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COMMANDER'S CORNER

by Eddie "Spook" Pricer



Greetings once again to all my fellow compatriots, family, and friends, it's time for our second newsletter. July was a busy month, both with Camp and personal activities. My goodness, it is hot outside. I'm on the verge of obtaining a lantern and working in my garden around midnight.

We had the opportunity and pleasure to attend and participate in the Ore City 4th of July parade. We had a great turn out and everyone had a great time. It was extremely gratifying to hear the cheers and thanks from those enjoying the parade. This is just one form of positive public involvement that demonstrates our friendship and loyalty to our neighbors while honoring our ancestors. It's important that the masses know that we are mainstream patriotic citizens and that our goal is no more than presenting the true history.

Remember, The Patriots Periodical along with our new web site is a forum to rectify the inaccuracies of the post war period. Please take the challenge to research, document, and submit articles concerning all aspects of the struggle for independence.

RSVP by August 11th

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**Cemetery Memorial – Grice Cemetery, Upshur County, for 17 Confederate Soldiers.
September 6th, 2014:**

Muster at 9:00 AM and service starts at 10:00 AM.
Lunch will be provided.

Directions:

From Gilmer, take Hwy 154 west, then turn on FM 852 and go across Lake Gilmer. Then go about 4 miles or so and you will see the Grice Cemetery sign on the right and you will turn left and Grice Cemetery will be on the left.

**Cemetery Memorial, White Cemetery, Longview
September 27th, 2014**

Cemetery Memorial for Pvt. George F. Harper, GG-Grandfather of Larry Harper who is a member of the Walter P. Lane Camp.

Muster at 10:00 AM and service starts at 11:00 AM

Directions from Gilmer:

Take Highway 300 South to Longview. At intersection (Wal-Mart will be on the left) turn right (west) on Reel Road and go about 1 mile to Fort Street and turn right (north) and you will run into White Cemetery.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**United Daughters of the Confederacy
Gurtrude Curtright #1034, Atlanta, Texas
Chartering Ceremony**

Sunday Dress is appropriate

Ceremony will be held at the First Baptist Church, Building C, on the Corner of Hiram and Mill Street in Downtown Atlanta, Texas

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, August 5th, 7:00 p.m. refreshments at 6:30
Walking S Steakhouse
Hwy 852, Gilmer, Texas

Emma Sansom Chapter # 2701 Chartering Ceremony

On Saturday July 12, 2014, The Texas Division of The United Daughters of the Confederacy welcomed their newest Chapter into the distinguished ranks of this esteemed organization. The Emma Sansom Chapter # 2701 was officially chartered at a ceremony in Gilmer Texas which was attended by approximately one hundred eager members, family and friends.



The Emma Sansom Chapter hosted the event which included the presentation, dedication of the Chapter flags, along with the appropriate pledges and salutes. UDC Texas Division President Betty Petruska performed this honor. Guests were witnesses to the UDC Ritual as well as the installation of Officers.

This Chartering Ceremony was the culmination of two years of hard, tedious, and dedicated work by its now members. The Chapter was named for Emma Sansom, a heroine, who exhibited the highest degree of bravery in her aid to General Nathan Bedford Forrest on May 2, 1863. Emma

Sansom is buried locally in the Little Mound Cemetery.

We are blessed to now have a local chapter in The Texas Division of The United Daughters of the Confederacy and look forward to their success in all their endeavors.

More pictures are on our site at:

<http://www.upshurpatriots.org/07-12-2014>

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Jefferson's 3rd Annual
Civil War Symposium

The Jefferson Historical Society and Museum in partnership with the Jeffersonian Institute will be presenting a myriad of information on the Red River Campaign of 1864 through a panel of speakers and vendors during the 3rd Annual Civil War Symposium. The events will take place on August 9, 2014 at the Jeffersonian Institute in Jefferson, Texas.

Speakers and Topics...

- Dr. Gary D. Joiner "Overview of the Red River Campaign"
- Mr. Scott Dearman "War in the Piney Woods: The Battle of Mansfield, April 8, 1864"
- Dr. T. Michael Parrish "Richard Taylor, the Red River, Texas, and the World"
- Dr. Richard McCaslin "A Gallant and Desperate Charge: The 19th Texas Infantry in Louisiana"

The cost is \$40 for adults and \$15 for students. Deadline for registration is August 4.

