

IN THE TRENCHES

DECEMBER 2021

FROM THE COMMANDER

Edward Campbell

Dear Compatriots:

I want to start this column off by wishing all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. I hope that everyone is with family and friends and that you all have a Blessed Day tomorrow. It is almost Christmas time, truly my favorite time of the year because of what it means to those of us who trust in the Lord for Salvation. I love Christmas but always try to celebrate Thanksgiving because it often gets ignored in the Holiday rush. I would like to share a Thanksgiving verse with all of you, Psalm 100: 1-2 says "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye Lands. Serve the Lord with Gladness Come before his Presence with Thanksgiving." This is called a Psalm of Thanksgiving and as the season moves to Advent and Christmas, we can truly be Thankful to the Lord for his wonderful gift of Salvation that he provided in Christ our Lord, his only begotten Son. Psalm 100 is only 5 verses and is easy to memorize if you would like Scripture to memorize, I recommend it.

Our next meeting will be December 7 at the DAV building at 6 PM. This will be our annual Christmas party/dinner. If you haven't already told me what you are bringing and how many will be in your party, please do so soon. There will be one bit of business at this meeting. There is interest in starting an OCR Chapter here in Vicksburg and our Camp will be voting on whether or not to sponsor the new Chapter. Information has been given to the Executive Committee and we will have a short business meeting to discuss this and to vote on it. Please be present for this fun time of Fellowship and Encouragement. At the December meeting, I will also have tickets ready to sell for our annual Lee-Jackson Dinner. This will be held on January 22 at 6 PM at Goldie's Bar-B-Que.

As in years past, you must purchase a ticket ahead of time. You have a choice of entrees between Hamburger Steak and Chicken. The price is \$25 and that includes the entree, two sides, tea, roll and tip and tax. Our Speaker will be our friend and the Keynote Speaker at our Division Reunion this past summer, Sandy Mitcham from Monroe, LA. You will be in for a great talk and good food and fellowship. Please put Saturday evening, January 22 on your calendar.

Today I received an email from Chief of Heritage Operations Donnie Kennedy, who spoke to us in October. Some of you may have received the same email. The topic was the recent state elections in Virginia, held on November 2, when we last met as a Camp. The election of a Republican Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General was very encouraging but also over the last 12 months voters in Virginia have had 9 Referendums on whether or not to remove Confederate Monuments from certain parts of the state. We have won overwhelmingly in all 9 Referendums. We can win these Heritage battles, but we must stay informed and keep fighting. We have the truth on our side and the Truth will always make us free. The title of Kennedy's email was "Victory in Virginia means Victory for us all". What happens in other states, particularly other Southern states can and does affect us here



*John Clifford Pemberton
Lt. General, CSA.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *December Meeting—
Tuesday December 7th—
Annual Christmas Party*
- *Lee-Jackson Dinner—
January 22nd, 6PM at
Goldie's Bar-B-Que.*



in Mississippi. We can determine if it affects us positively or negatively.

Again I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing all of you on December 7 at our next meeting. God Bless you all and God Bless the South.

Edward Campbell
Commander

A MESSAGE FOR THANKSGIVING

Rev. Bryan Dabney, Chaplain Emeritus

As it is the evening before Thanksgiving Day, I thought it fitting that we consider what this holiday really should be about. While the profane world will celebrate with football games and sales in the marketplaces around our country, we ought to remember that this day has been set aside to give thanks to God for the many benefits we have received at his hand. Those of our ancestors who arrived here and settled much of the eastern seaboard of this land came for the expressed purpose of seeking to build productive lives here which they had been unable to do in Europe on account of their birth status, their particular religious faith, or their, shall we say, questionable conduct, the continuation of which would have led to their demise or imprisonment for various crimes and misdemeanors.

And so they came to this continent which became for them 'a land of milk and honey', 'a bright and shining city on a hill', or a 'city of refuge' for which they gave thanks to God for being so endowed with the opportunity to live free from the conventions of their respective stations back in the Old World. Our progenitors bought land, planted crops, developed useful skills and engaged in commerce establishing for themselves and their posterity a homeland from which this great country was born.

But such was not without cost. Our forebears had to fight the British Empire for eight long years in order to win their independence. Then there was the matter of forming a government out of the cataclysm of war. The thirteen colonies banded together as thirteen sovereign states under the Articles of Confederation, and later they formed a republic via their acceptance of the Constitution which enshrined the notions of limited government, individual rights and state sovereignty.

