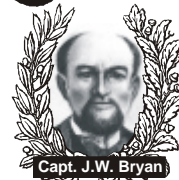


THE CALCASIEU GREYS



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



June 2005

Confederate Memorial Day

Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 will hold its annual Confederate Memorial Day ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at The South's Defenders Monument, Calcasieu Parish Courthouse. Please join us for this annual tribute to our Confederate ancestors. June 3 is the official Confederate Memorial Day in Louisiana, a state holiday. It is the day President Jefferson Davis was born in Kentucky in 1808. We'll also be placing flags on Confederate graves at area cemeteries the evening before. If you'd like to help out placing these Confederate grave flags, meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at Tommy Curtis' office, 509 7th St. in Lake Charles.



Pvt. Isaac Reeves, left, and Sgt. James Reeves, brothers from Lake Charles who were both killed in action at Gettysburg and Chancellorsville, respectively, will be among the local Confederates honored at our Confederate Memorial Day service.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Wayne Harper's Restaurant, ground floor. This location has worked out very well for our monthly meetings. If you haven't joined us here before, please do so. The food is great and prices are moderate. The program will be on the history of Niblett's Bluff and the plans for a War Between the States Museum.

Report On Louisiana Division Reunion

Compatriots,

I am pleased to report a very successful Reunion of the Louisiana Division this past weekend.

We had 27 of 41 camps present representing 74 percent of the Division's membership. We had as our guest Lt CiC Chris Sullivan and the speaker for our awards banquet was Dr. DiLorenzo the author of *The real Lincoln*.

There were several amendments to our Division Constitution dealt with, however some were housekeeping in nature. However one amendment dealt with an issue that I believe you will find of interest.

For many years the Past Commanders of the Division had a lifetime seat with vote on the Division Executive Council. There was a proposed amendment that limited this number to the immediate three (3).

I am happy to report that this amendment received votes above the 2/3 requirement and passed. I am proud to say that I am the first Louisiana Division Commander who will leave office without a quarantined lifetime vote on the DEC.

I would also like to recognize here honors that were awarded. The following camps received the **TIGER AWARD** for being a distinguished camp within the Division.

Gen Louis Hebert, Gen Franklin Gardner, BG Alfred Mouton, Henry Watkins Allen, Gen Richard Taylor

Also receiving the **Compatriot of the Year Award** for the various Brigades

NW-Bobby White, **NE**- Gerald Graves and Jim Miller, **SW**- Dennis Smith, **SE**-This was unable to be awarded on the night of the Banquet, but will be announced once the presentation is made.

Also the Division overwhelmingly on a voice vote passed a resolution condemning the recent would-be coup and those that took part.

Deo Vindice
Chuck McMichael
Commander, Louisiana Division, SCV

Special Convention Video

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Thanks,
Ben Sewell
SCV Executive Director

Civil War Preservation Trust Condemns Plan To Build Casino At Gettysburg

Gettysburg, Pa. - The Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) condemned plans to build a casino adjacent to Gettysburg National Military Park. According to press reports, a group of investors is seeking a license to open a casino at the intersection of U.S. routes 15 and 30, east of Gettysburg. CWPT President James Lighthizer made the following statement in response to the proposal:

"Gettysburg is America's most sacred shrine to our nation's Civil War dead. Gettysburg is such an inappropriate location for a casino it is hard to believe that the proposal is receiving serious consideration. Casinos can be built anywhere; land where thousands of Americans 'gave the last full measure of devotion' cannot be moved.

"Unfortunately, the proposed casino is the symptom of a much larger problem – the avalanche of development that is overwhelming the area along the York Pike near the Route 15 interchange. If steps are not taken quickly to insure this area doesn't further succumb to sprawl, it is likely that unchecked development will eventually overwhelm the battlefield park.

"CWPT is particularly concerned about the proximity of the casino and adjacent sprawl to the East Cavalry Field battle site. In recent years, CWPT has invested considerable resources to further protect the cavalry battleground, and it would be a tragedy if this work was undone because of the casino project.

"In addition to being hallowed ground, the Gettysburg Battlefield is a gold mine for the regional economy. According to a study CWPT released last year, non-local visitors to the battlefield spent more than \$121 million in the area, supporting more than 2,650

local jobs and generating more than \$17 million in state and local tax revenue. It would be folly to flood that gold mine with a wave of inappropriate development.

