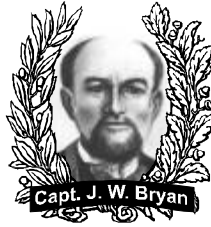


# THE CALCASIEU GREYS



Capt. James W. Bryan  
Camp 1390  
Sons of Confederate Veterans  
Lake Charles, Louisiana



Lt. Isaac Ryan  
Chapter 205  
Military Order of the  
Stars and Bars



*Winner of the 1992-93 Dr. Paul Jon Miller National Newsletter Award*

*Winner of the 1997 Harvey Hutchinson State Newsletter Award*

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**August 2003**

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 will be from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, at the Carnegie Library meeting room, 411 Pujó St. in Lake Charles. Use outside entrance if library is closed. The guest speaker will be Compatriot Chuck McMichael of Shreveport, who will speak on the recent monument battle they had there. We will also have a report on the National Reunion held in Asheville, North Carolina. We are also pleased to announce that Compatriot Sgt. Ryan Pace of the 82nd Airborne Division is safely back on American soil from his tour of duty in Afghanistan.

## Commander's Comments

Compatriots:

At the July meeting of the camp, Police Juryman and camp member Dr. Charles Mackey gave an encouraging report to the camp concerning the future of The South's Defenders monument. Basically, the monument enjoys the support of most of the police jury and our information campaign is already bearing fruit.

Key members of the policy jury administration have received the scholarly, meticulously researched and lavishly illustrated booklet about the monument entitled, "The South's Defenders Monument: Southwest Louisiana's Statue of Liberty", authored by 1st Lt. Commander Mike Jones. The booklet, in its first printing, is limited in quantity. However, some corrections and further editing is underway for a second printing. The booklet will be available later to camp members for a suggested donation to help defray the cost of publication.

Looking forward to our next meeting together as we advance the banner of the heritage we hold so dear, I am,

Your Servant, Sirs,

Tommy Curtis, Commander

## Report on Heritage Defense Fund

Here is a report from Camp Adjutant Don Tarver on the newly established Camp Heritage Defense Fund:

Contributor names are as follows:

Mike Jones, Tommy Curtis, Doc Griffith, James Lowery, Nathan Curtis, Bruce Tarver, Don Tarver, Gordon Simmons, Elwyn Cavin. Also Mrs. Mary Pace reports the OCR chapter.

The camp checking account balance is \$706.22, minus \$455.00 for defense fund, which leaves a balance of \$251.22 of which \$120.00 is committed for 2003 dues. In short we have \$455.00 for the defense fund available.

The brochures we had printed cost \$217.00. Tommy Curtis paid in full the cost of the transcript printing as his donation. These were the only expenditures thus far for the defense fund.

If I may be of further assistance, please contact me for I am in service for the cause and your obedient servant,

Don Tarver

## Next MOSB Meeting

The next meeting of Lt. Isaac Ryan Chapter 205, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, will be from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 16 August at the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Library, 411 Pujó St. in Lake Charles. A report will be given on the National MOSB Reunion and any further news or planning needed for the defense of The South's Defenders Monument. All are welcome, encouraged and invited to come.

## Camp Moore Annual Reenactment and Living History

This year, as with all years, the event is held the weekend before Thanksgiving, November 22nd and 23rd, 2003. Amenities provided for reenactors include hay, firewood, water, restrooms and a Sat. evening

meal. There will be sutlers and vendors on site as well. Camping is campaign to Winter Quarters. First person impressions appreciated. There will be a flagpole service in the Cemetery. A schedule will be posted on this site as soon as it is completed. The public is welcome to attend for a nominal entry fee. There will be skirmishes on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For further information, or to register, contact our reenactment coordinator: Wayne Cosby . For visitors, the schedule is as follows for both days:

9:00 Gates Open

10:00 Museum Opens

1:00 Ceremony

2:00 Battle (1:00 PM on Sunday)

4:00 Museum Closes

Admission prices are \$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for students and children under 6, free. We will have food vendors and sutlers on site.



Painting by Conrad Wise Chapman, circa 1865. Courtesy of the Museum of the Confederacy.