But with those successes, have come failings and shortcomings. It is an unfortunate truth that over the course of our history, many of the Founders' limitations on the power of federal government have been purposely set aside: by presidents grasping for greater powers; by congresses which failed to hold the executive branch to a proper accounting, even joining, as co-conspirators, with several presidents in their quest to gain more power over the American people and their states. And last but not least, by an overreaching supreme court, via its power of judicial review: where the court, in effect, made laws via its interpreting of the Constitution.

True enough, there does not seem much for us to cheer about given our country's current state of affairs. Still, we ought to remember to give thanks to God for being citizens of this our presently free republic. We ought to pray for revival here, for we know that without a true Christian re-awakening, there will be no chance for us to recover that which has been set aside by the time and tide of history. Only if such be within God's plan and purpose for us, will we ever have such an opportunity. With this in mind, let us now turn to the pages of Scripture for inspiration on this subject.

"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of through out the whole world" (Romans 1:8). St. Paul reminded his listeners that we ought to be thankful to God for our faith.

"David appointed certain Levites to write songs of praise and thanksgiving unto the Lord" (I Chronicles 16:4). We should have a heart given to sing praises unto the Lord. Singing and making merry in our hearts over all that we have received of God is a well-received offering to our gracious God.

"Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people" (I Chronicles 16:8 and Psalm 105:1-15). Spreading the good news of the goodness of God to others demonstrates to him our love and faith in him. This will resonate with others to their own eternal good as they will hear us praising and blessing God for all he has done in our lives, which may encourage them to seek of him that joy which we now possess.

"And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will" (Leviticus 22:29). Words such as 'thank', 'thankful', and 'thanksgiving' are part and parcel of proper worship of the Lord our God.

"...I thank thee that thou hast heard me..." (St. John 11:41). We should express our gratitude for his gracious favor because we are heard in heaven. Regenerate people have God's ear because he loves us and desires that we bring our prayerful petitions before his throne of grace.

"And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them..." (St. Mark 14:23). We ought to ask God at every meal, no matter where we are, to bless our food and forgive us our sins. Giving God thanks for his feeding us either at our regular meals, or at the time of celebration of the holy communion is warranted because, in the case of the former, we are being sustained by our loving and gracious God in our earthly bodies; while in the case of the latter, we are nourished in our spirit.

"I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord..." (Romans 7:25). When we pray to God, we should make our prayers in the name of his only begotten Son for it was through the shedding of his blood that we have remission of our sins. We ought to thank God daily for his sacrifice on our behalf.

"...abounding therein with thanksgiving" (Colossians 2:7). Praise God in every instance. Live your life in thanksgiving for the gifts which we have received at his hand, more especially for the free gift of eternal life in God's everlasting kingdom.

"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2). Let your life be one continuous prayer, giving thanks to God for his innumerable benefits.

"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry..." (I St. Timothy 1:12). Give thanks for those whom God has called into the ministry. Ministers and pastors need the prayers of their congregants. Ministers and pastors ought to likewise pray in thanksgiving for God's assistance in their respective duties.

"...when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage" (Acts 28:15). Thank the Lord for the ability to act on his behalf and not turn away from the duty which is before you.

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20). A grateful heart is one which is more in tune to God than the inverse. Ungrateful folk are usually unregenerate in their spirits. Therefore, 'count your many blessing, name them one by one...'

"...but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6). God wants to hear the prayer requests of the faithful. He stands ready to act on our behalf if we come to him petitioning his throne of grace for those things which are requisite and necessary for us to have or do. But let God determine the expediency of each request and then do not sorrow over those doors which he closed, but rejoice in the ones which he opens. As the Rev. Charles Stanley once said, 'God knows both sides of our pray requests.' So let him who knows what's best for us, make the decision. And beware, for sometimes God will give you what you ask for to teach you a lesson in being cautious about what you may think you need. God's NO is better for us than our desire for a YES.

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57). The greatest and best gift which God has given to us is the gift of life via the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. If we did not receive anything else, we have been blest beyond measure.

