

# CALCASIEU GREYS

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Captain James W. Bryan

## LEE-JACKSON BANQUET 2020

Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 will celebrate its annual tribute to two great Southerners, generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. Jackson with our Lee-Jackson Banquet. We are having it at Pat's of Henderson Restaurant, 1500 Siebarth Drive, Lake Charles, La. It will be held from 11 a.m. till 2 p.m. Saturday, January 18, 2019. Our guest speaker will be John Francois of the Captain Louis Hebert Camp in Lafayette, who will speak on prisoner of war camps. He is a retired educator.

Our menu prices are dramatically less as follows:

1. Seafood Platter--\$20.00
2. Fried Oyster--\$20.00
3. 6 oz. Ribeye Steak--\$20.00
4. Fried Shrimp--\$18.00
5. Stuffed Red Snapper--\$20.00

You will not have to pay in advance, but you will be responsible for paying your own check. **Please let Adjutant Luke Dartez know you're coming and how many in your party so he can give an accurate count to the restaurant.** He can be reached by mail at 908 Henning Rd., Sulphur, La. 70665-7673; [email-2kajun2@camtel.net](mailto:email-2kajun2@camtel.net); or phone, 337-583-7727.

**\*BULLETIN—We'll also have a table at the gun show Jan. 11 & 12 at the Lake Charles Civic Center. Please help out if you can. Let Luke Dartez know.**



**SCV NEWS**

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## HONOR OUR CONFEDERATE HEROES

Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 gets its new year started every year by honoring our Confederate heroes at our Lee-Jackson Banquet. This year will be no different. Not only do we honor generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, but also our own Confederate ancestors. We honor our personal Confederate heroes at our solemn candlelight ceremony by inviting each member and guest to stand up and say the name or names of their Confederate ancestor. I plan to also bringing a picture of my Confederate ancestor upon whose record I joined the SCV. I would love to see pictures of other Confederate ancestors as well.

This is really what it is all about—defending the good name and honor of our Confederate ancestors, who were doing nothing different from the patriots of 1776. We are also defending and honoring an important part of American history and heritage, which, as we know, is under relentless assault by powerful forces that want to change America into something radically different and radically dangerous

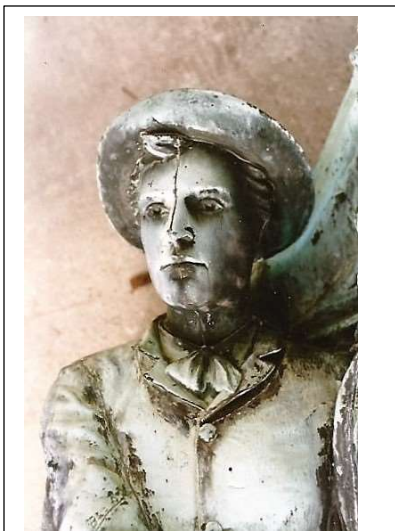
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to ourselves and our families. This is truly a great and historic struggle in which we are engaged. Sometimes it feels we are all alone in a hopeless lost cause. But it really isn't. While the numbers of actual SCV members may not be large—around 30,000—let us not be discouraged. Polls show the vast majority of people in the South are against the ongoing destruction of monuments and other symbols of heritage. We know we can't win all the battles, but we are winning some, and putting up many new monuments and flags around the nation.

Our camp was very active in bringing to reality the new Confederate Memorial Flag display along I-10 in Orange, Texas. We also fly the flag proudly at Burr's Ferry Confederate Memorial Park and plan to put a Confederate statue there as well. We also support Niblett's Bluff Park which flies a Confederate flag and is the site of very historically significant Confederate earthworks, memorials and graves. We have also successfully defended the South's Defenders Monument at the Calcasieu Parish Courthouse twice, and stand ready to defend it again if needed. A new monument honoring a local Confederate blockade runner, Captain Daniel Goos, has recently been erected by members of the Goos family. And of course we decorate local Confederate graves every Confederate Memorial Day. Yes, we've done a lot already, but we can never rest on our laurels.

We must be ready at a moments notice to "stand in the gap" whenever there is a treat to our beloved Confederate and American heritage. And let us begin this New Year by thanking God for his many blessings on us, and to give us the courage and wisdom to continue promoting His sacred cause through the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Please join us at Lee-Jackson Banquet 2020.



