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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,*

*I would like to thank those for making the Camp Meeting last month. Past Commander of the Sam Davis Camp Bruce Roberts entertained us with his insight on writing his first book. As the summer arrives this month, we have had a very busy June thus far. The first Saturday we celebrated President Davis's Birthday at Beauvoir. The second weekend members went to Vicksburg for the Division Meeting and the CSS Arkansas Headstones Dedication. Last weekend was the Fall Muster Meeting and yours truly attended the Living History aboard the USS Alabama in Mobile. The next events start with a fence work day at Beauvoir, in addition to the Headstone Dedication near Gillsburg this Saturday. July 3<sup>rd</sup> is a Living History at the Old Courthouse Museum in Vicksburg and the 17<sup>th</sup> is the Coastfest Car Show at Beauvoir. Also, the National Reunion is in Metairie, LA on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July as well. Many Compatriots from all over the Confederation will be in attendance. Dues are now due and they are \$55 to renew your annual membership. I sent out an email describing the cost breakdown and explaining the issue with the dues mail out which was incorrect. Feel free to mail them to Adjutant Redmond or myself as both of us are on the Camp Account. Please do not mail the dues renewal to the National Office or the Division Adjutant. Our next Camp meeting of the year will be this Tuesday June 29th, 2021 at 6:30pm at The American Legion Post 139 in Bay St. Louis. Our old friend the Almost World-Famous Terry "Beetle" Bailey will be our speaker for this month. We hope to see you there.*

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## *May Camp Meeting*



*Camp Commander Don Green swore in 3 new members and presented their certificates.*



*Bruce Roberts explained the process he took to write his book on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.*



*Camp Members and guests take a photo with the Speaker Bruce Roberts after the meeting.*

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## *Gainesville Reenactment*



*The Shieldsboro Rifles hitch a ride on a trailer to the Forrest Monument May 29, 2021.*



*The reenactors prepare for the Forrest Memorial at the Parole site in Gainesville.*



*The Shieldsboro Rifles pose for this photo after the Forrest Memorial on Saturday.*

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## *Gainesville Reenactment*



*The Shieldsboro Rifles are in line to march to the Cemetery across town on Sunday.*



*The reenactors take a photo with the queens of the Quitman Event and ladies in attendance.*



*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Miss Inf. had to galvanize as the 9<sup>th</sup> Conn. Inf. for both battles to balance numbers.*

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*President Davis Birthday Celebration*



*The Living Historians pose for a photo on the stage in the Beauvoir Room June 5, 2021.*



*The Shieldsboro Rifles posed for a photo in front of the Beauvoir House after the ceremony.*



*The crew then posed for a photo around the President Davis Statue before the day ended.*

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## *CSS Arkansas Dedication*



*The honor guard posed for this photo behind the headstones for the CSS Arkansas Crewmen.*



*The reenactors all participated in the dedication to the Crewmwn Sunday June 13, 2021.*



*The participants all posed for this photo around the sign after the dedication.*



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi (9<sup>th</sup> Connecticut) Infantry Regiment** **2021 Summer/Fall Schedule**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/270849566691036/>

#### **Summer 2021**

1. **President Jeff Davis Birthday Celebration:** June 5, 2021; Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS - **MAX EFFORT**
2. **MS Division SCV Convention Color Guard:** Vicksburg, MS June 12, 2021 - **Scouting Event**
3. **CSS Arkansas Dedication:** Soldier's Rest in Vicksburg, MS. June 13, 2021- **Scouting Event**
4. **Possible Ship Island Trip:** June 2021-**TBA**
5. **Vicksburg Living History:** Old Courthouse: Vicksburg, MS.; July 3, 2021 - **Scouting Event**
6. **Battle of Mobile Bay:** Fort Morgan; Gulf Shores AL.; August 7, 2021- **TBA- MAX EFFORT**
7. **Fort Mims:** Fort Mims Historic Site; Stockton, AL.; August 27-29, 2021-**TBA- Scouting Event**

