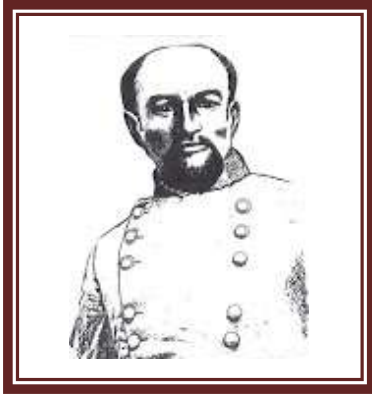


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**Captain James W. Bryan**

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021 at Golden Corral, 211 W. Prien Lake Rd., Lake Charles, La. Dr. Michael Bergeron will have a program on surgery during the war. Please come for good Confederate fellowship and food.



**Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's new Grave at SCV HQ, Elm Springs. Columbia, Tenn.**



## SCV NEWS

### **Huzzah for General Nathan Bedford Forrest and the great state of South Carolina!**

Just over a week ago, Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife, Mary Ann Montgomery Forrest, were laid to rest for the final time on the grounds of Elm Springs, our National Headquarters. It has been a long time coming and there are so many people to thank for their efforts in pulling this event off including PCiC Paul Gramling, Committee Chairman; Lt. Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers, Executive Director Adam Southern; the entire staff at Elm Springs; and the numerous volunteers and those who contributed financially to the success of this event. We did it!

The event was emotional for many, and glorious for others. It was inspiring and yet humbling because we as an organization have been entrusted with an awesome responsibility by the Forrest family. 2,500 people registered to be observers to the event, and they were not disappointed. On Friday, Sept 17, visitation started. I was proud of how so many took to heart my words of Remembrance, Respect, and Reverence as they passed the remains of the General and his wife giving fond words and prayer. Every hour on the hour, General Scott Garrett of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade of Cleburne's Division changed the guards with military precision like clockwork.

On Saturday morning, it seemed that the angels in heaven were weeping as the rain came in and poured before the funeral started; but God would not allow rain to prevent such an occasion to be delayed. Just as I said in my words during the funeral, "I have seen it rain before a Confederate funeral or after one, but not during one." Sure enough, when the funeral stepped off, the rain stopped, the sun shined, and everyone was able to come out and say their final goodbyes to an American Warrior. [Continued on Page 2, Col. 1]

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Once it was over, the rain came back just as if the Angels were once again weeping. This is my fourth Confederate soldier's actual funeral I was involved in, and it never fails that I get choked up because of how much these men mean to us and how appreciative we are for them standing up to tyranny.

Now it's time to sit back and reflect upon the occasion but always keep moving forward because we also have a victory to celebrate. This past week, South Carolina was able to defend their monument protection bill. This is indeed a great victory. Of course, we do not hear about in the press, but this goes right along with Georgia's Monument Bill victory last year. We are making headway, but we cannot let up. Support the efforts of your leadership on the Division and National levels as we lock hands and carryout the fight. Many I know are frustrated, impatient, and sickened by the times, but we must lean into the storm and keep moving forward. Three cheers for South Carolina!

Let us follow Georgia and South Carolina's examples and continue our fight in the legislatures and with public opinion. We are making headway because we are determined to uphold the Charge for future generations so they will come to know the True history of their ancestors . Let us be unified as one and become the tip of a spear against our enemies.

God Bless General Forrest and his wife, Mary Ann. God bless our efforts in defending our birthright and God grant us the strength to be the tip of the spear as we push forward in defending this organization and carrying out the Charge that has been given to us by our noble ancestors for future generations.

Deo Vindice,

Larry McCluney, Jr.  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans



## Louisiana Division Fall Schedule

With this recent cool front which passed through our area it seems like there are things to do with the Louisiana Division all this fall. I encourage each and every one of you to attend these events and thereby support local Camps and the Division alike.

**Oct. 9th,**

Louisiana Fall Assembly, Fort Randolph State Park, Pineville.

**Oct. 8th - 9th,**

Zwolle Tamale Festival, Zwolle.

**Oct. 15th-17th,**

Louisiana Militia Unit Camp Out, Audubon State Historic Site

**Oct. 23rd,**

'Ghosts on the Battlefield', Mansfield State Park

**Nov. 6th,**

Camp Parapet Day, Kenner.

