



The Louisiana True Delta

*Newsletter of the Louisiana Division,
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Third Quarter – July 2018*

Division and National Election Results inside



Compatriots:

It has been an honor to serve you as your Division Commander for the past two years. With all of the attacks on our heritage, there was never a dull moment. Another issue popped up as soon as we settled the one on which we were working. But compared to other Divisions, the Louisiana Division has survived with the loss of only three memorials.

The removal of Lee, Davis and Beauregard in New Orleans was the beginning. But thankfully, the reign of Mayor Mitch Landrieu is now over. The new Mayor has said that she is willing to negotiate the fate of the removed monuments. We are very optimistic that her

decision will be in our favor!

While all attempts to remove our other memorials have been defeated, one case remains. It concerns the Caddo Parish Confederate Monument. But, I have every confidence that our Judge Advocate Dave Knadler will be successful. To date, the Federal Judge has ruled in the Commission's favor. But an appeal has been filed in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. Our new Division Commander Randy Jarreau is now beginning his term. He will be an excellent and dedicated leader. So, let us all stand behind him giving him as much support as he needs!!!

Thank you for electing me as your new ATM Executive Councilman. My pledge is to provide support to each Division in the Army!

J. C. Hanna

Executive Councilman, Army of Trans-Mississippi

Past Louisiana Division Commander



Louisiana Division Guardian Program

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Compatriots:

I am truly honored to serve as your commander of the Louisiana Division. I congratulate those elected to other division positions: Kevin Adkins and George Gremillion (First and Second Lt. Commanders respectively) and the brigade commanders: Bobby White (NW), Brian McClure (NE), Randy Chenevert (SW) and Chip Landry (SE). Past division commander Charles Lauret will act as our Chief-of-Staff. We look forward to working together with the rest of the Division Executive Council and the men of Louisiana for the good of our great organization.

Thirty-six members from the Louisiana Division were fortunate to attend the recent 2018 Sons of Confederate Veterans National Reunion in Franklin, Tennessee. We were treated to an election of one of our own to the highest position in the S.C.V., as Paul Gramling (of Shreveport's Lt. General Richard Taylor Camp 1308) was elected Commander-in-Chief. Congratulations to CIC Gramling. We wish you all the best.

We remain committed to getting some large flag poles up in conspicuous places across the state. With all former members of the committee now serving in some capacity in national positions, a new flag committee will soon be finalized. One of its initial tasks will be to document proper procedures and guidelines, and to move forward to get flags flying as soon as we can.

I challenge each and every one of you to be the best that you can be in fulfilling the Charge left to us by General Stephen D. Lee. I will do all that I can to do the same.

Deo Vindice,
Randy Jarreau, Commander
Louisiana Division



The Louisiana Division needs your help!

The Division Executive Council recently approved the purchase of twelve 35 foot tall flag poles. These were acquired at a significant savings versus the cost of new poles. Our intent is to place these poles at various locations across the state.

Here is where we need help. The poles are presently being stored at a secure location in the Metairie area. We are in need of a means to transport the poles to installation sites to be determined.

We also need advice on the size footing that will be needed to mount the poles in the ground. They have a 4 hole flat base that we have the schematic for, but need recommendations on the base size and design, amount of concrete needed, etc.

If you, or someone you know can help with this project, please contact Division Commander Randy Jarreau at rgyro@yahoo.com or 225-933-4694.



Compatriots of the Louisiana Division,

I want to thank you for re-electing me as your 1st Lt. Commander at our latest Louisiana Division Reunion in May. It thrilled me to see so many members attend that event. Additionally, I want to thank 2nd Lt. Commander George Gremillion and the host camps for facilitating an outstanding convention. I congratulate our new Louisiana Division Commander Randy Jarreau. I also want to thank the P. G. T. Beauregard camp for agreeing to host our 2019 reunion in Metairie.

The Louisiana Division also sent a large delegation to the recent SCV General Reunion in Franklin. I want to congratulate Louisiana's own Paul Gramling, Jr. for his election to Commander-in-Chief of our great organization. Paul can lead the effort to not only halt, but also reverse the Stalinist purge **WITH YOUR HELP!**

To persuade cowardly politicians to side with us in flag or monument controversies, we must seek and recruit sympathetic Southerners to join our ranks. Make it your goal to double the size of your camp over the next two years. I recently posted on a major social network an offer to help my friends' research their genealogy so they could join the Ward camp. Compatriot Ron Butler joined us two weeks later.