#### **Fall 2021**

1. **Battle of Tunnel Hill:** Tunnel Hill, GA; September 10-12, 2021- **MAX EFFORT**
2. **Little General's Raid:** Gallant, AL; September 17-19, 2021-**Scouting Event**
3. **Battle of Belmont:** Columbus-Belmont State Park, KY; October 8-10, 2021-**Scouting Event**
4. **Fall Muster Reenactment:** Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS; October 15-17, 2021- **MAX EFFORT**
5. **Stones River National Event:** TN; October 22-24, 2021- **Scouting Event**
6. **Camp Paraphet Day:** New Orleans, LA; November 6, 2021-**TBA- Scouting Event**
7. **Siege of Port Hudson:** St. Francisville, LA; November 5-7, 2021 - **Scouting Event**
8. **Battle for the Armory:** Tallassee, AL; November 12-14, 2021- **Scouting Event**
9. **Camp Moore Reenactment:** Tangipahoa, LA; November 19-21, 2021- **MAX EFFORT**
10. **Landrum's Homestead Village:** Laurel, MS- November 27-28, 2021-**Scouting Event**
11. **John Ford Home Candlelight:** Marion County, Mississippi -November 27, 2021-**Scouting Event**
12. **Beauvoir Wreath Laying Ceremony:** Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS; December 4, 2021 - **Scouting Event**
13. **Battle of Bibb Furnace:** Brierfield, AL; December 3-5, 2021- **Scouting Event**
14. **McLeod's Mill Reenactment:** Leakesville, MS; December 10-12- **MAX EFFORT**
15. **Christmas in Camp:** Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS; December 18, 2021- **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 Fall 2021 Season.*



***The Hartford Landing Party Schedule***

***Jefferson Davis Birthday - June 5, 2021***

***CSS Arkansas Dedication – June 13, 2021***

***Raid on Lil' General's Farm - September 17-19, 2021***

***Fall Muster at Beauvoir - October 15-17, 2021***

***Port Hudson Make up Event - November 5-7, 2021***

***Marine Birthday at Beauvoir - November 13, 2021***

***Camp Moore Reenactment - November 19-21, 2021***

***Olustee Reenactment - February 18-20, 2022***



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*Brigade SCV Update*



*The 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade will host the Division Convention at Beauvoir in June 2023. Each Camp in the Brigade will have a member or two on a Committee that will oversee the details for a successful event to come.*

*Future Division Convention Locations:*

- 2022 – Columbus hosted by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade*
- 2023 – Biloxi hosted by the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade*
- 2024 – Louisville hosted by the Rankin Greys 2271*

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*Division SCV Update*



*The Shieldsboro Rifles were the Color Guard for the Division Convention in Vicksburg.*



*R. Jackson Photo*

*The Division Officers facilitate the business meeting during the Convention June 12.*



*R. Jackson Photo*

*The Division Officers were all sworn in at the Banquet Saturday Night for the year.*



*Secrets of the*  
**OLD BILOXI  
CEMETERY**

JOHN CUEVAS

Contributions by Nick Black; Photography by Jason Taylor and Chris Cahill



*Three centuries*  
OF GRAVE ENIGMA

The countryside between Mobile and New Orleans teems with memorials, but few historic spots occasion pause for reflection like the Old Biloxi Cemetery. Burials go back to the eighteenth-century French settlement, when Biloxi was the planned capital of the Louisiana territory. Secrets abound in the old cemetery—not exactly buried, since many prominent inhabitants sealed unsolved mysteries with their final remains in the aboveground tombs developed here. Author John Cuevas explores the fascinating history of the cemetery, including the massive restoration of the iconic resting place of his ancestor Juan de Cuevas, great-grandfather to more than nine thousand Gulf Coast families.



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USA

**THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2021 AT 5 PM CDT – 6 PM CDT**  
**Author John Cuevas Book Signing**  
**Free · Pass Christian Books**



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SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021 AT 10 AM CDT – 11 AM CDT

### Captain Hiram Morgan Dedication

Free • Hwy 568 Gillsburg MS / Morgon Gordon Cemetery



Going



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Can't Go



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Event by Trent Lewis and The Ramblin Rebel



Hwy 568 Gillsburg MS / Morgon Gordon Cemetery  
Gillsburg, MS



Price: Free • Duration: 1 hr



Group • Members of The Ramblin Rebel



# CALL TO ARMS

Old Warren County Courthouse  
Vicksburg, MS

July 2-4 ~~2021~~ 1861

Come spend the weekend,  
listen to presentations from  
Military leaders and Civilians.  
Tour the Museum, visit the camps,  
watch drills, and interact  
with historical reenactors.

