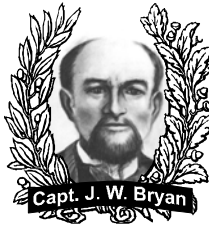


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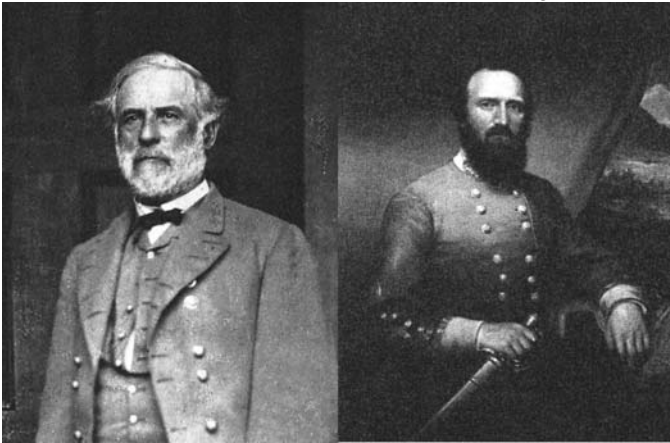
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Lee-Jackson Banquet 22 January



Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 will hold its annual Lee-Jackson Banquet in conjunction with DeRidder and Leesville camps and the Order of Confederate Rose at 6 p.m. Saturday, 22 Jan., at the War Memorial Civic Center in DeRidder. This event will be in lieu of the monthly camp meeting of Camp 1390.

The social will begin at 6 p.m. and the dinner at 7 p.m. Anyone needing a ride call Camp Commander Tommy Curtis at 433-1683.

Russell Darden will be the guest speaker and will be speaking about Point Lookout, Md. Prison Camp. He has a slide program and an audiotape of Corporal Julius F. Howell, POW of Point Lookout.

A prison camp for Confederate prisoners of war was built at Point Lookout, Md., on the tip of the peninsula where the Potomac River joins Chesapeake Bay.

In the two years during which the camp was in operation, August 1863 to June 1865, Point Lookout overflowed with inmates, surpassing its intended capacity of 10,000 to a population numbering between 12,500 and 20,000. In all, over 50,000 men, both military and civilian, were held prisoner there. You can find out more about Point Lookout by viewing www.plpow.com/PrisonHistory.htm.

The OCR ladies from DeRidder and Lake Charles will be preparing the meal. It will be served buffet style. There is no charge!! Russell and his wife Pam will also have tartans available for purchase.

Heritage Victory in Cameron

CAMERON — The Cameron Parish Police Jury rejected a demand by the NAACP to remove a State Historic Marker honoring a young hero of the Battle of Calcasieu Pass from its courthouse grounds.

The vote to keep the marker where it is was taken at the Jury's December 6 meeting and was unanimous. The marker, with text approved by the State Department of Historic Preservation, honors Pvt. William Guehrs of Creuzbauer's Battery, 5th Texas Light Artillery for his self-sacrificing bravery "above and beyond the call of duty" in the Battle of Calcasieu Pass on May 6, 1864. He was the recipient of the Confederate Medal of Honor.

The marker was dedicated September 4 of this year in front of the Cameron Parish Courthouse. The grounds of the courthouse were part of the actual battlefield. The nearby Roux house at one time had a cannon ball that went through its roof during the battle.

The Louisiana Society Order of Confederate Rose sponsored the marker and among the contributors were numerous organizations and individuals in both Louisiana and Texas. Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390, Lake Charles, sponsored the original Confederate Medal of Honor. Mrs. Johanna Pate, president of the La. OCR, said three people spoke against the marker and five people spoke for the marker at the Police Jury meeting.

"It wasn't planned this way, but it worked out that the five people who spoke for the marker were members of the Louisiana Society OCR, Louisiana Division SCV, Louisiana Division UDC and Spaight's Battalion Reenactors," Mrs. Pate said.

