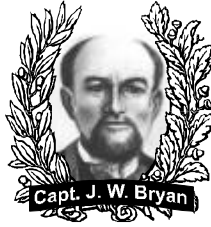


THE CALCASIEU GREYS



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Camp 1390
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Lake Charles, Louisiana



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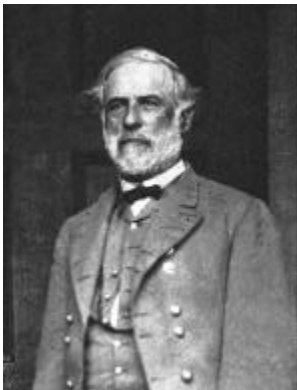
January 2004

Lee-Jackson Banquet

Captain James W. Bryan Camp No. 1390 will hold its annual Lee-Jackson Banquet at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at Big Daddy's Smokehouse and Grill, 3205 Common St. in Lake Charles. The Rev. Jim Jones of Bethel Presbyterian Church will be the guest speaker. He is a member of the SCV, with his membership held in Virginia.

A social will begin at six o'clock in the evening, to be followed by a ceremonial program at seven o'clock. The meal will be buffet style; with three meats, two vegetables and all condiments, tea, soda, coffee and dessert included. Cost of the meal is \$16 per person, taxes and gratuity included.

PLEASE RSVP BY JAN. 5 to Doug Myers at 526-1080.



Dues Renewal

It is time to renew camp dues for 2004. Please make checks out for \$32 to the Sons of Confederate Veterans and send them to Adjutant Donald Tarver, P.O. Box 12097, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70612. Please act promptly. In these times when our Southern Heritage is under such relentless assault, we need every good Southern man we can get. Even if you are

unable to take part in camp activities, just maintaining your membership helps more than you'll ever know. We thank and appreciate all our compatriots. (Of course our lifetime members can disregard this dues renewal notice.)

Confederate Memorial Hall "SAVED"!

I have the happy privilege to announce that the agreement between Confederate Memorial Hall and the University of New Orleans Foundation was signed and recorded in the Orleans Parish Conveyance Office two days ago. This agreement saves Confederate Memorial Hall and ends a five-year battle for survival that cost in excess of \$500,000 in legal cost. Major details of this agreement are as follows.

UNO Foundation leases the building known as Confederate Memorial Hall to the governing board of Confederate Memorial Hall for 10 years at the rate of \$1.00 per year. At the end of 10 years, UNO Foundation signs a deed transferring Confederate Memorial Hall to the Memorial Hall Governing Board thereby putting permanent ownership of Memorial Hall and the ground upon which it sits in the hands of the Memorial Hall Board. UNO Foundation gets to construct a tunnel underneath the rear of Confederate Memorial Hall connecting the two buildings they own that are now known as the Ogden Museum of Southern Art. If the UNO Foundation completes their tunnel before the 10 year lease period is up, the deed transferring Memorial Hall is signed over to Memorial Hall as soon as the tunnel is completed. If the UNO Foundation does not finish the tunnel within the 10 year lease period, Memorial Hall gets the deed anyway without the tunnel being a condition of the deed being signed over. I do not know any more pertinent details at this time but the Confederate Memorial Hall Board and their attorneys seem satisfied with it.

It must be remembered that Memorial Hall lost ownership of the building and the land in the court

system and as far as the courts go, UNO Foundation was declared the legal owner of the Confederate Memorial Hall Building. The agreement, which is duly recorded now allows Memorial Hall to continue to exist in the historic building they have occupied for over a hundred years, is due to intense public pressure from the press, concerned citizens and historic preservation groups throughout Louisiana and the entire South.

Also, much credit goes to those who made this a state-wide issue by involving Governor Mike Foster via his call-in radio show. Governor Foster's involvement was instrumental in this final agreement being reached which saves Confederate Memorial Hall. Many thanks go to all who assisted in this fight, perhaps the longest and most important Heritage Issue the Louisiana Division has ever been involved with to date.

The fight to save Confederate Memorial Hall is won. Thank you all. God bless you all.

David G. Holcombe
First Lt. Cmdr,
Louisiana Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Confederate Museum to Have January Fundraiser

NEW ORLEANS - The Memorial Hall Foundation will have its first annual fundraiser for the Confederate Memorial Hall and Museum at 929 Camp St. Saturday, January 24, 2004 at the Generations Hall located in the New Orleans Convention Center and Memorial Hall. The gala will feature the sounds of the nationally recognized Olde Towne Brass band.