Early War Militia,  
Civilians, Ladies &  
Children.  
All are encouraged  
to attend and dress in  
period attire, but  
not required.

In 1860 the City had a number  
of militia units, including  
the Vicksburg Sharpshooters.  
In May 1861 the Citizen Office  
made a humble contribution  
to the brave Vicksburg  
Sharpshooters, by presenting  
each member with a  
beautiful blue badge  
with the coat of arms  
and the motto  
"Southern Rights,  
For This We Fight"

Camps open	9am
Drill demonstrations	10am
Presentations	11am
Presentations	1pm



## Museum Hours

Saturday  
8:30am - 5:00pm

Admission  
Adults \$6  
Children \$4

*The Old Courthouse in Vicksburg will host a living history on July 3, 2021.*



***SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021 AT 4 PM CDT  
Juan de Cuevas Birthday Picnic  
Free · Old Biloxi Cemetery***

***Juan's birthday is July 8th and we invite everyone to come out and join us at the Old Biloxi Cemetery as we celebrate Juan de Cuevas "The Hero of Cat Island" 259th Birthday. Picnic at the cemetery bring your own food, drinks, and chairs. The date and time are subject to change depending on the weather.***

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*National SCV Update*



*The Forrst Boyhood Home hosted a big day of events on Saturday June 19, 2021.*



*The Tennessee and Alabama Divisions combined for the expenses to erect this monument.*



*The reenactors fired a volley during the monument dedication at the Forrest Boyhood Home.*

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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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## *Beauvoir Upcoming Events*

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**SATURDAY AT 9 AM CDT**

### **Beauvoir Fence Project**

Free • Biloxi, MS

**Going** Interested ...

👤 5 going or interested including **Jim Hancock** and **Gerald Nelson**

👤 Event by **Trixx Shot** and **5th Brigade, Mississippi Division SCV**

📍 2244 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39531-5002, United States

💰 Price: Free

🌐 Public • Anyone on or off Facebook

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*The Beauvoir Fence Project will take place Saturday June 26, 2021*

# COASTFEST CAR SHOW



# BEAUVOIR - JULY 17, 2021



*CoastFest Car show is set for Saturday July 17, 2021*



**July 24, 2021-Doors open at 5 PM.**

**Dance Into The Past**

**Come join us to waltz, tango and jitterbug on July 24th, as we celebrate our shared heritage and histories throughout time. Come dressed in clothing from different eras ranging through 1800's to the 1940's. Grab your top hat, white gloves, hoop skirt, corset and dancing shoes and join us dancing through time at Beauvoir.**

**LIVE MUSIC by Red McWilliams and Daniel Driskell.**

**Price includes buffet style dinner that begins at 6 PM.**

**Come enjoy fried chicken, pulled pork and ribs with potato salad, baked beans and coleslaw with peach cobbler to finish. Dance starts at 8 PM to midnight.**

**Put on your your favorite 1800 to 1940's style clothes, grab your top hat and cane and get your dancing shoes polished.**

**Gates will open at 5pm close at 8pm**

**Admission price includes:  
Buffet style dinner will be served from 6 - 8pm**

**Dancing will begin at 8pm**

**Tickets will be available on Eventbrite or at the door.**

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dance-into-the-past-tickets-152140308759>**

***Beauvoir will host a dance through the ages July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021***

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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 – Forrest Dawes – Division Monument Program*

*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*

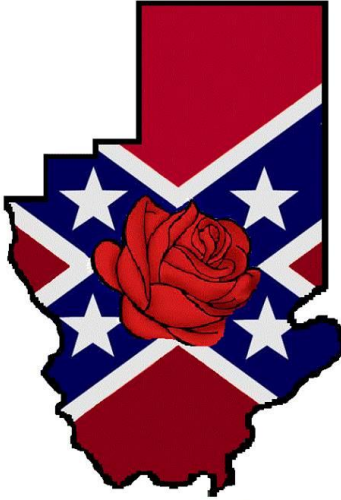
*Tuesday November 16, 2021 – Dr. Samuel W. “Sandy” Mitcham, Jr. – Confederate Generals*

