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Open – Camp Adjutant

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,

With a successful Confederate History Month behind us, we now find ourselves at the end of May and it's already hot. We have a few things coming up for our Camp to help out with. First, we are helping Gainesville Volunteers member Jack DuPont with his cemetery project at the Doby Cemetery in Pearlinton in Hancock County. We are looking to help clean it up, place Confederate Markers in it among other things. We also have a joint Memorial with the Gainesville Camp on Saturday July 9, 2022 at Turtleskin Cemetery at 10am located just north of the Stennis North Gate. Other things coming up is The Gainesville, AL Reenactment where Forrest surrendered his troops this weekend, Jefferson Davis's Birthday Celebration June 4th at Beauoir and the Division Convention in Columbus, MS June 10-11. If you have never been to a Division Convention, it's an opportunity to meet Compatriots from all over the state. Our next camp meeting will be Tuesday May 31, 2022 at the Mercy House in Bay St. Louis. We hope you will join us to vote in 2 new members. Deo Vindice! God Bless the South!

April Camp Meeting



Compatriots look on at the April 26, 2022 Camp Meeting at the Mercy House.



Cammander Green presented on period musical insruments at Lakeshore.



Brother Elbourne explains the new Camp Website that he has created.

Surrender Oaks Festival




The Cabin at Camp Pushmataha is located at the Citronelle Surrender site.



The sign at the Surrender site marks the Surrender & Parole of General Taylor's troops.



This plaque is also located on the Surrender site that explains the Gulf Coast actions.





**3rd Mississippi (1st Miss. Rifles Honor Guard & 9th Conn.)
 Infantry Regiment - 2022 Spring-Summer Schedule**

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

1. **Lee Jackson Banquet - Shieldsboro Rifles 2263**; Lakeshore Baptist Church, 6028 Lakeshore Rd Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 **January 15, 2022; 5pm; Confederate Impression; Scouting Event**
2. **Winter Quarters-Dunn Plantation**; Union, MS; **January 21-23, 2022; Confederate Impression; MAX EFFORT**
3. **Oddfellows 6th Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb The Unknown Confederate Soldier**; Beauvoir in Biloxi, MS.; **February 12, 2022; Confederate Impression; Scouting Event**
4. **Battle for the Texas Hospital**; Archusa Creek Water Park; Quitman, MS; **February 18-20, 2022; Federal Impression; MAX EFFORT**
5. **Battle of Fort Beauregard**; Harrisonburg, LA; **February 25-27; Either Impression; Scouting Event**
6. **Fort Randolph Reenactment**; Forts Randolph & Buhlow State Historic Site; 135 Riverfront St. Pineville, LA 71360 Pineville, LA; **March 11-13, 2022; Either Impression; Scouting Event**
7. **Shiloh Reenactment National Event**; 1097-2467 Joe Dillon Rd. Michie, TN 38357; **April 1-3, 2022 Confederate Impression; MAX EFFORT**
8. **Thunder on the Bay- Fort Gaines** - Dauphin Island, Alabama; **April 8-10, 2022;** (Overlapping Event) **Either Impression; Scouting Event**
9. **Battle of Pleasant Hill**; 23271 LA-175, Pelican, LA 71063-4004, **April 8-10, 2022;** (Overlapping Event) **Either Impression; Scouting Event**
10. **Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir**; Biloxi, MS; **April 23, 2022; 1st Miss. Rifles Impression; MAX EFFORT**
11. **Grand Gulf Living History**; Grand Gulf Park; 12006 Grand Gulf Road Port Gibson, MS 39150 May 6-8, 2022; **Confederate Impression; Scouting Event**
12. **Trail of Honor**; Harley Shop in Jackson, MS.; **May 21-23, 2022; Either Impression; Scouting Event**
13. **Battle of Resaca**; Resaca, GA.; **May 21-23, 2022; Confederate Impression; Scouting Event**
14. **Battle of Cuba Station**; Gainesville, AL.; **May 27-29, 2022 Either Impression; MAX EFFORT**
15. **President Davis Birthday**; Beauvoir in Biloxi, MS.; **June 4, 2022; 10am-3pm; 1st Miss. Rifles Impression; Scouting Event**
16. **MS Division Color Guard Duty**; Columbus, MS; **June 11, 2022; 1st Miss. Rifles Impression; Scouting Event**
17. **Vicksburg Living History**; Old Courthouse Museum; Vicksburg, MS; **July 2, 2022; Confederate Impression; Scouting Event**
18. **Commemoration of the Battle of Mobile Bay - Fort Morgan Garrison**, Fort Morgan State Site; Gulf Shores, AL; **August 6, 2022; Confederate Impression; MAX EFFORT**

Col. Don P. Green, Jr. - 3rd Mississippi Infantry Regiment

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

Brigade SCV Update

Stand Fast, Mississippians, Stand Fast!



