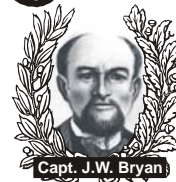


# THE CALCASIEU GREYS



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



**November 2005**

## Next Meeting

The next meeting of Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 2019 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. in Lake Charles. We've got important business to transact, including camp elections, planning our Christmas party and our Lee-Jackson Banquet. Free gumbo will be served.



## South's Defenders Survives Rita

The South's Defenders Monument at the Calcasieu Parish Courthouse in Lake Charles survived its third major hurricane. The 90-year-old Confederate monument did not seem harmed while the adjacent oak trees were thoroughly chewed up by the hurricane.

The monument was also survived the big 1918 hurricane that hit Southwest Louisiana and the deadly Hurricane Audrey in 1957.

In the 1918 hurricane, the statue of the Confederate color-bearer at the top of the monument, was blown off its pedestal, did a flip and landed on its feet next to the monument.

The severest damage to the monument came in 1995 when a strong gust of wind blew the statue sideways, the inner armature already being in a weak and compromised condition. It was taken down, a new armature built and placed inside the statue, and then mounted again on the pedestal.

Hurricane Rita showed that a good job of strengthening the statue 10-years-ago, was done.

## Lee Monument Survives, Sabine Pass Battleground Closed

The statue of Robert E. Lee at Johnson Bayou High School reported survived Hurricane Rita, and is still "standing tall." The bronze statue by Jerry Gorum, was dedicated in 1984. No details have been received on the fate of the Dick Dowling Monument at the Sabine Pass Battleground, but according to the park's Web site, the facilities are closed until Feb. 28 for repairs.

## Confederate Flag Restoration Fund

I received word from Major Whitlock, Illinois National Guard regarding the cost for conserving the Madison Light Artillery Flag (a Louisiana Confederate flag captured in the War for Southern Independence). The Textile Preservation Association in Keedysville Maryland will vacuum, humidify, flatten and pressure mount the flag for \$3,152.00. Please help us bring this flag home by sending donations to:

Mary Pace  
808 Royal Street  
Lake Charles, La. 70607

Please make the check out to Louisiana Society Order of Confederate Rose. For more information, please call David Brewer at 318-574-9890.

Thank you,  
Johanna Pate

## SCV Marshaling Hurricane Relief

The SCV is marshaling information and resources to aid our members in the effected areas and to aid in the restoration of Beauvoir and Confederate Memorial Hall.

Relief Coordinator: Commander Kyle Sims of the Middleton Tate Johnson Camp #1648 in Arlington, Texas has been appointed as Hurricane Relief Coordinator. Please refer all questions concerning the relief efforts, including: requests for status information, volunteer offers

(whether for money, supplies or labor), updated information on key areas, relief funds, etc. to Kyle at [kylebs62@aol.com](mailto:kylebs62@aol.com) or (817) 472-5364.

Donations may be sent to the main SCV Relief Fund at: SCV RELIEF FUND, P.O. BOX 59, COLUMBIA, TN 38402-0059. Donations to this fund will be used for all relief operations. Donations for the relief of Beauvoir only may be sent to: Beauvoir Relief Fund, P. O. Box 1786, Meridian, MS 39302. Donations to the latter fund are managed by the MS Div, SCV for the immediate needs of Beauvoir and SCV members in that immediate area.

Please keep the members in Louisiana and Mississippi in your prayers.

Denne A. Sweeney  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans

## Beauvoir and Jefferson Davis Home and Presidential Library



BILOXI, Miss. -- As was feared, Beauvoir and the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library suffered heavy damage from Hurricane Katrina. These two structures can and will be restored given time and funding. However, it is with great sadness that the Library pavilion (where Jefferson Davis penned "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government", the Hayes cottage, Soldier's Home Barracks replica, Confederate Soldier's Museum, Gift shop, and director's home were totally destroyed.

Artifact search and recovery has already begun, with restoration to begin soon. Replicas of those buildings totally

destroyed will be built after the restoration of Beauvoir House and Presidential Library are complete.

