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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, Nov. 8, at Joe's Pizza & Pasta at 1601 Ruth St. in Sulphur, La. We'll be having our annual camp election at the meeting so please make every attempt to attend if possible. The complete ballot is printed on page four of this newsletter.

CONDOLENCES

Several of our members lost love ones in October. Our most sincere condolences go out to each of the following:

Compatriot Dr. Michael Bergeron's father, Francis L. "Frank" Bergeron died on Saturday, Oct. 15, 2016 at age 79 in Lake Charles. He was a resident of Baton Rouge for 43 years until displaced by the flood in August. Among his memberships was the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Funeral services were in Baton Rouge and committal was in St. George Catholic Church Cemetery-Mausoleum.

Compatriot Jonathan Duff's father, Charles Mark Duff, 57, of Westlake died Oct. 15, 2016. He was a longtime firefighter, his last 22 years with the Westlake Fire Department. A memorial service was held at Johnson Funeral Home in Lake Charles. Cremation was entrusted to Johnson Funeral Home.

Compatriot Nelson Fontenot's wife, Rosalind, passed away Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016. (Continued on P. 3 Col. 1)



SCV NEWS

By Mike Jones,
Camp editor/historian

With the big media culture largely hostile to our Confederate heritage, it behooves us to be aware of those resources that are Confederate supportive or, at least, fair to our heritage. Fortunately the internet now gives us the opportunity to get our news and point of view out to the public in general and bypass those sources that are biased or hostile. The internet radio stations that I'm aware of which fit into the supportive and fair categories include the following stations.

One of our very own SCV members, Nathan Curtis, has his own week day show on Eternal Life Broadcasting, KELB, which is broadcast on 100.5 FM, and on the internet at kelb.com. It is Lake Charles' only full-time Southern Gospel Music Station. Compatriot Curtis' program is from 8-10 a.m. daily, Mon.-Fri. He has a talk show which covers many topics, including issues of interest to Confederate heritage. Nathan has had members of our camp on as guests from time to time. You can listen either on the radio or the internet.

Another station which specifically broadcasts Confederate themed music around the clock 7 days a week is Dixiebroadcasting.com (WDXB Radio). Its theme is "The powerful voice of today's Southern Movement!" It plays a different version of our National Anthem, "Dixie," every hour of the day. It also plays recorded Southern Heritage Lectures on many topics by prominent scholars and leaders of the Southern movement.

Confederatebroadcasting.com, is another media source you can count on to be both supportive and friendly to our heritage. It has Confederate themed music during the day and you can tune in at night to catch up on Confederate issues, news, editorials and more. It also has a continuously running Confederate News Feed. Check out all the above.

SCV's CONFEDERATE MUSEUM ALREADY UNDER ATTACK

The ground-breaking for the new Sons of Confederate Museum was held at Historic Elm Springs, International Headquarters of the SCV in Columbia, Tenn., in October, and has already come under attack. Our national executive director, Col. Michael L. Landree, has swiftly counterattacked with response letters to the publications that ran the heritage attack articles. Here are his letters:

Letter sent to the editor of the Smithsonian Institute's magazine.

Mr. Caruso,

I am the Executive Director of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I am also a recently retired Marine combat officer. Our esteemed 501c3 non-profit organization was formed in 1896 from the soldiers who fought for the Confederacy and we have a good reputation not only with the federal government, but in our state and local communities. Our members are honorable men who do great deeds in our communities and a great many of our members are veterans of the United States who have served this nation in war.

This past weekend, we broke ground on a new museum dedicated to the Confederate soldier. This is our charge and mission to do so. There is nothing controversial about that. I will point out that even the Smithsonian Institute has multiple museums dedicated to a particular perspective such as the African American History and Culture (quoting "through an African American lens"), the American Indian Museum (again quoting from the Smithsonian website "advancing knowledge and understanding of all tribes"), the Asian Pacific American Center, and numerous affiliated museums of like kind. We see this as positive history designed to look at history from many different angles. History is all inclusive and museums are designed to provide educational venues by which people can come, view items, read facts, and learn. We don't always have to agree on everything, because history is not about only one perspective. According to the Smithsonian, "The Smithsonian Institution was created by Congress in 1846 as "an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge." Museums are not propaganda institutions. By the way, it was Jefferson Davis who was the impetus for your institution.

Yesterday Danny Lewis wrote an "article" in the Smithsonian Magazine entitled 'A Controversial Museum Tries to Revive the Myth of the Confederacy's "Lost Cause"'. How does he know this? Who told him that was what this museum is about? I take great offense to the tone, assumptions, misrepresentations, and the magnitude of inaccuracies in it.

First of all, I have not spoken to Mr. Lewis at all on this museum and neither has my staff. I have no emails or missed calls from him. If he is a professional, isn't this part of journalism? Not even the name of the museum is correct in his article. The square footage is wrong. The organization's intent of the museum is wrong. The cost of the museum is wrong. In reality, Mr. Lewis read a local article with hosts of inaccuracies, read a propagandist's blog, and then went to town trashing our

organization without doing any real homework himself. Is this acceptable to the Smithsonian?

I have great respect for the Smithsonian Institute and what it is supposed to represent. I am an institutional man and you probably are as well. The foundations of any institution can only support it for so long based upon how strong its foundations are. I would be ashamed if this kind of propaganda came forth from my organization. If the Smithsonian truly is an educational institution, this "article" is unworthy of the institution it represents. If this is what the Smithsonian is dipping to, then it begins the slow fall of its credibility as an objective institution.

I noted that Mr. Lewis states that he "focuses on stories from a Health/Science bent." I recommend him keep to this rather than delve into areas he has no understanding and relies on parroting other people's lopsided sentiments. This "article" is not balanced at all and is unworthy of the Smithsonian.