A reminder that the next 5th Brigade quarterly meeting will take place on Friday, June 3rd. The meeting will be pot luck and will begin at 7:00 pm in the Dixie Community Center. All brigade camps are asked, and strongly encouraged, to have at least one camp officers present for this meeting. As always, thank you..

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

We regret that we send the following sad news. Yesterday, one of our Past Division Commanders, Billy Ray Hankins, passed away after a long illness.

It was this Past Division Commander's (1988-1990) privilege to work with B.R. when he served as my Lt. Commander. He was a hard-working and very dedicated member and officer. The Division's funds were very low when this sender was elected Commander. Billy's hard work and diligence helped bring us out of financial problems. All in the Division are indebted to him, whether you were members at the time or not, for his ideas and dedication to the Mississippi Division. Billy, upon his election as Division Commander (1990-1992) continued his dedicated worker.

B. R., as he was known to many of us, also for many years went to the trouble of finding, cutting and delivering a fitting Christmas tree to be placed in the Beauvoir Mansion.

A hard worker and dedicated Southerner who set an example for all of us to follow is this man who now camps around the campfire with his Confederate ancestors. May we all remember him and his deeds of honor.

May we all also remember his wife, Dianne, his daughters Vicky and Leigh, and his granddaughter Savannah. May they all find peace in the many wonderful memories he left. He was a great husband, father and grandfather as well as compatriot.

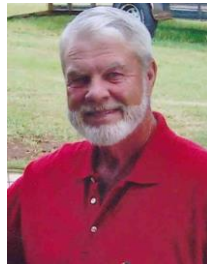
His obituary and funeral arrangements are attached.

With Deep Respect,

John L. Echols

Obituary

"Mr. Billy Ray "B. R." Hankins, 78, of Waynesboro, MS passed from this life Friday, May 13, 2022 at his residence. He was born in Laurel, MS on Wednesday, September 15, 1943 to Clyde Hankins and Bertha Lee Hankins. He was retired as Self-employed Architect. Mr. B. R. is preceded in death by his father, Clyde Hankins; mother, Bertha Lee Hankins; sister, Betty Jean Walters. He is survived by his wife of 57 Years, Dianne Hankins, Waynesboro, MS; two daughters, Vicky Hankins, Ridgeland, MS, Leigh Hankins Walters, Waynesboro, MS; granddaughter, Savannah Walters, Waynesboro, MS. Graveside Services for Mr. B. R. will be held at 2:00 PM Sunday, May 15, 2022 at Maynor Creek Cemetery in Waynesboro, MS with Rev. Marvin Griffin officiating."





PRE-CONVENTION ISSUE



MISSISSIPPI DIVISION REUNION JUNE 10-12, 2022

**CONVENTION
HEADQUARTERS:**

**COURTYARD MARRIOTT,
1995 6TH STREET N., COLUMBUS, MS**

EDITORIAL EXPLANATION

Compatriots,

Due to this being the last issue of the *Jeff Davis Legion* prior to the Division Reunion, we will be dedicating this issue strictly to Convention news. This includes making our members aware of updated information of importance.

The May issue will include both Division news that would normally have been in this issue as well as the next. This includes Memorial Services and general camp news. If you have news that you have not forwarded to this editor regarding any past or planned camp activities, please feel free to do so in order that it be included.

Division officer's reports slated to be in this month's issue will be included in the May issue.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact this editor.