Financial Contribution Contact:  
Ward Calhoun  
P O Box 1786  
Meridian, MS 39302  
Checks payable to Beauvoir  
Indicate for Beauvoir Relief

Equipment and Supplies Contribution Contact:  
Rick Forte  
601-268-3323

## Confederate Memorial Hall Status

To: Members and Friends of Confederate Memorial Hall Museum

From: Sam Hood

This morning (Sept. 16) I received great news from Curator Pat Ricci. A member of the staff was able to enter the museum yesterday and reported that both the building and the artifacts appear to have escaped storm damage and vandalism/looting. Further detailed inspections of the roof and building will be necessary, but there was no apparent damage.

Although the museum escaped the perils of the past few weeks, difficult struggles still lie ahead. The museum receives no public (governmental) support, and relies solely on private donations and visitor admission fees for revenue. The complete absence of museum visitors over the coming weeks and the greatly diminished tourist traffic forecast for New Orleans in the coming months and years will be a great challenge to the operation of the museum.

The staff and board of directors humbly ask that you consider contributing to Confederate Memorial Hall Museum during these difficult times for both the museum, and the staff, whose personal lives have been so severely impacted by recent events. A special relief fund has been established, donations can be sent to:

Memorial Hall Museum Relief Fund  
Suite 180 Box 278  
6658 Youree Drive  
Shreveport LA 71105

Thank you for your interest and concern for our precious historical shrine.

## New Book Documents Calcasieu Confederate Graves

After 19 months of painstaking research, two local women have compiled a comprehensive summary of every Confederate veteran grave that could be documented, in *"Lost and Found: Confederate Soldiers Buried in Calcasieu Parish, La."*

The authors, Mrs. Tammy Hill and Mrs. Margaret Bass of United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC), Nancy Hart Chapter 2645 in Sulphur, were the guest speakers at the September meeting of Captain James W. Bryan Chapter 1390.

They spent numerous hours in local cemeteries and archives across the South to document the location of each grave and the service of each veteran included in the book.

They included 398 soldiers in 41 Calcasieu Parish cemeteries in the volume. Each listing includes pertinent information about each soldier, such as location of the grave, vital dates and military service.

Mrs. Hill said in their adventure over those 19 months, they encountered snakes in long-neglected old graveyards, as well as numerous challenges in documenting the service of each veteran.

Mrs. Bass said they tried to document every Confederate soldier in Calcasieu Parish, whether or not the grave is marked.

She said in some cases the best they could do was to determine the veteran was buried in a certain cemetery, but could not pinpoint the exact location of the grave because of a lack of marker or cemetery plot map.

In the course of their project, they were able to improve a small, obscure burial site of two Confederate soldiers killed by Jayhawkers in 1864. The site is located on Van Metre Road near Niblett's Bluff.

While most of the cemeteries they found were in good condition, some obviously hadn't been touched by maintenance in years.

Among the most neglected, they said, is Corporation Cemetery owned by the city of Lake Charles, and located right off Interstate 10.

The best-kept cemetery they found in the parish is the Goos Cemetery, also located in Lake Charles.

Among the many interesting family stories they found were those of Edward Ball, junior and senior. Edward Ball Sr. was both a Confederate veteran and a veteran of the War of 1812 and had markers for both. He served with his son in the War Between the States, Mrs. Hill said.

The highest-ranking officer they found buried in the parish was Lt. Col. Gabriel Fournet, commander of the Yellow Jacket Battalion. He is buried in the Old Catholic Cemetery in Lake Charles.

They found soldiers who had served from every state in the Confederacy, including four very rare naval veterans.

The book is available by writing to Plain Folks Publishing, P.O. Box 633, Sulphur, LA 70662, or by calling 527-19798 or 217-1290. The book has 78 pages, index, and illustrations and costs \$25. Checks should be made out to one of the authors, and the price includes shipping.

## **New Orleans Reunion On Track**

Compatriots,

Some speculation has been made about the 2006 Reunion upcoming in New Orleans. I felt it was my duty to gather as much information as possible, before disseminating bits and pieces. I have personally spoken to the hotel and they have assured me they will be ready for us in August of 2006. In fact they are ready now. They are still accepting reservations for our room block. The Sheraton on Canal Street had minimal damage from the storm. They had 4 windows blown out by the winds. This is out of close to 1500 rooms. The rising water did not get high enough to enter the lobby. Also no looters or other unauthorized persons entered the hotel during the storm or

its aftermath. Its lobby and meeting rooms have sustained no damage. FEMA has rented the whole hotel until March 31st of 2006. Their choice was made easier because of its location and it was the first hotel with electrical power after the storm. It has stood untouched like an island.

