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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 everyone,

As the ides of March are blowing, we have hit the beginning of the festival and reenacting seasons. Special thanks go to Camp Members Dorty Necaise, J. P. Guidry & Associate Member Breezy Bice for their set up at the voting precincts to collect Initiative 58 signatures. We are in a battle to get these signatures to put our state flag in the state constitution so it can not be removed without the same process being utilized. Should we get the needed 90,000 signatures, that would put it on the ballot to be voted on by the people again which is what we want. We are also bearing down on Confederate History Month which the Declaration has been signed for it by Gov. Bryant. There will be events all through April to honor Confederate Heritage so jump in and participate where you can to help our cause. We had to cancel the February Meeting due to weather, but will be back at the American Legion in Bay St. Louis this coming Tuesday March 29, 2016 at 6pm. Brother Binion will speak on Gen. Leonidas K. Polk. We will be looking at forming an OCR Chapter. Come join us and bring a friend

Upcoming Events

March 29, 2016 - Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 Monthly Meeting; Amer. Leg.; 6pm

April 26, 2016 – Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 Montly Meeting; American Legion; 6pm.

April 2, 2016 – Tartan Day at Beauvoir; Celtic Heritage Festival.

May 7, 2016 – Taylor Surrender Ceremony; Camp Pushmataha; Citronelle, AL.

April 16, 2016 – Live Oak Rifles Memorial; Gautier Cemetery; Gautier, MS.

May 14, 2016 Fort Gaines Reenactment; Dauphin Island, AL.

April 16, 2016 – Memorials near Camp Shelby And Dixie; UDC Chapter sponsored.

May 20-23, 2016 – Trail of Honor; Harley Davidson Shop; Jackson, MS.

April 23, 2016 – Confederate Memorial Day Beauvoir; 2pm Program H. K. Edgerton.

May 31, 2016 Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 Monthly Meeting; American Legion; 6pm.

April 22-24, 2016 – Jackson’s Crossroads Reenactment; Jackson, LA.

June 10-11, 2016 – Miss. Div. Meeting at Beauvoir; Annual State Reunion.

Media Pages Update

We have a Camp website up and running for recruiting purposes and to pass on information to others on the World Wide Web. 1st Lt. Brad Johnson was instrumental in constructing this site & serves as its webmaster for the Camp. He has added more tabs and information to our site & it looks very good. It can be found at: www.shieldsborrifles.org. Beauvoir is in the process of merging its two websites into one site. More to come here. Other pertinent sites can be found below:

Camp Website: www.shieldsbororofles.org

Brigade Website: www.dgreen1865.wix.com/5th-brig-ms-div-scv

Division Website: www.mississippiscv.org

Beauvoir Website: www.visitbeauvoir.org ; www.beauvoir.org

National Website: www.scv.org

Members in Action



Camp 2nd Lt. Commander Dorthy Necaize leads flaggers at a voting precinct on March 8, 2016.



Camp Members Don Green & J. W. Binion participated in the Gainesville, AL. Reenactments.

List of Speakers for Upcoming Camp Meetings

March 29, 2016 – Brother J. W. Binion; Gen. Leonidas K. Polk

April 26, 2016 – Charles Grey; History of Hancock County, MS.

May 31, 2016 – Division Commander Louis Foley; (Tentative)

June 28, 2016 – Charles Tucker; The Confederate Soldier

July 26, 2016 – Larry McCluney; Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard; (Tentative)

Confederate Heritage Proclamation



The Battle of Pea Ridge (AKA Elkhorn Tavern)

