



The Louisiana True Delta

Newsletter of the Louisiana Division,
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Fourth Quarter – October 2017

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Compatriots:

Monuments to our Confederate Ancestors are coming down all across our nation. The State of Texas has especially been hit hard. This anarchy began in New Orleans with the removal of Lee, Davis and Beauregard in May of this year. We have been successful thus far in preventing these same events in the rest of our State. The monuments in Alexandria, Lake Charles and Lafayette have all withstood the attempts at removal. The Caddo Parish Confederate Monument in Shreveport appears to be heading to court. Hopefully, when the UDC proves ownership of the land, that will end the yearly challenge by the Caddo Parish Commission.

There is a very good chance that we can get the return of the Beauregard Monument in New Orleans. Evidence has been acquired that the monument was not on city property and therefore was illegally removed. The New Orleans City

Park Improvement Association (NOCPIA) is the actual owner having received deeds to the land in 1897 and 1900. The Louisiana Legislature bestowed NOCPIA with the responsibility for preservation and control of the New Orleans City Park. Because NOCPIA failed in their fiduciary responsibility when the monument was removed, a suit has been prepared against NOCPIA to force them to reclaim the monument which is part of the Park's assets. Plans are already in place to put the Beauregard Monument in the Greenwood Cemetery in New Orleans, which is privately owned and protected from vandalism. There are 900+ Confederate Soldiers buried in the cemetery making it the perfect place for his memorial.

With city, state and county governments all over the country caving to political correctness, it is a sign of hope when you hear of a government agency planning to erect a new Confederate Memorial. The Beauregard Parish Police Jury has decided to honor Gen. P. G. T. Beauregard, their namesake. After overwhelming support by the citizens, the Police Jury voted 9 to 1 to erect a statue of the General at the Courthouse in DeRidder. We will keep you informed of its progress!

There are numerous events scheduled over the next few months. The Fall Assembly will be held Saturday, November 11 at Ft. Randolph State Park. The address is 135 Riverfront Street in Pineville. It will begin with a D.E.C. meeting at 9 am, which is open to all Division members. Some of our speakers will be Past CIC Chuck McMichael, Lt. CIC Paul Gramling and ATM Commander Johnnie Holley. So, please plan to attend!!!

In January, we will be having Lee-Jackson Banquets in numerous locations across the state. The N/W Brigade will have theirs on Saturday, January 13 at Country Cottage Restaurant, 1083 Hazel Street in Arcadia. The speaker will be Scott Bell, an author and member of the Texas Division. The N/E Brigade will have their banquet on Saturday, January 20 at the Catfish Cabin, 1400 Lewisville Avenue in Monroe. The speaker has not been announced. Make your plans to go for good food and camaraderie!

On February 17, a Stephen Dill Lee Institute will be held in downtown Shreveport at the Holiday Inn. If you have never attended one of these functions, it is a great learning experience. More information and how to register will be announced as it becomes available.

Perseverate in Pugna!

J. C. Hanna, Commander, Louisiana Division
Chairman, National Genealogy Committee





Compatriots:

Well hopefully the last of the 2017 hurricane threats to Louisiana have passed, with damage limited to that area around the mouth of the Mississippi. At some point the weather will begin to cool (October may be here but it still feels like summer to me), and we will be able to attend and/or participate in some of those upcoming events that SCV members enjoy being a part of. If there is a festival, a parade, or a re-enactment - get involved and spread the word. Congrats to all the camps that have participated in parades and events in the last quarter, primarily in the northern brigades. The Allen Camp in Baton Rouge has again accepted an invitation to participate in the West Baton Rouge Parade of Veterans on Sunday November 5. And of course the Camp Moore Re-enactment draws SCV members from across the state on the weekend before Thanksgiving. There has never been a better time to get Confederate images, especially the SCV logo, in the public eye.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the passing of William "Billy" Spedale on October 7, 2017. Billy was 84 and a former commander of the Henry Watkins Allen Camp in Baton Rouge. He was a true friend to me and a great help when I was the president of the Baton Rouge Civil War Round Table. He was the one who secured all the great speakers we had during that time. He conducted tours at Port Hudson and was a supporter of the re-enactments there and in Jackson (Crossroads), Louisiana. Although not active in the SCV in recent years, he read all of our Allen Camp newsletters and always had comments on what was going on. Billy was feisty when it came to preserving our Confederate heritage. He was "true" to our cause. Many times these days, the children or whoever write the obits for our deceased SCV members will leave out or down play their membership in our organization (which we know meant a great deal to them). Billy's obit proudly stated, "He was a Commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and a past president of the Baton Rouge Civil War Round Table." He wrote several books on historical events, including 'Battle of Baton Rouge 1863'. Rest in peace, old friend.

