

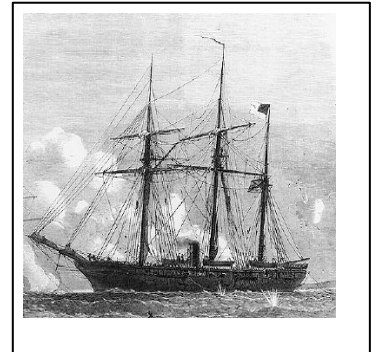
The Admiral's Log

Sons of Confederate Veterans

1211 Government St., Mobile, AL 36604

Raphael Semmes Camp 11

May 2013



Dear Friends and Compatriots of Camp 11,

Greetings and salutations from Camp 11. I certainly hope and pray that this edition of the Log finds all of you doing well.

Just before our last meeting Dustin Marshall and I ventured off to Selma for the annual reenactment. Please do not get the tar and feathers out as we played on the chicken stealing Yankee side. We had a good time and did get to visit with a number of fellow SCV members.

We often hear the horror stories about the Heritage fight that is being continuously waged in Selma. It is sad that they have a hand full of trouble makers in Selma. I say this because one of the members of the Friends of Forrest informed me that they had received some donations for the Forrest Monument from members of the black community.

On the same weekend as the Selma event Mr. Jessie Taylor and Stephen Ellison attended the Mississippi Division Confederate Memorial Service at Beauvoir. Our friends at Beauvoir were appreciative of their attendance.

Speaking of Beauvoir, on May 18th Matilda and I made a trip to Beauvoir for the first installment of Third Saturday Beauvoir Living History. This is something that we will be doing every third Saturday through October. The event was well received by the Beauvoir staff as well as the tourists who were visiting Beauvoir.

The Surrender Oak Festival in Citronelle was held on May 4th. This year's event was the best one so far. This has been an ongoing effort for the past six years. It was good to see that our effort in Citronelle is starting to pay off. Dustin Marshall, Mr. Jessie, Claude and Michelle Turberville[with the twin grand babies] and myself participated in the event. Dustin and our buddy, Larry Higginbotham[Augusta Greys Camp], even caught a few fish in the lake at Camp Pushmataha. We are certainly looking forward to the event next year as well.

We are fortunate that there are two regional Sesquicentennial events on May 25th. At Newton, Mississippi, there will be a commemoration, living history, monument rededication, and a memorial service. This event commemorates the destruction of Newton during Grierson's Raid. On the same

day we will be in Grove Hill to commemorate the Farewell to Dickinson's Guard, a Confederate company organized in Clarke County. Ya'll make your plans to come to Grove Hill next Saturday.

Our camp meeting on May 27th will be an evening of show and tell. Bring your WBTS stuff and tell us about it. This is always an interesting and fun time in our camp.

Many of you are familiar with Bro. Len Patterson, the chaplain for the Army of the Trans-Mississippi. Bro. Len has had a recurrence of cancer and is not doing well. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Of course at the same time let us also remember to pray for each other as well our camp.

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

Minutes, 29 April 2013

Admiral Semmes, Camp 11

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The meeting was called to order by Commander Joe Ringhoffer.

The invocation was given by Assistant Chaplain Sid Phillips III.

The pledges to the flags were led by Commander Ringhoffer.

The program presenter canceled so Commander Ringhoffer shared information about Ft. McDermott. Named for Lt. Edward J. McDermott from Arkansas, the site was originally noted as a redoubt and later named Redoubt McDermott. McDermott was instrumental in the sinking of ships in and around Springfield, LA.

All of the members in attendance followed the program with the name of the ancestor each man joined the SCV under. Also the cause of death was given and if the ancestor was a prisoner of war.

Following the break, Boatswain Tom Root read from Memoirs of Service Afloat by Raphael Semmes. He read the selection in which the Admiral, commanding the CSS Sumter, sailed through the Straits of Gibraltar and the Pillars of Hercules. He mused that the ancients would have never imagined a steamship like the Sumter.

Commander Ringhoffer:

The donor family in Baldwin County is deeding the remainder of the land that stretches from Ft. McDermott under the power lines to Highway 225.

Approval has been granted for the Camp to replace the sign at the foot of Government Street near the statue of Admiral Semmes.

The Division meeting is in May in Foley.

Commander Carlisle has volunteered to provide the Camp with \$3,500 from the Division for work to be done at Ft. McDermott.

Thanks to all who participated in Confederate Memorial Day ceremonies at Confederate Rest in Magnolia Cemetery, especially to Compatriot Claude Turberville for repairs to the primary monument.

The Mobile Register misrepresented the program at the Memorial Day ceremonies.

The mural at the Alabama Welcome Center on I-10 will be removed sometime in September or October. Plans are to replace the CSS Alabama exhibit with sea oats and balls. With hi-definition photography, plans are underway to photographically capture the image which can then be printed on various media.

