

The Hancock Rebel



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THE SHIELDSBORO RIFLES CAMP #2263 NEWSLETTER	BAY ST. LOUIS, MS	ISSUE #72	APRIL 2022
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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,

As April comes to a close, so does Confederate Heritage Month across the Confederation. We have been busy placing flags in Hancock Cemeteries that have Confederate Veterans buried in them. There are roughly over 180 Confederate Veterans in close to 20 cemeteries in the county. Also, the Shiloh and Fort Gaines Reenactments were well represented by your Shieldsboro Rifles. Up next this weekend, will be Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir April 23, 2022. Our Camp will place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and participate in the Program. We have been working on a Camp website to get up and running. And we are also planning a Memorial in July at Turtleskin Cemetery in conjunction with the Gainesville Volunteers Camp 373. More to come on that in the near future. Our next camp meeting will be Tuesday April 26, 2022 at the Mercy House in Bay St. Louis. We hope you will join us for a recap of the April activities. Deo Vindice! God Bless the South!

March Camp Meeting



Compatriot Terry Arthur presented to the Camp on the Guardian Program March 30, 2022.



Camp Members and Associate Members look on as the presentation is given at Lakeshore.



Camp Members and Compatriots take a photo at the end of the meeting at Mercy House.

Shiloh 160th Aniversary Event



The Shieldsboro Rifles march into battle at the 160th Anniversary of Shiloh/Pittsburg Landing.



Commander Green gives firing comands to Co. F, of the 3rd Mississippi Infantry at Shiloh.



The Shieldsboro Rifles took a photo at Shiloh Reenactment that was held April 1-3, 2022.

Thunder on the Bay at Fort Gaines



The Shieldsboro Rifles are formed up on the wall at Fort Gaines to defend against Yankees.



The 3rd Mississippi Infantry are firing through the holes in the wall at the Yankees.



The 3rd Miss. Inf. formed up inside Fort Gaines for Thunder on the Bay April 9, 2022.

Placing Flags in Cemeteries



Camp Member Brother Don Elbourne places a Confederate Flag at a grave in April.



Camp Members Don Green and Dorty Necaise place flags at Rotten Bayou Cemetery.



Camp Members placed flags in cemeteries in Hancock County with Confederates in them.

Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir



The Shieldboro Rifles had members form up at Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir.



Camp Members fire a volley at the end of the program at Beauvoir on April 23, 2022.



The participants all took a photo after the Ceremony around the Tomb of the Unkown Soldier.



Here is the schedule for the 3rd Mississippi Infantry for the Spring 2022 Season.



Office of the Governor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April is the month when, in 1861, the American Civil War began between the Confederate and Union armies, reportedly the costliest and deadliest war ever fought on American soil; and

WHEREAS, State law declares the last Monday of April as Confederate Memorial Day, a legal holiday to honor those who served in the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, as we honor all who lost their lives in this war, it is important for all Americans to reflect upon our nation's past, to gain insight from our mistakes and successes, and to come to a full understanding that the lessons learned yesterday and today will carry us through tomorrow if we carefully and earnestly strive to understand and appreciate our heritage and our opportunities which lie before us.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 as

CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH

in the State of Mississippi.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the *C*TH day of April in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-sixth

TATE REEVES GOVERNOR

The Confederate History Month Proclamation was signed for April this month.

Brigade SCV Update



Commander-in-Chief Larry McCluney was the keynote speaker at Beauvoir's annual Confederate Memorial Day that was held on Saturday April 23, 2022 at the Cemetery.

The following dates are the ones selected for our 5th Brigade quarterly meetings in 2022:

Friday, March 4th Friday, June 3rd Friday, September 2nd Friday, December 2nd

All of these meetings will take place in the Dixie Community Center and will begin at 7:00 pm. Should anything change, we will do our best to convey those changes to the brigade members. Please share this information with your camp members. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Forrest S. Daws 5th Brigade Executive Councilman Mississippi Division SCV

Division SCV Update



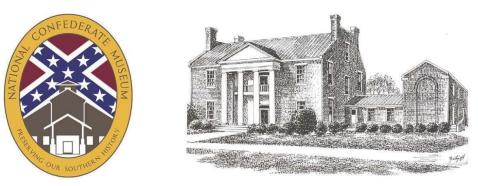
The Lowry Rifles Camp held its annual Memorial at the Brandon Cemetery on April 16, 2022.



Commander Tucker leads the volley fire for the troops at the Memorial in Brandon, MS.



A Red Carpet Event is being planned at the SCV Headquarters in Elm Springs, TN.



Pilgrimage and Confederate Memorial Service

At

Elm Springs and The

National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs

May 7, 2022

9:00 AM to 4: PM

Floral Tribute Service begins at 11:00 AM

Mike Dunn will be providing the music.

