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"It is our duty to keep the memory of our heroes green." Jefferson Davis



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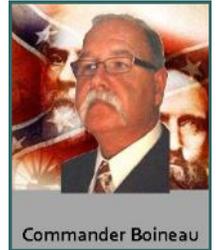
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Compatriots,

We begin this month on a sad note occasioned by the passing of Compatriot Bart Chassereau's Mother. While Mrs. Myrtle had a full life of 92 years we all understand and appreciate the desire for our loved ones to remain with us as long as possible. Please keep Bart's family in your prayers in this time of bereavement.



Commander Boineau

Please be thinking of who you want as Compatriot-of-the-Year; we will make that selection this month. We will also discuss officer elections with the final decision being made at our April meeting.

Mark your calendar for March 23, 2019; that will be the date of the Battle Flag raising ceremony on I-95 near Yemassee. It will be at 1PM at 8198 W Frontage Rd., Yemassee, SC. That is Two miles north of Exit 28 Coosawhatchie or Three miles south of Exit 33 Point South. Refreshments and food will be provided, but please bring a comfortable seat.

Our Annual Banquet is approaching and with it the drawing for our Glock. Please try to have your sold raffle ticket stubs and money turned in no later than our April 16th camp meeting. Please sell all you have!

The Picken Pearls will be with us once again for our banquet so make plans now so we can have the best turnout within recent memory. Bring your friends; you can treat them to great food and entertainment too for a small amount of money. Let them think that you're the last of the big spenders.

By now you are surely aware that Circuit Judge Maite Murphy rendered on February 22d, a finding that affirmed the Orangeburg Zoning Board of Appeals decision that the use of property by Rivers Bridge Camp No. 842 did not violate the zoning ordinance or regulations of the City of Orangeburg. As our attorney aptly said, "... it's a victory for the Constitution and victory for freedom and for land use."

Thanks to the SC 17th Regiment Camp in Hilda for joining forces with Rivers Bridge Camp No. 842 to provide a 12X12 Army of Northern Virginia Battle Flag to the Colcock Camp. This will allow for an immediate replacement of the flag being raised March 23d when it becomes unserviceable.

We had good attendance at our last meeting; let's see if we can exceed that and maintain it. I hope to see you at Barker's Mill on March 19th.

Pete

**Annual Banquet - Saturday, April 20,
2019 - 7PM**

Featuring the Picken Pearls

**BACK BY
POPULAR
DEMAND!**

Don't Conform to This World

By Billy Graham

If Christ lives in your heart, you don't have to yield to any temptation. For the true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, there is a way to escape. The Holy Spirit makes that way.

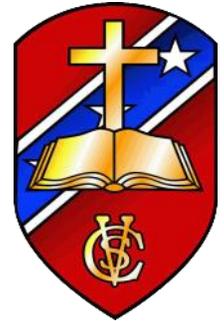
Make sure that your heart is consecrated to God. The word means "set apart." It requires that you present your body to God. We cannot be dedicated to Christ without giving Him our bodies.

And don't be conformed to this world. The Scripture says that we are to yield all of our body to the Spirit, to righteousness, so that the Holy Spirit can dominate us every moment of the day. Then, the Bible says, sin shall no longer have dominion over you, but you will be renewed in your mind by the mind that was in Christ.

How do you renew your mind? By reading the Word of God every day. It fills your mind with God's thoughts for the day, and you will find that those thoughts will drive out the evil.

Watch your thinking, for in the battle between the imagination and the will, the imagination usually wins. Watch your reading. Be discriminating about what you see. Be careful where you go. If you deliberately put yourself in the place of sin, you will likely yield. You cannot take fire into your bosom without getting burned (Proverbs 6:27).

Desire is expelled only by a higher desire. Let the love of Christ be the fire that eats up those sinful things.



Deo Vindice!

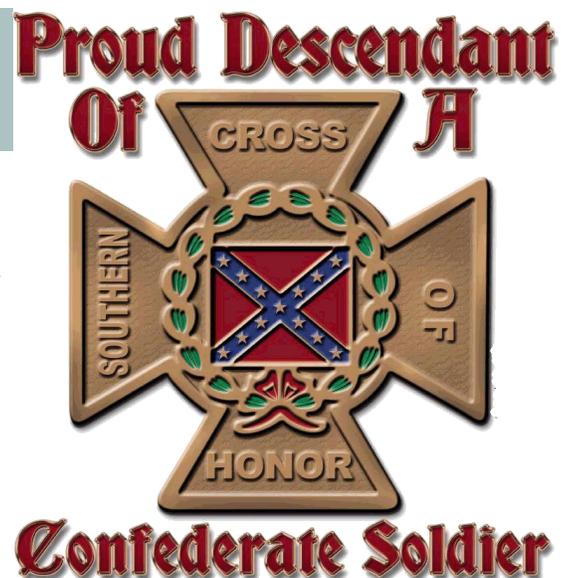
Because They Lived

People sometimes wonder if their lives will have much, if any, impact on the world after they are gone. We probably cannot fully appreciate just what the possibilities are, but rest assured that the world can be a better place as a result of our having lived. This truth can be demonstrated by the lives of two Confederate Soldiers.

The first was William Crook Graham who mustered into Captain J.M. White's Company of the 6th South Carolina Volunteers at Summerville, SC on July 2, 1861. He was 20 years old. He had first affiliated for service with this unit in the York District on June 22, 1861. Throughout the war he was admitted to various army hospitals with recurring fevers, including Typhoid Fever. Private Graham was wounded during the 1862 Seven Days Battles before Richmond. He was again severely wounded in the leg on May 6, 1864 as a member of Bratton's Brigade in the 1864 Campaign of the Army of Northern Virginia. Private Graham was paroled with the surrendered Army of General Robert E. Lee on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox.