THE SOUTH'S DEFENDERS

[From the Stratford Hall, Lee Family Digital Archive]

## Eulogy of Robert E. Lee

By Charles E. Fenner

**Note: Attorney and judge Charles Erasmus Fenner (1834–1911) was born in Jackson, Tennessee, but lived most of his life in Louisiana. During the Civil War he served as captain of a Louisiana battery of light artillery that served with the Army of Tennessee. Jefferson Davis died at the New Orleans home of Fenner, who was by then Associate Justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court. The following is taken from *American Oratory of To-Day*, edited by Edwin DuBois Shurter (Austin, Texas, and San Francisco: South-West Publishing Company, 1910, pp. 162–65).**

*EULOGY OF ROBER E. LEE*

*CHARLES E. FENNER*  
*Of the New Orleans Bar*

(Extract from an oration delivered at the unveiling of the statue of General Lee, at Lee Circle, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 22, 1884.)

BOUNTIFUL nature had endowed Robert E. Lee with exceptional gifts of physical beauty. The eye of the South Carolina poet, Hayne, once rested upon him in the first year of the war, when he was already on the hither verge of middle age, as he stood in the fortifications of Charleston, surrounded by officers, and he has left the following pen picture of him: "In the middle of the group, topping the tallest by half a head, was, perhaps, the most striking figure we had ever encountered, the figure of a man seemingly about fifty-six or fifty-eight years of age, erect as a poplar, yet lithe and graceful, with broad shoulders well thrown back, a fine, justly proportioned head posed in unconscious dignity, dear, deep, thoughtful eyes, and the quiet, dauntless step of one every inch the gentleman and soldier. Had some old English cathedral crypt or monumental stone in Westminster Abbey been smitten by a magician's wand and made to yield up its knightly tenant restored to his manly vigor, with chivalric soul beaming from every feature, some grand old crusader or Red Cross warrior, who, believing in a sacred creed and espousing a glorious principle, looked upon mere life as nothing in the comparison, we thought that thus would he have appeared, unchanged in aught but costume and surroundings. And the superb soldier, the glamour of the antique days about him, was Robert E. Lee." (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)

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If such was the Lee of fifty-six years, what must have been the splendid beauty of his youth? The priceless jewel of his soul found fit setting in this grand physique, marked by a majestic bearing and easy grace and courtesy of gesture and movement, sprung from perfect harmony and symmetry of limb and muscle, instinct with that vigorous health, the product of a sound mind in a sound body.

Such was the magnificent youth who graduated from West Point with the honors of his class, and dedicated himself to the service of his country. It was easy to see that "Fate reserved him for a bright manhood." Not his the task, by the eccentric flight of a soaring ambition, to "pluck bright Honor from the pale-faced moon," or with desperate greed to "dive into the bottom of the deep and drag up drowned Honor by the locks." This great engineer laid out the road of his life along the undeviating line of duty, prepared to bridge seas and scale mountains; to defy foes and to scorn temptations; to struggle, to fight, to die, if need be, but never to swerve from his chosen path. Honor and Fame were not captives in his train. Free and bounteous, they ambuscaded his way and crowned him as he passed.

It is fitting that monuments should be erected to such a man.

The imagination might, alas! too easily, picture a crisis, in the future of the republic, when virtue might have lost her seat in the hearts of the people, when the degrading greed of money-getting might have undermined the nobler aspirations of their souls, when luxury and effeminacy might have emasculated the rugged courage and endurance upon which the safety of states depends, when corruption might thrive and liberty might languish, when self might stand above patriotism, self above country, mammon before God, and when the patriot might read on every hand the sure presage:  
Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,  
Where wealth accumulates and men decay!

In such an hour let some inspired orator, alive to the peril of his country, summon the people to gather round this monument, and, pointing to that noble figure, let him recount his story, and if aught can arouse a noble shame and awaken dormant virtue, that may do it.

The day is not distant when all citizens of this great republic will unite in claiming Lee as their own, and, rising from the study of his heroic life and deeds, will cast away the prejudices of forgotten strife and exclaim:

**We know him now; all narrow jealousies  
Are silent, and we see him as he moved—  
How modest, kindly, all-accomplished, wise,  
With what sublime repression of himself—  
Wearing the white flower of a blameless life.**

## EULOGY TO STONEWALL JACKSON

[Published May 19, 1863 by the Southern Recorder, Milledgeville, Ga.]

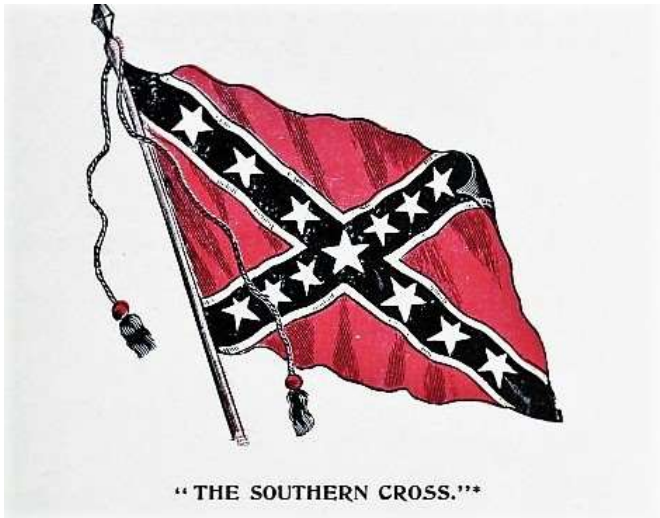
The hearts of the Southern people are sadly pierced by the loss of their favorite General, under circumstances which add poignancy to the affliction. He who never lost a battle, and who had been victorious in twenty contested fields, was, by a mysterious Providence, permitted to receive his death wound at the hand of a friend! The circumstances of his deplorable casualty have been published in our columns, and repetition is therefore unnecessary.