John L. Echols, Editor
Jeff Davis Legion





2022 MISSISSIPPI DIVISION ANNUAL REUNION

JUNE 10TH-12TH, 2022 REUNION AGENDA

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION SONS OF CONFEDERATES VETERANS

MISSISSIPPI SOCIETY ORDER OF CONFEDERATE ROSE

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE LOCATED AT COURTYARD MARRIOTT

FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH

3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. - REUNION SCV/OCR REGISTRATION HOTEL LOBBY

5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. - COMMANDERS RECEPTION AND SOCIAL (CASH BAR)

SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH

6:00 A.M. - 7:45 A.M. - BREAKFAST BUFFET

6:00 A.M. - 7:45 A.M. - REGISTRATION HOTEL LOBBY

7:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. - MISSISSIPPI DIVISION COLOR GUARD MUSTER
(BACK OF BANQUET ROOM)

8:00 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. - OPENING CEREMONIES -
ALL SCV/OCR MEMBERS AND GUEST.

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - MISSISSIPPI DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. - OCR BUSINESS MEETING AND LADIES TEA

*****BREAK FOR LUNCH ON YOUR OWN*****

SELF-GUIDED TOURS OF:
LEE HOME 9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY

6:00 P.M. - UNTIL - DINNER, AWARDS BANQUET AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. BRANDON BECK, AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN





2022 SCV MS DIVISION REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

**126th Reunion – Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
28th Reunion – Mississippi Society, Order of Confederate Rose
Columbus, Mississippi – June 10-12, 2022
Hosted by the MS Division 2nd Brigade
and
MS Society, OCR
Courtyard Marriott, 1995 6th Street N., Columbus, MS 39701**

SCV Member Name: _____
Title/SCV Camp Name & Number: _____
Title/OCR Chapter Name & Number: _____
Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone #: _____ Email: _____
Spouse/Guest: _____

All registered SCV members will receive a name badge, a convention medal, a program, and a bag of goodies (quantities limited).

Registration at the door will receive the same as long as supplies last.
OCR members will have a Tea and receive a medal if payment is provided below.

REGISTRATION AMOUNTS:

SCV Member – on or before May 7, 2022, \$50.00 / After May 7, 2022, \$60.00 QTY _____ \$ _____
OCR Member – on or before May 7, 2022, \$25.00 / After May 7, 2022, \$30.00 QTY _____ \$ _____

Friday Night Commander's Reception – Free with Cash Bar

Saturday Morning Buffet Breakfast - \$15.00 per person QTY _____ \$ _____

Awards Banquet - \$35.00 per Adult QTY _____ / \$20.00 per Child QTY _____ QTY _____ \$ _____

Additional Reunion Medal (Quantities Limited) - \$25.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

(NO RECEPTION OR BANQUET REGISTRATION AFTER MAY 27, 2022, INCLUDING WALK-UPS)

Ancestor Memorial - \$10.00 each QTY _____ \$ _____

Please type or print memorials on a separate page or on the back of this form and submit by May 1, 2022.

TOTAL REGISTRATION AMOUNT ===== \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable to **MS Division 2nd Brigade &**

Mail to: John Wiggins, P.O. Box 7722, Columbus, MS 39705-0004



SCV Contacts: John Wiggins (662) 386-5107 · Dennis Brown (662) 212-4621 · Buddy Ellis (662) 665-1419

OCR Contacts: Joy Renee Potts (662) 654-1590 or Laura Moore (662) 554-0810

HOTEL INFO

Host Hotel: Courtyard Marriott, 1995 6th Street North, Columbus, MS 39701 Ph: (662) 245-1540 SCV

Rate: \$95.00 per night plus tax

PLEASE NOTE: Hotel registration deadline is May 27, 2022

Registration will be at the Courtyard Marriott between 3:00 pm & 7:00 pm Friday
and between 7:00 am & 8:30 am Saturday.



National SCV Update



SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022 AT 9 AM

20th Annual Forrest Homecoming and Southern Heritage Festival

4435 Pyles Rd, Chapel Hill, TN 37034-2637, Uni...

Respond

Invite



Event by Allen Walker and Tennessee Division SCV



4435 Pyles Rd, Chapel Hill, TN 37034-2637, United States



Group · Members of Tennessee Division



What To Expect

Admission: 10 dollars per adult kids under 6 are free.

Cavalry, Infantry and Artillery reenactors

Historical Speakers



Home



Watch



News



Pages



Notifications



Menu

20th Annual Forrest Homecoming in Chapel Hill, TN.