If we retain all of our current members, recruit new members, and promote our organization, we can hand down to our posterity our sacred history and heritage and save this country.

Deo Vindice!

Kevin Adkins
Lt. Elijah H. Ward Camp #1971
1st Lt. Commander – Louisiana Division
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Gentlemen of the Louisiana Division,

Summer is here and that brings around Reunion time. Thanks to all who attended our State Reunion in Lafayette, it's a lot of work but is very well worth the time and effort.

With the completion of our National SCV Reunion in Franklin, TN, our new Division officers and staff will officially begin their terms at this time. As 2nd Lt. Commander I look forward to working with Commander Jarreau and 1st Lt. Commander Adkins, along with our staff & brigade commanders, to continue the hard work that our

previous state commanders have set forth.

George D. Gremillion
2nd Lt. Commander, Louisiana Division
gdg4scv@yahoo.com



Ride With Pride !!

If you are a member of the Louisiana Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and eligible to register your vehicle in Louisiana, you can show your support for the SCV by purchasing a specialty Louisiana SCV license plate. Ask your Camp Commander to help you get started. You can obtain an application form from the Louisiana Division website or by clicking the following link:
www.lascv.com/files/aff.pdf



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Gettin' Up Morning

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first

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Thessalonians 4:16

If you are reading this, you have a Confederate Ancestor. More than likely you have more than one. There is also a good chance that one of those ancestors lost his life in the War. He either died of disease, in action or just listed as "missing". The unfortunate's earthly remains were cast into a hole and he was nevermore to be heard from. What does remain has been reclaimed by the earth from which it came. It is the same for all our ancestors. And it will be the same for us unless the Lord returns before it is our time.

Genesis 3:19 says, "*In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*"

End of story? NOT AT ALL! It's just the end of a chapter in each life. God has plans for that "dust". Soon there will come a day when He will form that dust into a new body. And it matters not whether it was buried, burned or scattered in the water. One day, all those molecules will be gathered and formed into a resurrection body that will last forever. On that day, that Gettin' Up Morning, **all believers**, whether "asleep in Christ" or alive, will join Him in Heaven to live forever. Glorious Day!

I hope you are looking forward to Jesus' return as much as I am. I hope you are prepared. To make that trip, you must have a ticket. And that ticket is Jesus Christ. Need a ticket? Here is how to get one. Romans 10:9, ***That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.*** This is the only way to Heaven.

Donald Kimbell, Chaplain

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kimbelldonald49@gmail.com

NOTE: I would like to thank our new Division Commander, Randy Jarreau, for reappointing me as Division Chaplain. I would also like to thank the men of the Louisiana Division for allowing me to serve in this position. I have received many blessings in this ministry. I pray that you have also. If you have any questions concerning scripture or salvation, or just want to talk, my contact info is listed above. Although I am not an ordained minister, I believe I can adequately answer your questions in these matters. If I don't know the answer, I know who does. DWK



Louisiana Division Officers & Staff- 2018-2020 elected at reunion in Lafayette, May 19,2018

Randy Jarreau, Henry Watkins Allen Camp #133 – Division Commander
Kevin Atkins, Lt. Elijah Ward Camp #1971 – 1st Lt. Commander
George Gremillion, BG J.J. Alfred A. Mouton Camp #778 – 2nd Lt. Commander
Bobby White, Claiborne Invincibles Camp #797 – NW Brigade Commander
Brian McClure, Sgt James Nicholson Camp #1478 – NE Brigade Commander
Randy Chenevert, Gen. Leroy Stafford Camp #358 – SW Brigade Commander
Chip Landry, BG Francis Nichols Camp – SE Brigade Commander

Division Staff

Chaplain, **Donald Kimbell**; Adjutant, **Bobby Herring**; Chief of Staff, **Charles Laurent**

Judge Advocate, **Dave Knadler**; List Operator, **Richard Gandy**; Webmaster, **Chuck McMichael**

