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### Commander's Report ~ Tim Cupit ~

OUR NEXT EVENT IS THE DIXIE NATIONAL RODEO PARADE ON FEBRUARY 8TH, 2014. IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A MUSKET AND DRESS PERIOD CORRECT. CONTACT ME FOR MORE INFORMATION. THIS IS A GREAT EVENT! MY CELL IS 769-234-2966.

OUR LARGEST EVENT THIS YEAR IS THE THIRD ANNUAL INTERACTIVE CIVIL WAR RELIC SHOW. PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE AVAILABLE ON JUNE 20 THROUGH JUNE 22, 2014 TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE SHOW, SELL AN AD TO HELP FUND THE SHOW, GIVE YOUR INPUT ON HOW TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS, ASK QUESTIONS, HELP GET VENDORS FOR THE SHOW, LONG STORY SHORT, YOUR CAMP NEEDS YOUR PARTICIPATION! I NEED YOUR HELP! WE HAD 2500 VISITORS TO OUR SHOW IN 2013 AND THIS YEAR WE WILL HAVE 3000-4000 VISITORS.

OUR SPEAKER THIS MONTH IS AUTHOR AND HISTORIAN MR. STUART TOWNS. HE WILL HAVE BOOKS FOR SALE AND SIGNING. MR. TOWNS AND HIS WIFE WILL BE TRAVELING OVER 400 MILES TO SPEAK AT OUR CAMP. SELLING HIS BOOKS IS HOW HE PAYS FOR HIS TRAVEL EXPENSES. SO, AS SURE AS I WILL BE BUYING A SIGNED COPY OF HIS BOOK, I WILL PROBABLY SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING AT PENN'S IN BRANDON ON FEBRUARY 1ST, 2014 AT 7:00PM COME EARLY, BRING A FRIEND AND GOD BLESS.

COMMANDER QUOTE – "DON'T JUDGE EACH DAY BY THE HARVEST YOU REAP BUT BY THE SEEDS YOU PLANT"

### ~ Our New Compatriots ~



Mr. Tal Floyd



Mr. Daniel F. Seal



Mr. Don Carpenter

## Chaplain's Report

By: Tom Fortenberry

### ~Battle Report~

That evening as many of the men sat around small camp fires and wood heaters, one could see the many small columns of white smoke rising and then drifting down wind to disappear. It was at this moment that a Lieutenant approached from the darkness and called for volunteers. As the word spread from campfires and heaters and from frost covered tents every man responded by leaving the security of their comfort and gathered around the lieutenant. The officer spoke to them asking for five volunteers at which all of the men drew closer in response to the officer's request. Picking five men he dismissed the others and then began to instruct the remaining five on what was needed. The Lieutenant began by telling the men that they were to set off early before light and approach the river, once at the river two of them were to cut two ropes while the other three watched and stood guard. After receiving their instructions the men retired to their tents wrote letters to be left with friends and prayed knowing dawn would come early.

At the appointed time as if each of the men knew, each of them awoke without speaking a word gathered together, prayed, and then disappeared into the woods as the faint evidence of a new day could be seen approaching. An hour or more passed before they came to the wooded slope leading them down to the river. There at the river's edge their eyes saw their objective through the cold fog as it moved over the waters.

Moving through the woods with silent determination and quickness three of the men positioned themselves so they could watch over the other two men as they moved closer to carry out their instructions. Quickly their sharp blades severed the two ropes. As the last rope separated its hold the bridge fell into the waters of the river and was carried away downstream to lie against the far bank.

Reassured that no one could cross the cold fast moving waters of the river today the five men turned and made their way back the way they had come. Shielded by fog and woods the enemy fire from the other side of the river could not find its mark as the five men moved farther into the dark woods.

Later that morning as the sun had now broken the horizon they reported back to the Officer and informed him of their success. The Officer said everyone in camp had heard the gun fire and knew for sure that someone must have cut down a hornets' nest. "Well done good and faithful servants", the Officer said to them. "You have done well; ahead of us today are even greater rewards." At that the whole camp rose up and with one mission now that their flank was secured they moved forward as one against the divided enemy camp which was now separated from help.