*Tuesday December 14, 2021 – Don Green – CSS Shenandoah*

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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 June throughout the War?*

### *June 1861*

*June 1 - Skirmish at Fairfax Court House, Virginia*

*June 2 - P.G.T. Beauregard takes command of Confederate forces in northern Virginia*

*June 8 - Tennessee voters approve referendum to secede*

*June 10 - Engagement at Big Bethel, Virginia*

*June 16 - Thaddeus Lowe demonstrates the potential of hot air balloons to the government in Washington, D.C.*

*June 17 - Engagement at Boonville Missouri*

*June 17 - Action at Vienna, Virginia*

### *June 1862*

*June 1 - Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks) ends*

*June 1 - General Robert E. Lee takes command of the Army of Northern Virginia*

*June 3 to 5 - Evacuation of Fort Pillow, Tennessee*

*June 6 - Battle of Memphis, Tennessee*

*June 7 - William Mumford hanged in New Orleans for destroying the U.S. flag*

*June 8 - Battle of Cross Keys, Virginia*

*June 9 - Battle of Port Republic, Virginia*

*June 12 - J.E.B. Stuart begins his "Ride Around McClellan"*

*June 13 - Skirmish at New Market, Virginia*

*June 16 - Battle of Secessionville, South Carolina*

*June 19 - Lincoln signs a law prohibiting slavery in the Western territories*

*June 25 - Seven Days Battles begin at Oak Grove (French's Field), Virginia*

*June 26 - Battle of Mechanicsville, (Beaver Dam Creek), Virginia*

*June 27 - Battle of Gaines' Mill (First Cold Harbor), Virginia*

*June 27/28 - Action at Garnett's and Golding's Farms, Virginia*

*June 28 - Passage of Vicksburg batteries by Flag Officer D.G. Farragut's deep water fleet*

*June 29 - Battle of Savage Station, Virginia*

*June 30 - Battle of Glendale (Frayser's Farm), Virginia*

### *June 1863*

*June 7 - Battle of Milliken's Bend, Louisiana*

*June 9 - Battle of Brandy Station (Fleetwood Heights), Virginia*

*June 13 to 15 - Battle of Second Winchester*

*June 14 - Second Assault on Port Hudson*

*June 15 - Fight at Stephenson's Depot, Virginia, part of the Second Battle of Winchester*

*June 17 - Engagement in Wassaw Sound, Georgia*

*June 20 - West Virginia joins the Union as the 35th state*

*June 23 - Tullahoma Campaign begins in Middle Tennessee*

*June 28 - Union Major General George G. Meade replaces Joseph Hooker as head of the Army of the Potomac*

### *June 1864*

*June 1 - Major Union attack at Cold Harbor, Virginia*

*June 3 - All-out Union assault at Cold Harbor, Virginia*

*June 5 - Battle at Piedmont, Virginia*

*June 6 - Engagement at Lake Chicot (Dutch Bayou), Arkansas*

*June 8 - Abraham Lincoln nominated for a second term as U.S. President*

*June 10 - Battle of Brice's Cross Roads (Guntown), Mississippi*

*June 11 - Skirmish at Pine Mountain, Georgia*

*June 11 - Battle of Trevilian Station, Virginia*

*June 15 - First attack on Petersburg, Virginia*

*June 19 - USS Kearsarge sinks CSS Alabama near France*

*June 21 - Christopher Memminger resigns as Confederate Secretary of the Treasury*

*June 22 - Battle of Kolb's Farm (Culp's Farm), Georgia*

*June 27 - Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia*

*June 29 - Skirmish at Reams Station, Virginia on Wilson's Raid*

*June 1865*

*June 23 - General Stand Watie surrenders Confederate forces in the Indian Territory (OK)*

*June 30 - Eight Lincoln-assassination conspirators convicted in Washington, D.C.*

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



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## THE BATTLE OF PINE KNOB

*A Grand Skirmish; The White Star Division at Pine Knob - June 15, 1864*

*On June 14, 1864, George Stilwell of the 102nd New York writes his brother telling him of the heavy cannonading he hears that day. "[F]ights are getting to be a common thing now days," he writes, likely unaware that a Federal artillery shell has not only killed one of the Confederacy's most popular generals but will also lead to a heavy fight for him and his comrades in Brig. Gen. John W. Geary's "White Star" division of the Twentieth Corps.*