There will also be a silent auction of unique items. The proceeds of the auction will benefit the Memorial Hall Foundation and help it back on its feet following the financial blow it received during the legal fight to save Memorial Hall.

There will be an elegant buffet and open bar. Ticket prices are \$50 per person or \$85 per couple. The price at the door will be \$60 per person. Visa and Master Card are accepted.

Call (504) 523-4522 to charge your donation to Visa or MasterCard. Want to help but can't attend the gala? Donations are gratefully accepted in any amount. Simply make out your check to Memorial Hall Foundation and mail it to the museum. The address is Memorial Hall Foundation, 929 Camp Street, New Orleans, LA 70130. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Flags Restored at Confederate Museum

As a side note (to the successful campaign to save the museum), 3 flags have recently been restored there

and will be unveiled in January. They are: the company flag of the Walker Roughs (Co. D, 16th Louisiana Infantry) and this silk first National pattern flag was the first regimental flag of the 16th Louisiana; the silk first national flag of the 7th Louisiana Infantry; and the company flag of the Orleans Rifles (Co. D, 6th Louisiana Infantry), a beautiful first national pattern with the phrase "Let Us Alone, Trust in God" stitched into the white bar.

N. Wayne Cosby

Contact Gov. Foster Now!

All compatriots are encouraged to contact Gov. Mike Foster, an SCV compatriot, now! With the record of incoming governor, Kathleen Blanco, Democrat, demonstrating her Anti-Confederate bigotry, it is deemed vital to persuade Gov. Foster to proclaim April as the permanent Confederate History Month, and to ask him to sign an executive order ordering the Port Hudson Confederate Defenders Monument be placed at Port Hudson State Historic Park. Blanco has repeatedly refused to help save the monument and allow it a permanent home at the state park. Contact information for Gov. Foster are:

Office of the Governor
Attn: Constituent Services
P.O. Box 94004
Baton Rouge, LA. 70804-9004
Telephone Number: (225) 342-0991
Facsimile: (225) 342-7099
Email the Governor
http://www.gov.state.la.us/gov_email.html

Lt. Ryan Chapter Appeals to Gov. Foster for Proclamation and Monument

Members of Lt. Isaac Ryan Chapter 205, Military Order of the Stars and Bars, thank Gov. Mike Foster for his outstanding leadership in preserving Louisiana's heritage, including Confederate Heritage, during his tenure as governor. They also requested that, in light of the hostility toward Confederate heritage demonstrated by the incoming administration of Kathleen Blanco, Democrat, that he, before leaving office 12 January 2004, proclaim April to be the "permanent" Confederate History Month in Louisiana, and that he sign an executive order for the placement of the Port Hudson Confederate Defenders Monument at Port Hudson State Historic Park. A spokesman said the Blanco not only has showed her hostility toward Confederate Heritage, but a rude disregard of those Louisianans who have appealed to her to allow the monument be placed at the state park. Lt. Ryan Chapter sent a certificate of appreciation thanking Gov. Foster for his courageous

service to Confederate Heritage, on parchment paper, as well a cover letter formally asking for the proclamation and the executive order.



Captain John Ker, Company D, 31st Louisiana Infantry: Confederate Ancestor of Gov. Mike Foster. Captain Ker fought and was captured at the Siege of Vicksburg, Miss.

Contact Your Police Juror!

All compatriots in Calcasieu Parish, please individually contact your police juror as soon as possible to congratulate him for his election or re-election, send him a copy of our South's Defenders Monument brochure and ask him to please support the monument. If you don't have a brochure or any extras, contact Camp Commander Tommy Curtis at 433-1683. He can get one to you. We want to be pro-active in defending the monument and not wait till it is under attack again.

Louisiana Secession Reasons Given

Jan. 26 is the anniversary of the secession of Louisiana from these United States in 1861. George Williamson, Commissioner from Louisiana to the Texas Secession Convention, gave the reasons for the state's secession. Here is an excerpt from that speech:

I have the honor to address you as the commissioner of the people of Louisiana, accredited to your honorable body.

Being desirous of obtaining the concurrence of the people of Texas in what she has done, Louisiana invites you to a candid consideration of her acts in resuming the powers delegated to the government of the late United States, and in providing for the formation of a confederacy of "The States which have seceded and

may secede." The archives of the Federal Government bear ample testimony to the loyalty of Louisiana to the American Union. Her conservatism has been proverbial in political circles. The character and pursuits of her people, her immense agricultural wealth, her large banking capital, her possession of the great commercial metropolis of the South, whose varied trade almost rivals that of the city of "ten thousand masts" present facts sufficient to make "assurance double sure" she did not take these grave steps for light or transient causes. She was impelled to this action to preserve her honor, her safety, her property and the free institutions so sacred to her people. She believed the federal agent had betrayed her trust, had become the facile instrument of a hostile people, and was usurping despotic powers. She considered that the present vacillating executive, on the 4th of March next, would be supplanted by a stalwart fanatic of the Northwest, whose energetic will, backed by the frenzied bigotry of unpatriotic masses, would cause him to establish the military despotism already inaugurated.