## First Step Taken Toward Unique Conservation Challenge

(July 12, 2003 - CHARLESTON, SC)

The Hunley project is beginning what may prove to be its longest and most challenging mission yet: the actual conservation of the submarine. In a first step toward the conservation phase of the Hunley project, scientists removed a quarter panel of a hull plate, located in the forward ballast tank on the port side. This is the fifth hull plate to be removed from the submarine.

During the removal of the plate, the team noticed a 6-inch crack in the upper section of the panel. "The panel was x-rayed and you can clearly see the crack. At this time we believe it appears to be an old attempt at repairing the plate, but we don't know when the repair occurred," said Maria Jacobsen, Senior Archaeologist.

The plate removal is critical for both the conservation and excavation efforts to continue. Removing the plate will aid Hunley conservators in

collecting iron corrosion samples from the panel itself and on the "seams," where the hull plates meet. The samples will be analyzed and processed for their chloride content. Once the varying levels of chloride infiltration are determined for the hull, scientific staff will begin to research and map out a conservation plan for the Hunley. The Hunley represents a unique conservation challenge, as an iron artifact of the submarine's size and complexity has never been fully conserved. Paul Mardikian, Senior Conservator on the Hunley project said, "Only science can carry the marine artifact conservation discipline into the 21st century."



The conservation research is taking place in collaboration and through a partnership with Clemson University. Clemson professor Dr. Michael Drews said, "The corrosion studies we are conducting on the submarine could have ripple effects that extend far past the confines of the Hunley conservation project."

Clemson and Hunley researchers say that they are optimistic that applications of their research will benefit industries that deal with the challenges of metal corrosion, such as the treatment of metal for bridges, ships, oil drilling platforms and the metal infrastructure in some types of chemical plants.

The removal of the fifth hull plate will also support on-going excavation efforts. The forward and aft ballast tanks of the Hunley have yet to be excavated. Archaeologists needed the plate to be removed to gain access to excavate the forward ballast tank. The removal of the plate allowed Hunley staff to see that the forward ballast tank is also completely filled with silt.

The H. L. Hunley was located in 1995 by Clive Cussler's National Underwater Agency (NUMA), a 501c3 non-profit organization. The hand-cranked submarine was raised in 2000 and delivered to the Warren Lasch Conservation Center, where an international team of scientists are at work excavating and conserving the historic vessel and its artifacts.

Hours of operation for public tours and the Hunley gift shop are from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p. m. on Saturdays and from noon to 5:00 p. m. on Sundays. All proceeds go to support the Hunley conservation and excavation

project. To purchase tickets call toll free 1-877-4HUNLEY (1-877-448-6539) or log onto the Internet at [www.etix.com](http://www.etix.com).



### **Bus Trip to Hunley Crew Funeral**

Thursday, April 15, 2004: Leave Lafayette, Louisiana at 7:00pm CT sharp

Friday, Apr 16: Arrive in Charleston, SC at approximately 12:00 noon ET. Go to the Hunley Museum and see the actual submarine (hat was raised from the Atlantic. At 3:30, gather at Patriot Point on Charleston Harbor and take a ferry ride to tour Ft. Sumter. That night we will head to Summerville, about 20 miles outside Charleston, and stay at a hotel.

Saturday, Apr 17: Head back to Charleston for the ceremonies and the funeral. That afternoon we will head back to Lafayette arriving sometime early Sunday morning.

This trip will cost \$120 per person. This includes the bus ride, ticket to the Hunley Museum and ticket to Ft. Sumter. Meals and lodging are not included. I have booked hotel rooms in Summerville at \$67 per night per room. I have five (5) kings and thirty (30) doubles so there is room to split hotel costs. We have plenty of time to make reservations. I will pass that info along later. You will be responsible for calling and booking your room at this special rate. What a great deal to go see this once in a lifetime event and see some sites in the Cradle of Secession!

This trip is open to family members and friends that you may want to invite as well. The only thing that is required, and this may seem very early to have to do, but it must be done in anticipation that the seats will go fast, is that you must be able to pay the \$120. The fee will be non-refundable, except the \$10 Hunley Museum ticket. This is because the bus is being paid for on the expectation that all seats will be filled (56 passenger bus). The only way to recover your money for the trip is to find a replacement (we expect we will have a waiting list for people who want to go who are counting on drop-outs from the trip to free up seats).

