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Commander's Report ~ Tim Cupit ~

*Happy
New Year!*

The trip to Franklin was a success! We sold 15 tables and acquired many more vendor contacts that showed interest in coming to the 2014 Relic Show in Brandon. Our speaker at the January 4th meeting will be a Southern Belle I met at Fall Muster this year. She will be awesome!

I hope one of your New Year's Resolutions this year is to be a larger part of Camp #265. Come early, bring someone with you, and as sure as $E=mc^2$. I'll probably see you at our next meeting at Penn's in Brandon at 7:00 p.m. on January 4th, 2014. May God Bless you and yours. Tim Cupit

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: INSCRIPTION ON A HEADSTONE IN KOSCIUSKO, MS - "I AM HE THAT LIVETH, AND WAS DEAD, AND BEHOLD I AM ALIVE FOR EVER MORE". "REMEMBER ME AS YOU PASS BY. AS YOU ARE NOW I ONCE WAS. AS I AM NOW, SO MUST YOU BE. PREPARE FOR DEATH AND FOLLOW ME.



Compatriot Ralph Smitherman reading The Christmas Story as recorded in the Gospel of Luke from his Braille Bible



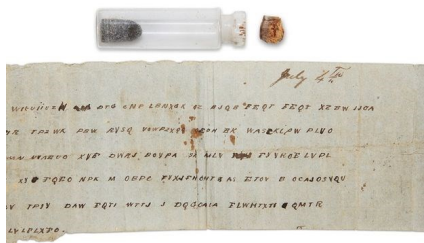
~ Uncle Pug's Bluegrass Band ~

Chaplain's Report

By: Tom Fortenberry

Message in a Bottle

150 years after the Battle of Vicksburg, a small bottle containing a small encoded message inside was removed from the bottle and deciphered.



The siege of Vicksburg by union forces during the months leading up to the surrender of Vicksburg on July 4th, 1863 was a crucial victory for Union forces, and catastrophic defeat for the Confederates. It was during the time of the prolonged siege that a bottle with an encrypted message was sent to Lt. Gen. John C. Pemberton. The message was never received, and now 150 years later the message which had been kept inside of the bottle was carefully removed by Catherine Wright, and placed in display for all to see at The Museum of the Confederacy. The message read in part, **"You can expect no help from this side of the river."**

The message which was kept safe for over 150 years speaks to each of us today in its own way. It speaks of the weakness of the human flesh and now one must have felt knowing help was so close and yet so far away while men were fighting and families starving in the time of conflict.

In later years after the end of the War of Aggression a memorial to all of the fallen Confederate soldiers was placed at Arlington to help restore and rebuild the nation whole again. Congress even acknowledged in truth that the healing of the nation would also be honored in returning the battle flags of the South to honor the sacrifice and pain suffered by so many.

May it be our prayer during the Holiday Season as the New Year approaches to maybe the take a moment to remember that even when we are separated from one another of a short time, **1 Kings 8:57 May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. May He not leave us nor forsake us. NKJV**

Our God will never leave us or forsake us in time of need. As American citizens we a called to remember our Confederate Soldiers and to salute the Confederate flag with affection, reverence, and undying devotion to the cause for which it stands. May each of you this season be blessed and comforted in God's promises.

Thomas Fortenberry, Chaplain SCV Camp 265

Adjutant's Report

By: Sid Boteler

Dear Friends and Fellow "sons-of-the-South."

Our camp currently has a membership of sixty-six men. We have recovered nicely from when our numbers dropped in November to sixty-one. Our Roster carried the names of seventy-five compatriots just prior to the deadline for 2014 dues payment on 31 October, 2013.

William W. Bennett was a Chaplin in Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia. After one particular battle a Confederate soldier recounted to the Chaplin his observation of General Stonewall Jackson:

"I saw something today which affected me more than anything I ever saw or read on religion. While the battle was raging and the bullets were flying, Jackson rode by, calm as if he were at home, but his head was raised toward heaven and his lips were moving, evidently in prayer."

