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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,

With April here upon us, that means it is Confederate Heritage Month. There are a lot of events planned to honor our ancestors and you do not want to be left out. It is now more important than ever to honor these brave souls who fought for their homeland and their families. We are also half way through the Initiative 58 process to gather the needed 87,000 signatures. As a whole, we are not doing well in the overall total needed at this point. We are at or around 10% of the needed amount at halfway through the time period. If we do not step up and continue this effort at a greater pace, we will lose our state flag, opening up Pandora's Box (not the music app on your Iphone) for our enemies to remove & destroy all things Confederate. The attempt is already underway, but we will allow them to kick the door wide open if we lose the 1894 Mississippi State Flag. This month we will meet at the American Legion on Green Meadow Dr. Tuesday April 26, 2016 at 6pm. The honorable Mr. Charles H. Gray will present a program on the History of Hancock County, Mississippi. If you can make it, bring a friend.

Upcoming Events

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

*April 9, 2016 – Ship Island Living History;
Ship Island NPS; Ship Island, MS.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*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 Members Don Green & Beau Ladner participated in a living history at Ship Island on April 9, 2016. Live Oak Rifles Camp #2236 Commander Oran Thomas and Compatriot Pat Alford of the Sam Davis Camp #596 also took part in this first time event.



Camp Member Dorty Ncaise takes a photo with Mr. H. K. Edgerton at Beauvoir April 23, 2016.



Associate Member Breezy Bice takes a Photo with Mr. H. K. Edgerton also.

List of Speakers for Upcoming Camp Meetings

April 26, 2016 – Mr. Charles Gray; History of Hancock County

May 31, 2016 – Division Commander Louis Foley; Mississippi Division SCV

June 28, 2016 – Charles Tucker; The Confederate Soldier

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

August 30, 2016 – Don Green; Period Musical Instruments

Confederate Heritage Proclamation



The Battle of Shiloh

Also known as the Battle of Pittsburg Landing, the Battle of Shiloh took place from April 6 to April 7, 1862, and was one of the major early engagements of the American Civil War (1861-65). The battle began when the Confederates launched a surprise attack on Union forces under General Ulysses S. Grant (1822-85) in southwestern Tennessee. After initial successes, the Confederates were unable to hold their positions and were forced back, resulting in a Union victory. Both sides suffered heavy losses, with more than 23,000 total casualties, and the level of violence shocked North and South alike.

In the six months prior to the Battle of Shiloh, Yankee troops had been working their way up the [Tennessee](#) and Cumberland rivers. [Kentucky](#) was firmly in Union hands, and the U.S. Army controlled much of Tennessee, including the capital at Nashville. General [Ulysses S. Grant](#) scored major victories at forts Henry and Donelson in February, forcing Confederate General [Albert Sidney Johnston](#) (1803-62) to gather the scattered Rebel forces at Corinth in northern [Mississippi](#). Grant brought his army, 42,000 strong, to rendezvous with General [Don Carlos Buell](#) (1818-98) and his 20,000 troops. Grant's objective was Corinth, a vital rail center that if captured would give the Union total control of the region. Twenty miles away, Johnston lurked at Corinth with 45,000 soldiers.

In the early dawn of April 6, a Yankee patrol found the Confederates poised for battle just a mile from the main Union army. Johnston attacked, driving the surprised bluecoats back near Shiloh Church. Throughout the day, the Confederates battered the Union army, driving it back towards Pittsburgh Landing and threatening to trap it against the Tennessee River. Many troops on both sides had no experience in battle. The chances for a complete Confederate victory diminished as troops from Buell's army began arriving, and Grant's command on the battlefield shored up the sagging Union line. In the middle of the afternoon, Johnston rode forward to direct the Confederate attack and was struck in the leg by a bullet, severing an artery and causing him to quickly bleed to death. He became the highest ranking general on either side killed during the war. General Pierre G. T. Beauregard (1818-93) assumed control, and he halted the advance at nightfall. The Union army was driven back two miles, but it did not break.

Now, Grant was joined by the vanguard of the Buell's army. With an advantage in terms of troop numbers, Grant counterattacked on April 7. The tired Confederates slowly retreated, but they inflicted heavy casualties on the Yankees. By nightfall, the Union had driven the Confederates back to Shiloh Church, recapturing grisly reminders of the previous day's battle such as the Hornet's Nest, the Peach Orchard and Bloody Pond. The Confederates finally limped back to Corinth, thus giving a major victory to Grant.

The cost of the victory was high. More than 13,000 of Grant's and Buell's approximately 62,000 troops were killed, wounded, captured or missing. Of 45,000 Confederates engaged, there were more than 10,000 casualties. The more than 23,000 combined casualties were far

greater than the casualty figures for the war's other key battles ([First Battle of Bull Run](#), [Wilson's Creek](#), [Fort Donelson](#) and [Pea Ridge](#)) up to that date. It was a sobering reminder to all in the Union and the Confederacy that the war would be long and costly.



<http://www.history.com/topics/american-civil-war/battle-of-shiloh>

