

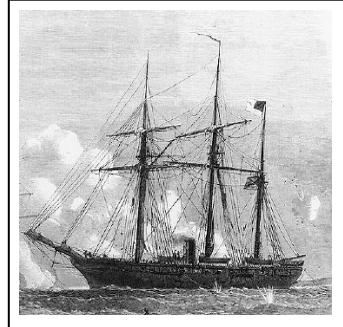
The Admiral's Log

Sons of Confederate Veterans

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Raphael Semmes Camp 11

July 2013



Dear Friends and Compatriots of Camp 11,

Greetings and salutations from Camp 11. I certainly hope and pray that this edition of the Log finds all of you doing well.

Wow, where did July go? We all hope that each of you had a blessed and fun Independence Day Holiday. Any excuse to gather with friends and family makes for a good day.

Of course the big news of the month is the Vicksburg National SCV reunion. Folks, I have to tip my hat to the Mississippi folks. They did a job at the reunion that was second to none. Commander Ringhoffer, Compatriot David Eubanks, Compatriot Tom Root and yours truly attended the festivities.

My beloved compatriots, I do not know how he did it but Compatriot Eubanks' nametag had him listed as Dr. David Eubanks. I suppose anyone who is the honorary mayor of Rocky Creek, Mississippi deserves his doctorate. Thanks to all our camp members who attended the National Reunion.

The best part of a reunion is the fellowship with our compatriots. I spoke with our buddy Brother Cecil Fayard. After we shared a laugh or two he informed that his missionary work in the Coastal seaports is doing well. I know all of you will continue to keep this ministry in your prayers.

On behalf of our camp I want to offer our congratulations to Rick Forte, Chairman of the Combined Boards of Beauvoir. Rick took home the Jefferson Davis Chalice. This is the highest award given to a member of the SCV. Rick's dedication to Beauvoir certainly deserves recognition.

Yours truly was also humbled to receive an Outstanding Achievement Award at the reunion. I look upon this award as an award to our camp. Believe me, the support and encouragement I receive from ya'll makes the efforts worthwhile. Thank you.

The wife and I made a trip to Kennesaw National Military Park and had an experience I just have to share. We went to the location of Bishop Polk's death. This site is outside the park and on private property. While visiting the site a fellow who lives across the road gave us the history of Pine Mountain and Polk's death. It was quite special to get this kind of attention while visiting such hallowed ground.

Our friends in the Rosin Heels Camp at Laurel, Mississippi, have a good program lined up for the Southern Heritage Conference on August 9th and 10th. Al Benson, editor of the Copperhead Chronicle, is one of the speakers. If you are interested and want make reservations use one of the following phone numbers: 601-649-1867, 601-319-7027, or 601-428-5570.

Brian Clark will be our speaker at our meeting on July 29th. Brian will have a presentation on SCV medals. Our speaker in August will be Mrs. Pat Godwin. Miss Pat will have a presentation about the Jefferson Davis Highway. In September we will celebrate the birthdays of Admirals Semmes and Buchanan. Commander Ringhoffer and I are working on speakers for October and November. Then in December we will have our annual Christmas party. It appears that this year is rapidly slipping away.

Please keep our camp and its members in your prayers. Prayer works!

Terry W. "Beetle" Bailey
Editor, The Admiral's Log

Minutes
Admiral Semmes, Camp 11
Sons of Confederate Veterans
June 24, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Commander Joe Ringhoffer.

The invocation was given by Chaplain Steve Kennedy.

The pledges to the flags were led by Commander Ringhoffer.

1st Lt. Commander Bailey introduced the speaker of the evening, Francis McGowan of Andalusia. Compatriot McGowan spoke on little known historical facts dating back to the years of the Continental Congress. He talked about how the Union knew if they waged the War of Northern Aggression in the west, they could win. They did wage war fiercely in the west and won. When Atlanta fell, the war was over.

Following the break, Boatswain Tom Root brought a reading from Admiral Semmes autobiography. The selection was written around Christmas of 1861 aboard the CSS Sumter. The weather was bad and so he ordered extra grog for the crew as they thought about their families. He wrote that if the South wins, liberty will prevail.

Commander Ringhoffer:

Compatriot Art Green has his new book published and copies are available.

The new sign at the foot of the Admiral's statue was erected by Compatriot Stephen Ellison.

Medals from the '07 and '09 reunions are available.

Our webmaster, Dr. Joe LoCicero has done an outstanding job. The address for the site is www.scvsemmes.org

National Reunion in Vicksburg, MS. Dates are July 17-20. The Camp unanimously approved for the delegates to vote their conscience on any motions.

1st Lt. Commander Bailey has received the Stonewall Jackson Superior Achievement Award.

