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The Charge



“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defence of the confederate Soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and you also cherish. Are you also ready to die for your country? Is your life worth to be remembered along with theirs? Do you choose for yourselves this greatness of soul? Not in the clamour of the crowded streets, not in the shouts and plaudits of the throng, but in ourselves are triumph and defeat.”

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee

April 1906

New Orleans, Louisiana

The Coffee Camp is the recipient of the following Division awards

Major John Newman Edwards Award for best newsletter of the Missouri Division, April 2001

Major James R. Walton Award for setting the most Confederate grave markers in the Missouri Division, March 2007

Lindsey J. Whiteside Award for outstanding recruitment of new members in the Missouri Division, March 2010

Congratulations!



Chaplain's Corner

This month's thoughts were inspired by Camp Chaplain, Bob Phillips.

Thank you, Bob, for your help. There is so much to say about Father Ryan and we probably will hear more of his works throughout the year.

Father Abram Joseph Ryan was not a native of Missouri but his family moved to Missouri before the War.



Father Ryan first was educated at the Academy of Christian Brothers. Later he studied for the priesthood at St. Mary's of the Barrens Seminary near Perryville, Missouri. On September 12, 1860, he was ordained a priest in the Vincentian order.

As a new priest, he taught theology at St. Mary's of the Barrens Seminary near Perryville, MO. His brother was a student of his. This is who the poem below "In Memory of My Brother" is for.

Father Ryan travelled all over the Southland, where he was needed. He gave a well-authenticated service to the men before the Battle of Franklin.

Father Ryan was an active proponent of the Confederate States of America and a Roman Catholic Priest. He has been called the "Poet-Priest of the South" and, less frequently, as the "Poet Laureate of the Confederacy."

Gary Ayres, Editor

In Memory of My Brother

By Father Abram J. Ryan

Young as the youngest who donned the Gray,
True as the truest that wore it,
Brave as the bravest he marched away,
(Hot tears on the cheeks of his mother lay)
Triumphant waved our flag one day --
He fell in the front before it.

Firm as the firmest, where duty led,
He hurried without a falter;
Bold as the boldest he fought and bled,
And the day was won -- but the field was red --
And the blood of his fresh young heart was shed
On his country's hallowed altar.

On the trampled breast of the battle plain
Where the foremost ranks had wrestled,
On his pale, pure face not a mark of pain,
(His mother dreams they will meet again)
The fairest form amid all the slain,
Like a child asleep he nestled.

In the solemn shades of the wood that swept
The field where his comrades found him,
They buried him there -- and the big tears crept
Into strong men's eyes that had seldom wept.
(His mother -- God pity her -- smiled and slept,
Dreaming her arms were around him.)

A grave in the woods with the grass o'ergrown,
A grave in the heart of his mother --
His clay in the one lies lifeless and lone;
There is not a name, there is not a stone,
And only the voice of the winds maketh moan
O'er the grave where never a flower is strewn
But -- his memory lives in the other.

Next (November) Meeting

Our next meeting will be held in El Dorado Springs on Tuesday, November 1. It will start at 7:30 and will be at the Masonic Hall.

The hall is on Business 82 or Main Street.

There is much to discuss for the upcoming year, so be there if possible

Attention on Deck! Skipper has Something to Say

Greetings men!

October is here and we have another busy month ahead of us. Hopefully this newsletter reaches you before October 22! Remember this is the day of our Civil War tour and fish fry. Come join us for a day of education, food and fellowship! As I write this we have about twelve spots left, so if you or someone you know would like to attend, get your reservations in to Richard Sunderwirth as soon as possible, at P.O. Box 543, Osceola MO, 64776. Or give Richard a call at 417-646-5538. We hope to see you there!