Louisiana True Delta Editor, Guardian Program Chairman/Graves Committee Chairman, **David Hill**
H. L. Hunley JROTC Awards Program Coordinator, **James M. Cannon**; Sgt. at Arms, **Open**

Parliamentarian, **Charles L. Rand III**; Historian, **Wayne Cosby**; Aide De Camp, **Open**; Division
Geneologist, **Roy Austin**

Flag Committee - **Steve Alvarez**, Chairman; **Gary LeCoq**, SE Brigade; **Ted Brode**, NE Brigade; NW
Brigade – Open; SW Brigade – **Troy Chandler**; **Dave Knadler**, Judge Advocate is a non-voting ex
officio member.

Awards Committee - **Thomas Taylor**, Chairman; **Donnie Kimbell**; third position open



National Officers – 2018 -2020 elected at reunion at Franklin, TN July 20, 2018

Paul Gramling, Jr, Louisiana – Commander in Chief
Larry McCluney, Mississippi – Lt. Commander in Chief
Darrell Maples, Missouri - ATM Commander
J.C. Hanna, Louisiana – ATM Councilman

Jefferson's 7th Annual CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM

PRESENTED BY
**Jefferson Historical
Society and Museum**



**Saturday,
August 11, 2018**

**Jefferson Transportation
and Visitor Center
305 E. Austin St.
Jefferson, Texas**

DEFENDING AND SUPPLYING THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT

- 8:00 – 9:00 Registration, Vendors/Exhibitors
- 9:00 – 9:15 Welcome by John Taylor, President
Introduction by Weldon Nash, Jr., Board Member, Jefferson Historical Society and Museum
- 9:15 – 10:15 Danny Sessums: "A Discombobulated Regiment: The 17th Texas Consolidated Dismounted Cavalry Regiment, C.S.A."
- 10:15 – 10:30 Break/Visit Vendors/Exhibitors
- 10:30 – 11:30 Scott Dearman: "The Earth Will Shake and the Wool Fly: The Battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana."
- 11:30 – 1:30 Lunch break: Catered Bar-B-Q lunch in the Center (included in registration). Opportunity to visit Vendors/Exhibitors or shop in Jefferson.
- 1:30 – 2:30 Steven M. Mayeuz: "Arms and Armor on the Red: A Detailed Look at Confederate and Union Gunboats on Red River, 1863-1865".
- 2:30 – 3:00 Break/Visit Vendors/Exhibitors
- 3:00 – 4:00 Frederick R. Adolphus: "Unsung Patriots: Two Confederate Quartermaster Officers in Houston"
- 4:00 – 4:30 Wrap-Up, Q & A
- 4:30 – 5:00 Raffle

All program events on Saturday will be at the Jefferson Transportation and Visitor Center, 305 E. Austin Street. The Friday evening Speakers Reception will be at the Excelior House, 211 W. Austin Street.

Jefferson's Civil War Legacy

Since Jefferson played a key role in the Trans-Mississippi Department's military development, Jefferson was a natural location for hosting a Civil War Symposium during the Civil War Sesquicentennial.

Jefferson and Marion County supplied many troops for the Confederacy, including two companies in the 1st Texas Regiment of Hood's Brigade, one company in the 16th Texas Regiment of Walker's Texas Division and two companies in the 19th Texas Regiment of Walker's Texas Division. Many companies of cavalry were recruited from Jefferson, including Col. R.P. Crump's 1st Partisan Texas Rangers and Captain H.P. Mabry's Company G, 3rd Texas Cavalry known as the "Dead-Shot" Rangers. Captain Joseph H. Pitt recruited an artillery battery from Jefferson and Marion County designated the 10th Texas Battery. It is estimated that over 500 citizens from Jefferson and Marion County served in the Confederate army. Many, if not most of Jefferson's Confederate veterans who survived the war, are buried at the local Oakwood Cemetery.

Jefferson answered the call not only with troops but with manufacturing and other facilities. At the outbreak of the War Between the States, Jefferson was a major transportation center of Central and East Texas for the cotton trade. There was a large meat packing plant that supplied dried beef and bacon for the armies, a shoe factory, a wagon factory as well as at least two furnaces or iron works, all located here. An active steamboat river port, Jefferson was soon transformed into the logistical center of the Trans-Mississippi. Three powder magazines and numerous warehouses were constructed to temporarily store the supplies before shipping them on to the main arsenal in Shreveport. This commercial hub soon became a target of the Union Army's command and plans were laid for its conquest and removal.

