

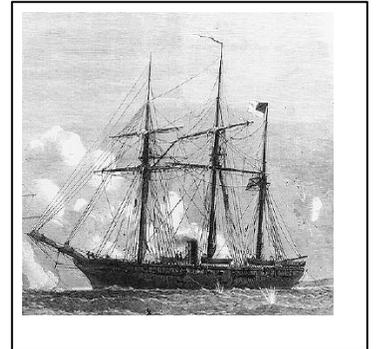
The Admiral's Log

Sons of Confederate Veterans

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Raphael Semmes Camp 11

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Dear Friends and Compatriots of Camp 11,

As April comes to a close we can all be proud of the effort our camp has made to honor our Confederate heritage. Our memorial service at Confederate Rest was an absolute success. On behalf of our camp I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our members who made the service possible.

We should consider ourselves fortunate to be a member of the SCV during the sesquicentennial. It was certainly an honor and a privilege to commemorate 150 years of Confederate Rest.

I must apologize for being tardy with the newsletter. There was more to do in April than days in the month. Anyway that is my story and I am sticking to it.

The month started off with a trip to Shiloh for the commemoration of the Battle of Shiloh. Charlie Christmas went as a spectator and I went as a participant. It was an awesome sight to see Ruggle's artillery line. You can find video of this part of the event on YouTube.

The Easter holiday found my wife and me in Savannah, Georgia, for a spring break weekend. We took the time to visit Ft. Pulaski. The trip has spurred my interest in the Immortal Six Hundred. I got rather irritated at the staff at Ft. Pulaski however. I asked some questions about a mortar on the grounds and no one could tell me anything about it.

On the weekend of April 20th several of us participated in the 150th commemoration of the Battle of Ft. Jackson, Louisiana. Stephen Ellison, Claude and Michelle Turberville, our friend Ed Miller, and I had a fine time at the event. Saturday's battle was in the rain. Saturday night the wind set into

blowing hard and steady. By 5 am on Sunday morning Ed and I were sleeping under the tent rather than in it.

Washington Artillery, 4th Company, was our host unit. They were very gracious hosts and were quite generous with the powder bounty for Matilda. Stephen and I fired Matilda about sixty times during the event.

On April 28th Stephen Ellison, Mr. Jessie Taylor, and I participated in the annual memorial service at Beauvoir. This was quite special in that the service also included a welcome home ceremony for the flag of the 46th Mississippi Infantry. This is the fifth year in a row that we have participated in this event with Matilda. Our friends at Beauvoir are very grateful for Matilda's presence.

And finally on Sunday, April 29th, Claude and I participated in the Anderson Camp Confederate Memorial Service at New Prospect Cemetery in Clarke County, Alabama. There are nine Confederate soldiers at rest in the cemetery. The local historical society had advertised the ceremony in the local paper. As a result most of the attendees were descendants of the soldiers buried in New Prospect. Now that certainly made this a very special memorial service.

After the service Claude found a WWII veteran and had him fire the cannon in honor of WWII veterans. That added a special touch to the event.

I hope to see many of you at our next monthly meeting on April 30th. In the meantime please continue to pray for each other.

Your Humble Servant,
Terry W. "Beetle" Bailey
Editor, The Admiral's Log

Minutes from the March Meeting of Camp 11

The meeting was called to order by Commander Joe Ringhoffer.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Steve Kennedy.

The pledges to the flags was led by Memorials Chairman Joe DuPree.

Recognitions:

1. Mark Sands and Myra Sands, descendants of Col. Robert Sands.
2. Robin Russell.
3. Garrett Carter.

Compatriot Robert Sands delivered the program, Colonel Robert Sands. Colonel Sands, well known in the area as the leader of the Mobile Cadets at Springhill College traveled to Montgomery to persuade the governor to allow the Cadets to enlist and fight. Because of the age of the young men, the governor had refused. The governor acquiesced and the young men were allowed to enlist and fight alongside an older group of men in the area also known as the Mobile Cadets.