**Nov. 6th - 7th,**

Port Hudson Reenactment, Port Hudson State Park.

**Nov. 13th-14th,**

Blue and Gray on the Red ! , Fort Randolph State Park.

Nov. 20th-21st,

Camp Moore Reenactment, Tangipahoa.

For information on any of these one may contact me and I can put you in touch with the local Camp for details. My contact info is [gdg4scv@yahoo.com](mailto:gdg4scv@yahoo.com) / (337) 351-5746.

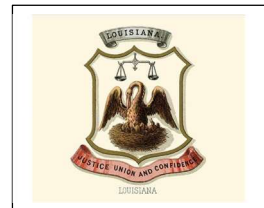
Guys,

I cannot stress the importance of attending these events. Our Heritage and Memorials have been under attack for quite some time now and we need to show our adversaries we are still here. The Louisiana Division was well represented at the Nathan Bedford Forrest reinterment so let's carry this effort forward and let everyone know our Division isn't going anywhere anytime soon !

George D. Gremillion

Louisiana Division

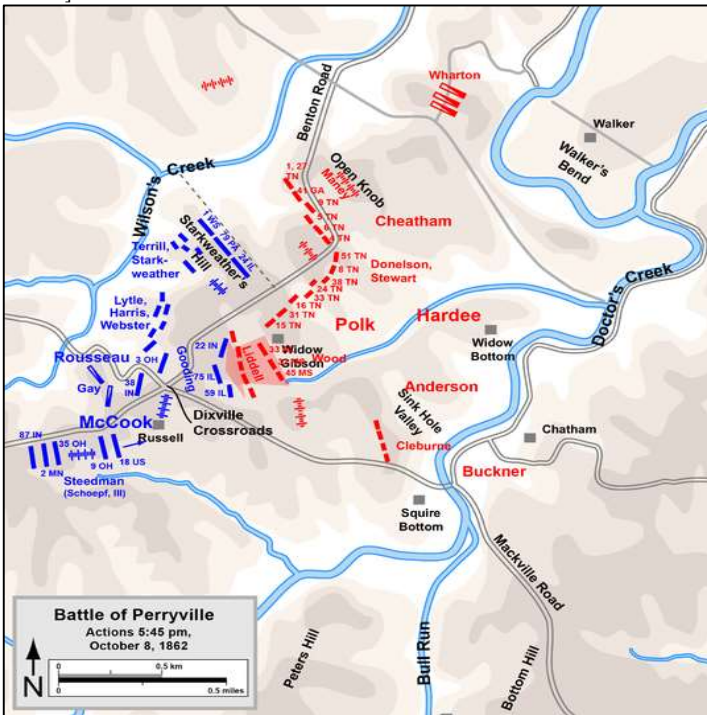
Commander



## BATTLE OF THE MONTH

### The Battle of Perryville, Ky.

Confederate Gen. Braxton Bragg's autumn 1862 invasion of Kentucky had reached the outskirts of Louisville and Cincinnati, but he was forced to retreat and regroup. On October 7, the Federal army of Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell, numbering nearly 55,000, converged on the small crossroads town of Perryville, Kentucky, in three columns. Union forces first skirmished with Rebel cavalry on the Springfield Pike before the fighting became more general, on Peters Hill, as the grayclad infantry arrived. The next day, at dawn, fighting began again around Peters Hill as a Union division advanced up the pike, halting just before the Confederate line. The fighting then stopped for a time. After noon, a Confederate division struck the Union left flank and forced it to fall back. When more Confederate divisions joined the fray, the Union line made a stubborn stand, counterattacked, but finally fell back with some troops routed. Buell did not know of the happenings on the field, or he would have sent forward some reserves. Even so, the Union troops on the left flank, reinforced by two brigades, stabilized their line, and the Rebel attack sputtered to a halt. Later, a Rebel brigade assaulted the Union division on the Springfield Pike but was repulsed and fell back into Perryville. The Yankees pursued, and skirmishing occurred in the streets in the evening before dark. Union reinforcements were threatening the Rebel left flank by now. Bragg, short of men and supplies, withdrew during the night, and, after pausing at Harrodsburg, continued the Confederate retrograde by way of Cumberland Gap into East Tennessee. The Confederate offensive was over, and the Union controlled Kentucky. [National Park Service]



Hal Jespersen, www.posix.com/CW

## FALL ASSEMBLY

Gentlemen,

The Louisiana Division's 2021 Fall Assembly will be held Saturday, October 9th, at Fort Randolph State Park located @ 135 Riverfront St. in Pineville. We will have a start time of 9:00 a.m. with a lunch break from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. An agenda will be forthcoming. Any input as to what to include on said agenda please let me know. The day will start with a DEC meeting. Contact info is [gdg4scv@yahoo.com](mailto:gdg4scv@yahoo.com) / (337) 351-5746.