Longstreet's Orders

(From the Lake Charles Daily American, March 7, 1904)

General Longstreet used to tell a good many stories to show that the men of his command always treated captured Union soldiers with as much consideration and kindness as was possible under the circumstances. He said that his orders on this point were very strict, and he never knew any of his men to disobey. As he went on to explain how proud he was of the record of his men on this point a listener employed in one of the departments at Washington interrupted him.

"Undoubtedly your orders were strict, general," he said, "but I happen to know that they were evaded. For example, in east Tennessee you ordered your men to respect the belongings of prisoners, and this is the way some of them did it: I wore a good pair of army shoes, nearly new. One day a good-natured fellow in gray with no shoes to speak of walked along our line looking intently at the shoes of the captured Unionists. He put his foot by the side of mine and, remarking that I was just his size, added: 'Old Pete [Longstreet] says he will have every man shot who steals anything from a prisoner. To save my life, won't you trade shoes with me? For I must have them shoes.' Of course I traded, as did other prisoners.

At this Longstreet smiled, but insisted that the story didn't prove anything.

Sabine Pass Battleground Clean Up

SABINE PASS, Texas — April 2 - 2005 - Civil War Preservation Trust's Park Day 2005 - Volunteers help preserve this historic site through various maintenance projects. All participants receive free admission and a Park Day T-shirt. Bottled water and work gloves recommended. 9 a.m.-noon (409) 971-2559.

Anyone who would like to commit to this as part of a group effort from Camp 1390, contact Mike Jones at 582-6154. This battlefield is only about 80 miles from Lake Charles.

Memorial Hall Loses A True Friend

(From the Confederate Museum Web site, <http://www.confederatemuseum.com>)

NEW ORLEANS — On November 5, 2004 the Memorial Hall Foundation lost a dear friend. Patrick F. Taylor, President, CEO and sole-owner of Taylor Energy, died from complications of bacterial endocarditis, a serious infection of the heart. Mr. Taylor was the creator of the Taylor Plan (TOPS), the now famous Louisiana plan that pays college tuition for those high school students who maintain good grades, and the past recipient of Memorial Hall's highest award, the Frank T. Howard Award, presented to him during the Foundation's 2004 gala.

Mr. Taylor had suffered from heart problems since an early age, forcing him to leave the Marine Corps in 1959. He underwent heart valve replacement in 1992 and unfortunately had recurrent problems this past year, requiring additional surgery. In October of 2004, Mr. Taylor developed an infection of his heart that spread through the bloodstream to eventually affect his entire body.

Pat Taylor was a 21st century version of Memorial Hall's founder, Frank T. Howard. A self-made billionaire from his Louisiana-based oil company, Mr. Taylor saw the importance of Southern American history. He loved

Memorial Hall. He came to its assistance on several occasions, both financially and morally - donating the necessary funds to complete a drive to purchase a new air conditioner in the 1980s and recently to help reach a compromise during a legal battle that threatened the eviction of the museum.

Following the passing of Mr. Taylor, visitation took place at Gallier Hall on November 9, 2004. Thousands of friends of Mr. Taylor attended, many of which were the very students he helped educate. The scene was quite moving, especially when young music students with violins and a cello played "Amazing Grace" to the very gracious Phyllis Taylor. Several Memorial Hall Foundation board members and friends of Memorial Hall were in attendance.

The Memorial Hall Foundation will miss the guidance of such a loyal friend. Fortunately, his legacy will be assured through his lovely wife Phyllis, also a champion and driving force in the community, who will no doubt carry on with Mr. Taylor's wishes and dream for a revitalized Lee Circle and its environs.

Vicksburg NMP To Increase Fees

VICKSBURG, Miss. - The Vicksburg National Military Park will increase entrance fees in 2005, and the extra money will be used for park improvements, according to the National Park Service.

The basic Saturday per-vehicle fee to enter the park will increase from \$5 to \$8. This fee permits a car or light truck with six or fewer passengers to enter the park for up to a week. Individuals riding in vans with seven or more passengers, school buses and those on bicycles or walking will have a per person fee of \$4, up from \$3.