REMEMBER THE NATIONAL REUNION - JULY 19 - 23, 2022



GEORGIA 2022



SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS 127th National Annual Reunion



The Atlanta Campaign Battlefield Tour Reunion July 19 to 23, 2022

Clarence Brown Conference Center
Cartersville, Georgia

Hosted by: William J. Hardee Camp #1397
and Kennesaw Battlefield Camp# 700

THREE DAYS OF BATTLEFIELD TOURS FOLLOWING THE 1864 ATLANTA CAMPAIGN WITH SOME OF THE MOST INTACT TRENCHES AND FORTIFICATIONS IN THE COUNTRY. FOURTH DAY CLIMAX SEE THE 1886 CYCLORAMA THE BATTLE OF ATLANTA.

July 20, Battlefield Tour of Chickamauga.



July 21, Battlefield Tour of Ringgold Gap, Resaca & Dalton.



July 22, Battlefield Tour of Kennesaw Mountain & Cheatham Hill.



July 23, Personal Tour of the 1886 Cyclorama of the Battle of Atlanta.



Sons of Confederate Veterans

127th National Annual Reunion, July 2022


Official Registration Form

Cartersville, Georgia * July 19 - 23, 2022 *

www.2022reunion.gascv.org







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NAME (Print): _____

SCV CAMP NAME & NUMBER: _____

TITLE/POSITION: _____

PERSONAL ADDRESS: _____ Zip _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

~ Tickets Purchased ~

Event / Date	Price	Qty.	Total
Reunion Registration (After July 1, 2022 = \$75) includes Reunion Medal	\$65		
Chickamauga Dinner & Presentation at the Clearance Brown Conference Center <i>Tuesday, July 19, 2022 @ 6:00 pm</i>	\$50		
Chickamauga Battlefield Tour (lunch included) / <i>Wednesday, July 20, 2022 @ 10:00 am</i>	\$68		
UDC Tour - "A Southern Tea Outing" Historic Woodstock / <i>Wednesday, July 20, 2022 @ 1:00 pm</i>	\$65		
Resaca Dinner & Presentation at the Booth WBTS / Cowboy Museum. <i>(Admission included) / Wednesday, July 20, 2022 @ 6:30 pm</i>	\$55		
UDC Tour- "A Day in 1850 Cartersville" / <i>Thursday, July 21, 2022 @ 9:30 am.</i>	\$35		
Battlefield Tours of Resaca, Ringgold Gap, & Dalton (lunch included) <i>Thursday, July 21, @12:15 pm</i>	\$68		
SCV Heritage Luncheon / <i>Thursday, July 21, 2022 @ 12:30 pm</i>	\$40		
Kennesaw Mountain Dinner & Presentation at the Savoy Antique Automobile Museum. <i>(Admission included) / Thursday, July 21, 2022 @ 6:30 pm</i>	\$55		
Prayer Breakfast / <i>Friday, July 22, 2022 @ 7:00 am</i>	\$30		
Battlefield Tours of Kennesaw Mountain, Cheatham Hill & Marietta Confederate Cemetery <i>(lunch included) / Friday, July 22, 2022 @ 12:15 pm</i>	\$68		
SCV Awards Luncheon / <i>Friday, July 22, 2022 @ 12:30 pm</i>	\$40		
UDC Tour - "Gone with the Wind Tour" / <i>Friday, July 22, 2022 @ 1:00 pm</i>	\$45		
Mechanized Cavalry Breakfast / <i>Saturday, July 23, 2022 @ 7:00 am</i>	\$30		
Personalized Tour of the Cyclorama of the Battle of Atlanta and Atlanta History Center Museum. <i>(Admission & Chick-fil-A lunch included)/Saturday, July 23,2022 @ 12:30 pm</i>	\$68		
SCV Banquet, Debutante Ceremony & Grand Ball / <i>Saturday, July 23, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.</i> <i>Note: Dress/Attire is Coat & Tie or Period Uniform/Civilian</i>	\$70		
Honor your Confederate Ancestor by including his name in a special Remembrance section of the official program book; two lines of 45 characters. Write on back of this form.	\$10		
Final Total - total of Registration, Tours and Meals			

Make Checks Payable to: **Georgia Division, SCV**
 Mail Form & Check to: **Georgia Division, SCV, P.O. Box 1081, Macon Ga. 31202**
 For more information contact Secretary@gascv.org or (478) 305-7862



Beauvoir Upcoming Events

MEET THE SPIRITS OF BEAUVOIR 2022

January 15TH
February 26TH
March 19TH
April 16TH
May 21ST
June 18TH
July 16TH
August 20TH
September 10TH

The Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library
2244 Beach Boulevard | Biloxi, MS 39531

Timeline 6 PM - 12 AM
Cash tickets at the door only

> 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 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."