In 1864 Colonel Sands suffered from bronchitis and returned to Mobile. Colonel Sands was also a founding member of Camp 11 and served as the first Commander. A very religious man, he daily read his Bible.

Following the break, Boatswain Tom Root continued his series of comments from the Memoirs of Admiral Raphael Semmes. He read a selection where Admiral Semmes believed that any state has a right to leave the union because it willingly joined the union.

New Business:

1. The Alabama Humanities Association will host meetings on April 4, 11, and 18 at 6:30pm in the West Branch of the Mobile Public Library.
2. The Annual Conference of The University of Alabama will be April 7 at Smith Hall.
3. Lt. Commander Bailey will address the Division Meeting.
4. The Camp will observe Confederate Memorial Day on April 15 at Confederate Rest in Magnolia Cemetery.
5. Thanks to all who have helped with the cleaning of the headstones.
6. Thanks to the Adjutant for sending out the certificates to those who have not attended a meeting since the certificates arrived from national.
7. Thanks to Paymaster Christmas for the work he did in getting membership cards mailed.
8. Please remember Brother Len who does the Sunday Message. He has been diagnosed with cancer and prayers for his treatment and healing are very appreciated.
9. To attempt to clarify the museums downtown and in the park, the downtown museum is now known as the History Museum of Mobile.
10. John Rosales O'Donnell was appointed to research Cubans who fought with the Confederacy.
11. Adjutant Rodgers reported some member have received correspondence from National regarding dues. Please see him and Paymaster Christmas following the meeting.
12. Paymaster Christmas reported on new plantings around the Hunley Monument.
13. Lt. Commander Bailey reported on upcoming events. He mentioned the Division Meeting on June 8-9 at Guntersville State Park. The State Archives has received \$150,000 from the SCV automobile tags. The funds are used for the preservation of the flags of the Confederacy. He will also remain Brigade Commander for another term. Also Confederate Memorial Day will be commemorated at Beauvoir on April 28. Be mindful of hate crimes occurring in Selma and other issues in Lexington and Charlottesville, VA.
14. Memorials Chairman DuPree thanked all who have helped with power-washing the headstones at Confederate Rest. There are only 400 stones left to clean. Thanks to Bailey du Mont for his assistance in obtaining the granite slabs that will be used as seating at Confederate Rest. Also the flag of the Mobile Cadets was the first flag of a military nature to be used when the war began.
15. Chaplain Kennedy updated the camp on our members who have health issues. He said that Compatriot Art Green is doing better.
16. Commander Ringhoffer mentioned that with the issues with the budget of the city, the camp may have to pick up the care of Confederate Rest.
17. Compatriot McDonald reported on the Blakeley Symposium.
18. Garrett S. Carter and John P. LoCicero were both presented for membership. They were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

There being no old business the meeting was adjourned by a closing prayer from Chaplain Steve Kennedy.

Respectfully submitted,
William P. Rodgers, Adjutant

What caused the WBTS?

“They (the South) know that it is their import trade that draws from the peoples pockets sixty or seventy millions of dollars per annum, in the shape of duties, to be expended mainly in the North, and in the protection and encouragement of Northern interest. These are the reasons why these people do not wish the South to secede from the union”.

New Orleans Daily Crescent-1861

A Sesquicentennial Moment

Sunday, April 6, 1862: The Battle of Shiloh. Casualties were horrendous. Almost 3500 men killed. Shiloh made both sides realize that the WBTS was going to be a long, bloody, and ugly war. Prior to Shiloh many thought the war would be over in a years' time. Shiloh was a slap in the face of reality.

Confederate Birthdays

Brig. General John C. C. Sanders was born in Tuscaloosa on April 8th, 1840. He died during the Siege of Petersburg in the Battle of Globe Tavern. While serving in the 11th Alabama with the Army of Northern Virginia Sanders performed conspicuously and gallantly. General Sanders is buried in Richmond's Hollywood Cemetery; however the exact location of his grave is unknown.

Editor's Note: Forgive the format of this newsletter. Microsoft Office Word has tried my patience in this edition of The Log!

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**