"While we have documented proof of the economic benefits provided to the community by preserving the battlefield, the proposed casino is a shot in the dark."

CWPT is a 70,000-member nonprofit battlefield preservation organization. Its mission is to preserve our nation's endangered Civil War sites. CWPT has saved 21,300 acres of hallowed ground, including 342 acres on the Gettysburg Battlefield. CWPT's website is located at www.civilwar.org.

The Maxims Of Robert E. Lee For Young Gentlemen

"I can think of no better guide for young men embarking on the adventure of life than the maxims of Robert E. Lee." --H. W. Crocker III, author of *Robert E. Lee on Leadership*.

"Must reading for all fathers and sons. . . . The example of Robert E. Lee illustrates in stark colors what it means to be a man--a model essential for all of us who are products of this distinctly unmanly age. Rick Williams has placed us all in his debt with this wonderful anthology of Lee's wisdom and grace." -- J. Steven Wilkins, author of *Call of Duty: The Sterling Nobility of Robert E. Lee*.

Gen. Robert E. Lee, 1807-1870, was renowned for his brilliant leadership during the Civil War; however, his genius extended far beyond the battlefield. All his life, he relied upon his faith for strength and guidance not only in troubled times, but also as the foundation upon which he based all of his dealings with others.

This volume contains his advice and observations, drawn from the great man's own writings, on crucial topics such as education, duty, humility, and Christian faith--making this a valuable guide for today's youth. Each section is preceded by a brief anecdote from his life, and each of the quotes is described with the time and circumstance.

About the Editor

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Spartan Band: Burnett's 13th Texas Cavalry In The Civil War

In *Spartan Band* (coined from a chaplain's eulogistic poem) author Thomas Reid traces the Civil War history of the 13th Texas Cavalry, a unit drawn from eleven counties in East Texas. The cavalry regiment organized in the spring of 1862 but was ordered to dismount once in Arkansas. The regiment gradually evolved into a tough, well-trained unit during action at Lake Providence, Fort De Russey, Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, and Jenkins' Ferry, as part of Maj. Gen. John G. Walker's Texas division in the Trans-Mississippi Department.

Reid researched letters, documents, and diaries gleaned from more than one hundred descendants of the soldiers, answering many questions relating to their experiences and final resting places. He also includes detailed information on battle casualty figures, equipment issued to each company, slave ownership, wealth of officers, deaths due to disease, and the effects of conscription on the regiment's composition.

"The 13th comes to life through Thomas Reid's exhaustive research and entertaining writing style. This book should serve as a model for Civil War regimental histories."—Terry L. Jones, author of *Lee's Tigers*

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Tennessee Monument Dedication

The State of Tennessee will dedicate its monument at Shiloh National Military Park on Confederate Memorial Day, June 3, 2005. Located near Water Oaks Pond (Auto Tour Stop #6), the monument will feature three Tennessee soldiers in combat at Shiloh. Various activities will take place throughout the day and weekend, including wreath layings, memorial services at burial sites, and living history demonstrations.

The dedication service itself will begin at 1:00 p.m., with the featured speaker being Rev. Larry J. Daniel. Rev. Daniel is a native Tennessean and is the author of *Shiloh: The Battle that Changed the Civil War* (1997). Please contact the Shiloh National Military Park Visitor Center at (731) 689-5696 for more details.

Preservation Trust Unveils Study On Economic Benefits Of Protecting History

Report reveals how battlefield tourism delivers millions of dollars to local communities.

Washington, D.C. - After two years of investigation that included hundreds of interviews, the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT) released the results of an independent study showing the economic benefits of battlefield preservation. The report, entitled *Blue, Gray and Green: A Battlefield Benefits Guide for Community Leaders*, provides concrete measures to help elected officials determine when preserving historic land makes good economic sense.

"Civil War battlefields are not just national treasures," remarked CWPT President James Lighthizer. "Each one is also a treasure trove of benefits for its neighboring community. Millions of Americans are willing to spend their money to visit these historic shrines – as long as local officials have the wisdom to not pave them over."