The character of Stonewall Jackson has been written by his sword, compared to which any other style of biography would be tame and inadequate. In his faculties of combination and rapidity, under an indomitable will, he much resembled the first Napoleon. His soldiers loved him, and is their pride to have marched and fought under his command. A sketch of his life will not be attempted here. The public sympathies are too deeply wounded to relish any more catalogue of triumphs, before the grave of the Hero has been watered by the rains of Heaven, though the tears of a nation have performed that sacred office.

Lieutenant General Thomas J. Jackson was a native of Virginia, an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and a man of prayer and a spotless life, and at the time of his death was only thirty-eight years of age. His name is Imperishable!







“ THE SOUTHERN CROSS.”\*\*

## GOD SAVE OUR BELOVED SOUTHLAND!

JANUARY 2020

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fourth Saturday of the month • Forts Randolph and Buhlow State Historic Site, Pineville - Dutch Oven Cooking/Civil War Dulcimer Music, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.** The park will host the Central Louisiana Dutch Oven Cookers, for a cooking demonstration, with sampling to begin at 11:30 a.m. While participants learn about this increasingly-popular form of cooking, they can also enjoy live music by the Red River Dulcimer Ensemble from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 877.677.7437 toll free or 318.484.2390 locally.

**By appointment • Forts Randolph and Buhlow State Historic Site, Pineville - Exploring the Forts in Detail, A ranger guided tour of both Forts Randolph and Buhlow.** The visitors would also be able to enter the winter quarters exhibit to see how the soldiers lived. They can also try on some of the clothing and equipment the troops used. At least a two day's notice is required to schedule one of these special ranger guided tours. Tour fee is \$8 per person. For more information call 877.677.7437 toll free or 318.484.2390 locally.

**1/18/2020 • Forts Randolph and Buhlow State Historic Site, Pineville - Heigh Ho Heigh Ho Its Off to Woodworking We Go, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.** Join staff and volunteers as they demonstrate historic techniques in working with wood to form it for your needs. A lot of wood was used in the construction of the forts and you can learn how it was shaped and utilized. For more information call 877.677.7437 toll free or 318.484.2390 locally.

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JANUARY 2020

**1/18/2020 • Mansfield State Historic Site, Mansfield - Guided Battlefield Tour, 2 p.m.** A ranger-guided program with an in-depth tour of the battlefield, visiting key points on the field where some of the most significant action of the battle occurred. The tour will involve outdoor walking of app. 3/4 mile; appropriate footwear and clothing recommended. For more information call 888.677.6267 toll free or 318.872.1474 locally.

**1/25/2020 • Mansfield State Historic Site, Mansfield - Soldier Life Living History, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Visitors will learn about the life of the average Civil War soldier in the field as the program will focus on the typical uniform, equipment, food, and shelter soldiers carried and used while on the march. A musket loading and firing demonstration will also be held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information call 888.677.6267 toll free or 318.872.1474 locally.

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**1/4/2020 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - Beginner's Birding, 8:30 a.m. - Noon** Join us for a morning of beginner's birding at Port Hudson. The walk is a beginner's lesson but all levels welcome. BYOB (Bring Your Own Binoculars). Participants will learn tips on bird vocalizations and share bird ID field marks for common winter and year-round species. For more information call 888.677.3400 toll free or 225.654.3775 locally.

**1/5/2020 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - Fire Power!, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.** Visitors will experience the sights and sounds of Civil War-Era weapons. Program demonstrations include muskets, rifles, carbines, and pistols - ending with a cannon fire. For more information call 888.677.3400 toll free or 225.654.3775 locally.

**1/18/2020 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - Breckenridge: Statesman, Soldier, Symbol, Noon - 1 p.m.** Historian, author and former Park Ranger Chip Landry will give a lunchtime educational and informative talk on former U.S. Vice President and Confederate General John C. Breckenridge. General Breckenridge commanded the Confederate forces in the August 1862 "Battle of Baton Rouge" and became the first commander of the Port Hudson garrison. For more information call 888.677.3400 toll free or 225.654.3775 locally.