Also gents, remember that dues are due by November 1st. After that date there is a late fee added. Dues are coming in slowly this year. At the time of this writing we have 30 members paid up and current. This is out of 73 members from last year. So you see we have some work to do! Rest assured that each and every member is valuable to the function of the Camp. The honor of our Confederate ancestors and the cause for which they fought is under attack! Defending the good name of the Confederate soldier, and the honor of the Cause for which they fought is what we're all about. If there is something you feel the Camp is lacking or if you feel we can improve in any area we want to know! We already have a busy year planned, and I hope all of our past members (and a good number of new ones!) will be able to be a part of it!

Hope to see ya'll at the Tour!
Jared Lawler,
Commander

Dues Are Now Due

PLEASE GET YOUR DUES IN BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH SO THERE WILL BE NOT BREAK IN SERVICE AND A \$5.00 PENALTY ASSESSED TO COME BACK INTO THE ORGANIZATION.

You, you, and you are all needed in this organization , so please send in your dues to:

Remember they are \$40.00 and you can send a check/money order made out to the “Coffee Camp” to:

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The more members the Division has the more money the Coffee Camp will have to help with our hosting the Annual Reunion in March---and the better we will be able to continue what we all want---that is to bring the true history out and educate the many. This also helps us in today’s affairs.

If you are having difficulties with the dues and want to remain a member, please let Willie know. We can always work something out to help all involved.

Your membership is important, especially in these times. Your membership helps us to keep fighting to get the correct history out to the millions!



Fact: In the entire United States the 1860 slave schedule was listed as 3,859,257. Not the South but in the entire US and its territories. (1)

Secession Day Dinner

I realize this isn't much notice but important info.

The MOSB is having their annual Secession Day Dinner on 29 October 2011. This has in the past been very good. They have a great Commander, Billy Ed Bowden. He has worked hard in getting this event going for this year.

Our own Compatriot Dave Reif of the Coffee Camp will be their guest speaker. You know how good Dave is so it will be an educational and fun evening.

Please call Larry Yeatman at 816-728-2291 for reservations and info.

Newsletter by E-Mail

The newsletter by email has really taken off. We are getting more each month. Also some have said they will just look at it on the website at <http://coffeecamp.net>

Prayer Circle

Compatriots and families, please remember the death of Compatriot Richard Sunderwirth's Mother who passed just a week ago. Losing a family member is hard but we only have one Mother and it is always enjoyable to be able to visit your Mother.

Also remember Ms. Brenda Eberhardt. She has been going through chemo and radiation for a long time. She is a hard lady. I know George and Brenda would appreciate some words of kindness.

Compatriot Roy Ayres had 2 more accidents over just a 2 week period. He has a broken back and can't manage too well. He received his broken back several years ago.

Finally, please keep your prayers for Ruth Ann Ayres. She will be starting her kidney dialysis soon.

Days to Remember

Please fly your Confederate flag every day, but remember these are just a few special days to fly your flags:

23 October 1864, Battle of Westport

28 October 1861 Missouri ordinance of Secession passes at Neosho

31 October 1861, Cassville Assembly elects 2 Senators & 7 Reps to the CS Congress

03 November 1813, Gen. Jubal Early born

06 November 1861, Jefferson Davis elected to a 6 year term as CSA President

07 November 1861, Battle of Belmont

07 November 1862, Battle of Clark's Mill



"I salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence and undying devotion to the Cause for which it stands."



Fact: During the War with Mexico, an irate colleague placed an eight-inch shell under Braxton Bragg's bunk—and then ignited the shell with a trail of gunpowder. The mattress was destroyed, but Bragg walked away without a scratch. (2)

Update on 2012 Division Reunion

We have made a contract to have the 2012 Missouri Division Reunion at the Port Arrowhead Resort in Lake Ozark.

This will be for 23 and 24 of March 2012. Friday will just have a hospitality room for folks to visit. Saturday will be registration and business meetings for the SCV followed by business meetings for the MOSB.

The MOSB will have lunch with a speaker. Anyone can come to the lunch. It will be good and we will have a good speaker.

In the evening we will have the SCV banquet, with speaker. This too, is open to anyone. We want as many members and non-members to come and share this event with us.