For more information visit jeffersonmuseum.com or call 903-665-2775 or email Weldon Nash at wnash@sbcglobal.net

Don't Miss This Great Opportunity So Close To Home!!

Our Charge...

"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."

*Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General,
United Confederate Veterans,
New Orleans, Louisiana April 25, 1906*

UPSHURPATRIOTS.ORG

This month the following changes have been made to our web site: <http://www.upshurpatriots.org>

- I have completed most of the pages. I would still like to add a link from each member's Ancestor to a short bio of them.
- If you haven't already given me your e-mail address, please send it so that I can add you to our mailing list for the newsletter.

If you have any suggestions, recommendations or comments you can send me an email to: Joe.Reynolds@upshurpatriots.org and I promise to give it my full consideration.

HOW A TEN DOLLAR BILL BECAME A SONG

By Edith LaFrancis

"O I wish I was in de land of cotton,
Simmon seed and sandy bottom,
Look away, look away,
Look away, Dixie Land"

Daniel Decatur Emmett, a performer in Bryant's Minstrels in New York City, laid down his pencil, -- but not for long. Mr. Bryant had on this certain Saturday night assigned him the task of writing words and music for a new song to be used n their show for the very next week. Daniel kept at it that week-end in 1859 and on Monday came to rehearsal with the required song completed.

As he sang it, the other singers began singing and the banjos began a-strumming. Thus the song "Dixie" started along its journey to national popularity.

It was what was called a "walk-around" song in the minstrels. Some time later, at an entertainment in

New Orleans when performers were looking frantically for a marching song for their chorus, they pounced upon the new tune of “Dixie”. Still further was this song destined to go, for in 1861 General Pike wrote the stirring words which made “Dixie” the battle song of the South.

“Dixie” ---- the Southland. Why was it ever called that?

Thirty years before its appearance in song, the word Dixie was in common use in New Orleans, among bankers, tradesmen, gamblers, workmen, in fact anyone who used money.

In 1830, paper money was being issued, but there was no stable system for establishing value. Every state, county and bank issued its own notes and often these were worthless in the next town beyond the place where they were issued. However, there was in New Orleans one bank which gained such a reputation for honesty and reliability that its notes were accepted any where in the country. In all the towns along the Mississippi and its tributaries, in New York and Philadelphia, were known and honored the dollar bills of the Banque des Citoyens de la Louisianne in New Orleans.

This was French-speaking country and the Creoles printed the money with English on one side and on the other the very large letters D I X; dix is the French word for ten.

Up the river on the steam boats came these ten dollar bills for all the boatmen did their banking at the Banque des Citoyens in New Orleans.

Boatmen wanted their pay in “Dixies” as they called them, using an English pronunciation for a French word. They would say, “A Dixie is bon-bon as those French fellows say down south.”

The business man would say. “I bought the cotton down in Dixie Country”, or, “I’ll buy a race horse down in Dixie.”

As time went on the use of this term spread until it included the whole territory of the South and the term stuck when the firing on Fort Sumpter signaled the beginning of the war between the states.

Thus the walk – around song dreamed up by Daniel Emmett for the New York Minstrel traveled North, South and West. It served as a battle song and after the war the original tune and words were sung again until they reached the farthest mountain cabin where the old banjo hung on the kitchen wall.

“Dar’s buck-wheat cakes an’ Ingen batter,
Makes you fat, or a little fatter,
Look away! Look away! Look away! Dixie
Land

“Den I wish I was in Dixie, Hooray,
Hooray!
In Dixie Land, I’ll take my stand
To lib and die in Dixie; Away, Away,
Away down South in Dixie.”

The Guardian

by Phil Davis

As most of you know Commander Eddie Pricer, George Linton and I went out to Charleston, South Carolina this past weekend to attend the 2014 National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We all enjoyed it and learned a lot, but that is not what I want to talk about, Commander Pricer will have more to say on that.

During the reunion in front of all the Confederation I was honored in assisting CIC Michael Givens in pinning my son, Larry Davis, Litchfield Camp #132

South Carolina, with his South Carolina Guardian Medal. I must tell you that my chest really swelled with pride. On a side note this was the first time that this has ever happened in any state, being pinned by the Commander in Chief.