The new fee schedule also increases for special activities, including commercial filming and organized hikes. The price for annual park passes, \$20, will stay the same.

Captain James W. Bryan and the Thomas' 28th Louisiana Infantry served throughout the Siege of Vicksburg from May 18 to July 4, 1863.

The 25th Annual Battle of Pleasant Hill Re-enactment

PLEASANT Hill -- The annual Battle of Pleasant Hill Re-Enactment will be held April 8, 9, & 10, 2005 on the actual battlefield.

Here is the schedule:

Friday, April 8th

School day, Please call 318-796-2777 to schedule a tour of the reenactors camp and for demonstrations for your class.

Saturday, April 9th

6:00-10:00 A.M. --- Breakfast available at the American Legion Hall

10:00 AM --Battle of Pleasant Hill Parade in downtown Pleasant Hill. Please call Tammi Frankell at 796-2696 if you would to be in the parade.

9:00 AM--5:00PM--open camp activities.

2:00 PM--Battle Reenactment at Pleasant Hill.

7:00 PM--Period dance in the reenactor's camp (Must be dressed in period dress to attend)

Sunday, April 10th

6:00-10:00 AM--Breakfast available at the American Legion Hall

10:00 --1:00 PM -- open camp activities

10:00 AM -- Church services (must be in period dress to attend); Following the Church services there will be a mail call.

2:00 PM -- Battle of Pleasant Hill reenactment.

Both reenactments and activities in the reenactors camp will take place 3 miles north of Pleasant Hill at 23271 Louisiana Hwy 175.

For more information please call 318-796-2777.

The Good Guys Wore Black Hats

HOUSTON TRI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, December 21, 1864

Among the features of the Clothing Bureau of this District, under charge of Capt. E. W. Taylor, is hat making. The hat factory began, as it were, from the stump a year or more ago, and has gradually grown to be an institution of no little importance. It now turns out 2000 black wool hats per month. These hats are very well put up and durable, and afford a supply for a large part of the army in the field. They are made altogether of Texas material, and colored with homemade dye. We believe such a manufactory for the general market would be a paying enterprise.

Local Civil War Reenactment Unit Forming

Opelousas now has it's very own Civil War reenacting unit and is seeking members to fill its ranks. The Pelican Battery (aka 5th Louisiana Field Artillery) Living History Unit has formed and will have its first official meeting and recruiting effort on Monday, January 10 at 7:00pm at the Palace Cafe.

The unit will portray the Pelican Battery, a unit formed in Louisiana in 1862 and fought locally, from Bisland to Vermilion Bridge and at Marksville and Yellow Bayou. The unit has in its arsenal a replica of a 10 pounder Parrott rifle and a limber, or ammunition chest to accompany it. It expects to participate in many upcoming reenactments across the state. The "season" starts up in February and is full of reenactments and living history activities through May. The months of September through November are also very active. Just recently several members participated at the reenactment at Chretien Point Plantation in Sunset.

Charles Lauret, Chief of Staff of the Battery, invites anyone who attends the meeting to see what the unit is all about. "Living history can be a very rewarding hobby for both amateur and professional historians alike. It allows a deeper insight into the lives of the men who fought the War, more than can be gained from simply reading a book or visiting a museum", Lauret said. "It can be a time machine, allowing participants to experience first hand what soldiers did, working a cannon on an artillery line, smelling the black powder, sleeping in canvas tents, cooking on an open fire".