The rest of the story continues today in our own lives. As a new year has begun each of us as Sons of Confederate Veterans know well that the battle is not over. Just as all of the men in the story stepped forward so also it is my prayer that each of us also steps forward. Stepping forward in faith to do even the smallest thing so that as faithful servants to the cause for which we all stand for, even greater rewards will be given to those who follow us. May God Bless each of you this year in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Adjutant's Report

By: Sid Boteler

Greetings to you men of Camp #265 who take seriously the charge given by Lt. General Stephen D. Lee to be defenders of our Confederate ancestor's good name and guardians of his history. In today's politically correct environment we find it increasingly difficult to honor our Southern Heritage. Never give in – never – never!

If you are an avid reader, I strongly recommend reading: Robert E. Lee on Leadership, Executive Lessons in Character, Courage and Vision, by H. W. Crocker III. ISBN 0-7615-1680-8. This is an excellent book and an easy read. From it you learn more about the man Robert E. Lee himself than you know now. His leadership qualities and Christian faith are made plain in this reading of only 231 pages.

Don't miss it!



**SCV Mississippi 5th Brigade Commander, Don P. Green Jr. presenting a program on Third System Fortifications along the U.S. Coastlines**

## AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2014

OPEN 7:00PM WITH PRAYER

PLEDGE TO THE US FLAG AND SALUTES

TRIVIA

INTRO TO SPEAKER MR. W. STUART TOWNS

QUESTION AND ANSWER

ADOPT MINS FROM JAN. 4TH, 2014 MEETING

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CAMP TSHIRTS

RELIC SHOW UPDATE

WEBSITE UPDATE – STATISTICS

CONOR BOND WITH HENLEY UPDATE

OLD BRANDON CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JOHN MCMASTER

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### NEW BUSINESS

DIXIE NATIONAL PARADE FEB. 8TH, 2014

DUES ARE DUE BY JULY 31ST, 2014

1ST ADOPT-A- HIGHWAY TRASH PICK UP FOR 2014

AGENDA ON THE DUES & PRIZE DRAWING FOR PAID MEMBERS IN NOVEMBER

SCRAPBOOK FOR THIS/LAST YEAR

TRAIL OF HONOR MAY 17TH AND 18TH 2014

(WE WILL HAVE THE HELICOPTERS THERE THIS YEAR)

OPEN FLOOR

CAMP DOOR PRIZES

CLOSE WITH PRAYER APPROX 8:15PM

**\*\* LEAVE A TIP FOR THE GIRLS \$1.00 \*\***



## Compatriot Roy Schooler Winner of the \$1,000.00 Confederate Bond SCV Camp Members Retention Drawing

### **Did You Know that** **Confederate Soldiers** **And Sailors are U.S.** **Veterans by law**



*1861 Mississippi  
State Flag*

#### TITLE 38—UNITED STATES CODE VETERANS' BENEFITS

##### § 1501. Definitions

(3) The term "Civil War veteran" includes a person who served in the military or naval forces of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War, and the term "active military or naval service" includes active service in those forces.

##### § 2306. Headstones, markers, and burial receptacles

(a) The Secretary shall furnish, when requested, appropriate Government headstones or markers at the expense of the United States for the unmarked graves of the following:

(1) Any individual buried in a national cemetery or in a post cemetery.

(2) Any individual eligible for burial in a national cemetery (but not buried there), except for those persons or classes of persons enumerated in section 2402(a)(4), (5), and (6) of this title.

(3) Soldiers of the Union and Confederate Armies of the Civil War.