The entire event will be tied down so we can start advertising sometime in December.

You will see this several times in this newsletter....the more members that renew their membership, the more money the Coffee Camp will have to put this on for the Division.

This is important for the Division as well as the Coffee Camp membership.

Let's get together and make this one of the best Reunions in recent histories.

Osceola Tour

The Osceola Tour and fish fry dinner that the Camp is hosting on 22 October has been sold out. There is a waiting list in case someone decides not to come. If we get enough to fill another bus we might consider adding that bus.

This will be one of the best tours available in Missouri. Many of the sites are not open to the public. We have been given special permission to travel over some of this land.

Even if we are sold out and you are interested, you can still give Richard a call at 417-646-5538.

Forgotten or Misused History

The War was not about slavery. Many want it to be and they have been duped because that is the way history has been taught in schools. After so many years it has been an accepted reason for Lincoln's War.

Had the War been over slavery, then why did so many Northerner's have slaves? Why did many free blacks have slaves? You see, slavery was made an issue of the War by Lincoln. The north was losing and he needed something to bring people together, regardless if it was against the US Constitution.

With the Gettysburg Address in 1863, he [Lincoln] freed all the slaves in only Southern States, which in itself was illegal as the South was no longer a part of the US Constitution.

It wasn't until Congress ratified the Constitution in Dec 1865 that slavery was outlawed in the US.

And one last thing to think about....while US President Grant was President he continued (1867) to have his slave. After being questioned about this he made a slight of hand comment---something like this "Well good work is hard to find". Shortly afterwards the slave was employed as a servant.



From The Editor

Well another summer has gone and what did we do. I look around and it looks like I just sit on the front porch. But that is not so. It just gets harder doing anything and easier to put it off.

Compatriots, what can you do for yourself, your family and others? You need to renew your membership. We have so much to do but we cannot do it without you. You are so important, more than you realize.

I have heard from some that they live far away or they can't make the meetings for whatever reason. This is why I say there is a place for everyone to renew their membership and we need to recruit new members. It takes us all to make a successful Camp

Until you are on this end many would not realize the importance of members that can't get involved the way they want, but your membership alone gets you involved.

So, please get your membership dues into Willie Lawler before the end of October. Why before the end of October? So a \$5.00 late fee will not be added once you get around to renewing. And that \$5.00 goes to National like most of our dues.

I ask you please do what you can to get your dues paid. If you want to be a member but having trouble please let us know so we can possibly help you.

Please note that my email address has changed. It is now garyayres@hughes.net.

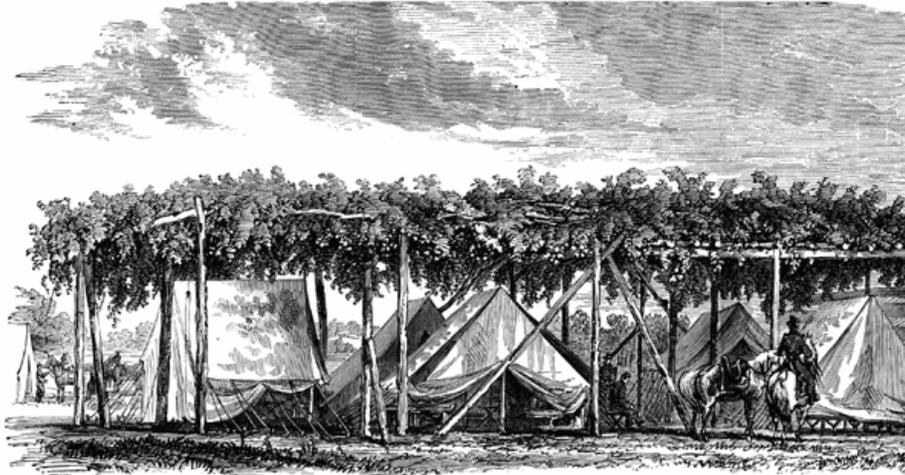
I hope you have enjoyed this issue. Look for us again next month.

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