Individuals, Camps, Brigade, Divisions and Organizations are encouraged to bring a floral tribute and be announced as they lay their floral arrangement.

Other events are being planned and will be announced as they are confirmed.

Bring a lawn chair, sunblock and a cooler (no alcohol allowed) and maybe a snack if you need.



Elm Springs Memorial to be held Saturday May 7, 2022 at SCV HQ and Museum.

Beauvoir Upcoming Events



> Refreshments will be available for a small cost please bring cash

Meet the Spirits at Beauvoir for 2022.

Beauvoir is happy to announce that Mr. Curt Locklear will be our guest speaker for Jefferson Davis's Birthday!

He is a historian of various elements of the Civil War, particularly the Trans-Mississippi and of Texas history in general.

Curt Locklear is an award-winning author, editor, historian, teacher, education consultant, and public speaker. He generally plays his guitar and banjo at his speaking engagements and enlivens the presentation with songs, stories, and jokes. His banjo picking is featured at the beginning of the hit Texas PBS TV show, "The Daytripper", but to the folks here at Beauvoir he is just part of the family.

He is related to the first wing-walker, Ormer Locklear. His father, Jack Locklear, trained a horse in the Kentucky Derby. His mother was a librarian. He has won short story awards, and his three published novels are rated 5 Stars – highest rating. ASUNDER, A NOVEL OF THE CIVIL WAR and SPLINTERED (ASUNDER 2) which took first place in the 2018 International Laramie Awards. The third novel, RECONCILED, has been hailed as a "masterpiece of storytelling."

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JUNE 4, 2022



President Jefferson Davis Birthday Speaker will be Curt Locklear.

Camp 2263 Guest Speakers for 2022

February 22, 2022 – Commander Don Green – Battle for the Texas Hospital

March 29, 2022 – Terry Arthur – Chairman of the Miss Div Guardian Program

April 26, 2022 – Jack DuPont/Don Green – Period Music

May 31, 2022 – Commander Forrest Daws – 5th Brigade Executive Councilman

June 28, 2022 – Charles Morgan – Jefferson Davis and Father Ryan

July 26, 2022 – Paula Webb – Such A Woman: The Life of Madame Octavia Walton LeVert

August 30, 2022 – Zoe Brumfield – The Bagpipes

September 27, 2022 – Mark Hidlebaugh – Gen. Barksdale at Gettysburg

October 25, 2022 – TBA

November 29, 2022 – TBA

December 13, 2022 – TBA



Columbia, MS; Live Oak Rifles Camp 2236, Pascagottia, MS, and Oxford Greys Camp 1803, Oxford, MS. This group of Compatriots are living the charge as evident by staying in the fort all weekend and braving the 100 degree heat index by garrison and sentry duty throughout the day on Saturday.

Confederate Veteran

The Shieldsboro Rifles Camp 2263 made the Confederate Veteran for the Fort Morgan Event.

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 Member George Purvis is 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: <u>www.dgreen1865.wix.com/5th-brig-ms-div-scv</u> Division Website: <u>www.mississippiscv.org</u> Beauvoir Website: <u>www.visitbeauvoir.org</u> National Website: <u>www.scv.org</u>

5th Brigade Meeting Dates 2022

The following dates are confirmed for the future Brigade meetings at the Dixie Community Center South of Hattiesburg. We hope those who can do attend.

March 4th, 2022 *June 3rd*, 2022 *September 2nd*, 2022 *December 2nd*, 2022

Beauvoir Dates 2022

February 11, 12, 2022 Pilgrimage to our Unknown(banquet on Friday(11th) Pilgrimage on Saturday(12th) March 5, 2022 Confederate Flag Day April 23, 2022 Confederate Memorial Day(Larry McCluney guest speaker) May 7, 2022 3rd Annual Chuck Bond Run For Roses June 4, 2022 Jefferson Davis Birthday July 20, 2022 Coast Fest(Car show) December 3, 2021 Wreath Laying December 17, 2022 Christmas in Camp

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Order of the Confederate Rose

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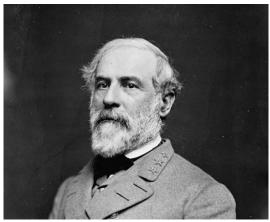
The Pearl Rivers Chapter #30 chartered into the Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose during an interesting time in our world. We chartered in January 2020 and were unable to have our first independent meetings due to the COVID pandemic. We are proud to say that we will be hosting our first 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 <u>pearlriversocr30@gmail.com</u>.

