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Next Meeting



The next meeting of Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee's Caledonia Rifles will be at 6PM, 9 June at the Caledonia Church of Christ in downtown Caledonia, MS. Don't be late or Gen. Armistead will charge your house and turn the cannon on you.



Camp Upcoming Events Calendar

>>>>>>>Meetings for 2011<<<<<<<<<
9 June, 14 July, 11 August, 8 September,
13 October, 10 November, 17 December (CiD)

Next Meeting Dinner

Pizza - Shizak's, Chips - Jessie
Any other foods always welcome!

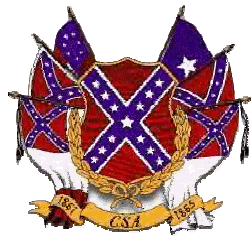


Mississippi Division Convention Held

The June edition of *The Charge* is a bit late this month due to your editor wishing to report on the 116th Mississippi SCV Division Convention held in Gulfport, MS, over the weekend of 3-5 June. I made the trip, family in tow, down to the coast followed by 2nd Lt. Commander John Wiggins and his wife, Kathalia. Why the family wanted to go *this* year, when they showed no interest whatsoever in attending the past Greenville or Grenada conventions is a bit of a mystery to me. The event was hosted by the Sam Davis Camp #596 and they did an outstanding job. The convention was held at the motel where most of the participants stayed and there was plenty of room for the delegates.

New officers were elected this year for all Division and Brigade positions and Compatriot Alan Palmer was elected Commander. Alan was instrumental in Vicksburg being awarded the 2013 SCV National Convention so he seems a good choice for the top spot. Other notable new officers include: our 4th Brigade Commander, Hubbard 'Boo' White, Jr. from the W.D. Cameron Camp; 4th Brigade Councilman, Ben Gaddis from the Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp; and a new Division Adjutant, Dan McCaskill, who is replacing the ailing Jim Strickland. Louis Foley, recently our Brigade commander moved up to Division 2nd Lt. Commander.

Routine business occupied most of the business session although there were a few items that generated some discussion:



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- Shiloh Monument: Buddy Ellis, of the W.P. Rogers Camp in Corinth is spearheading an effort to get a monument to Mississippi soldiers erected in Shiloh National Military Park. Discussion ranged from how much money was needed to what the design might be. (See separate article for Buddy's appeal)

- Sesquicentennial Car Tags: The Mississippi SCV car tag for 2011 features 'Beauvoir' in the middle. This prompted Beauvoir director Rick Forte to ask that a motion be made that the Davis shrine gets some profits from this year's sales. This idea prompted some mildly emotional discussion. The original purpose of the car tag was to raise money for battleflag preservation and some members were opposed to any money being diverted away from that program (Beauvoir has been rebuilt, the flags are still deteriorating, etc.). In the end there was a split, with 50% going to Beauvoir and 50% going to the flags, with the proviso that Beauvoir's 50% is for *this year only*. According to the adjutant, this would be around \$7000.

- Clarification of Division Officer Terms in the By-Laws: It seemed pretty clear to me already, but apparently some folks didn't understand how many terms and how often the Commander could serve. The issue was supposed to clarify what was already written, but instead it turned into a sort of 'term limit' vs. 'no term limit' topic, with a little conspiracy theory thrown in. After the dust settled, it is now hopefully known that: The Division Commander can serve two, two-year terms consecutively (four years total). He could then sit out two years, then come back and be elected for another two-year term. *He can only serve 'consecutive terms' once*. Theoretically he could then sit out every two years and keep being elected to office if he was a REAL popular guy.

All in all, this year's convention was a success and the Camp 2140 participants had a good time at the beach and casinos, errrr, business session and banquet. The 2012 convention will be held in Brandon, MS.



"Abraham Lincoln once asked General (Winfield) Scott the question: "Why is it that you were once able to take the city of Mexico in three months with five thousand men, and we have been unable to take Richmond with one hundred thousand men?"

"I will tell you," said General Scott. "The men who took us into the City of Mexico are the same men who are keeping us out of Richmond."

(Confederate Veteran Magazine, September 1913, page 471. Submitted by Sam Hood.)



Mississippi Monument at Shiloh

We Need Your Help.

This is an appeal to those of you with heritage and honor. Mississippi does not have a monument at Shiloh National Battlefield to honor all the brave soldiers who fought and died there. The Mississippi Legislature passed a bill in July 2010, saying they will match up to \$250,000 of what we raise. There is over \$30,000 that has been raised so far for this project, but we have a long way to go. We need to do this to honor all the brave Confederate soldiers from Mississippi who fought and died at Shiloh.

The **State of Tennessee** put a monument at Shiloh National Battlefield in 2005 at cost of \$250,000.

We



need to put a monument just as nice – or better.

The Col. W.P. Rogers SCV Camp #321 in Corinth, Mississippi, along with the Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans needs your help in getting this project started. **Don't forget that every dollar you give becomes two dollars** toward the erection of a monument to all the brave soldiers from Mississippi who fought at the Battle of Shiloh. We are a non-profit 501/3C group so all your donations are tax deductible.

Please make checks payable to:
Col. W.P. Rogers Mississippi Monument at Shiloh Fund.

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Civil War 101

By

1st Lt Cdr Dr. Brandon Beck



Brandon is knee-deep in alligators as his book deadline approaches, so we have given him the month off to attend to his contractual obligations. It is time well spent since we know his book on Earl Van Dorn will be as good as his last book on the Battle of Okolona. Instead, please find a response that Brandon wrote to a columnist – and I use that term loosely – of The Washington Post in response to a very negative column on Robert E. Lee. I will not junk up the newsletter with the column this Mr. Cohen published, but you may find it at:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dispelling-the-myth-of-robert-e-lee/2011/04/25/AFrXC1kE_story.html?fb_ref=NetworkNews&fb_source=home_multiline

Dear Mr. Cohen,

I think that your column "Dispelling the Myth of Robert E. Lee" is shot through with "presentism" i.e., the judgment of any historical figure by the standards of the present. Using the term "victimhood", and comparing Rommel to Lee in condemning the latter, are signs of underlying "presentism", the enemy of good history.

