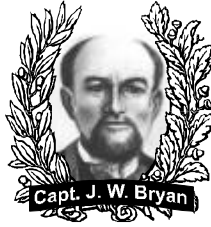


THE CALCASIEU GREYS



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

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September 2003

Next Meeting

The September meeting will be a special joint meeting between Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 of Lake Charles, Major Jesse M. Cooper Camp of DeRidder and Anacoco Rangers Camp of Leesville to hear Walter D. "Donnie" Kennedy, co-author of "*The South Was RIGHT*" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9, at the War Memorial Civic Center in DeRidder. The Order of Confederate Rose OCR will be providing refreshments. The War Memorial Civic Center is located on highway 27 in DeRidder. It is across from the Beauregard Parish Hospital. Anyone who needs a ride to this special event/meeting please call Mike Jones at 582-6154.

WHO ARE THE KENNEDY BROTHERS?

(From the kennedytwins.com web site)

The Kennedy Brothers are Southern writers who follow the tradition of the Vanderbilt University Agrarians, Richard Weaver, and Mel Bradford. They are dedicated to defending the principles of our original Constitutional Republic of Republics and the truth of our honorable Southern Heritage. Ronald and Donald were born and raised in Mississippi. Both received their Bachelor's degree from the University of Louisiana, Monroe (formerly Northeast Louisiana University). Ronald holds a Masters in Health Administration for Tulane University. Donald is a graduate of Charlotte Memorial Medical Center School of Anesthesia, Charlotte, N.C.

They have written and published three books *The South Was Right!*, *Why Not Freedom! America's Revolt Against Big Government* and *Was Jefferson Davis Right?* They also edited, annotated and republished *A View of the Constitution* the first textbook used at West Point to teach Constitutional Law. William Rawle a judge from Pennsylvania originally published it in 1825. He was an advocate of abolition but strongly supported the right of a Sovereign State to secede from the Union.

The Kennedy Twins' live interviews have been aired on thousands of radio and television stations nation wide. Both were interviewed on air for an hour talk show hosted by Col. Oliver North.

Their writings received literary awards at the 1995 annual Southern Heritage meeting in Monroe, Louisiana, and, in the same year, from the Confederate POW Society.

Both have served as Commanders of the Louisiana Division Sons of Confederate Veterans. The Kennedy Brothers have received special recognition awards from the National Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The August 1997 issue of *Chronicles: A Magazine of American Culture* featured the Kennedy Brothers in an article titled "*The Good Kennedys*".

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

In another attack on what remains of the foundational ruins of the Old Republic of the United States and the constitutional forms of the Confederate States, both destroyed by the radicals and revolutionaries in the style of the French model, the ongoing national drama in Montgomery, Alabama, is but the latest flashpoint in the unabated Culture War.

Perhaps without even realizing it, the defenders of Judge Moore are taking a Confederate position on this issue, because, at its core, this is a battle for self-autonomy, states rights, and for true federated, constitutional government.

As is obvious and should be apparent to even those with only a rudimentary knowledge of the "Civil War", as most post-modernist prefer to call it, the issues of that war are still with us. As Jefferson Davis prophetically remarked, "The issues will re-emerge, though in a different time and in a different form." The Culture War has even extended to our little frontier outpost of the former Confederacy in the form of the attack on The South's Defenders monument. In the first engagement, happily for us and even for those who were unaware of it, the enemies of regulated order, timeless traditions, and higher culture were met, defeated and driven from the field like the invaders at 1st Manassas.

With regard to the latest skirmish involving the South's Defenders monument, there has not been any public attention of late; however, this is part and parcel of our planned defense strategy. Please be aware and secure in

the fact that your leadership is continuing to address this heritage violation and that the camp executive council through its close examination of the issue, and spirited discussions and exchanges of ideas, will continue to approve necessary measures and bring further action to bear in this matter when and where needed.

Again, the support of every member who can afford to contribute to the heritage defense fund is critical. Looking forward to our future in this fight together, I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

Tommy Curtis

SPECIAL MANSFIELD EVENT

The Battlefield at Mansfield, Louisiana is a treasured site to all who honor our history. It is the site of the largest battle west of the Mississippi and one of the last Confederate victories. Lignite mining operations over the last few years have endangered large parts of the battlefield. Friends of Mansfield Battlefield was formed to help preserve as much of this sacred ground as possible and to bring more attention to this shrine of Southern Valor. On October 3rd - 5th 2003 the first Mansfield Commemorative Weekend will be held. All funds received from this will go to the betterment of the battlefield.

On Friday the 3rd there will be a reception in the museum for attendees in the evening. On Friday re-enactors will be set up on the grounds to do programs for school groups.