Additionally all of the stops for tours are still there and doing okay. The Confederate museum, the place where the "Charge" was given, Statues of Lee, Davis and Beauregard – All still stand and await us. My fellow compatriots, our great city has been through this type of disaster before, it is not our first rodeo. We always rebound faster than others think we can and open our doors to visitors, who expect and receive true southern hospitality. I have spoken to almost all of the Reunion committee and all of the records and materials are safe. We are all safe and most have lost little to nothing from this storm, except time. We have been planning and working on this reunion for over 4 years and have most of the bases covered. Our timetable has been slightly disrupted but since we have always done things ahead of time, we are confident we can still fulfill your expectations and surpass them. We plan to show the confederation an unforgettable time in a city most consider the jewel of the South.

If anyone has any specific questions or concerns, please feel free to write or call. I will try to answer your questions or concerns and if I can't, I will try to find out for you.

Confederately yours,  
Shannon Walgamotte  
Chairman - 2006 Reunion  
Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard #130 New Orleans LA.

## **New Camp Formed in Morgan City/Thibodaux**

In spite of problems created by Hurricane Katrina, the formal chartering of the Lt. J. Y. Sanders Camp of the Southeast Brigade of the Louisiana Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans took place, as scheduled, on Saturday, September 17th, at the Young-Sanders Center in Franklin. Camp Commander Keith Hebert presided and introduced Lt. Sanders' great-granddaughter, and former state president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Mary Elizabeth Sanders, who described her family's active involvement in the history of south Louisiana.

Commander Hebert then called upon camp member and Young-Sanders director Roland Stansbury to provide an overview of the history of the 26th Louisiana Infantry in which Lt. Sanders served. Louisiana SCV Division Commander Chuck McMichael praised the establishment of the new camp and its association with the Young-Sanders Center for the Study of the War Between the States, and discussed the significance of General Stephen Dill Lee's "Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans".

Among those in attendance were members of the St. Tammany Grays Chapter of the UDC, including former state UDC president Fritz Martin, and members of the General Louis Hebert SCV Camp of Lafayette.

Officers for the Lt. J. Y. Sanders Camp are Keith Hebert, Commander; Greg Serigny, Lieutenant

Commander; and Mike Hall, Adjutant. The Camp is headquartered in Thibodaux and rotates its monthly meetings between Thibodaux and Morgan City with special events held at the Young-Sanders Center www.youngsanders.org in Franklin.

Report submitted by Roger Busbice, Aide-de-Camp, Southeast Brigade.

## Confederate Vets Reunion In Alexandria

(From newspaper reports of 31 Oct. 1930)

ALEXANDRIA, La. -- The Stars and Bars of the Confederacy waved once more over Alexandria today as the 39th annual reunion of the Confederate veterans of Louisiana opened.

Zack Broussard of Abbeville characterized General Robert E. Lee as the "greatest military genius of all times," in his brief address to the assembly.

How he aided in steering the bill, seeking an increase in pension for the veterans, safely through the state legislature, was told the veterans by Representatives S.O. Shattuck of Lake Charles. He said that while he was too young to take part in the civil war, he was not too young to have a vivid recollection of the horrors of war.

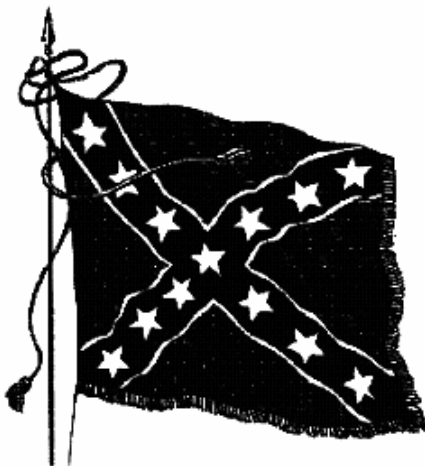
The veterans were welcomed to the city by Mayor V.V. Lamkin. "To welcome this noble band of patriots to Alexandria is the greatest honor of my life," he said.

This afternoon the delegates were taken on a tour of the United States veterans' hospital and old Forts Randolph and Buhlow, near here. Tonight they will parade through the

city and be guests at entertainments in their honor.



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