March 6-8, 1862

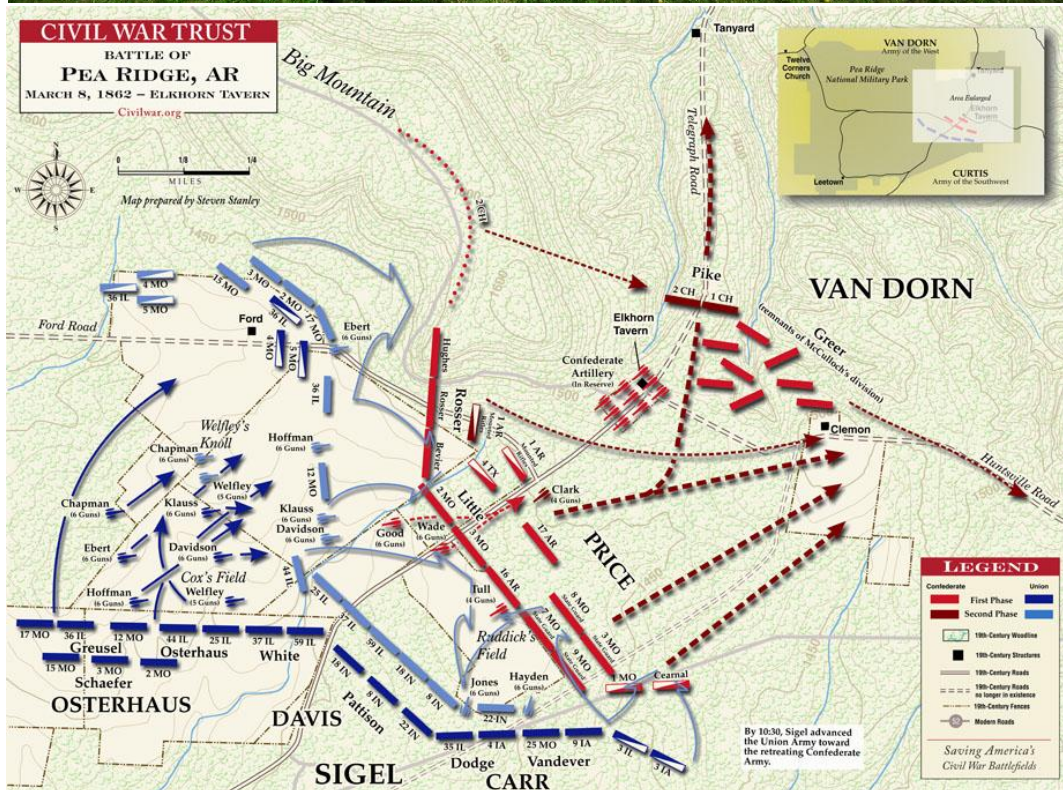
Nearly a month after initiating their campaign against Confederates in southwest Missouri, Gen. Samuel R. Curtis' Union Army of the Southwest had pushed into Arkansas and established a defensive position on the bluffs overlooking Little Sugar Creek. At the same time, Gen. Earl Van Dorn was appointed to take command of Confederate forces in the trans-Mississippi with the objective of destroying Curtis and his 12,000 Federals. Rather than attack Curtis' fortifications, Van Dorn proposed to march around the Union right flank, near Pea Ridge. In the course of the maneuver, however, the Southern forces were divided. Van Dorn's two wings, under generals Benjamin McCullough and Sterling Price, were separated by Pea Ridge, and subsequently compelled to fight two distinct actions, with neither wing able to support the other. Further compounding Van Dorn's woes were the fact that Union scouts had detected the Confederate movement. Federal troops were en route to meet the Rebel threat.

On the morning of March 7, 1862, the head of Van Dorn's column struck the 24th Missouri near Elkhorn Tavern. Federal infantry of Col. Eugene Carr's division rushed to the aid of the lone regiment, but to no avail. Though Van Dorn's cautious deployment of Price's force allowed Carr ample time to reinforce his troops at Elkhorn, the Southerners still held the numerical advantage. Successive waves of Confederate attacks on both Union flanks, forced the Yankees to fall back to Ruddick's Field. Late in the afternoon Union commander Curtis organized a counterattack in the fading daylight which was later recalled.

Meanwhile, McCullough's 8,000 Confederates—veterans of Wilson's Creek—marched east on Ford Road. Just before noon, they were set upon by Federal cavalry under Cyrus Bussey. Bussey's attack bought Union division commander Peter J. Osterhaus precious time to bring up his infantry. While wheeling his troops into position, Gen. McCullough was killed, as was his successor, James McIntosh. Confusion reigned in the Southern ranks. The remaining Confederates—including a brigade of Native Americans under Gen. Albert Pike—attempted to drive off the Federal attack, but were checked by the arrival of Jefferson C. Davis' division of Yankee infantry. Without support from Price's troops, the remnants of McCullough's command were forced to withdraw.

Though the Federals had been badly beaten during the fighting on March 7, they still held a strong position south of Elkhorn Tavern. That night, Gen. Curtis consolidated his forces, bringing up the divisions of Davis and Osterhaus—the same troops that had successfully driven Benjamin McCullough's Confederates from the field at Leetown. On the morning of March 8, a furious artillery bombardment wrought havoc on the Southern line. Immediately following, Gen. Franz Sigel led a Union assault, driving in the Confederate right. Davis' division soon followed, attacking the center. Lacking ammunition and sufficient artillery support, Van Dorn's Southerners were compelled to

withdraw to the Huntsville road, where they were able to escape past Curtis' right flank. Though the Confederate army had been allowed to escape relatively intact, the Union victory at Pea Ridge solidified Federal control over Missouri for the next two years.



Courtesy of: <http://www.civilwar.org/battlefields/pea-ridge.html?referrer=https://www.google.com/>