# February

# 2014

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | 7   | 8   |
| General Albert Sidney Johnston born 1803 died 4/6/1862  | General Joseph Eggleston Johnson born 1807 died 3/21/1891                                 | Virginia house of delegates discussed enrolling free slaves in CSA 1862   | Battle of Hatcher's Run, Virginia 1865  | Surrender of Fort Henry, Tennessee to the Union 1862 / General John Brown Gordon born 1832, dies 2/9/1904 | Lincoln writes Commander in Henderson, KY ordering him to stop torturing black men to force them to enlist 1865 | <b>Dixie National Rodeo Parade ~ 10:30am</b><br>Battle of Roanoke Island, North Carolina lost to the Union 1862 / General Richard S. Ewell born 1817, dies 2/25/1872      |
| 9   | 10  | 11  | 12  | 13  | 14  | 15  |
| The Provisional Congress of the Confederacy elected Jefferson Davis President, Alexander Stephens Vice-President 1861 | Raphael Semmes was named Rear Admiral 1865  | Alexander Stephens Vice President Confederate States born 1812. Died March 4, 1883  |   | General Grant attacks Fort Donelson, Tennessee 1862   | Yankee's capture Meridian, Mississippi 1864   |   |
| 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  |
| Surrender of Fort Donelson, Tennessee 1862  | CSS H.L. Hunley Submarine sinks war ship USS Housatonic 1864 / Columbia, S.C. burned 1865 | Jefferson Davis inaugurated President of the Confederacy 1861 / Confederate Congress authorizes the enlistment of Southern negro's free or slave 1865 | Battle of Ocean Pond, Florida 1864 / Confederate House of Representatives authorizes use of slaves as soldiers 1865 |   | <b>Living History &amp; Reenactment at Quitman, MS, Feb. 21, 22, 23</b>   | Jefferson Davis inaugurated 1862 / Yankee's defeated by General Forrest at Okolona, Mississippi 1864 / Gen. Joseph E. Johnston restored to Command Army of Tennessee 1865 |
| 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  |   |
| Mississippi readmitted to the Union 1870  |   | Federal troops occupy Nashville, Tennessee 1862 / Georgia officially adopted the Jefferson Davis Highway Route 2 1953                                 |   |   | US General Kilpatrick/ Col. Dahlgren begin raid on Richmond, Virginia 1864                                      |   |



Texas 7<sup>th</sup> state to secede from Union 1861.

BRANDON'S THIRD INTERACTIVE  
**CIVIL WAR RELIC SHOW**

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"CHIMNEYVILLE," THE DESTRUCTION OF JACKSON,

MS, DURING THE CIVIL WAR, FACT OR MYTH?

5:15PM - 6:00PM

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**RELIC SHOW UPDATE**

TIM AND BECKY WILL BE TRAVELING TO THE DALTON GEORGIA CIVIL WAR RELIC SHOW TO SOLICITE VENDORS ON FEBRUARY 9TH, 2014.

BILL KURIGER HAS SUPPLIED US WITH A MAP OF THE ROOMS OUR RELIC SHOW WILL BE IN. THIS MAP IS A LAYOUT OF THE TABLES IN THE ROOMS.

LET IT BE KNOWN THAT YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A CAMP MEMBER TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE SHOW!

*Living History & Reenactment*

*Events*

**February 8**

Dixie National Rodeo Parade 10:30

Uniform ~ late war C.S. Infantry

**February 21, 22, 23**

Quitman, MS

Mid to Late War - Federal

**March 7, 8, 9**

Gainesville, AL

Late War - Federal

**March 28, 29, 30**

Port Hudson/Baton Rouge, LA

1863 Period - Confederate



This is the American Diggers show on the History Channel. This is the cast, crew, Becky, and Brandon Jobe at Champion Hill filming the last episode of season two. I was invited out to watch for the week.



*"To tar the sacrifices of the Confederate soldier as simple acts of racism, and reduce the battle flag under which he fought to nothing more than the symbol of a racist heritage, is one of the great blasphemies of our modern age."*

*~Virginia's Democratic Senator Jim Webb~*

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John Watson Morton, The Artillery of Nathan Bedford Forrest's Cavalry (Publishing house of the M. E. Church, South, Smith & Lamar, agents, 1909), 258.


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"Stonewall" Jackson**

*"The time for war has not yet come, but it will come, and that soon; and when it does come, my advice is to draw the sword and throw away the scabbard."*

Donald A. Davis, Stonewall Jackson (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), 42.

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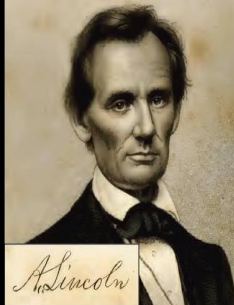
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*A. Lincoln*

*"Why not let the South go?" Abraham Lincoln replied, "Let the South go? Let the South go! Where then shall we gain our revenues?"*

Frank H. Alfriend, The Life of Jefferson Davis (Cincinnati: Caxton Publishing House, 1868), 201.

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