CONTACT CURT for speaking engagements on History or Best Education Teacher Practices Email: curt@curtlocklearauthor.com or call 512-434-9829

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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 – Drew Lane – Confederate Flags

November 29, 2022 – TBA

December 13, 2022 – TBA



The 3rd MS Infantry participated in the Battle of Stone's River 160th Anniversary Event, with more than 2,000 other reenactors and living historians. Camps in our ranks represented were: Shieldsboro Rifles 2263, Bay St. Louis, MS; Marion's Men Camp 653, Columbia, MS; Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton 1354, Vicksburg, MS; University Greys 1803, Oxford, MS; Gen. John Herbert Kelly 1980, Gordo, AL; and Gainesboro Invincibles 1685, Gainesboro, TN.

The Shieldsboro Rifles Camp 2263 made the Confederate Veteran for the Stone's River 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 Don Elbourne is working on a website 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

Division Website: www.mississippiscv.org

Beauvoir Website: www.visitbeauvoir.org

National Website: www.scv.org

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 (Cancelled)

June 4, 2022 Jefferson Davis Birthday

July 20, 2022 Coast Fest(Car show)

December 3, 2021 Wreath Laying

December 17, 2022 Christmas in Camp

Kitsaa Stevens

Development & Programs

Beauvoir Jefferson Davis Home

228.388.4400 ext. 217

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.

Yours,

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

Champion Hill - Over the Crossroads and to Glory

May 16, 1863

As Pemberton's Army is caught in the Balance of a Major Rout with overwhelming Odds over powering the Field in his Front with his Lines along Bakers Creek almost collapsing and some of his Artillery Pieces captured, Pemberton calls on the Shining Light of the Army of Mississippi General John Bowen. Bowen is the best Division Commander on either side and is a Master Tactical Commander using his Men Guns and The Topography of the land to his best uses. Bowen arriving at the field in front of the Crossroads sees the disaster that could lay ahead of something is not done and Bowen puts in Colonel Francis Cockrell's Hard Fighting Missouri Troops to take back the Crossroads and Push them off the Hill !! Bowen Launches one of the most Magnificent Charges of the War as thousands of Screaming Missouri Confederates run headlong toward the Crossroads to meet the oncoming wave of Federal Troops the Yankees can see the Bright beautiful Confederate Flags with thousands of men behind them coming at them. The Powerful Force of Grant is stopped before the Crossroads and a very vicious fight ensues to the Crossroads. Cockrell's Troops soon recover the Crossroads as the Blue Wave is pushed back and starts the fall back over Champion Hill. The Woods are filled with shot and shell and thousands of screaming Missouri Troops plunging headlong into the Federal Lines pushing them back further and further past the Jackson and Middle Road Crossroads across the Hill of Death. The Federal Troops sustaining heavy casualties fall back further and further across the field as the Rebel Yell is being heard echoing all through the woods of Champion Hill. Bowens Men soon recover Wadell's Alabama Battery and keep the push on far as they can go. The Confederate Troops sweep the Crossroads saving the rest of Pemberton's battered Army and recovering the lost Guns proceed the Counter attack to the Champion House. Grant sitting at the Champion House where his headquarters was located hearing his once victorious troops screaming and running for their life through the woods and over the hill knows that he is in trouble and starts to worry!! Cockrell's Missouri Troops are in full swing like a battering Ram pushing Grants Army clear across the Field as the Confederates push the Federals almost 3 quarters of a mile as the fight rages on and on but unfortunately the Grand Magnificent Charge stalls as Bowen's men start running low on Ammunition and fresh Union Troops arrive eventually forcing Bowen to start giving ground and withdraw his men back across the Field but due to overwhelming numbers and Low on Ammunition the Confederates withdraw but covering the retreat from Champion Hill well Pemberton's Army is saved by General Bowen and all Confederate Forces except for Loring's Division withdraw from Champion Hill to the Big Black River Bridges.



Bowen's Counterattack