I am very proud of my son and as some of you know he is the one that challenged me to start the Texas Division Guardian Program. I am sure there are pictures on our web site. If you haven't been on it, try it.

<http://www.upshurpatriots.org>

I close this month asking you the same question,

**Are you a Guardian?
If not why not?**

Heritage Rally 2014

This year our Sesquicentennial Event/Heritage Rally will be held September 13th, 2014 in Franklin, TN.

This site was chosen in recognition of the Battle of Franklin and other area battles in the fall of 1864. Compatriots in that area are working very hard to put together an excellent event with many extra activities the membership will enjoy.

It is to be held at the Eastern Flank Battlefield Park in Franklin. This is adjacent to MacGavock Cemetery and Carnton Plantation. Visit the website for more details.

<http://confederate150.com/2014.html>

New Chief of Heritage Operations

Compatriots,

In light of the issues at Washington Lee University, I feel it is important to let the membership know who I appointed to the position of Chief of Heritage Operations. Mr. Ben Jones, currently from Virginia, was a former US Congressman from the state of Georgia. His expertise in dealing with high profile situations is one of the many reasons he was chosen. His diplomatic skills will prove to be invaluable in this position.

On many occasions he has proven that he loves his Southern heritage by the fights he has already participated in. One of the most recent that many may remember is when he took on Warner Brothers after they announced they would remove the Confederate Battle Flag off the General Lee, a car he repaired in the Dukes of Hazard.

Yes, Mr. Jones is none other than "Cooter" in the hit TV series that still captivates audiences throughout the world. He won that battle, as he has many, and brought awareness to the history of the flag, as well as the Southern people. I hope you will join with him as he guides us through the future heritage issues.

Deo Vindice!

Charles Kelly Barrow
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans

National Reunion

Members of the Texas Division descended upon North Charleston, South Carolina to attend the 119th Annual Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. The gathering was held July 16-19 and was hosted by the 10th Brigade of the South Carolina Division.

In addition to the business sessions, there were a great number of activities such as tours, museums, boat trips, and dinner cruises to mention just a few. The most inspiring yet somber, were the memorials and the cemeteries. Several dozen vendors were on hand with all types of war mementos, souvenirs, clothing, and art work.

Eddie Pricer, Phil Davis, and George Linton represented the Camp at business and social functions. They had a great time and even survived the near constant joking and pranks along the way.

Several South Carolina officials including senators and representatives were in attendance and some spoke championing the Charge and the Cause. Ben Jones who portrayed "Cooter" in the Dukes of Hazard and now a representative in South Carolina was present. I don't know how many of you are familiar with H.K. Edgerton, the former Director of the NAACP in North Carolina, but he was at the Reunion with his big smile, Battle Flag, and Confederate shirt making the rounds and promoting the Cause. He was not the only person of color at the reunion supporting the cause and proudly professing their ancestors service to the Confederacy.

The business sessions dealt with routine administrative issues, such as business reports as well as the status of ongoing litigation and heritage issues. Furthermore, there were two constitutional amendments before the membership. The first dealt with adding the phrase, "Remember it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations," to the constitutions preamble at the conclusion of the charge. After some discussion with reference to the United Confederate Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veteran Reunions in 1906 and no clear consensus, the matter was added to the written ballot and failed to pass by the necessary 2/3rds majority. This may well pass in the future, however more research and clearer language prior to or after the phrase defining the source will probably be necessary. The second pertained to changing the current system of proxy voting to a system requiring the person casting the

vote to attend the reunion was defeated soundly on a voice vote.

This was election year and the results are as follows:

National

Commander in Chief - Charles Kelly Barrow
Lieutenant Commander in Chief - Thomas V. Strain

Army of Northern Virginia

Commander - Randy Burbage
Councilman - Ronnie Roach

Army of Tennessee

Commander - Larry McClunney
Councilman - James Patterson

Army of Trans Mississippi

Commander - Charles Lauret
Councilman - Paul Gramling

Our Camp members met with our new elected officials and learned first-hand of their vision as we continue the fight to ensure that the true history is protected and taught to all.