**Sid Boteler
Adjutant, SCV Camp 256**



**Camp Christmas Meeting
Potluck Feast**

AGENDA FOR JANUARY 4, 2014

- OPEN AT 7:00PM SHARP
- PRAYER
- PLEDGES & SALUTES
- TRIVIA
- SPEAKER KARI/SOUTHERN BELLE
- ADOPT MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2ND, 2013

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- CAMP T-SHIRTS
- RELIC SHOW UPDATE
- DID EVERYONE RECEIVE CARDS?
- WEBSITE UPDATE

NEW BUSINESS

- NEW MEMBERS
- FRANKLIN REPORT
- INTRODUCE NEW LIFE MEMBER
- CONOR BOND - 5 MINUTES
- MEMORIAL SERVICE/HEADSTONE \DEDICATION

PLEASE, LEAVE A TIP FOR THE GIRLS THAT CLEAN UP.



Penn's Christmas Tree



Did You Know

~ Confederate Naval Station, Jackson Mississippi ~

The surrender of Island No. 10 on April 7, 1862 on the upper Mississippi River was a key turning point in the trust by the U.S. Navy to gain control of the upper Mississippi and the city of Memphis, Tennessee. The Navy of the Confederate States that was established on February 21, 1861 by an act of the Confederate Congress, although a courageous and innovative force, was always much inferior to its Northern counterpart. Outnumbered 10 to 1 in man power most of the time and outgunned 100 to 1 in ordnance, would present the invading union naval forces with problems that at times vexed the very souls of the unions naval commanders.

In early 1862, Flag Officer William F. Lynch was ordered by the Confederate naval department in Richmond, Virginia to open a naval station in Jackson, Mississippi in an attempt to stop the advance of union naval forces on the upper Mississippi River. Naval station Jackson would serve as a key location for naval forces in the central Mississippi river area.

Many times, as we recall the bravery and service of our land forces we overlook the courage of these naval officers and sailors that stood strong in the face of a naval force that was far superior to them in numbers and resources.

January 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<p>President Jefferson Davis gives his 3rd State of the Confederacy 1863</p>	<p>Florida militiamen seized the Federal arsenal at Chattahoochee 1861 / 13th Admendment abolishing slavery fails to pass Congress 1865</p>	<p>Three blockade runners arrive Charleston, S.C. 1863</p>	<p>Emancipation Proclamation issued 1863 declaring slaves in rebel states free.</p>	<p>Battle of Murfreesboro, TN 1863</p> <p>Mississippi 2nd state to secede from Union / "Bonnie Blue" flag raised 1861</p>	<p>Georgia militia seized Fort Pulaski by order of Gov. J.E. Brown 1861</p>	<p>Alabama seized a Federal arsenal at Mount Vernon near Mobile 1861</p> <p>Alabama 4th state to secede from the Union 1861/ CSS Alabama sinks USS Hatteras off Galveston, Texas, 1863</p>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<p>Robert E. Lee born 1807/ Georgia 5th state to secede from Union 1861 / Battle of Logan's Cross Roads, Kentucky 1862</p>	<p>U.S. Adm. Porter attacks Fort Fisher, NC 1865</p>	<p>Commander Matthew Fontaine Maury born 1806, died 2/4/1873</p>	<p>General James Longstreet born in 1821, dies 1/2/1904</p>	<p>Assault & capture of Fort Fisher N.C. 1865</p>	<p>Former President John Tyler, a Confederate Congressman, dies in Richmond, VA 1862 / Confederacy includes 17 year olds in conscription 1864</p>	<p>Living History & Reenactment at Fort Pike. Jan. 24-25</p> <p>Prisoner exchange to resume 1865</p> <p>General Joseph Wheeler died 1906 born 9/10/1836</p>
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<p>Louisiana 6th state to secede from Union 1861 / VA. rejoined Union 1870</p>	<p>Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson born 1824 / Jefferson Davis of Miss. and 4 other southerners resigned from the U.S. Senate 1861</p>	<p>General George Edward Pickett Born 1825 Died 7/30/1875</p>	<p>Greenpoint, Long Island N.Y. the ironclad Monitor is launched 1862.</p>	<p>Robert E. Lee made General in Chief of all C.S. Army 1865</p>	<p>Robert E. Lee made General in Chief of all C.S. Army 1865</p>	<p>Robert E. Lee made General in Chief of all C.S. Army 1865</p>
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Camp Meeting