On Saturday the 4th there will be various speakers at the battle park. Among those scheduled to appear are SCV Commander in Chief Ron Wilson and SCV Historian in Chief Kelly Barrow. A boxed meal will be provided while attendees view a noontime re-enactment. Saturday night there will be musical entertainment.

On Sunday morning the 5th, there will be a memorial service.

The cost for the whole package is \$25. This includes the reception, the conference, the noontime meal and the musical entertainment. If any wish to attend only the conference, the speaker portion of the day, they can do onsite registration for \$15. There is no cost for those taking part in reenactment activities only. Any reenactor that can come by 10am on Friday to help with the school program will be appreciated.

Remember, all proceeds go to improve the Battle Park.

Please send your checks to:

Chuck McMichael
c/o Mansfield Weekend
7734 W Lakeshore Drive
Shreveport, La 71107

Make checks payable to Friends of Mansfield Battlefield. For more information contact Chuck McMichael 318-929-4848 cm4csa@sprynet.com

If you can take part in the re-enacting aspects contact Paul Gramling 318-925-8354 paul1863@cs.com

THE CONFEDERATE MUSEUM WINS BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL

(From the Confederate Museum web site,
www.confederatemuseum.com)

An agreement has finally been reached over the 5-year fight for Memorial Hall!

On August 21, 2003 Memorial Hall and UNO Foundation officials reached a tentative agreement over the title to Memorial Hall.

Governor Mike Foster has been instrumental in overseeing an amicable compromise suitable to both parties over the last several weeks, but it took the strong efforts of Memorial Hall benefactor Pat Taylor to put the final touches to the deal.

The specifics of the settlement are not yet available, but in general, the Confederate Museum will obtain ownership of the Memorial Hall building. However, it will not obtain that title until a passageway is completed through the rear of the Memorial Hall building to connect the fragmented Ogden Museum complex. In the interim the Confederate Museum will lease the Memorial Hall building from the UNO Foundation for a nominal fee. If the passageway is not completed within ten years, the title would still be given to Memorial Hall, Inc., the nonprofit corporation that runs the Confederate Museum.

This agreement cancels an assembly of hundreds of Confederate Museum supporters in front of the Ogden Museum of Southern Art that was scheduled for August 23, 2003, the day of its grand opening, to draw attention to the previous dispute.

It was encouraging to hear the UNO Foundation President Patrick Gibbs state, "We intend to be good neighbors and to contribute to the historical flavor and cultural richness of the Lee Circle area." Memorial Hall attorney Eades Hogue concurred, "We're pleased with the resolution of the problem, and we're looking forward to a successful and long, long co-existence."

Please excuse the pun, but after five long troubled years, there finally appears to be a light at the end of the tunnel.. passageway that is!

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, 13 September, at the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Library, 411 Pujos St. in Lake Charles. A report will be given on the candidate questionnaire recently sent out by Lt. Isaac Ryan Chapter to find out how various political candidates stand on issues of interest to us.

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 or 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.

REPORT ON THE 108th REUNION OF THE SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

By Michael Dan Jones

Chairman of Camp 1390's Delegation

ASHEVILLE, North Carolina -- Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390's delegation to the 108th National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, July 30-Aug. 2, consisted of myself and Dr. Michael Bergeron, M.D.

It is always a wonderful experience to attend a SCV Reunion for the fellowship with a thousand or more other enthusiastic Confederates. The social activities were outstanding with really good meals served at both banquets Thursday and Friday. We had one of the best banquet speakers ever in Medal of Honor recipient Col. Wesley L. Fox, USMC-retired. The SCV presented movie producer, director Ronald F. Maxwell the first annual Gen. Stephen Dill Lee Award, the highest award for a non-SCV member, for his movies Gettysburg and Gods and Generals. The first annual Horace L. Hunley Award, the second highest recognition to a non-SCV member, was awarded to Thomas J. DiLorenzo for his book, *The Real Lincoln*.

Not a lot got done at the business sessions.

This was not an election year for officers, but there were some very important constitutional amendments recommended by our commander-in-chief Ron Wilson, that would have had the effect of streamlining the General Executive Council and making it more responsive and effective. Currently the GEC is much too large and all

past commanders-in-chief have a lifetime vote, which has resulted in some serious infighting with the currently elected commander-in-chief, which of course seriously hampers the effectiveness of the organization in these times where our heritage is under relentless attack. The amendment would have removed all but the preceding three commanders-in-chief from the GEC. Although nearly 2/3 of the delegates voted for the amendment, it fell just short of the 2/3 majority required, with 63.5 percent. While this was disappointing, I fully expect it to pass at next year's National Reunion in Dalton, Georgia.