The Wit and Wisdom of Robert E. Lee

A man of complex dichotomy, Gen. Robert E. Lee, leader of the Confederate States Army, was also a devout Christian, devoted husband, and father of seven. Described as "audacity personified," Lee grieved for those wounded or killed under his command. Indeed, the "Marble Man," was also concerned for the innocent Yankee civilians who were hurt throughout the War for Southern Independence. Upon hearing that Stonewall Jackson's arm had been amputated, Lee said, "He has lost his left arm; but I have lost my right arm." Lee's opinions on life, family and children, women, politics, Yankees, and war are collected here, many taken from his personal letters. On the subject of war, Lee, officer and gentleman, said, "It is well that war is so terrible; we should grow too fond of it." Devereaux D. Cannon, Jr., an attorney, is a member of the Sons of the Confederate Veterans, the Sons of the Revolution, the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, and the Company of Military Historians. Cannon is also the author of *The Flags of the Confederacy* (pb), *The Flags of the Union: An Illustrated History* (pb), and *The Flags of Tennessee*, all published by Pelican.

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Upcoming Events At Mansfield

Event Title: Civil War Surgery and Medicine
Location: Mansfield State Historic Site
Date: Saturday, January 24, 2004
Time: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Description: This talk will explore the medical treatment soldiers received in the Civil War. A reproduction amputation field kit will be on display. The instruments will be used to illustrate how surgeons treated battlefield wounds. Also discussed will be the various diseases and illnesses contracted by the soldiers and how the disease ravaged the ranks of both North and South.

Event Title: Supper on a Sling
Location: Mansfield State Historic Site
Date: Saturday, January 24, 2004
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Description: Discussion and workshop on how the soldier carried his food and water while on campaign, and the different types of haversacks produced by the military depot system. After the discussion there will be a workshop and demonstration for the public on how to make a copy of an actual soldier's haversack and canteen sling.

Event Title: Researching Civil War Units and Battles
Location: Mansfield State Historic Site
Date: Saturday, February 07, 2004
Time: 1 p.m.

Description: Park staff will provide visitors with helpful information on how to research Civil War battles and units. This is useful not only for researchers but for genealogy searches as well. Tips and information will be given on where to find the best information through local, state and federal archives as well as various repositories.

Event Title: Civil War Soldier Life
Location: Mansfield States Historic Site
Date: Saturday, March 06, 2004
Time: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Description: This program explores the daily life of an average Civil War soldier. A costumed interpreter will explain the uniforms, equipment and armament used and carried by a Civil War infantryman. Also discussed will be the function and operation of a Civil War black powder musket, complete with a loading and firing demonstration.

Event Title: Cannon Firing and Encampment
Location: Mansfield State Historic Site
Date: Saturday, March 20, 2004
Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

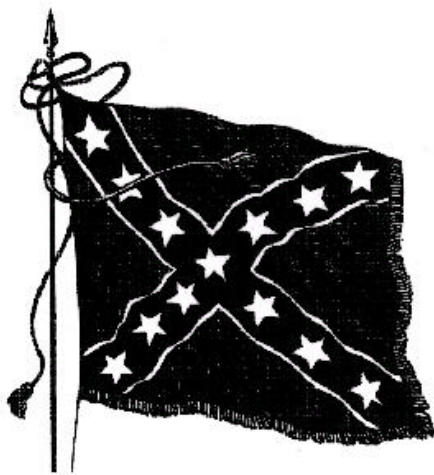
Description: Visitors will see a cannon firing demonstration using the park's full-scale Civil War cannon. The complete loading and firing process will be demonstrated as well as the role each crew member played. There will also be a Civil War field encampment set up on the park grounds, complete with authentically uniformed soldiers portraying what life was like for the soldier on campaign. Cannon firing at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., encampment ongoing 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Event Title: 140th Anniversary Battle for Mansfield Reenactment
Location: Mansfield State Historic Site
Date: Saturday, April 03, 2004
Time: throughout the weekend

Description: This will be one of the largest reenactment events in the area. Reenactors from all over the country will converge on Mansfield for this anniversary commemoration. Call the park for more details.

For more information: Mansfield State Historic Site 318-872-1474

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