New Executive Director

The Sons of Confederate Veterans has been blessed to have Ben Swell as Executive Director for 12 years. Under his leadership, the SCV has prospered and flourished with his expertise. When Mr. Sewell announced that he would retire, it was known that it would be difficult to find someone of the same caliber.

In Charleston, at the National Reunion, it was announced that Lt. Col Mike Landree, USMC, will follow Mr. Sewell as Executive Director. It is an

exciting new chapter for the SCV, and I feel like Lt. Col Landree will continue to lead the SCV into the future. Lt. Col Landree will begin in his new position on December 1, 2014.

So at this time I would like to say welcome aboard to Lt. Col Landree and God Speed to Mr. Sewell.

Deo Vindice!

Charles Kelly Barrow
Commander-in-Chief
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A Message from the Commander in Chief

Compatriots and Friends,

Let me take this time to tell you what an honor it is to be elected as your Commander-in-Chief. Words cannot adequately describe my feelings. I am humbled to hold an office that only seventy-three men before me have held. It is my pleasure to be a thirty-five year member of the SCV. I remember attending my first Lee-Jackson Banquet at Aunt Fanny's Cabin in Smyrna, Georgia where all of my family was inducted into the SCV, UDC and CofC. It was a special moment for me but little did I know what the future held.

Through the unity of our organization and the strength of our Confederate Ancestors, we shall continue to move forward to be the preeminent authority on Southern heritage. There are many days ahead of us in the Sesquicentennial and beyond that give us opportunities to promote and honor the heroic deeds of the men and women of 1861-1865. By their examples we can learn a considerable amount; it is our ancestors who

endured "Total War" from an illegal invader. Today, like our ancestors, we must also choose to stand fast or retreat? They knew their duty, do we know ours? General Robert E. Lee once said, "Duty then is the sublimit word in the English language, you should do your duty in all things, you can never do more; you should never wish to do less."

The Confederate soldiers we honor and whose DNA flows in our veins took a stand to proclaim to the world the values of our American Liberties and their commitment to its Cause. Those Principles of 1776 and 1861 are still alive today. Friends, let us reconfirm our commitment to those liberties and the Cause which we hold so dear.

I would like to close with a quote from Jefferson Davis' proclamation from April 5, 1865 in the capitol in Danville, Virginia. "Let us not, then, despond, my countrymen; but relying on the never-failing mercies and protecting care of our God, let us meet the foe with fresh defiance, with unconquered and unconquerable hearts."

I now ask you to make a stand as they did, to be unified with others of the same mindset and lineage. As with anything in life, a unified group is more effective than any individual could ever be. I hope you will join me as we honor our Confederate ancestors and as we re-dedicate ourselves to those Principles of 1776 and 1861. May God Bless You and My God Bless the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Deo Vindice!

Charles Kelly Barrow
Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans
www.scv.org

Vicksburg

By Eddie Pricer

After the dynamic presentation at our last meeting on Vicksburg given by John Hanisee, the intrepid adventurers (Eddie, George, and Phil) on their return from South Carolina, couldn't resist an excursion to see some of the historic sites in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

The first stop was the (Yankee) National Park and Battlefield. The monuments are plentiful and informative. It becomes clear after traveling the sixteen mile circuit through the battlefield just how outnumbered the Confederate forces were and how heroic their actions. I called it the Yankee National Park because of two facts, the first being that all but one of the graves in the National Cemetery there are Union soldiers, the one Confederate was apparently laid to rest there by a Union mistake. The second deals with the twenty minute video in the visitors center, while factual is woefully lacking in the Confederate perspective. All in all, though, it still brings to focus the enormity of the struggle and the suffering of the siege.

Our second stop was to one of the city cemeteries, known as the Confederate Cemetery. Although there are confederate soldiers buried throughout the cemetery, most of those killed in the Siege of Vicksburg are together on the side of a hill in a peaceful setting. There is a monument to their dedication overlooking their graves. We saluted the heroes with a hearty, albeit off key, rendition of Dixie, followed by the reading of the Charge and prayer. It was a somber moment after that which brought tears to our eyes. It was well worth the visit and paying homage to our fallen ancestors.

On a lighter note, the heroes of Vicksburg appreciated the help they received no matter who provided it. This is in evidence by the fact that their

camel, Ole Douglas, is buried alongside the soldiers with his confederate marker.