I know all of us within the Sons of Confederate Veterans family deplore the recent murder of innocents in Las Vegas, and join in prayer for all those affected by this senseless act.

God Bless the South,

Randy Jarreau
First Lt. Commander



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The Importance of Unity

so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

Romans 12:5

Compatriots,

I speak to you with the love of Christ. I have always preached that our Christian Faith and our Southern Heritage go hand in hand. Therefore, I believe it essential that we adhere to Christian principles in all areas of our lives especially in our relationships within our splendid organization. The Sons of Confederate Veterans is much like a church organization. For instance, Southern Baptists are divided into associations. Each association is made up of churches. Each church has a congregation of believers. In the passage above, Paul describes them as “parts of one body”.

If you equate a church with a camp, much of the success of a church or camp depends on the involvement and unity of its members. A church/camp that depends solely on the work of its pastor/commander will not be successful. It takes overall dedication, involvement and a will to do what is necessary to succeed. Likewise, a church/camp that does not have an active recruitment program that targets young people will die by attrition. Harsh words, but a church/camp or association/Division that operates under the cloud of disharmony will be constantly “putting out the fires within” and unable to focus on the true work.

A most poignant quote from Walt Kelly in his Pogo Comics was, “We have met the enemy...and he is us”. The SCV has more than its share of antagonists and anything that hinders us from addressing these issues with full strength is counterproductive.

In the Name of Christ, I pray that that we each remember that we too, are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. Our success depends on unity.

Deo Vindice

Donald Kimbell
Chaplain



WELCOME TO THE LOUISIANA DIVISION!!!

Matthew Stahel Barouse – Col. Charles Dreux Camp 110 – New Orleans
Everette L. Pace - Beauregard Camp 130 – New Orleans
Maxwell Benton Conger – Henry Watkins Allen Camp 133 – Baton Rouge
George Douglas Wells, Jr. – Henry Watkins Allen Camp 133 – Baton Rouge
Chad Clark Daniels – Camp Moore 1223 – Tangipahoa
Ethan Jordan – Camp Moore 1223 – Tangipahoa
Larry F. Kemp – Sgt. James W. Nicholson Camp 1478 - Ruston
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Kevin Doyle Huddleston – Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 1931 – Covington
Martin L. Varisco, Jr. – Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 1931 – Covington
Gregory Alan Schwaner – Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 1931 – Covington
Richard P. Barlow – Jackson Volunteers 28th LA Co. F 1965 - Jonesboro

A Confederate contingent has been invited to participate in the annual West Baton Rouge Veterans on Parade in Port Allen (just across the River from Baton Rouge). There is no fee. Always on the Sunday before Veterans Day, this year's event will be held on Sunday November 5, 2017. The parade honors all veterans, past and present, for their service. Last year's parade was cancelled following the great flood in the Baton Rouge area, even though W.B.R. was primarily not affected.

Our unit will open the event with rifle and cannon fire, Confederate color guard will march in the parade, and we'll fire rifles periodically throughout the route, ending in front of the West Baton Rouge Parish Courthouse (somewhere near the Henry Watkins Allen statue). **Everyone marching in the color guard and rifle escort needs to be in period dress.** Those who are NOT in period dress may follow immediately behind. Unfortunately there are **no plans for us to have a trailer this year, so all participants must be able to walk the 1.6 mile route.**

Representatives of the Parade Committee have told us each year that our unit produces the most excitement and receives the most compliments, and everyone wants us back. We were again requested to fire a salute during the route in front of the West Baton Rouge Museum, where a U.S. Veterans group gathers. We have had nice participation in the past respectively, from as far away as North LA, Arkansas, and Mississippi. We hope to increase our numbers in this event again this year.

