

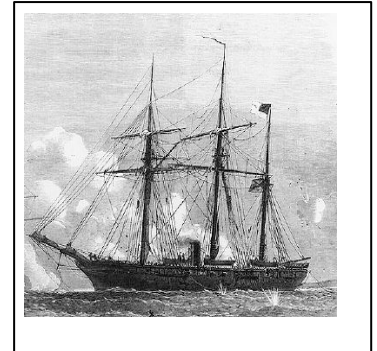
The Admiral's Log

Sons of Confederate Veterans

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Raphael Semmes Camp 11

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Dear Compatriots and Friends of Camp 11,

Hopefully all of you have recovered from the hectic pace of the Holiday Season. We certainly hope that all of you were richly blessed during the holidays.

Prior to becoming a member of the SCV, I would look upon January with a certain amount of anxiety and dread. That is not the case anymore. January is one of my favorite times of year because it is the season that we celebrate the lives of Robert E. Lee and Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson.

The Camp 11 Lee-Jackson Salute will be held on January 22nd at Confederate Rest in Mobile's Magnolia Cemetery. The ceremony will start at 2pm. Our speaker this year will be Dr. Norman McCrummond. Please make your plans to attend. Your camp needs you at this ceremony and I will guarantee you that you will leave there all swelled up with Confederate pride.

As I sat down to compose this newsletter I began to search for the minutes of the December meeting. Well, there is none. Our December meeting was our annual Christmas social at the Dew Drop Inn. It was a wonderful time. We had good food and good fellowship. We would be remiss if we did not send out a heartfelt thank you to Powell and his crew for an outstanding meal.

The talent of the people in our camp continues to amaze me. In the January 1st edition of the Press-Register John Sledge wrote a book review about a book by Compatriot Tom Root. The book is entitled "Sons of Pride". Mr. Sledge called the book "eloquent, learned, funny, and wise." He also stated that "for those willing to assay its pages and immerse themselves in its antiquated

style, an unforgettable reading experience awaits.” “Sons of Pride” is available in Fairhope at Page and Palette. In Mobile the book can be found at Bienville Books. Congratulations Compatriot Root.

James Brown is a real son who will have his 100th birthday on February 14th. He is a member of Captain Hunter’s Arizona Rangers Camp 1202. Compatriot Brown’s only wish for his birthday is to receive birthday cards from SCV members. His address is: 100 Chatuga Drive West, Room 103, Loudon, Tennessee, 37774. I encourage all of you to grant the wishes of Compatriot James Brown.

On January 21st I will travel to Leaf, Mississippi, to participate in a cemetery clean up. Our friends in the 5th Mississippi Brigade were made aware of a neglected cemetery in Leaf [near McClain in Greene County, Mississippi] and it is located on National Forrest Service land. There are three Confederate veterans and one War of 1812 veteran buried in the cemetery. One of the Confederate veterans was a member of the 29th Mississippi Infantry Regiment. This is the regiment of two of my ancestors. Duty demands that I participate in this clean up. I am also looking forward to the fellowship that is a part of such events.

Our next camp meeting will be on January 30th at 7pm in the Admiral Semmes Hotel. Compatriot Joe Dupree will be our speaker. He will offer a presentation on the plans for Ft. McDermott. Make your plans to attend. We miss you when you aren’t there.

Once again, as I close the greeting of this newsletter, I encourage you to be prayer warriors. Pray for our camp, pray for our nation and its military, and pray for each other. God Bless the South! Long Live Dixie!

Your Humble Servant,
Terry W. “Beetle” Bailey
Editor, The Admiral’s Log

Some Confederate Humor

If you had been a soldier during the WBTS the nickname of the troops from your state would have been: Tobacco Worms—Virginia, Tennessee—Hog Drivers, Kentucky—Corn Crackers, Texas—Cowboys, Arkansas—Tooth-picks, Mississippi—Sand Lappers, Louisiana—Tigers, Alabama—Yaller Hammers, Georgia—Goober Grabbers, North Carolina—Tar Heels, South Carolina—Rice Birds, Florida—Gophers, Missouri—Border Ruffians. Cavalrymen—Buttermilk Rangers. Infantrymen—Web Foot.

WBTS Usage

To drum out: To escort, at the cadence of a drum, a dishonorably discharged soldier from his company, regiment or camp.

Hish and hash: a meal of whatever edibles were at hand.

Source: The Encyclopedia of Civil War Usage by Webb Garrison

This month in the WBTS

January 31st, 1862: Britain once again makes plain its position on neutrality, dashing Confederate hopes of obtaining immediate support from Europe.

January 16th, 1863: The Confederate commerce raider "Florida" eludes the Federal blockade and slips out of Mobile Bay. Over the next year and a half the raider will take some 15 Northern vessels as prizes, mostly in the waters of the West Indies.