Yours,

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

Robert E. Lee



DATE OF BIRTH - January 19, 1807; DATE OF DEATH – October 12, 1870

Born to Revolutionary War hero Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee in Stratford Hall, Virginia, Robert Edward Lee seemed destined for military greatness. Despite financial hardship that caused his father to depart to the West Indies, young Robert secured an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated second in the class of 1829. Two years later, he married Mary Anna Randolph Custis, a descendant of George Washington's adopted son, John Parke Custis. Yet with all his military pedigree, Lee had not set foot on a battlefield. Instead, he served seventeen years as an officer in the Corps of Engineers, supervising and inspecting the construction of the nation's coastal defenses. Service during the 1846 war with Mexico, however, changed that. As a member of General Winfield Scott's staff, Lee distinguished himself, earning three brevets for gallantry, and emerging from the conflict with the rank of colonel.

From 1852 to 1855, Lee served as superintendent of West Point, and was therefore responsible for educating many of the men who would later serve under him - and those who would oppose him - on the battlefields of the Civil War. In 1855 he left the academy to take a position in the cavalry and in 1859 was called upon to put down abolitionist John Brown's raid at Harpers Ferry.

Because of his reputation as one of the finest officers in the United States Army, Abraham Lincoln offered Lee the command of the Federal forces in April 1861. Lee declined and tendered his resignation from the army when the state of Virginia seceded on April 17, arguing that he could not fight against his own people. Instead, he accepted a general's commission in the newly formed Confederate Army. His first military engagement of the Civil War occurred at Cheat Mountain, Virginia (now West Virginia) on September 11, 1861. It was a Union victory but Lee's reputation withstood the public criticism that followed. He served as military advisor to President Jefferson Davis until June 1862 when he was given command of the wounded General Joseph E. Johnston's embattled army on the Virginia peninsula. Lee renamed his command the Army of Northern Virginia, and under his direction it would become the most famous and successful of the Confederate armies. This same organization also boasted some of the Confederacy's most inspiring military figures, including James Longstreet, Stonewall Jackson and the flamboyant cavalier J.E.B. Stuart. With these trusted subordinates, Lee commanded troops that continually manhandled their blue-clad adversaries and embarrassed their generals no matter what the odds.

Yet despite foiling several attempts to seize the Confederate capital, Lee recognized that the key to ultimate success was a victory on Northern soil. In September 1862, he launched an invasion into Maryland with the hope of shifting the war's focus away from Virginia. But when a misplaced dispatch outlining the invasion plan was discovered by Union commander George McClellan the element of surprise was lost, and the two armies faced off at the battle of Antietam. Though his plans were no longer a secret, Lee nevertheless managed to fight McClellan to a stalemate on September 17, 1862. Following

the bloodiest one-day battle of the war, heavy casualties compelled Lee to withdraw under the cover of darkness. The remainder of 1862 was spent on the defensive, parrying Union thrusts at Fredericksburg and, in May of the following year, Chancellorsville.

The masterful victory at Chancellorsville gave Lee great confidence in his army, and the Rebel chief was inspired once again to take the fight to enemy soil. In late June of 1863, he began another invasion of the North, meeting the Union host at the crossroads town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. For three days Lee assailed the Federal army under George G. Meade in what would become the most famous battle of the entire war. Accustomed to seeing the Yankees run in the face of his aggressive troops, Lee attacked strong Union positions on high ground. This time, however, the Federals wouldn't budge. The Confederate war effort

reached its high water mark on July 3, 1863 when Lee ordered a massive frontal assault against Meade's center, spear-headed by Virginians under Maj. Gen. George E.

Pickett. The attack known as Pickett's charge was a failure and Lee, recognizing that the battle was lost, ordered his army to retreat. Taking full responsibility for the defeat, he wrote Jefferson Davis offering his resignation, which Davis refused to accept.

After the simultaneous Union victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg, Mississippi, Ulysses S. Grant assumed command of the Federal armies. Rather than making Richmond the aim of his campaign, Grant chose to focus the myriad resources at his disposal on destroying Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. In a relentless and bloody campaign, the Federal juggernaut bludgeoned the under-supplied Rebel band. In spite of his ability to make Grant pay in blood for his aggressive tactics, Lee had been forced to yield the initiative to his adversary, and he recognized that the end of the Confederacy was only a matter of time. By the summer of 1864, the Confederates had been forced into waging trench

warfare outside of **Petersburg**. Though President Davis named the Virginian General-in-Chief of all Confederate forces in February 1865, only two months later, on April 9, 1865, Lee was forced to surrender his weary and depleted army to Grant at **Appomattox Court House**, effectively ending the Civil War.

Lee returned home on parole and eventually became the president of Washington College in Virginia (now known as Washington and Lee University). He remained in this position until his death on October 12, 1870 in Lexington, Virginia. Courtesy of: <u>Robert E. Lee | American</u> <u>Battlefield Trust (battlefields.org)</u>