And so, as we prepare to part to our respective homes for the evening, let us remember that we have much for which to be thankful: for every moment of life where we serve our Lord; for every sunrise which holds the promise of his blessings upon us; for every sunset where we look with confidence to a night of rest in his gracious care from the labors of the day; for every smile given; for every soul who responds to our witness of the gospel message; for the richness of our lives in Christ; for our citizenship in God's kingdom; for our families and friends and especially for those who love the Lord; and the list goes on and on. And so, in the spirit of this message I repeat the acclamation of St. Paul in I Corinthians 15:57, "But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Let us pray,

O good and gracious God, who has given us this good land for our use; we thank you Father for all that you have provided us over the course of our lives. We pray for our country, that we will once again be a people revived by thy most holy Spirit and given to prayer and thanksgiving for the liberties which you have granted to us, and for thy sustaining power in their

preservation. Make of us a people who are glad to do thy will and who will worship you in spirit and in truth. For this we ask in the name of thy dear Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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MY CHRISTMAS DINNER IN 1863

Captain Richard Beard, CSA.

The following was published in the December 1928 issue of the "Confederate Veteran" and was written by Capt. Richard Beard of Murfreesboro, Tennessee

After the battle of Chickamauga and the disaster to Bragg's army at Missionary Ridge, both armies, Federal and Confederate, retired into what Grover Cleveland would have called a state of "innocuous desuetude," the Federal army going onto quarters between Chattanooga and Tunnel Hill, Ga., while the Confederate soldiers of what became General Johnston's army built their log huts, with stick and dirt chimneys and clapboard roofs, on the hillsides about Dalton, and took their winter's rest, and there they were to remain until the opening of the Dalton-Atlanta campaign.

During this interval, I managed to secure a leave of absence from the army for twenty-five days. I had been wounded at Chickamauga and was sent to LaGrange, Ga., where I was to remain until I was again fit for duty. I fell in love with the beautiful little city and was charmed with the people whom I had the good fortune to meet. So, I determined to spend my leave of absence there. LaGrange has not become one of the most interesting and progressive cities of Georgia.

Soon after my arrival I met W.J. Whitthorne (commonly known as Billy Whitthorne) and Joe Percy of Nashville, Tenn. Both of them belonged to the 1st Tennessee Regiment, and I knew them well. In later years Whitthorne became colonel of the 1st Tennessee Regiment in the Spanish-American War, and so highly distinguished himself and his regiment in the Philippines as to receive the commendation of President McKinley. After the war, Joe Percy became a doctor of fine repute in Texas.

We three secured lodging and board at the home of a Mr. Bohannon, who lived in the heart of the town. He was an old gentleman, quiet and unobtrusive; he didn't seem to be engaged in any business, and his whole income seemed to be derived from his three boarders. There were no luxuries on the family table, and there was even a woeful scarcity in the very necessities of life.

Soon after we were installed in our room, he informed us that he had a turkey for Christmas dinner. This was delightful news to us, and we looked forward with gratification to the coming Christmas. He frequently talked of his turkey, and it seemed to be the pride of his life. But on Christmas Eve, as I was sitting alone in our room, the old gentleman came in, looking sad and forlorn, and at least said to me:

"Captain Beard, I have sad news to tell you."

Surprised, I responded: "What is it, Brother Bohannon?"

"The turkey died last night; he died of a sore throat."

"Well," said I, "that's bad, sure enough."

"Well," said he, "don't you think we can eat him anyhow?"

"Well," said I, "I reckon so," but I had no idea of eating any part of that Turkey.

The old gentleman passed out and soon Whitthorne came in, and I told him of the tragedy of the turkey. He was shocked but game and said: "We'll not eat any of the turkey, but let's not tell Joe Percy anything about it, so we'll have the joke on him."

Christmas day came on and the Christmas feast was spread on the table. I thought to myself that I had never seen a finer looking turkey. There he lay in that dish, stuffed with truffles to the throat, swimming in rich gravy, and garlanded with sprigs of fresh parsley. I hated to turn that turkey down, but I had to do it.

Brother Bohannon commenced carving. He whacked into the turkey, and put a large piece of the breast on his plate and handed it to me saying: "Captain Beard, have a piece of the turkey?" "No," said I, "Brother Bohannon, I have had too much Christmas, and I don't feel like eating any of it." This rather stumped the old gentleman. The plate was passed to Whitthorne, and he declined. I don't recall the excuse, but this stumped the old gentleman more than ever. It then passed on to Joe Percy. "O, yes,"

said Joe, "I'll take it. There is nothing that I enjoy more than a Christmas turkey."