January 7th, 1864: Lincoln commutes the death sentence of an army deserter. The desertion rates in the Union army are now a severe problem.

January 13th, 1865: Hood has resigned as commander of the Army of Tennessee and Beauregard takes temporary command. Lieutenant General Richard Taylor is named as Hood's successor.

Source: 1400 Days, The US Civil War Day by Day. Bishop, Drury, and Gibbons.

Confederate Birthdays

Robert E. Lee: Born January 19th, 1807

Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson: January 21st, 1824

BG Jones Mitchell Withers was born in Madison County, Alabama, on January 12th, 1814. Withers graduated 4TH in his West Point class of 1835. He fought in the Creek Indian War and the Mexican war. Withers was an attorney and a cotton merchant. Prior to the war he served as mayor of Mobile. After the Battle of Shiloh he won a promotion to major general. After sick leave he became the commander of the District of North Alabama in February of 1864. After the war he returned to Mobile and was again elected to the office of mayor. He also served as the city treasurer. General Withers died on March 13th, 1890. He is buried in Mobile's Magnolia Cemetery in square 19, lot 104. [Camp members Old Sid Phillips and Young Sid Phillips are descendants of General Withers]

Upcoming Events

The Battle for Texas Hospital will be held at Archusa Water Park in Quitman, Mississippi on February 24th – 26th. This event commemorates the destruction of several hospitals in Quitman by Sherman's troops in 1863. It is a lovely venue and we have been made very welcomed at this event. On Saturday morning of the event we will gather at the Texas Hospital Cemetery south of Quitman on Highway 145 S for a memorial service. Yours truly has been given

the honor of speaking at that memorial service. Compatriot Ellison and his beloved Matilda will be there as well.

March and April are stacked with events. I will provide a complete list of those events in the February newsletter.

Camp 11 monthly meeting: January 30th, 7pm, Admiral Semmes Hotel, Downtown Mobile. We need you there.

A Tribute to Generals Lee and Jackson from The Admiral's Log

Booker T. Washington on Lee and Jackson: In 1910 he wrote, "The first white people in America, certainly the first in the South to exhibit their interest in the reaching of the Negro and saving his soul through the medium of the Sunday-school were Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson."

Dwight D. Eisenhower on Lee: "From deep conviction I simply say this: a nation of men of Lee's caliber would be unconquerable in spirit and soul. Indeed, to the degree that present-day American youth will strive to emulate his rare qualities, including his devotion to this land as revealed in his painstaking efforts to help heal the Nation's wounds once the bitter struggle was over, we, in our own time of danger in a divided world, will be strengthened and our love of freedom sustained."

Jackson to the VMI cadets on April 13th, 1861: "...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."

Jackson also said; "The patriotic volunteer, fighting for country and his rights, is the most reliable soldier on earth."

Jackson to a staff officer: "Did you ever think, sir, what an opportunity a battlefield affords liars?"

Lee on the subject of honesty: "The trite saying that honesty is the best policy has met with the just criticism that honesty is not policy. The real honest man is honest from conviction of what is right, not from policy."

"Jackson possessed the brutality essential in war; Lee did not. He could clasp the hand of a wounded enemy, whilst Jackson ground his teeth and murmured, 'No quarter to the violators of our homes and firesides', and when someone

deplored the necessity of destroying so many brave men, he exclaimed: 'No, shoot them all, I do not wish them to be brave.'"

Major General J.F.C. Fuller, British military writer, on Stonewall Jackson

General John B. Gordon on Lee: "Intellectually he was cast in a giant mold. Naturally, he was possessed of strong passions. He loved excitement, particularly the excitement of war. He loved grandeur. But all these appetites and powers were brought under control of his judgment and made subservient to his Christian faith."

The Rev. Dr. Charles Minegerode, the rector of St. Paul's Church in Richmond, had just delivered an invitation for the congregation to come forward to receive the consecrated bread and wine, when a tall, well-dressed, black man stood and walked to the rail. There followed a very definite pause in the church. The congregation appeared deeply chagrined at this attempt to offend and humiliate them, and the good Rev. Dr. Minegerode was very embarrassed. Then another person rose from the pew and walked down the aisle to the chancel rail. He knelt by the black man and so redeemed the situation. The second gentleman was Robert E. Lee.

Quoted from A Civil War Pocket Reader compiled by John Zwemer

Lee on duty: "Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more. You should never wish to do less."

Jackson on war: "People who are anxious to bring on war don't know what they are bargaining for; they don't see all the horrors that must accompany such an event."

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

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. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

**Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee
Commander-General
United Confederate Veterans**

New Orleans, 25 April 1906