The Battery is not just looking for men. Many reenactor soldiers' families participate in the hobby as well, giving them the feel of civilian life during that time period. The battery offers a single membership payment that covers additional family members. Its objective is to have a family oriented living history unit that emphasizes family values, adherence to authenticity, safety and historical research. Reenacting can be an expensive hobby, requiring the purchase of uniforms, both Union and Confederate for those times when the unit must play both parts, accessories, canvas tent, among other things. The battery will work to loan prospective members with basic equipment and uniform to participate in a few reenactments, allowing them to get a feel for it and determine if it is something that they really want to do. Eventually, the necessary equipment can be purchased a little at a time. Lauret says, "Once you serve as a gun crew member and feel the cannon go off for the first, you'll be hooked." Lauret continues, "We look forward to giving folks in Opelousas and the surrounding area the opportunity to participate in this ever growing hobby that ensures that part of our nation's history is not forgotten."

For more information on the battery, or the hobby of reenacting, contact Charles Lauret at 826-1622 or email the battery at pelican_battery@yahoo.com. You may also visit the Battery's website at http://www.geocities.com/pelican_battery/Reenactment_Unit.html

Office Of The President General - United Daughters Of The Confederacy

Richmond, Va. -- President General Esther Cope of the United Daughters of the Confederacy has announced that a monetary gift of \$1,000.00 has been sent to the Salvation Army in response to the great need occasioned by the tsunami destruction in Southeast Asia. Over 100,000 people are now dead or missing, and the homes and villages of thousands of people in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and other areas have been totally destroyed. In addition, word has been received that fifteen U. S. citizens are confirmed dead as of today, and another 3,500 U.S. citizens are still listed as missing as a result of the tsunami's floodwaters.

Mrs. Cope stated that "our hearts have been saddened by the natural disaster in Asia...as well as those who have been affected by loss of lives, homes,

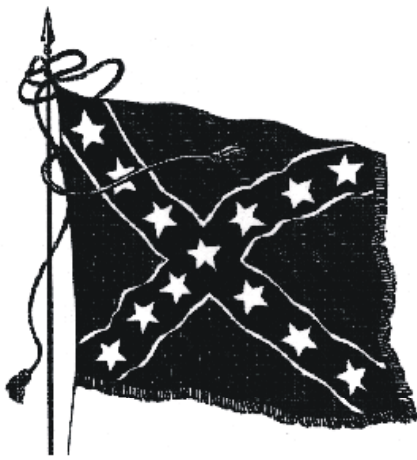
and the destruction of the area. Asking that all UDC members join her in prayer for the dead and missing, as well as those assisting in the clean up and reconstruction of the area, she stated that she felt that the General Organization of the UDC should lead the way in making a financial donation. It is her request that all Divisions and all Chapters as well as Chapters Where No Division should act now to make donations to their preferred charity performing work in this area of devastation.

"I know that all UDC members will respond quickly and generously in this time of great need," Mrs. Cope said, "just as they did following September 11, 2001 and have for many years before that. The UDC has always stepped forward to fill a charitable need, and they will respond to the terrible tsunami disaster just as well."

Members are urged to check with local charities to see who is handling donations and can assure them that the funds will go to assist in this particular disaster rather than being simply added to overall funds.

Civil War Preservation Trust To Reveal Most Endangered Battlefields

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Country Music Sensation Darryl Worley will join CWPT at News Conference

(Washington DC) - The Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) will release an investigative report on the status of the nation's battlefields at a news conference on Thursday, February 24, 2005. The report, entitled History Under Siege: America's Endangered Civil War Battlefields, will identify the most threatened Civil War sites in the country and what is being done to rescue them. The annual report is composed of two parts: the first section identifies the 10 most endangered battlefields in the nation, with a brief description of their history and preservation status; the second section lists 15 additional "at risk" sites that round out the top 25 endangered battlefields in the U.S.

CWPT President James Lighthizer will emcee the news conference. He will be joined by Country music sensation and historic preservationist Darryl Worley. Darryl was named top new male vocalist in 2002 by the Academy of Country Music, and his hit "Have You Forgotten?" earned him numerous honors throughout the entertainment industry. His latest single, "Awful, Beautiful Life," has skyrocketed to number 3 on the Billboard country music charts.

The news conference will be held at 10 a.m. in the Frank Holeman Lounge of the National Press Club. Copies of the report will be available at the event.



The South's Defenders