Although the parade starts at 1:30, we will be forming up between 11:30 am and noon near Port Allen's Rivault Park, at the foot of the I-10 Mississippi River Bridge (Horace Wilkinson Bridge), West Baton Rouge Parish. NOTE: This is the same general area as prior years.

Take the LA Highway 1 exit at the foot of the I-10 Mississippi River Bridge, and head into town (one block north). Turn right at first traffic light, take an immediate right onto the Service Road, and then either take an immediate left onto Oaks Avenue. Drive about midway down the street, and Rivault Ballpark grounds will be on the left. Park where directed. Parade leaves Rivault Park headed north on South Jefferson, which becomes North Jefferson. Parade will turn left (just past the W.B.R. Museum) onto Louisiana Avenue, and will end in front of the W.B.R. Parish Courthouse on 7th Street (near the W.B.R. Library) - total of 1.6 miles.

For this and other West Baton Rouge activities, check out their website: <http://westbatonrouge.net/main-events.html>

Put on some Confederate garb, and assist us in creating more excitement in Port Allen, the city named for the CSA Brigadier General and Louisiana War Governor Henry Watkins Allen.

To participate, or for more information, contact Randy at rgyro@yahoo.com or 225-933-4694. We would love to have you join us!

*Randy Jarreau, Commander
Henry Watkins Allen Camp 133
Sons of Confederate Veterans
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LA Division website – www.lascv.com/index.html

Information Sheet – www.lascv.com/lgfiles/info.pdf

Application Form – www.lascv.com/lgfiles/form.pdf



2018 LEE-JACKSON BANQUET MEETING NOTICE – BATON ROUGE

You are cordially invited to join us for our annual gathering to celebrate the birthdays of our Southern Heroes, Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. Jackson. Saturday January 20, 2018; 6:00 pm Sign-in; 6:30 pm Program Start
Bergeron's Cajun Meats Restaurant, 760 Lobdell Highway (Hwy 415), Port Allen

Hosted by Brigadier General/War Governor Henry Watkins Allen Camp 133
& Brigadier General Francis T. Nicholls Camp 1362 & C.S.S. Arkansas Military Order of the Stars & Bars Chapter 21

Cost: \$30.00 (RSVP REQUIRED by Monday 1/15/18 – After that date, contact Randy to assure we can accommodate you. NOTE: You MUST indicate entree AND dessert selection, as we must notify restaurant beforehand.)

**Keynote Speaker: Lawrence Lee Hewitt – historian, author (“Port Hudson, Confederate Bastion on the Mississippi”, among others)
Program: “Lee’s Finest Hour: May 5 – 12, 1864”**

***** MEAL CHOICE *****

Choice of one entree:

BBQ Brisket, Baked Chicken, or Baked Catfish

The following comes with each entree selection:

Green Salad (with house dressing), Twice Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll
Iced Tea or Soft Drinks

Dessert Selection (Choice of Pecan Pie or Bread Pudding)

An RSVP is REQUIRED, with CHOICE of both ENTREE & DESSERT, and should be RECEIVED by Monday January 15, 2018. (After that day, we can still probably accommodate you but please verify availability with Randy.) **For RSVP & questions, email Randy Jarreau: rgyro@yahoo.com or call 225-933-4694.**

Submit payment of \$30 per person, payable to: Allen SCV Camp #133

Mail payment to: Clay Ainsworth, Camp Adjutant, 2036 Marsden Place West, Baton Rouge, LA 70816

Directions to Bergeron's Cajun Meats Restaurant, 760 Lobdell Highway (Hwy 415), Port Allen:

From Baton Rouge or Lafayette, via I-10: The Lobdell Road / Hwy 415 Exit on Interstate 10 is 3 miles west of the Mississippi River. After you exit, head north & Bergeron's will be on your right less than 1 mile past the 1st red light.