As one can imagine, it is not difficult to connect with the Civil War after walking the streets of Jefferson, viewing the Big Cypress Bayou steamboat turning basin, viewing the Powder Magazine on the bayou, visiting Oakwood Cemetery and admiring the many antebellum homes throughout the town.

REGISTRATION

Jefferson Historical Society & Museum Civil War Symposium August 11, 2018

Seminar and Lunch: Adults \$65.00, Students \$35.00, includes catered Bar-B-Q lunch. (Registration at the door on August 11 will be \$70.00. Lunch cannot be guaranteed for walk-up registrations) Registrants will also receive free admission to the Jefferson Historical Museum during the weekend.

Friday evening Speakers Reception (6:00pm – 7:30pm): \$25.00 includes refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres at the Excelsior House Ballroom.

REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

e-mail: _____

Seminar and Lunch:

Adults @ \$65.00 each x No. () attending: _____

Students @ \$35.00 each x No. () attending: _____

Speakers Reception:

Adults @ \$25.00 each x No. () attending: _____

Total amount enclosed: _____

Names of others attending: _____

Send this form along with your check made payable to
Jefferson Historical Society and Museum to:

**Jefferson Historical Society and Museum
223 W. Austin Street
Jefferson, Texas 75657**

For information on registration, contact the Museum at
903-665-2775. www.jeffersonmuseum.net

For information on events, contact Weldon Nash at
wnash@sbcglobal.net

Information and Lodging: The Excelsior House will be holding
a limited block of rooms for seminar participants until July 25.

Call 800-490-7270. For other lodging go to
www.VisitJeffersonTexas.com and www.jefferson-texas.com

All proceeds from this seminar will go to the Jefferson Historical
Society and Museum, a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 entity, for operation
and maintenance of the Museum.

SPEAKERS

Frederick R. Adolphus, Director of the 3rd Cavalry Regiment Museum, Fort Hood, Texas, has worked for the Army Museum System since 1996. He has studied, researched and written about Trans-Mississippi Confederate uniforms since 1986. In 2010, he published a book titled *Imported Confederate Uniforms of Peter Tait & Co., Limerick, Ireland*. His articles on Trans-Mississippi Confederate uniforms appearing in the *Military Collector & Historian* journals include: *Houston Depot Confederate Uniforms*, *The Uniforms, Equipage, Arms and Accoutrements of Debray's 26th Texas Cavalry*, and *Uniforms, Equipage, Arms and Accoutrements of the 3rd Texas Volunteer Infantry*. He has also published several articles in *North South Trader's Civil War Magazine*. He is the preeminent authority on Trans-Mississippi Confederate uniforms. Fred has spoken previously at Jefferson on *Confederate Uniforms of the Trans-Mississippi* and *The Equine Factor: Harnessing Horse Power for Confederate Logistics*.

Scott Dearman currently serves as park superintendent of Mansfield State Historic Site, a Civil War battlefield site in Northwest Louisiana that commemorates the battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill, pivotal engagements of the Red River Campaign of 1864. Prior to becoming superintendent in 2010, Dearman served 17 years as interpretive ranger and park historian at Mansfield. During his tenure at the site he has conducted extensive research and interpretive analysis of the battles of Mansfield, Pleasant Hill, and the Red River Campaign. In 2010 he was recipient of the Louisiana Office of State Parks' Professionalism Award.

Steven M. Mayeux is the quintessential "Louisiana Man." Born in the Cottonport Clinic on Bayou Rouge in 1950, he has paddled across the Mississippi River in a pirogue, run a trap line, managed a cotton gin, kept bees, farmed the family land, and even wrestled a few alligators. He graduated from LSU in 1972, served a tour as a Marine Tank Platoon Commander, and returned to LSU for his Master's Degree in Entomology in 1976. For the past thirty years, he has worked as an Agricultural Consultant in central Louisiana. He has served as President of Friends of Fort DeRussy since 1994, and in 1999 was named the Avoyelles Parish "Avoyelean of the Year" for his work in having the fort named a State Historic Site. He is the author of *Earthen Walls, Iron Men: Fort DeRussy, Louisiana, and the Defense of Red River*, and a contributing author to *Confederate Generals in the Trans-Mississippi, Volume 2*.