Once this news gets out to the Southwest Brigade and the rest of South Louisiana, the seats will go very fast, and reservations will only be taken with payment of \$120.

I realize that the request to pay up front and this soon may be difficult, but this is the only way we can ensure that we have money to pay for the bus and we are not left losing money. As I mentioned, the bus price is set and must be paid regardless if the seats are full or not.

You can email your definite plans to attend to [patriot1861@yahoo.com](mailto:patriot1861@yahoo.com) and mail a check payable to Hunley-SCV for \$120 to me at P.O. Box 721, Washington, LA. 70589.



### **Battle of Carrion Crow Bayou Reenactment**

The 140th Anniversary Reenactment of the Battle of Carrion Crow Bayou will be held October 11-12, 2003 at Chretien Point Plantation near Sunset.

On Friday, October 10, there will be a school program for students from around the area. All reenactors are welcome and encouraged to participate.

For a participant registration form, contact Charles Lauret, P.O. Box 721, Washington, LA 70589-0721. For more info, questions, call 337-826-1622 or email [patriot1861@yahoo.com](mailto:patriot1861@yahoo.com)

The event is hosted by BGen Mouton Camp #778, Sons of Confederate Veterans of Opelousas and Chretien Point Plantation, Sunset, Louisiana

### **From Confederate Veteran, January 1893.**

CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS.  
RECORD AS PROCURED IN REGARD TO THE  
MONUMENTS ERECTED AND UNDER WAY.

New Orleans has taken the lead. The following sketch of her monuments was kindly furnished by Mr. W. Miller Owen. He did not give the cost as

published, but that was procured by a committee of gentlemen who were familiar with all the enterprises.

**THE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT** in Greenwood Cemetery, built by the Ladies' Benevolent Association, is of white marble, surmounted by a figure of a Confederate infantryman "on guard." Around the pedestal are the busts of Lee, Sidney Johnston, Polk and "Stonewall." Under the mound on which it stands are vaults containing the remains of many Confederate soldiers. It was unveiled 1867. Value, \$25,000.

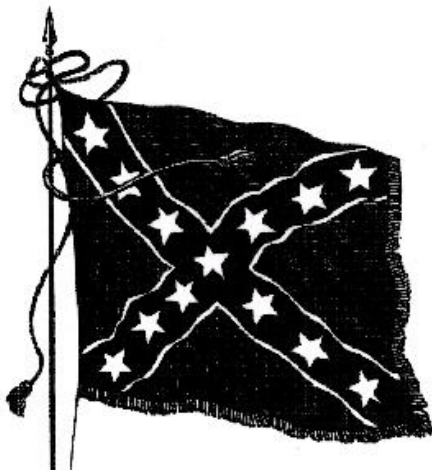
**MONUMENT OF THE ARMY OF WEST VIRGINIA.** A column 50 feet above the ground, or 38 feet above the mound on which it stands. On the summit is a stone statue of Stonewall Jackson, 8 feet 9 inches high. Under the mound are vaults for the dead Jefferson Davis' remains are deposited there at present. Unveiled May, 1881. Value, \$25,000.

**MONUMENT OF WASHINGTON ARTILLERY.** Marble shaft on mound, statue of an artilleryman on top, sponge staff in hand. On the base are inscribed the names of those members of the command who were killed or died in service, also the names of sixty engagements in which the command participated. Unveiled Feb. 22, 1880. Value, \$15,000.

**ROBERT E. LEE MONUMENT.** A Doric column of granite on a grassy mound, surmounted by bronze statue of Lee 15 feet high. Entire height, 106 feet 8 inches. Column, 60 feet. Unveiled Feb. 22, 1884. It is in St. Charles Street. Value, \$40,000.

**MONUMENT OF ARMY OF TENNESSEE.** Mound containing tombs for deceased members, surmounted by equestrian statue of Albert Sidney Johnston in bronze. At the entrance to vaults is a marble life size figure of a Confederate Sergeant calling his roll. Value \$35,000. Lee is a distant uncle to Chaney.

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