*In the first weeks of June, Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman's three armies have marched toward Marietta, roughly 20 miles outside of Atlanta. Predictably, Confederate Gen. Joseph E. Johnston has erected yet another series of earthworks to block Sherman's path. It's likely the shots Stilwell hears are directed at Pine Mountain, a salient in the center of a ten-mile defensive line that extends from Lost Mountain on the west to Brushy Mountain to the east, near Big Shanty. In addition to killing Lt. Gen. Leonidas Polk, the artillery fire on Pine Mountain convinces Johnston to abandon the position and withdraw the center of his line.*

*Sherman's orders for the 15th are simple: advance. The Twenty-third Corps will advance on the Union right flank toward the Confederate position on Lost Mountain while Maj. Gen. James B. McPherson's Army of the Tennessee moves on the left toward Big Shanty. Maj. Gen. George Thomas, commanding the Fourth, Fourteenth, and Twentieth Corps of the Army of the Cumberland is to "break the enemy's center," seizing the portion of the Confederate line that includes Pine Mountain, a ridge to the west of it called Pine Knob, and a crossroads just beyond a small house of worship called Gilgal Church.*

*Early on the 15th, men from the Maj. Gen. Oliver O. Howard's Fourth Corps confirm that Johnston has indeed abandoned Pine Mountain. Accustomed to Johnston's pattern of entrench and retreat, Sherman assumes the Confederates have withdrawn from the entire line. He is mistaken. Lt. Gen. William Hardee's corps—including Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne's crack division—occupies strong earthworks on Pine Knob that extend just beyond Gilgal Church, connecting with the Confederate position on Lost Mountain. A pair of batteries support Cleburne's three brigades who, in the words of one Federal, have "bestowed a week's labor in preparation" for the Yankee attack.*

*The ground here consists of "a series of steep ridges with narrow ravines in between...with frequent deviations by way of irregular spurs and small hills." It is also, according to General Geary, covered "entirely" with woods. A unified advance by Thomas' troops is nearly impossible. Geary reports that he cannot make a connection with Howard's troops on his left. Furthermore, he has no connection with Maj. Gen. Dan Butterfield's division of his own corps. What was meant to be a concerted effort by Thomas' three corps will become separate engagements fought by two isolated divisions of Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker's corps.*

*Geary places his two strongest brigades, those of Col. David Ireland and Col. Charles Candy, on the right and left of his division, while Col. Patrick Jones' brigade occupies the center. They are deployed in two lines, allowing the second to come rapidly to the aid of the first should the need arise. Four companies of the 147th Pennsylvania under Col. Ario Pardee, Jr. screen Geary's advance.*

*Somewhere off to Geary's right, Butterfield arranges his division in a much narrower formation. Brig. Gen. William Ward's Illinois brigade leads the way, followed by Col. John Coburn's and Col. James Wood's. Butterfield, however, will fight more or less on his own. After a tepid effort, "Magnificent Dan" fails to capture the crossroads at Gilgal Church and calls it quits, roughly 100 yards in front of Cleburne's works. He tells Hooker "the [Confederate] position is of such strength that I cannot carry it." He wishes that "[t]he Twenty-third Corps should be ordered forward on my right," he adds. He would also like Geary's division to extend its front to connect with his left.*

***Advance of the 60th New York at Pine Knob***

*View from the advanced position of the 60th New York. The remnants of the trench the New Yorkers dug can be seen in the center. Douglas Ullman, Jr.*

*John Geary, however, is having a rough day—arguably more so than Butterfield. Advancing with the rest of the corps at 2:00pm, Geary's vanguard makes contact with the enemy after only a short distance. Col. Pardee is convinced his skirmishers are insufficient to drive the Confederates from their rifle pits and asks for assistance. Geary orders him to hold tight; the rest of the division will be coming up for an assault.*