The dinner came to an end and we scattered. A short time after dinner, I was again in my room alone, and Brother Bohannon came in; he looked sad and woebegone. He sat down and said to me; "Captain Beard, I can't understand why you didn't eat any part of the turkey at dinner?"

"Well," said I, "the reason is that you told me the turkey had died with a sore throat, and I couldn't think of eating any part of a diseased turkey."

"O," said Brother Bohannon "didn't you know what I mean? I just mean that we had cut his head off."

This was a boomerang. I felt hacked. Whitthorne and I had lost the best part of the Christmas dinner on account of the facetious remark of Brother Bohannon; but we made up our loss to some extent by attacking the cold remnants of the turkey at supper

But Joe Percy had the joke on us.

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SOLDIERS REST CONFEDERATE CEMETERY



*A soldier of stone stands guard over the resting place of
Confederate Heroes.
Soldiers Rest - Vicksburg, Mississippi*

The city of Vicksburg served as a major hospital center in the early years of the Civil War. A section in the Cedar Hill Cemetery was set aside to provide a fitting burial place for Confederate soldiers who died of sickness or wounds. Known as "Soldiers' Rest," the plot in Cedar Hill Cemetery is the final resting place for an estimated 5,000 Confederate soldiers.

A local undertaker, Mr. J.Q. Arnold, was hired by the Confederate government to bury Southern soldiers, and carried out those duties throughout the siege of Vicksburg. Mr. Arnold meticulously maintained records of the soldiers he buried, assigning each one a grave number. Regrettably, his list and map of the cemetery disappeared after the siege, although a portion of his list was re-discovered in the early 1960s, giving the name, rank, company, unit, and date of death for 1,600 soldiers.

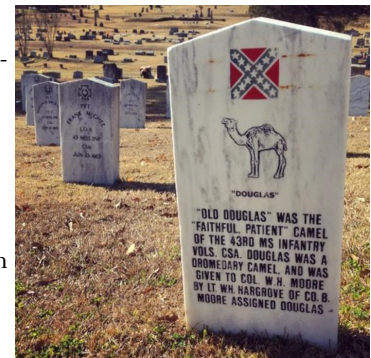
Approximate-ly 3,500 names are unknown. The document is now part of the archival records at the Old Courthouse Museum in Vicksburg, MS.

Due to the disappearance of Mr. Arnold's records, only a few private headstones marked the plot until 1893. On April 26 of that year, the ladies of the Confederate Memorial Association dedicated a beautiful stone monument featuring the standing figure of a Confederate Soldier. It was not until the early 1980s, following the discovery of the partial list, that the headstones were erected through the combined effort of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Veterans' Administration. The stones were arranged with military precision and placed in state groupings. In 1998, an additional 72 headstones were erected by the Sons of Confederate Veterans to honor soldiers whose identities were established on a second list which surfaced in the collection of the Old Courthouse Museum.

Soldiers Rest also contains memorial markers for those who died at Cooper's Wells in Hinds County, and an effort is being made to honor the lives lost on the CSS Arkansas. Unfortunately, stones could not be placed at the actual resting places for the soldiers in both of these groups, so a decision was made to honor their memory by placing memorials for them in Soldier's Rest.

Discoveries continue to be made about the history of Soldier's Rest. As recently as August 2018, a new list of more than 150 previously unknown soldier and widow burials was discovered and is in the process of being added to the records. Ms. Anna Fuller, in cooperation with several other volunteers, researches and maintains the information about those Confederate heroes who are interred there.

The information that has been collected can be viewed online at soldiersrestvicksburg.com and on Facebook by searching for "Soldiers Rest Confederate Cemetery Vicksburg MS." Soldiers Rest is located inside Cedar Hill Cemetery, 326 Lovers Lane, Vicksburg, MS.



*"Old Douglas"
Lies Near Soldiers Rest
Vicksburg, Mississippi*

Work At Soldier's Rest

The Pemberton Camp has started the process of restoring the signs in Soldier's Rest. This project has been lead by Bryan Skipworth with members of the Pemberton Camp, Lowry Rifles Camp, Mary Ann Forrest OCR, Vicksburg 77 UDC and Attala County 2592 UDC having volunteered their time over the last few months to get this project rolling.

A big thank you to everyone who has helped!



THE BATTLE OF STONES RIVER RE-ENACTMENT

Camp Member Bryan Skipworth took part in the historical Battle of Stones River in Mufreesboro, Tennessee the weekend of October 23rd.