George D. Gremillion

Louisiana Division Commander

## Confederate Image of the Month

### LT. Gen. William Hardee



Lt. Gen. William J. Hardee

Lieutenant General William Joseph Hardee was one of the top generals in the Confederate Army of the Tennessee and led troops most of the major battles of the Western Theater of the war.

He was born to Sarah Ellis and Major John Hardee on October 12, 1815 in Camden County, Georgia and graduated from West Point in 1838 and served with distinction in the Mexican-American War, earning two brevet promotion. He was wounded in a skirmish at La Rosia, Mexico. Later he taught tactics at West Point and wrote a handbook on the subject used by both sides in the War for Southern Independence.

He joined the Confederacy in 1861, and led corps at Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Missionary Ridge, Atlanta, Jonesboro, the Carolinas Campaign and Bentonville. After the war he and his family settled in Selma Alabama. He died Nov. 6, 1873.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Ghost Ships on the River**

[Port Hudson State Historic Site](#)

**October 23, 2021**

A park ranger will lead a night-time tour to Fort Desperate and share stories of paranormal phenomena that has occurred on the battlefield from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, October 23. Following the tour, rangers will perform a night-time firing the the 42-pounder cannon. After the cannon firing, a pyrotechnic demonstration using the model ship fleet re-creating the night-time Port Hudson attack and destruction of the USS Mississippi.

### **Siege of Port Hudson Reenactment**

[Port Hudson State Historic Site](#)

236 Hwy. 61, Jackson, LA 70748

November 06, 2021 - November 07, 2021

Port Hudson State Historic Site will host the 158th anniversary reenactment of the "Siege of Port Hudson" on Saturday-Sunday, November 6-7, 2021. Visitors will have access to reenactors from both the Union & Confederate armies. Campsites will be open to the public both days starting at 9:00 a.m. The battle reenactments are scheduled from 2:00 p.m. on Saturday & 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Demonstrations of other Civil War activities will be held throughout both days.

### **Halloween at Mansfield**

[Mansfield State Historic Site](#)

15149 Mansfield, LA. 71052

October 09 & 16, 2021

Bring the kids to Mansfield State Historic Site for a unique Halloween display on Saturday, Oct. 9 and/or Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Candy will be given to kids. For more information, contact the site at: 318-872-1474

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## **Confederate NEWS**

### **JEFFERSON DAVIS AVENUE RENAMED**

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The first capital of the Confederacy has renamed a street honoring the Confederate president to recognize a Black civil rights lawyer instead, despite an Alabama law meant to protect rebel monuments and memorials.

The Montgomery City Council voted Tuesday night to rename Jeff Davis Avenue for attorney Fred D. Gray, who grew up on the street during the Jim Crow era and went on to represent clients including Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Park.

### **FLAGS REMOVED ILLEGALLY**

FORT SMITH -- The Sebastian County Circuit Court determined the city violated state law after removing a historical flag display and bronze markers from Riverfront Park in April 2020.

Circuit Judge Gunner DeLay filed an order Monday stating the court found the city violated the Arkansas State Capitol and Historical Monument Protection Act concerning the Flags Over Fort Smith display. DeLay ordered the city to file a request for a waiver with the Arkansas History Commission by Oct. 14 to determine the disposition of the display. [From Arkansas Democrat Gazette, Oct. 6, 2021]

Military Times/Oct. 4, 2021

### **Base renaming commission coming to Fort Polk**

[The Naming Commission](#) plans to visit Fort Pickett, Virginia, and Fort Polk, Louisiana, by the end of November, according to retired Adm. Michelle Howard, who heads up the commission, before finalizing a list of posts, ships, streets, etc. to change.

[The committee is currently taking suggestions for new names for military bases currently named after Confederate generals, including Fort Polk named in honor Lt. Gen. Leonidas Polk. <https://www.thenamingcommission.gov/home>]