retreating from the fort and escaping to safety, he opted to pull his men back into their entrenchments. In response, Grant launched a fierce counterattack and regained much of the ground that had been ceded. The Confederates were surrounded, with their backs to the Cumberland River. Only several thousand troops managed to escape before Fort Donelson was surrendered on February 16.***

***How Many People Died At Fort Donelson?***

***Of the approximately 16,000 Confederates who had engaged in battle, more than 12,000 were captured or missing, while approximately 1,400 others were wounded or killed. Of the estimated 24,500 Union troops who fought at Fort Donelson, total casualties were around 2,700.***

***“Unconditional Surrender” Grant***



***The Surrender of Fort Donelson, on February 16, 1862.***

***Archive Photos/Getty Images***

*When the rebels asked for terms of surrender, Grant replied that no terms “except unconditional and immediate surrender” would be acceptable. This earned him the nickname “Unconditional Surrender.” President Abraham Lincoln (1809-65) promoted Grant to major general after the battle.*

*Why Is The Battle of Fort Donelson Significant?*

*The Battle of Fort Donelson was the first major Union victory in the Civil War and a major victory for Ulysses S. Grant. The losses of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson were disasters for the Confederates. Kentucky was lost and Tennessee lay wide open to the Yankees. The Cumberland River and Tennessee River became integral parts of Union supply lines. Nashville would fall to Union troops within a matter of days.*

*Where Is Fort Donelson?*

*Fort Donelson National Battlefield is now part of the National Park Service. The entrance to the park is in Dover, Tennessee, though parts of the battlefield extend to Kentucky.*

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