Between 1700 and 2000 reenactors took part in the recreation of battle between General Bragg and General Rosencrans, December 31, 1862—January 2, 1863 (US 44,000—CS 35,000). Of the major battles of the war, Stones River had the highest percentage of casualties on both sides.







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Beautiful To View

by: Joel T. Bailey

*Beauvoir, beautiful to view, beneath the old oak trees
A reminder of the past and holder of many memories*

*It stands quiet and stately and faces out toward the sea
It seems to say to every one, please come and visit me*

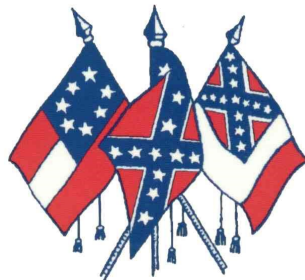
*It has been many things down through the years
It has heard a child's laughter and felt a soldier's tears*

*It was Jefferson Davis's home, the president of the confederacy
And it was for this reason it earned a place in history*

*It was damaged by storms but arose again like new
And still lives up to its name, Beauvoir, beautiful to view*

CONFEDERATE BIRTHDAYS

Maj. General Arnold Elzey - 18 Dec. 1816 - Somerset Co., Md.
Maj. General Henry Heth - 16 Dec. 1825 - Chesterfield Co., Va.
Maj. General Samuel Jones - 17 Dec. 1819 - Powhatan Co., Va.
Maj. General William Wing Loring - 4 Dec. 1818 - Wilmington, N.C.
Maj. General William Mahone - 1 Dec. 1826 Southampton Co., Va.
Maj. General William Booth Taliaferro - 28 Dec. 1822 - Gloucester Co., Va.
Brig. General James Jay Archer - 19 Dec. 1817 - Bel Air, Md.
Brig. General Rufus Barringer - 2 Dec. 1821 - Cabarrus Co., N.C.
Brig. General Milledge Luke Bonham - 25 Dec. 1813 - Red Bank, S.C.
Brig. General Robert Bullock - 8 Dec. 1828 - Greenville, N.C.
Brig. General James Cantey - 30 Dec. 1818 - Camden, S.C.
Brig. General John Carpenter Carter - 19 Dec. 1837 - Waynesborough, Ga.
Brig. General Thomas Pleasant Dockery - 18 Dec. 1833 - North Carolina
Brig. General Samuel Garland Jr. - 16 Dec. 1830 - Lynchburg, Va.
Brig. General Robert Selden Garnett - 16 Dec. 1819 - Essex, Va.
Brig. General Archibald Gracie Jr. - 1 Dec. 1832 - New York, N.Y.
Brig. General James Thadeus Holtzclaw - 17 Dec. 1833 - Henry Co., Ga.
Brig. General Micah Jenkins - 1 Dec. 1835 - Edisto Island, S.C.
Brig. General Mark Perrin Lowery - 30 Dec. 1828 - McNairy Co., Tenn.
Brig. General Henry Eustace McCulloch - 6 Dec. 1816 - Rutherford Co., Tenn.
Brig. General Richard Lucian Page - 20 Dec. 1807 - Clarke Co., Va.
Brig. General William Nelson Pendleton - 26 Dec. 1809 - Richmond, Va.
Brig. General Albert Pike - 29 Dec. 1809 - Newburyport, Mass.
Brig. General Daniel Harris Reynolds - 14 Dec. 1832 - Centerburg, Ohio
Brig. General Joseph Orville Shelby - 12 Dec. 1830 - Lexington, Ky.
Brig. General Charles Miller Shelly - 28 Dec. 1833 - Sullivan Co., Tenn.
Brig. General Preston Smith - 25 Dec. 1823 - Giles Co., Tenn.
Brig. General Allen Thomas - 14 Dec. 1830 - Howard Co., Md.
Brig. General Stand Watie - 12 Dec. 1806 - near present day Rome, Ga.
Brig. General Daniel Addison Weisiger - 23 Dec. 1818 - Chesterfield Co., Va.
Brig. General Henry Alexander Wise - 3 Dec. 1806 - Accomack, Va.





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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday December 7th—Christmas Party—6PM at 216 Miller Street

If you are interested in presenting, please contact Commander Edward Campbell : ewccrystalsprings@yahoo.com

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

From the stirring speech delivered by Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General of the United Confederate Veterans at the New Orleans, Louisiana UCV Convention of 1906.