BRANDON'S THIRD INTERACTIVE
CIVIL WAR RELIC SHOW

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 MS, DURING THE CIVIL WAR, FACT OR MYTH?
 5:15PM - 6:00PM

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Living History & Reenactment

Events

January 24, 25

Fort Pike, New Orleans, LA

Time Period: Mid to Late War -

CS 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

RELIC SHOW UPDATE

-WE HAVE OVER 100 TABLES ACCOUNTED FOR.

-WE HAVE TO SELL ADS FOR OUR SHOW.

-THIS YEAR'S SHOW IS JUNE 21ST & 22ND.

-WE NEED MORE INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS.

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Band-width
Jan 2013	58	127	778	16,234	137.20MB
Feb 2013	55	145	433	4,538	72.32 MB
Mar 2013	53	107	434	5,660	73.73 MB
Apr 2013	60	107	203	2,842	63.45 MB
May 2013	84	119	221	3,786	104.23MB
Jun 2013	211	272	480	7,886	206.6MB
Jul 2013	83	113	184	2,803	77.84 MB
Aug 2013	118	164	240	2,979	81.84 MB
Sep 2013	57	98	169	2,234	50.30 MB
Oct 2013	166	292	1,566	6,984	1.09 GB
Nov 2013	397	556	1,992	9,941	37.71 GB
Dec 2013	113	165	693	3,172	18.49 GB
Total	1,455	2,265	7,393	69,059	58.14 GB

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 December 15, 2013

3 men walked into a completely full hotel and expect to buy 3 different rooms for the night. Unfortunately and as to be expected, the owner of the hotel said there was only 1 room available and offered it to the 3 men for \$30. Each man paid \$10. (which as we all know; 10+10+10=30) and went up to their room. Now, the owner of the hotel felt sorry for the men and decided afterwards to give the room to them for \$25 instead. So, he rung up a bellboy and gave him five dollars saying, "Bring this up to the three men and divide it between them." So, the innocent bellboy walked up to the men's room wondering how he was going to split the money. Being terrible at math, he decided to simply give each man \$1 and put the remaining money in his pocket. Now, if we take all the money that has been counted up, we started off with \$30. Technically, each man only paid \$9 because they each got \$1 back. If we go 9x3=27 plus the two dollars the bellboy pocketed that equals \$29. Here's the question: Where's the 30th dollar?

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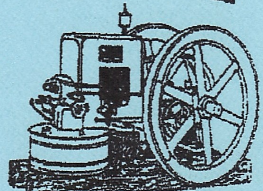
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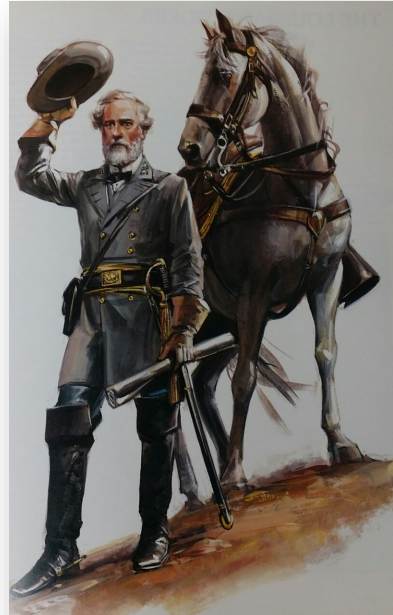
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