The second soldier was 19 year old Private Benjamin M. Coffey of Company H, 11th North Carolina Infantry. He enlisted at Charlotte, NC on March 14, 1862 for the duration of the war. He was wounded on July 1, 1863 at Gettysburg and captured at Winchester, Virginia July 20, 1863. In September and October he is shown as being in the hands of the enemy, but then next appears in November and December in the hospital at Staunton, Virginia. January through June 1864 show Private Coffey at home furloughed with leg amputated. Private Coffey was last paid sixty-six dollars on September 7, 1864 and that evidently concluded his service.

How did the lives of these two Confederate Soldiers affect the lives of those who came after them? I am sure that there were many ways, but one that immediately comes to mind is that they were the Grandfathers of William Franklin Graham whom we all know as "Billy" Graham. If they had never lived or had they been killed in the war, there would have been no "Billy" Graham; Who can begin to estimate how many lives that would have been changed for the worse as a result? I thank God that through these two men the world has been made a little bit better because they lived even if they wore the gray.



Press Release February 22, 2019

Statement of Rivers Bridge Camp 842, Sons of Confederate Veterans Buzz Braxton, 1st Lt. Commander

We are gratified to learn today that the Circuit Court has agreed with the Orangeburg Zoning Board that our memorial marker and flag, which is located near The Edisto Gardens on property owned by the Rivers Bridge Camp, does not violate any zoning regulations of the city.

The memorial maintained by the Rivers Bridge Camp reads: *“We fly this Confederate Flag to honor the Confederate Soldiers who gallantly fought and died defending the Bridge Crossing at the Edisto River against Gen. Sherman’s troops February 12, 1865 . . . May we never forget their sacrifice.”*

The Rivers Bridge Camp and the Sons of Confederate Veterans stands for a heritage of freedom for which all Southerners, of all races can be proud. We hold ill feelings toward no one, but like our ancestors before us, we will continue to stand up to defend our right of free expression against those who would seek to deny it. We will always do our best to maintain this flag and marker in honor of those of all races who build this country, and who made Orangeburg the place we are proud to call home today.

We thank the Court, our attorney Lauren Martel, and all who assisted with defending our marker and flag in this matter.

Editor’s note: Commander Braxton prepared the press release. I have added photo and caption here just in case you didn’t know him.



First Lt. Cdr. “Buzz” Braxton
aka “The Keeper of the Flag”

Greetings Compatriots,

What an awesome weekend we had in Anderson. The 2019 SC SCV Reunion went very well, and I believe all who attended enjoyed themselves. I am looking forward to seeing all of you next year when we have our 2020 Reunion in Spartanburg.

Our Brigade Commanders were elected and here are the results.

1st Brigade - Commander Paul Dowdy
2nd Brigade - Commander Marcus Griffis
3rd Brigade - Commander Mark Sheppard
4th Brigade - Commander Todd Hartley
5th Brigade - Commander Blake Moore
6th Brigade - Commander Todd Rinehart
7th Brigade - Commander Daryl Hardwick
8th Brigade - Commander Buzz Braxton
9th Brigade - Commander Keith Day
10th Brigade - Commander Gary Mellard

We also have three new Staff positions.

Division Judge Advocate - Robert Merting
Division Guardian Chairman - Archie Herring
Division Graves Registration Chairman - Kevin Dietrich Please Congratulate them the next time you see them.

**From SC Division
Commander
Jamie Graham**



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Sons of Confederate Veterans



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Camp No. 842 Calendar

Mar 17, 1828	Patrick Ronayne Cleburne born in Ireland
Mar 19	Regular Camp Meeting 7PM
Mar 23	Flag Raising - Yemassee - 1-95 - 1PM
Apr 16	Regular Camp Meeting 7PM
Apr 20	Annual Banquet - Barker's Mill - 7PM
May 10	Rivers Bridge Confederate Memorial Day
May 21	Regular Camp Meeting

Patrick Ronayne Cleburne (*KLAY-burn*; March 17, 1828 – November 30, 1864) was an Irish and later American soldier, best known for his service in the Confederate States Army during the War Between the States, where he rose to the rank of major general.

Born in County Cork, Ireland, Cleburne served in the 41st Regiment of Foot, a Welsh regiment of the British Army, after failing to gain entrance into Trinity College of Medicine in 1846. He immigrated to the United States three years later. At the beginning of the so-called Civil War, Cleburne sided with the Confederate States. He progressed from being a private soldier in the local militia to a division commander. Cleburne participated in many successful military campaigns, especially the Battle of Stones River, the Battle of Missionary Ridge and the Battle of Ringgold Gap. He was also present at the Battle of Shiloh. His strategic ability gained him the nickname "Stonewall of the West". He was killed in 1864, at the Battle of

Franklin.

Cleburne's Proposal:
Satisfy the negro that if he faithfully adheres to our standard during the war he shall receive his freedom and that of his race ... and we change the race from a dreaded weakness to a position of strength.

Will the slaves fight? The helots of Sparta stood their masters good stead in battle. In the great sea fight of Lepanto where the Christians checked forever the spread of Mohammedanism over Europe, the galley slaves of portions of the fleet were promised freedom, and called on to fight at a critical moment of the battle. They fought well, and civilization owes much to those brave galley slaves ... [Cleburne also cites the prowess of revolting slaves in Haiti and Jamaica] ... the experience of this war has been so far that half-trained negroes have fought as bravely as many other half-trained Yankees.

It is said that slavery is all we are fighting for, and if we give it up we give up all. Even if this were true, which we deny, slavery is not all our enemies are fighting for. It is merely the pretense to establish sectional superiority and a more centralized form of government, and to deprive us of our rights and liberties.