Lt. Commander Bailey:

The September meeting will be the annual salute to Admiral Semmes.

Anyone with program ideas for October and November, please contact him

The December meeting date and time will be announced later in the year.

Compatriot Joe DuPree reported that there are 11 intersection points at Ft. McDermott. The Division will be assisting the Camp with financing. Clearing work will begin again once the growing season is over.

New Business:

An application for membership from Lewis D. (Dave) Brasell, Jr., was unanimously accepted.

The meeting was then adjourned.

A Sesquicentennial Moment

July 4th: Lee retreats from Gettysburg and Vicksburg surrenders. [It will be another 80 years before Vicksburg will celebrate the Fourth of July]

July 13th: Draft riots start in New York.

July 17th & 18th: Battle at Battery Wagner

July 26th: John Hunt Morgan's raid into Ohio and Indiana ends with his capture at New Lisbon, Ohio.

Source: 1400 Days, The US Civil War Day By Day by Bishop, Drury, and Gibbons

WBTS Usage

general muster: before departing from port, commanding officers were required to call all hands to the main deck for inspection.

to invest: the essential and preliminary steps prior to a siege, including control of roads, canals, and railroads that might be used for resupply.

Investment: a full blown siege.

Parlor Pets: a nickname for Yankee Gen. John C. Fremont's escort, who were envied by their comrades for the special treatment accorded to them as well as to the general.

Source: The Encyclopedia of Civil War Usage by Webb Garrison

WBTS Trivia

When Harper's Ferry fell to Stonewall Jackson he seized 73 cannon and 13,000 small arms.

Thirty-six horses were needed to pull the six guns of a standard field battery. [three pairs in tandem per gun]

Source: Civil War Trivia and Fact Book by Webb Garrison

Confederate Birthdays

Brigadier General Lucius Eugene Polk was born in Salisbury, North Carolina, on July 10, 1833. He is the nephew of Bishop Polk and a distant relative of James K. Polk. Lucius is an 1852 graduate of the University of Virginia. Polk started the war as a private in Yell's Rifles, a unit from Helena, Arkansas. He was a close associate of Patrick Cleburne throughout the Western Theater during the WBTS. He was wounded several times eventually leaving the Army in 1864 after being wounded at Kennesaw Mountain. For a time after the war he lived in Alabama but settled at his home in Columbia, Tennessee, where he served as a Tennessee Senator. General Lucius Eugene Polk died on December 1, 1892, and is buried at St. John's Churchyard in Ashwood near Columbia, Tennessee.
[Source: Encyclopedia of Arkansas History and Culture]

Quotes from the Heroes

The following quote comes from "The Lost Cause" by E. A. Pollard as reprinted in "Cultures in Conflict" by Charles A. Jennings.

"A lady spoke indignantly to General Adkins, of Sherman's army, and said of that General, "He wars upon women!"

"Yes," said Adkins, "and justly. It is the women of the South who keep up this cursed rebellion. It gave us the greatest satisfaction to see those proud Georgia women begging crumbs from Yankee

leavings; and this will soon be the fate of all you Carolina women."

"Escorting a sad procession of fugitives from the burning dwellings one of the soldiers said:

"What a glorious sight!"

"Terribly so," said one of the ladies.

"Grand!" he said".

"Very pitiful," was the reply.

"The lady added:

"How, as men, you can behold the horrors of this scene, and behold the sufferings of these innocents, without terrible pangs of self-condemnation and self-loathing, it is difficult to conceive."

"We glory in it!" was the answer. "I tell you, madam, that when the people of the North hear of the vengeance we have meted out to your city, there will be one universal shout of rejoicing from man, woman, and child, from Maine to Maryland."

[These are quotes from the torching of Columbia, S. C.]

The following information is quoted from "Cultures in Conflict" by Charles A. Jennings.

"As the war drew to a close, hunger swept across the Southland. Mrs. G. A. Simpson wrote:

One of the most interesting things I remember hearing my grandmother tell was about how the country people became so hungry for salt. After Sherman's march of destruction, they dug up the dirt floor in the smokehouse, boiled it, and used the water to cook with. She said she had to ride on the boat from Camden, South Carolina, to Charleston to get a peck of meal, the trip taking two days. Rations were issued to the ones who had everything destroyed but they seldom got anything but meal and sometimes a little black molasses. Even their garden seed was destroyed. The people wouldn't plow their gardens the following year, afraid they might cover up some little vegetable plant or seed. They went over the garden with a short handled hoe, looking for and working carefully each little plant that came up." [From True Tales of the South at War collected and edited by Clarence Poe]

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

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 defense 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 which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee
Commander-General
United Confederate Veterans
New Orleans, 25 April 1906