The study included surveys conducted at 13 different sites, representing a cross-section of Civil War battlefield parks throughout the nation. Although a majority of the sites surveyed are maintained by the National Park Service, CWPT also examined battlefields maintained by state and local governments, and private entities.

The 13 sites examined are: Antietam, Md.; Bentonville, N.C.; Brice's Cross Roads, Miss.; Corinth, Miss.; Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania, Va.; Franklin, Tenn.; Gettysburg, Pa.; Mill Springs, Ky.; New Market, Va.; Perryville, Ky.; Port Hudson, La.; Shiloh, Tenn.; and Wilson's Creek, Mo.

The survey data included in the report show that Civil War battlefields attract affluent, well-educated tourists who come to the area specifically to visit the battlefield. While in the region, these Civil War tourists are likely to stay longer and spend more than the average pleasure visitor to a community.

According to the Blue, Gray and Green Guide, each year Civil War tourists spend an average of \$173.6 million in the surveyed battlefield communities, bringing in \$15.3 million in state and \$7.7 million in local tax revenue. The study also found that, on average, every 702 non-local visitors to a battlefield translates into a new job in the local community.

The Blue, Gray and Green Guide is especially important in communities where developers are forcing local elected officials to decide between preserving their historic spaces and opening it to commercial or residential development. The Guide demonstrates how to determine the economic windfall generated by a Civil War battlefield or historic site in terms of visitor spending, job creation and tax revenues. It also indicates that new developments generate new costs.

In his remarks, Lighthizer emphasized that there are continuing economic benefits to preservation, while development often brings continuing increased costs. According to the Blue, Gray and Green Guide, the costs for providing schools, roads, water and other public services to an area are often greater than the tax revenue the development produces.

The Blue, Gray and Green study was conducted by Davidson Peterson Associates in 2003 and 2004. The guide was partially funded by a grant from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service.

With 70,000 members, CWPT is the largest nonprofit battlefield preservation organization in the United States. Its mission is to preserve our nation's endangered Civil War battlefields and to promote appreciation of these hallowed grounds. CWPT's website is www.civilwar.org.

Only A Few Old Veterans Will Go To Reunion

(From a newspaper story dated May 24, 1930)

Very few old confederate veterans from Calcasieu will be able to attend their annual reunion, being held at Biloxi, Mississippi, this year, Lucius L. Moss, who usually arranges finances and transportation for them, stated today. The reunion is to be in the old home town of Jeff

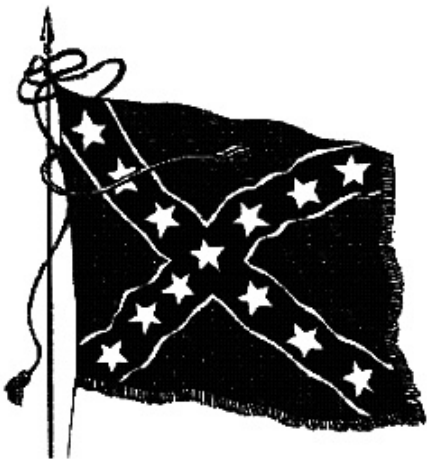
Davis, but there are only a small number left in the local group, and several of these are very feeble.

The reunion will be held from June 3 to 6 inclusive. Roundtrip rates are being made by railroads, but reduced prices are only for old veterans, their families and members of Sons and Daughters organizations. Tickets may be obtained upon presentation of certificates which Mr. Moss, member of the staff of L.B. Claiborne, major-general commanding, Louisiana department, will supply those wishing to attend the reunion and entitled to reduced rates.

Lake Charles has two members on the staff of General Claiborne. Mr. Moss is commissioned colonel to serve as special aide. W.H. Buford is commissioned a colonel and designated a commissary general. The following Louisiana women hold official honors in the Louisiana division of General L.B. Claiborne:

Mrs. Laura Edwards, Baton Rouge, matron of honor; Mrs. A.J. Stanley, Baton Rouge, chaperone; Miss Katherine Stafford, Alexandria, sponsor; Miss Joy D. Carruth, New Roads; Miss Corine Claiborne, Torras; Miss Adele Mary, Baton Rouge, and Miss Mary Williams, Mansfield, maids of honor, and Miss Maisie Hunter, Shreveport, cadet aide.

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