I also believe that your opinion is based on insufficient reading of great historical works. Douglas Southall Freeman's biography, *R.E. Lee*, in four volumes, (1935) is an American historical and literary classic. Also, let me suggest Professor Charles P. Roland's recent *Reflections on Lee*. Dr. Roland, retired Professor Emeritus of the University of Kentucky, is one of our country's most distinguished historians.

Your third to last paragraph heaps a mountain of unjustified criticism on General Lee. He only lived for five years after the War, speaking very little of it. As President of Washington College he advocated higher education and national reconciliation.

I'm hoping that the Sesquicentennial of the War brings out more good history than "presentism," and more light than heat.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brandon H. Beck



"The consolidation of the states into one vast republic, sure to be aggressive abroad and despotic at home, will be the certain precursor of the ruin which has overwhelmed all those that have preceded it."

- Robert E. Lee, 1866



Memorial Day Dedication

Your editor travelled to the Mashulaville area this past Memorial Day weekend to assist the Winston Guards Chapter 2643, United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Pushmataha Chapter of the Daughters of The War of 1812 dedicate two headstones in a cemetery way out in the hinterlands of Noxubee County.

The new stones were for Benjamin Graves Higginbotham, a captain from the War of 1812 and his son, James Larkin Higginbotham, a private with Co. H, 14th Mississippi Infantry. The ceremony was well attended for a holiday weekend and everything went off without a hitch.





A NAME DOES REVEAL A TRUTH

By Walter D. Kennedy
July 5, 2010

As any parent will tell you, naming a child can be a very stressful and important part of parenting. Indeed, the first thing we usually learn about a person is his name. What is true in the life of a family is just as true in the political life of a nation.

Just after the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War, circa 1936, a small group of American leftist, i.e., communists, socialists, and other "progressives" established what was to become known as "The Lincoln Brigade". The Lincoln Brigade consisted of American volunteers who served in Spain supporting the Marxist government. The Marxist Spanish government was fighting against General Francisco Franco leader of the Fascist element in Spain. It should be obvious that both sides of this civil war were socialist and were advocates of big government. Regardless of which side won the war, big government was the victor and individual liberty the loser.

As has been demonstrated in both *Red Republicans and Lincoln's Marxists* and *Lincoln Uber Alles*, early American socialist and communists had a great affinity for Abraham Lincoln. With their long



history of love for Lincoln is it any wonder that radical leftist in 1936 adopted the name of "Lincoln," for the brigade of volunteers? To this day, the supporters and admirers of The Lincoln Brigade support all the trendy left-wing ideas and movements that promote big government. Lincoln's

support by Marxists and socialists in the 1860's has been transformed into Marxists and socialists using Lincoln's name today to advance their left-wing agenda.

Even though The Lincoln Brigade fought against Fascists in the Spanish Civil War, Hitler embraced the philosophy of Lincoln as it relates to State's Rights and national sovereignty. In his book, *Mein Kampf*, Hitler virtually quotes Lincoln in his defense of building a strong "indivisible" German nation. In 1861 Lincoln proclaimed that the States of the American Union had never been "sovereign". In speaking of the American Union in his book, Hitler states: "Originally these states did not and could not possess sovereign rights of their own". In defense of his invasion of the States of the American Union, Lincoln stated that it was the Union that had created the States "such as they are".

In *Mein Kampf* Hitler noted that the States of the American Union could not be sovereign because "...it was the Union that created most of these so-called states". In his book Hitler, like Lincoln, makes it clear that he is an advocate of a strong indivisible republic.

Hitler was so much opposed to the idea of secession that he and his Nazi followers launched their first attempt to take over a German state to prevent its secession from the German Federal Republic. Obviously Hitler in 1923 had no more hesitation at using military force to prevent a people from exercising their right of self-determination than Lincoln did in 1861. "Government by the consent of the governed" is what self-determination is called in the Declaration of Independence. It seems that neither Lincoln nor Hitler approved of that famous declaration.

After the defeat of Nazism in 1945 an American Veteran of World War II established the American Nazi Party. The name of that American, who was a distinguished American Veteran of both World War Two and the Korean War, was George Lincoln Rockwell. Rockwell was born in Central Illinois, not far from where Lincoln got his start in politics, and educated at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. It should be noted that Brown University was named in honor of an infamous Yankee slave-trader. Once again we see that the name of Lincoln associated with those elements that advocate big government. Big government is the antithesis of individual liberty.

Also in the American context, big government is THE enemy of limited government, that is, State's Rights. Whether one is speaking of Marx, Engels, Hitler, or Lincoln, the title of big government advocate is a perfect fit. Unfortunately most "conservative" commentators, Beck, Limbaugh, Hannity or any number of such right-wing talking heads view Lincoln as a defender of limited government. Yet, it was Lincoln who drew the support of radical socialists, Karl Marx and Fredrick Engels during the so-called "Civil War."

After Lincoln's death it was radical socialist, communists and nazis who identified with Lincoln and it was Hitler who advocated the policies of Lincoln for Germany. When will "our" conservative commentators face the truth about Lincoln, America's number one Fascist? Perhaps we should simply refer to Lincoln as "America's Fascist Founding Father!"

(Walter Kennedy is the twin brother of Ronald Kennedy, who spoke at this year's Mississippi SCV convention. They have authored numerous books and articles on the South and the anti-Federalism movement. Their website is at:

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