Compatriot Dustin Marshall said he was moving forward with award nominations for the graves and for the website.

Under new business, Jeff Rawls was unanimously approved for membership. Also the May meeting will be the annual show and tell for members to bring relics and artifacts.

Assistant Chaplain Sid Phillips, III, delivered the invocation as the meeting was adjourned

A Sesquicentennial Moment

.May 1863

May 2nd: During the Battle of the Wilderness General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson is accidentally shot by Confederate troops. He subsequently died on May 10th.

May 3rd: Grierson arrives in Baton Rouge after wreaking havoc on the Confederate supply and communication lines in Mississippi.

May 6th: CSN Commander James D. Bullock is appointed as superintendent of naval construction in Europe.

May 15th: Sherman burns Jackson, Mississippi, causing Jackson to become known as "Chimneyville".

May 22nd: Grant settles in for the Siege of Vicksburg.

May 26th: Banks begins his Siege of Port Hudson.

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

WBTS Usage

Wagon dog: a soldier who feigned illness so as to be allowed to drop out of the ranks and wait on the wagon trains, thus avoiding combat.

War horse: a veteran.

Web foot: a soldier without shoes.

White glove boys: a disdainful reference to the Union army in the eastern theater coined by Federal soldiers in the western theater.

What-Is-It : the nickname for the strange looking wagons used by Mathew Brady for portable darkrooms.

Source: The Encyclopedia of Civil War Usage by Webb Garrison

Confederate Birthdays.

BG Thomas Harrison was born in Jefferson County, Alabama on May 1st, 1823. He was raised in Monroe County, Mississippi, and moved to Waco, Texas, in 1843 where he became a lawyer. During the Mexican War he fought under Jefferson Davis in the 1st Mississippi Rifles. During the WBTS he served with the 8th Texas Cavalry Regiment, Terry's Texas Rangers. Harrison served at Shiloh, Corinth, Perryville, Murphreesboro, and the Tullahoma Campaign. From July of 1863 to April of 1865 he served as a cavalry brigade commander in the AoT and the Department of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. He was wounded at Monroe's Crossroads [N. C.]. General Harrison was paroled at Macon, Georgia and returned to Waco where he resumed his law practice. General Thomas Harrison died on July 14th, 1891, and is buried in Waco.

Quotes from the Heroes

In the late nineteenth century Bill Arp's weekly column in the "Atlanta Constitution," syndicated to hundreds of newspapers, made him the South's most popular writer. Others surpassed him in literary quality, but in numbers of regular readers, no one exceeded Bill Arp. Here is a commentary he made regarding Northern hypocrisy.

"The hypocrites of the North tell us that slave-holding is sinful. Well, suppose it is. Upon us and our

children let the guilt of this sin rest; we are willing to bear it, and it is none of their business. We are a more moral people than they are. Who originated Mormonism, Millerism, Spirit-rappings, Abolitionism, Free-lovism, and all other abominable isms which curse the world? The reply is, the North.
Source: Facebook Page "Defending the Heritage".

"Among the incidents, ever fresh in my memory, of this fatal day to the Confederacy, is the remark of a private soldier. When riding up to my old regiment to shake by the hand each comrade who had followed me through four years of suffering, toil, and privation often worse than death, to bid them a final affectionate, and, in many instances, an eternal farewell, a cadaverous, ragged, barefooted man, grasped me by the hand, and choking with sobs, said: 'Good-bye, General; God bless you, we will go home; make three more crops, and try them again.' I mention this instance simply to show the spirit, the pluck, and the faith of our men in the justice of our cause, and that he surrendered more to grim famine than to the prowess of our enemies."

Source: "Extracts of Letters of Major-General Bryan Grimes, to His Wife: Written While in Active Service in the Army of Northern Virginia, together with some Personal Recollections of the War, Written by Him after its Close," by Bryan Grimes, 1883.

Reflections from the Editor's Desk

We have reached the half-way point of the Sesquicentennial of the WBTS. There have been and will be more regional and national events commemorating the war. How many of these events have you attended or been a participant? Are you going to wake up in June of 2015 and say "why didn't I do this or why didn't I do that?"

A sesquicentennial only comes around once. The sad reality is that most of us will not be here for the 175th or 200th commemoration of the WBTS. Are we going to sit back and let this time pass without making a contribution to the Sesquicentennial? I urge you to find a way to get involved with this special time in the history of our Heritage.

Folks, we are only one generation away from losing our Heritage. It is up to all of us to see to it the Confederate Heritage is perpetuated. If we fail, we will have failed to uphold the Charge of S. D. Lee. If we fail, we will bring dishonor upon the good name of the Confederate soldier. Let none of us be found guilty of not honoring the Charge.

God Bless the South. Long Live Dixie.
Your humble servant,
Terry W. "Beetle" Bailey
Editor, The Admiral's 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