If you haven't been to Vicksburg, you should take the opportunity to do so. This was my first visit, but won't be my last. Stand on the bluffs or down in the valleys and you can feel their presence and visualize their struggle first hand.

National Reunion Awards Luncheon

The National Reunion Awards Luncheon was held on Friday July 18, 2014 at the convention center in North Charleston, South Carolina. Your delegates along with others from the Texas Division attended the ceremony. After enjoying lunch and the fellowship of old friends and new, the awards presentations began.

The Texas Division received most of the Camp and Division level awards at this year's Reunion. All of the Divisions and Camps around the Confederation worked hard, but Texas stayed a step ahead in fulfilling the Charge, through recruitment, presentations, heritage defense, and documenting our activities to demonstrate community involvement. It was clear that the Texas Division was working hard to honor our ancestors and protect their good name.

Our good friend, Bob Rubel, from the Terry's Texas Rangers Camp in Cleburne, received a plaque for being the top recruiter in the Nation and the only standing ovation at the Awards Luncheon. The Dixie Award for his leadership and efforts in recruiting recognized his outstanding devotion to the Cause. Bob recruited 78 new members for various camps within the Division. This was a most deserving award and we should follow Bob's example in all our actions to preserve and present the true history of the South.

The Upshur County Patriots had 8 of its member compatriots receiving the National Commendation Award, the most by any Camp in the Division. These awards will be presented at the August Camp meeting.

The Awards Luncheon was an enjoyable experience, not because the Texas Division received many awards, but to see, hear, and acknowledge the efforts of all the Camps within the Confederation in their continued struggle to advance the SCV and prove the South was right.

The Road to Philadelphia

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During the summer of 1774, the Colonies agreed to send delegates to Philadelphia to form the first Continental Congress. “There is a new, and a grand Scene open before me—a Congress... I will keep an exact Diary, of my Journey, as well as a Journal of the Proceedings of the Congress.” John Adams, Entry in Diary, June 20, 1774

August 10 “The [Massachusetts] committee for the Congress took their departure from Boston... amidst the kind wishes and fervent prayers of every man in the company for our health and success. This scene was truly affecting, beyond all description affecting.” John Adams, Entry in Diary

August 16 “At four We made for N[ew] Haven. 7 Miles out of Town at a Tavern We met a great Number of Carriages and of Horse Men who had come out to meet us... As We came into the Town all the Bells in Town were set to ringing, and... the Cannon were fired, about a Dozen Guns I think. These Expressions of Respect to Us, are intended as Demonstrations of the Sympathy of this People with the Massachusetts Bay and its Capital...” John Adams, Entry in Diary

August 29 “After Dinner We stopped at Frankfort [Frankford] about five Miles out of Town. A Number of Carriages and Gentlemen came out of Philadelphia to meet us... We then rode into Town, and dirty, dusty, and fatigued as we were, we could not resist the Importunity, to go to the Tavern...” John Adams, Entry in Diary

September 5 “At Ten, The Delegates all met at the City Tavern, and walked to the Carpenters Hall, where they took a View of the Room... The General Cry was, that this was a good Room, and the Question was put, whether We were satisfied with this Room, and it passed in the Affirmative.” John Adams, Entry in Diary

Our Pledges and Salutes to Our Flags

PLEDGE TO THE U.S. FLAG:



I pledge allegiance to the Flag Of the United States of America, And to the republic for which it stands, One nation, under God, indivisible,

With liberty and justice for all.



PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG:

Honor the Texas Flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.



SALUTE TO THE CONFEDERATE FLAG:

I salute the Confederate Flag With affection, reverence, and Undying devotion to the cause For which it stands.



United Daughters of the Confederacy®

GURTRUDE CURTRIGHT # 1034
Atlanta, Texas

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THEIR
CHARTERING CEREMONY ON SATURDAY
AUGUST 16TH AT 2:00p.m.

SUNDAY DRESS IS APPROPRIATE.

CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH, BUILDING C, ON THE CORNER OF HIRAM
AND MILL ST. IN DOWNTOWN ATLANTA, TEXAS.

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Motto: Love, Live, Pray, Think, Dare