*The White Star division succeeds in clearing a ridge directly in their front. The Yankees then charge "impetuously up to the very mouths of [the enemy's] cannon." With no connection to the units on his right or left, Geary believes he is being flanked. In fact, his men have come upon a steep angle in the Confederate works lurking in the gap between their right and Butterfield's left. On the right of Ireland's brigade, the 102nd New York is "temporarily thrown into disorder by an enfilading fire of the enemy," prompting two regiments from the second line rush to their aid. Col. Charles Candy's brigade experiences a similar crisis on the left flank that is resolved in a similar fashion. Elements of Brig. Gen. Alpheus Williams' division (advancing in support of Geary and Butterfield) also come forward to bolster the Union advance.*

*With his flanks secure for the moment, Geary presses "steadily and rapidly forward" up another steep ridge, toward a second line of works. The slope is strewn with slashed timber, "strong abatis, and also chevaux-de-frise of pointed stakes." As they advance, the fighting becomes "very severe" according to a captain in the 29th Ohio. Confederate artillery (Geary counts an improbable 18 pieces in his front) plays havoc with the Yankees in this sector. Geary believes his enemies know "that if [their position] were carried by us all to them would be lost."*

*Near the center of Geary's line, the 60th New York is less than 100 yards from Cleburne's works—easy killing range for rifled muskets—before dropping to the earth for cover. A slight knoll provides a bit of protection for the men, who scratch out a ragged trench with their cups and bayonets. Even after the sun goes down, the slightest move draws a volley from Cleburne's ever-watchful troops. Later that night, Geary pulls his brigades back to a safer distance, where they entrench.*

*Desultory skirmishing the following morning adds to the casualty lists, but when the Yankees again advance, they discover the Confederates have once again withdrawn. While Hooker's men toiled in front of Pine Knob and Gilgal Church, the Army of the Tennessee succeeded in flanking the Confederate right at Big Shanty, and Schofield's men effectively turned Johnston's left at Lost Mountain, making Cleburne's position untenable.*

*For Sherman, the fighting at Pine Knob is merely one part of "a grand skirmish" in front of Johnston's "Mountain Line." For Geary, however, it is the bloodiest engagement of the campaign. Five hundred and nineteen men of the White Star division are casualties by June 16, including a disproportionate number of officers. Butterfield's attack, by contrast, results in the loss of just 125 Federals. The disparity in numbers supports Geary's claim that the fighting this day was done "principally by the White Stars." Confederate reports for this period of the campaign are scant and their total number of casualties is unreported, but with the Federals failing to break Cleburne's line and the terrain preventing the Yankees from using artillery, it is unlikely that the Confederate loss is substantial.*

*In the coming days, more skirmishing will drive Johnston's army to another line of earthworks, a nearly impregnable position at Kennesaw Mountain. There, Sherman's growing impatience will get the best of him for the last time as he launches a massive assault against Johnston's works that ends in bloody failure.*

*The pall of Sherman's lopsided repulse at Kennesaw Mountain casts a large shadow over most of the fighting in June, 1864. Pine Mountain is primarily remembered for the death of Bishop Polk on June 14—not for the role it played in the strategic picture at Marietta. Furthermore, the fact that the terms Pine Hill, Pine Mountain, and Pine Knob are used almost interchangeably in Federal reports does little to help historians adequately define the fighting on June 15 and further diminish the battle's notoriety.*

*This apparent lack of import—and the site’s proximity to the City of Atlanta—have contributed to the loss of the Pine Knob battlefield. Only a small section of Cleburne’s earthworks along Due West Road is protected today, but this is more closely associated with Butterfield’s assault on Gilgal Church. Pine Knob—where the bulk of the fighting occurred on June 15—is now a suburban neighborhood. Only state historical markers tell the story of the battle that raged through what is now an idyllic family community, complete with tennis courts and spacious homes.*

*The Battle of Pine Knob—like so many lost battlefields—can only be experienced through imagination. The "irregular spurs" described by Geary are perfect sites for large brick houses with well-manicured lawns that belie the once-deadly character of the undulating terrain. In the woods across the street from a row of these homes, one can find the remains of the flanking trench that caused havoc on Geary’s right flank. A simple state marker describes the action here. On a nearby street, another marker points the way to the trench dug by the men of the 60th New York. Visitors can follow the trench only so far, however, before they wind up in someone’s back yard. In spite of this, visitors to the battlefield today can still get an understanding of how the uneven terrain shaped the battle and lead to John Geary’s worst day of 1864.*

Source: <https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/grand-skirmish>