From Baton Rouge or Opelousas, via Hwy. 190: The Lobdell Road / Hwy 415 Exit is 3 miles west of the Mississippi River. After you exit, head south & Bergeron's will be on your left about 3 miles from Hwy 190 and a few hundred yards past the 1st red light.

The entire restaurant, which can seat in excess of 100 people, will be at our disposal as in prior years (we have held our banquet here since 2012).



The Northeast Brigade Lee/Jackson Banquet will be held on January 20, 2018 in Monroe, LA. The event will be held at the Catfish Cabin 1400 Louisville Avenue, 71201. We will have a buffet supper beginning at 6:30 P.M. More details to follow.
Hosted by Captain Thomas O Benton Camp #1444



The Northwest Brigade Lee/Jackson Banquet will be held on January 13, 2018 at Country Cottage Restaurant, 1083 Hazel Street, (exit 69 S), Arcadia, LA. The speaker will be author Scott Bell. Program will start promptly at 6PM w/supper to follow. Menu will be Fried Catfish or Baked Chicken, Green Salad, Fries, Green Beans, Creamed Corn, Cole Slaw, & Peach Cobbler (meal will be buffet)

We will have a Silent Auction (donation of items appreciated)
Cost is \$22 per person.
RSVP to scvbobwhite@gmail.com, or 318-422-5754 by Dec 30th.

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The Last Roll



William "Billy" Anthony

Spedale passed away on

Saturday, October 7, 2017, after fighting Parkinson's disease. A lifelong resident of Baton Rouge, he was born on March 24, 1933. He graduated from Redemptorist High School class of 1952 and enlisted and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Upon his return, he began work at the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development. He married the love of his life, Theresa Vicaro, in 1957. Billy had a life-long interest in the American Civil War and World War II. He was a historian, an avid collector of Civil War and WWII memorabilia. He gave presentations to clubs, schools and had a weekly segment on Louisiana history on the local television program "Baton Rouge Today". Billy also organized tours of the Port Hudson battle field for local and international groups. He

helped in the restoration of the USS Kidd and helped establish the Hall Of Honor, a display of memorabilia from local veterans of WWII in the Kidd Museum. He also was a tour guide and assisted the Kidd staff with visiting ships. He was a Wedding photographer and a film maker for the promotion of historical projects. He was the founder and first president of the Republic of West Florida Museum in Jackson, Louisiana. He was a past Commander of the Henry Watkins Allen Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and a past president of the Baton Rouge Civil War Round Table. Billy wrote several books on local history including 'Battle of Baton Rouge 1862', the story of Baton Rouge in the Civil War, "Fort Butler 1863", 'Where Bugles Called and Rifles Gleamed', a companion book on the battle of Port Hudson; and 'Heroes of Harding Field', a complete work on the time when the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport was a training base for fighter plane and bomber pilots of the U.S Army Air Corps during WWII. Billy received recognition for his life work from The Foundation for Historical Louisiana. Billy is survived by his three daughters, Terri Spedale Daly and her husband John Daly, Janel Spedale Willett and longtime companion Bill McCarthy, and Mari Spedale Rhinehart and husband Bill Rhinehart of The Woodlands, Texas, and three grandchildren, William Zachary Atkinson, Sarah Elizabeth Rhinehart of The Woodlands, Texas, and Caytlin Daly Jennings and husband Spencer Jennings of Tallahassee, Florida. He is preceded in death by his wife, Theresa Vicaro Spedale, parents Joe and Maggie Spedale, and siblings A.J. Spedale, Jo Louise Spedale Lafaso, Virginia (Ginny) Spedale Carmena, Carlo (Speedy) Spedale, Roland (Bud) Spedale and Lewis Spedale. Visitation was Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at Rabenhorst Funeral Home (825 Government St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802) from 5-9 P.M. Visitation resumed Wednesday at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church from 9:30 a.m. until a Mass of Christian burial at 10:30. Interment followed at Roselawn Memorial Park. We would like to thank the caregivers that took such great care of him while he was still at home. We would also like to thank Sunrise Senior Living facility and The Hospice of Baton Rouge for the excellent care and support they provided during the difficult last days. They have been our angels here on earth. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, The Hospice of Baton Rouge or any historical foundation of your choice.



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