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/.../controversial-museum-tries.../>

Semper Fidelis!

Michael L. Landree

This letter was sent to the *Columbia Daily Herald* in Columbia, Tenn. in response to another opinion letter:

In response to Emily Senefeld's letter (Opinion, Oct. 16), yes, the Sons of Confederate Veterans is building a museum right here in little ole Columbia — and we are darn proud of it. It will tell the story of the Confederate soldier, sailor and Marine, and it will provide facts for everyone to make their own mind up about the war. We are excited to tell the stories of our soldiers through their own words and deeds. What should you expect? In addition to all the great men who served in the Confederate armed forces, such as Robert E; Lee, Stonewall Jackson, Robert Rodes, Joseph Wheeler, Raphael Semmes, Sam Watkins, and Patrick Cleburne, you'll hear stories of the Cherokee Braves and the Choctaw Brigade.

Never heard of them? Well, you will now! Also, the stories of the Forrest Escort, who served as General Forrest's personal bodyguard. Come learn about Pvt. Dick Poplar of the 13th VA Cavalry who was captured at Gettysburg and served 19 months as a prisoner in the Northern POW Camp Delaware; by the way, he was a black Confederate soldier. Also Major Adolph Proskauer of Mobile, Ala., who led his men during Pickett's Charge at Gettysburg — he was Jewish. You'll see Private Charles Chon of the Texas Cavalry who died at Franklin and is buried in the McGavock Cemetery at the Carnton Plantation; he was born in China. Learn about the local men of the Coleman Scouts — it's a story of bravery you won't believe! We'll also tackle social, economic, and constitutional issues which will bring out the Corwin Amendment — Google it and learn something

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Visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 25 from 5-8 pm in the Sanctuary of Apostolic Temple on West Prien Lake Road Funeral Service Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. at the Sanctuary of Apostolic Temple, with visitation beginning at 9 a.m. until time of the service.

Please keep all these compatriots and families in your thoughts and prayers.

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interesting today. Letter to the editor: Confederate museum tells many stories I'd expect a self-proclaimed academic such as the letter writer to do a little more research before jumping to conclusions about what we are and aren't providing. I'd expect a little more from a professional before making assumptions about our non-racial historical veterans organization. My daddy always said assuming... well, I'll just leave that be. However, I've never once spoken to her and neither has my staff, so how would she know?

Maybe what some people are worried about is that the facts don't always support someone's political or social agenda. Maybe she's scared that our museum won't be controlled by her and her agenda. But then again, that's the problem with facts; they always keep popping up. But I guarantee you we'll provide hard facts, and we'll let you decide for yourself what you believe. So if you're scared of the truth or learning something new or you want to see the same ole boring "Civil War museum," we might not be for you. However, if you want to be provided facts, as well as good stories about great people, we're here for you. Oh, and by the way, we're going to bring a lot of tourism here for the people of Maury County (just a hint...we're going to need more restaurants, hotels, and a convention center to keep up with us). Donate now and let's build The National Confederate Museum here in Columbia.

Michael Landree, Lt. Col, USMC, retired SCV executive director, Columbia, Tenn.

Thank you Col. Landree. Your swift responses are greatly appreciated. All SCV members need to send in a donation for the museum to get it up and running as swiftly as possible. We must meet this and all challenges to our noble Confederate heritage with responses that are worthy of the gallantry of our ancestors who wore the gray. Let's get behind Col. Landree and all our leaders at every level and present a united front to all enemies of our beloved Southern Confederacy. – Editor.

FORREST MONUMENT SAVED

The equestrian monument honoring Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest in Memphis, Tenn. The Tennessee Historical Commission has turned down the request by the Memphis City Council to move the monument. Too bad Louisiana doesn't have such protection for our historical monument. Gen. and Mrs. Forrest are buried underneath the monument and there have been attempts to remove their mortal remains.



**Sgt. Thomas Taylor,
8th La. Inf.**

SCV NATIONAL CONFEDERATE MUSEUM

<http://www.theconfederatemuseum.com>

The General Executive Council of the Sons of Confederate Veterans made the commitment in October of 2008 to start the process to erect a new building that will have two purposes. One of the uses of this new building will be to give us office space and return Elm Springs to its original grandeur. However the main function is to house The Confederate Museum. We are planning a museum that will tell the truth about what motivated the Southern people to struggle for many years to form a new nation. At the SCV Reunion in July of 2009 the GEC set up a building fund for this purpose. One of the goals is to provide an accurate portrayal of the common Confederate soldier, something that is currently absent in most museums and in the media.

These plans are now becoming action. The ground breaking will take place in 2016. Click the link above to see the proposed building!

You are invited to make your stand for the future by contributing to this fund.

Send checks to:
Sons of Confederate Veterans
c/o TCM Building Fund
P.O. Box 59
Columbia, TN 38402

Or you can call 1-800-MY-DIXIE to pay by credit card.

Capt. James W. Bryan #1390

Official Ballot – Camp Officers for 2017

Note: None of the Camp Offices are contested.

Offices: Camp Commander: Michael W. Clanton

1st Lt. Commander: Charles Richardson

2nd Lt. Commander: Scott Fuselier

Adjutant: Luke Dartez

Quartermaster: Archie W. Toombs

Chaplain: Rev. Ben Lyons III

Sgt. at Arms: Kevin Guillotte

Judge Advocate: J. W. Hellums

Surgeon: Dr. Michael Bergeron

Historian: Mike Jones

Color Sergeant: Gregg Holder

Prepared and signed per the Camp bylaws October 22, 2016.



Luke Dartez, Adjutant
Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390
Sons of Confederate Veterans