I would like to thank the Zebulon Vance Camp and other area camps in the Asheville and vicinity for putting on a truly outstanding convention. The opening ceremony was one of the best and most inspiring I've attended.

Your obedient servant, Michael Dan Jones

"RIDE FOR THE HUNLEY !"

Three years ago a rally was held at the Statehouse in Columbia, South Carolina as part of the then ongoing fight over the battle flag on the capitol dome. The call went out for all who could to attend a rally to be held in Columbia, South Carolina and the Louisiana Division responded – and "Confederate Freedom Ride 2000" was born - where many answered the call to stand up for our Confederate Heritage by traveling to Columbia, South Carolina for the rally held there.

Today we have another opportunity to stand up for our Heritage. This time we have the chance to honor the crew of the H.L.Hunley - who on February 17, 1864 became the first submarine crew in history to sink an enemy warship - and lost their lives in their efforts to defend the Confederacy. The Hunley was lost for many years but in August 2000 she was raised from the bed of the Atlantic Ocean and has been undergoing study and conservation since. Now the crew will be laid to rest with full military honors - on April 17, 2004 - in Charleston, South Carolina.

In an effort to permit as many as possible to attend this once in a lifetime event, buses have been organized and arrangements made to attend the funeral.

The basics are as follows:

The cost of round-trip bus transportation, the ticket to see the Hunley and the tour to Ft. Sumter is only 120.00 dollars.

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at 67.00 dollars a night - for a room with two double beds or a king bed. Hotel details including the 800 number to call the hotel will be distributed later so those participating in the "Ride for the Hunley" can make their own reservations in the reserved block of rooms. **THE COST OF THE HOTEL ROOMS IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE \$120 DOLLAR PRICE.**

Commander Charles Lauret of the Gen. Mouton Camp in Opelousas has organized the South Louisiana bus, which will depart from Lafayette on the evening of April 15. The cost for the Lafayette bus is \$120 dollars and it is scheduled to visit the Warren Lasch Conservation

Center, where the Hunley is on display, and after leaving the Conservation Center we will proceed to the boat dock for a tour of Ft. Sumter.

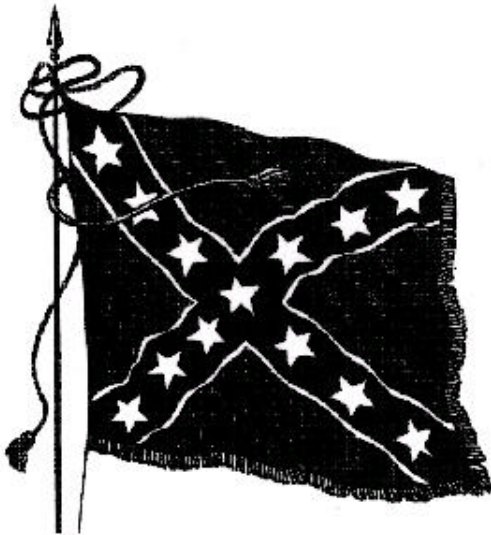
Following the Sumter Tour the bus will proceed to a hotel, where a block of rooms have been reserved. The next morning - Saturday the 17th - the bus will proceed to the opening of the funeral ceremony and those aboard can attend the opening ceremony and march in the 4.5 mile funeral procession thru the streets of Charleston to Magnolia Cemetery where the crew will be laid to rest with full military honors - next to the first two crews of the Hunley. The Lafayette bus will leave Charleston on Saturday afternoon and return to Lafayette on Sunday morning - the 18th of April. Commander Lauret will answer inquires concerning the Lafayette bus beginning on July 8 when he returns from vacation. However you should act as soon as possible to reserve your seat on the Lafayette bus, as they will go fast. You can contact Commander Lauret at patriot1861@yahoo.com or 337-826-1622 (Home). Checks for the Lafayette bus should be made payable to Hunley-SCV in the amount of \$120 and can be mailed to him at P.O. Box 721, Washington, LA 70589-0721. Please note a phone number and an email address on your check. RESERVATIONS ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVED - SO SEND IN YOUR CHECK NOW. NO RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE WITHOUT PAYMENT.

We have an unprecedented and a once in a lifetime

opportunity to honor the crew of H.L.Hunley - brave Confederate patriots that gave their lives in defense of our homeland. We cannot let this chance pass to pay our respects to them and to give them the honor they so richly deserve.

Join the "RIDE FOR THE HUNLEY!" and help make history! The time to act is NOW - history waits for no one and this opportunity will not come again!

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