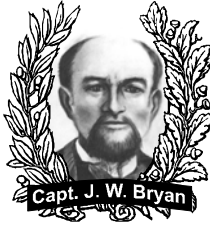


# THE CALCASIEU GREYS



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## Next Meeting

"The Great Naval Raid on Lake Charles" will be the topic of the next meeting of Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 at 7 p.m. Tuesday, 10 February, at Big Daddy's Restaurant at 3205 Common St. in Lake Charles. Learn what happened in Lake Charles when Yankees came calling in October of 1862 and opened fire on the town and held women and children hostage.

## Free Confederate Constitutions Available at MOSB Meeting

As its 2004 project, members of Lt. Isaac Ryan Chapter MOSB voted at its January meeting to give free copies of the Confederate Constitution to all who attend our monthly meetings, one per person as long as supplies last.

The next meeting will be from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, 21 Feb. at the Southwest Louisiana Genealogical Library, 411 Pujot St. in Lake Charles. We will continue our in depth study of the Confederate Constitution. The March meeting will be Saturday 20 March, same time and place.

## MOS&B Literary Programs

While the Sons of Confederate Veterans works to educate the public about the true history of the War for Southern Independence, the Military Order of the Stars & Bars recognizes and rewards those who communicate the true history of the war through printed media with various literary awards. In fulfilling its mission as a historical, patriotic, and educational organization, the MOS&B has a wide range of programs at the national level that compliment the work of the state Societies and local chapters. Among these programs are:

DOUGLAS SOUTHALL FREEMAN HISTORY AWARD . . . An annual cash grant of \$1,000 to the author writing the best book on a Southern theme. This

is the 15th year of competition for this award. The 1997 winner was "Stonewall Jackson: The Man, The Soldier, The Legend" by James I. Robertson, Jr.

LT. DABNEY M. SCALES HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST . . . An annual essay contest for high school juniors and seniors who write on a specified Southern theme.

GENERAL BASIL W. DUKE AWARD . . . An annual award of \$1,000. This award recognizes the publisher who reissues the best work in Confederate history.

The 1996 recipient was "Partisan Rangers of the Confederate States Army" by Adam Rankin Johnson, republished by State House Press, Austin, Texas. The 1995 recipient was "A Lieutenant Of Cavalry In Lee's Army" by G.W. Beale, republished by Butternut & Blue.

## Editorial

### Let Unity Be Our Watchword!

This May the members of the Louisiana Division will elect new leaders for the next two years. We strongly encourage all candidates for office to make unifying the division their number one goal. Never has unity of purpose of SCV members in Louisiana been more important. Attacks on our heritage are increasing and the political system becoming ever more hostile to Americans of Confederate Heritage. To increase our numbers to both defend and advance the colors of Dixie requires unity within our own ranks.

Many will say unity is easier said than done. That is true. But only if we don't try, or don't want to try, is it impossible. Here are a couple of suggestions:

1. Erect a statue or statues to one or more of our noble Louisiana Confederate generals who have not been so honored. Perhaps we could make it our long term goal to honor them all. That would certainly be a long term goal that would keep us busy doing something positive and have a lasting impact on preserving and advancing our heritage.

To make it happen, the division commander could form a monument commission made up of

members from all parts of the state who could work on a plan of action and then implement it. It should set realistic goals, have regularly scheduled meetings and work toward those goals.

2. Form a Battlefield Commission, made up of members from all parts of the state, which would support battlefield preservation projects already underway, and begin new ones on battlefields that have no protection at all.

The commission could make a list of every unprotected battlefield, look at opportunities to purchase land, even a small plot, and find ways to finance it. It could also issue a list of the 10 most endangered Louisiana battlefields each year.

We can make this happen. Let us all work toward making the Louisiana Division once again a true "Band of Brothers!"

## **Time Is Running Out! Procrastinate No Longer!**

There are seats still available on the South Louisiana Bus Trip to Charleston for the Hunley Crew Burial. As noted below, a block of hotel rooms has been set aside for riders. Try to get a room in or around Charleston for that weekend now...it's nearly impossible! ON MARCH 15, the hotel WILL release the remaining rooms that have not been reserved. This means that if you have any plans to join us on this historic ride in April and expect to get one of the rooms reserved only for riders of this bus, you must reserve your seat before March 15. Don't let this chance pass you by.

All the trip information is below. If anyone is aware of a Texas and/or Mississippi List that this info can be posted on, please forward it.

Thanks and I hope to see you in April.

A South Louisiana charter bus trip to Charleston, SC from the south central city of Lafayette has been planned for this once in a lifetime event. Below is the itinerary for the trip:

Thursday, April 15, 2004: Leave Lafayette, Louisiana at 7:00pm CT sharp. To make this trip more feasible for Compatriots and their families and friends in Southeast Louisiana, a stop will be made in Hammond. The bus will make a stop at the Iron Skillet/Petrol Stop which is located off Interstate 12, Exit 40. Those riders who have reserved a seat from that area should be at that location no later than 8:15 pm on Thursday, April 15. You will be dropped off back at this same location Sunday morning. If the thought of having to drive to Lafayette from points east of the Mississippi have hindered your plans or desires to attend this historic funeral, ponder it! no more and jump on board for this great opportunity!

Friday, Apr 16: Arrive in Charleston, SC around noon. Go to the Warren Lasch Conservation, where the H.L. Hunley is on display. After touring the center, we will 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: The bus will head back into Charleston 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 CSS Hunley. Following the funeral the bus will meet us and we will reload and return 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 \$60, plus 11% tax per night, per room. I have blocked kings and doubles so there is room to split hotel costs. Upon receipt of your reservations for the trip, you will be sent a confirmation and hotel information to reserve your room. You will be responsible for calling and booking your room at this special rate.