Danny Sessums received an undergraduate degree in Anthropology at Texas Tech University, then returned to graduate school at U.T. Arlington in 1981-4 for U.S. History, then L.S.U. in 1983-87 for Antebellum History. His career includes museum work, plus teaching U.S. History & Museums at the following: Port Hudson Commemorative Area, 1983-86; Old Fort Museum & Western-Arkansas Community College, 1986-90; Museum of the Gulf Coast & Asst. Professor, Lamar University-Port Arthur, 1990-98. Other positions in his career include Associate Professor, Arkansas State University, 1998-2001; Director, George Ranch Historical Park, Houston, 2001-02; Director, Museum of the Gulf Coast/Houston Baptist University, 2002-09. After his retirement, he relocated to the Tyler, Texas area, and worked as Interim Director at the Historic Aviation Memorial Museum (HAAM), 2009-11. In 2017, he published *A Force To Be Reckoned With (A History of Granbury's Texas Infantry Brigade 1861-65), Volume 1* which is a culmination of his research begun for his doctoral dissertation at L.S.U. and continued for 30 years.

WELCOME TO THE LOUISIANA DIVISION!!!

Mark E. Scariano, Sr. - Beauregard Camp 130 – New Orleans
Eric F. Skrmetta - Beauregard Camp 130 – New Orleans
Rickey P. Vidrine - Beauregard Camp 130 – New Orleans
Tim A. Gilmore – Henry Watkins Allen Camp 133 – Baton Rouge
Mark Coleman Robinson – Henry Watkins Allen Camp 133 – Baton Rouge
Thomas Darrell Volmer - Claiborne Invincibles Camp 797 – Claiborne Parish
Richard Wesley Whittington - Claiborne Invincibles Camp 797 – Claiborne Parish
Justin Eric Leubner - Claiborne Invincibles Camp 797 – Claiborne Parish
Philip Harvey Ramsey - Claiborne Invincibles Camp 797 – Claiborne Parish
Charley “Wayne” Young, Jr. - Claiborne Invincibles Camp 797 – Claiborne Parish
Michael Coker - Lt. Gen. Richard Taylor Camp 1308 – Shreveport
Charles Finley - Lt. Gen. Richard Taylor Camp 1308 - Shreveport
Wendell Thomas Betts - Capt. Thomas O. Benton Camp 1444 – Monroe
Jamie Lee Thissen-Betts - Capt. Thomas O. Benton Camp 1444 – Monroe
Coady Myron Thompson – Sgt. James W. Nicholson Camp 1478 – Ruston
James A. White – Sgt. James W. Nicholson Camp 1478 – Ruston
Craeton A. Manasco – Sabine Rifles Camp 2057 – Many
Roger Lee Dew – Sabine Rifles Camp 2057 – Many
Aaron Ray Angelo – Lt. J.Y. Sanders Camp 2092 – Morgan City
Calvin Joseph Benton – Lt. J.Y. Sanders Camp 2092 – Morgan City
Harris P. Stein – Lt. J.Y. Sanders Camp 2092 – Morgan City
Nile Sudo, Jr. – Lt. J.Y. Sanders Camp 2092 – Morgan City
Calvin John Trosclair – Lt. J.Y. Sanders Camp 2092 – Morgan City
Rodney Oscar Stogner – Washington Rifles Camp 2211 – Franklinton
Mitchell Boyd Ham – Washington Rifles Camp 2211 - Franklinton
Philip Ryan Ham – Washington Rifles Camp 2211 – Franklinton

The Last Roll

Tommy J. Batie

Lt. Gen. Richard Taylor Camp 1308
Shreveport

Nathan Curtis

Capt. James W. Bryan Camp 1390
Lake Charles

James H. Fontenot

Capt. James W. Bryan Camp 1390
Lake Charles

Huey Paul Cordova

Sabine Rifles Camp 2057
Many



**(The names of compatriots that have crossed over the river are taken from the *Confederate Veteran*.
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