This trip is open to family members and friends that you may want to invite as well (yes, ladies are welcome). The fee is based on the expectation that all seats will be filled (57 passenger bus). If you sign up, your \$120 can be refunded ONLY if there is someone to take your place.

We have an unprecedented and a once in a lifetime opportunity to honor the crew of CSS Hunley - brave Confederate patriots that gave their lives in defense of our homeland. We can not let this chance past to pay our respects to them and to give them the honor they so richly deserve.

To reserve your seat on the South Louisiana Bus, please email your intentions to attend to <mailto:patriot1861@yahoo.com> and/or mail a check payable to Mouton Camp #778-SCV for \$120 to me at P.O. Box 721, Washington, LA. 70589 (reservations will be secured upon receipt of check). All checks should have a contact phone number and if possible an email address noted on them. Reservations are first come, first serve, so send in your check now. No reservations can be made without payment. If you have any questions at all, please call me on my cell phone at 337-351-0285 or at home at 337-826-1622.

For more info about the event, please visit the Friends of the Hunley website at

<http://www.hunley.org>

## **Battle of Hickory Creek Reenactment**

DERIDDER - The annual Battle of Hickory Creek Reenactment in DeRidder will be held February 28,29, 2004. Come join us for a fun re-enactment.

Firewood, hay and water are aplenty. There will be a fish fry for the re-enactors Saturday night.

There will be a School of The Student on Friday. They have had as many as 900 students attend in the past. Reenactors are encouraged to participate.

We need your help! Please contact Johanna Pate at 337-463-7692 or jgp90@texasaggie.com if you would like more information. All schools are welcome, but must preregister. Schools please contact Johanna Pate at jgp90@texasaggie.com or 337-463-8555 for information on the "school of the student" program.

Reenactors are asked to preregister, so they can acquire the right amount of the normal amenities such as hay, firewood, and powder. There will be a fried catfish dinner for all pre-registered reenactors. They require the pre registration for the dinner because of the high cost of the dinner.

## **Virginia SCV Outflanks Neo- Scalawag Politicians**

RICHMOND, VA -- The Virginia Senate Rules Committee overwhelmingly approved a resolution that would designate April as Confederate History and Heritage Month -- one of several War For Southern Independence-related bills moving through this General Assembly session.

In an 11-3 vote, the committee sent the resolution - sponsored by Sen. Charles R. Hawkins, Campbell County Republican -- to the full Senate, which will also consider it.

Confederate heritage groups have chafed over Democratic Gov. Mark Warner's refusal to officially recognize War for Southern Independence commemorations and have sought support from the Republican-dominated General Assembly. If the resolution passes the House and Senate, it does not need Mr. Warner's signature.

Confederate groups, including the Sons of Confederate Veterans, have had the ear of many lawmakers this session.

## **Flag issue in S.C. puts Democrats on spot**

COLUMBIA, S.C. -- The Confederate flag has emerged as the first big issue in the South Carolina presidential primary, and it's a ticklish one for U.S. Sen. John Edwards and his Democratic rivals.

As the 2004 contenders have started parading through the Palmetto State, they have been peppered with questions about whether the flag should be removed once and for all from the state Capitol grounds and whether an NAACP-led boycott of South Carolina tourism is the best way to make that happen.

The candidates' stances have far-reaching political implications in South Carolina -- the third to hold a presidential contest -- where black voters could account for as much as half of the Democratic turnout. But the issue also poses some practical challenges.

The South Carolina NAACP's boycott extends to hotels, restaurants and car-rental companies based in the state. If followed to the letter, it would be nearly impossible to mount a credible primary campaign, political observers say.

## **Cairo Exhibit Reopened At Vicksburg**

VICKSBURG, Miss. - The U.S.S. Cairo Museum and gunboat exhibit were closed from Nov. 4-21 while work was done on the canopy suspension network.

Sections of canopy were replaced and rainspouts installed. The exhibit was closed out of concern that cables and overhead equipment could endanger visitors. The gunboat exhibit reopened Dec. 12. The museum opened Nov. 22.

The Cairo was designed by naval architect Samuel Polk and built by river engineer James B. Eads. It was commissioned on Jan. 15, 1862, and torpedoed and sunk in the Yazoo River north of Vicksburg on Dec. 12, 1862. It was raised in 1964 and moved to Vicksburg National Military Park for restoration and display in 1977.

## **Book News: Louisiana Redeemed:**

The Overthrow of Carpet-Bag Rule 1876-1880

Much has been written on what happened in the several Southern states during the Reconstruction but very little has been done on the changes that took place after the Democrats ousted the Republicans from control.

Reconstruction in Louisiana lasted longer than in any other state . . .

Louisiana had suffered for fourteen years preceding 1876 when the courage and tact of Francis T. Nicholls drove the carpet-bag government from the state. . . .

The change from Radical to Democratic rule constitutes an important period in the history of Louisiana. The events during this transition cast their influence far into the post-Reconstruction years. The political technique used was to be effective for some time. Likewise, the political controversies that arose between factions of the Democratic party have been revived frequently in campaigns until recently.

-from the Preface

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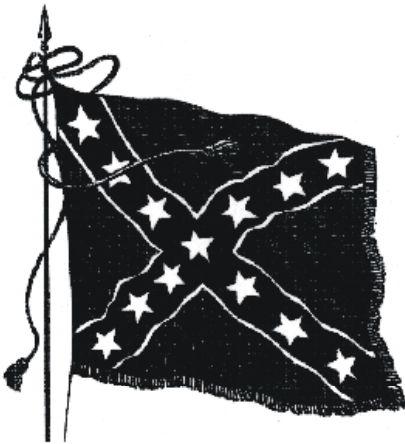
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