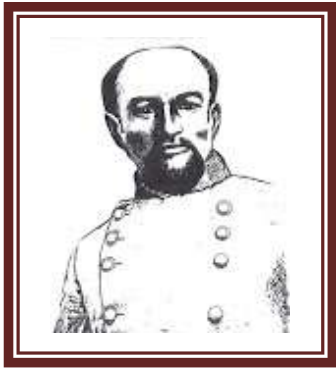


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Captain James W. Bryan

## NEXT MEETING

The December meeting of Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390, Sons of Confederate Veterans is our annual Christmas party beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 13, at 2019 21st St. in Lake Charles. Chaplain Tommy Curtis and his sister Phyllis will be our host and hostess. If you haven't already signed up to bring food for the party, please consider bringing a covered dish, dessert or soft drinks. We'll have great food, Confederate fellowship, live music by violist Susan Jones and singing Christmas carols which were all published before 1865. These are traditional songs that would have been familiar to our Confederate ancestors.

## LEE-JACKSON BANQUET 2017

Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390's annual Lee-Jackson Banquet 2016 will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, with our social at Pats of Henderson Restaurant, 1500 Siebarth Drive, Lake Charles. The program will get underway at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Fred Adolphus, curator of the Fort Hood, Texas Military Museum. His topic is "Origins and History of the Confederate Flag."

The cost will be \$30.00 per person with a delicious selection of menu items, which includes tea, appetizer and dessert. Please make your remittance of or by check payable to SCV Camp 1390. Mail the check to Adjutant Luke Dartez, 908 Henning Road, Sulphur, La. 70665- 7673, by Jan. 16 so he can give the restaurant a notice of how many to expect. We are not set up to take debit or credit cards. The price is all inclusive—meal, drink, and gratuity. Cocktails are not part of price.



By Mike Jones,  
Camp editor/historian

General Robert E. Lee was not only a military genius, he was also a very wise man. Here is one of my favorite Lee quotes:

"The march of Providence is so slow, and our desires so impatient; the work of progress is so immense and our means of aiding it so feeble; the life of humanity is so long, that of the individual so brief, that we often see only the ebb of the advancing wave and are thus discouraged. It is history that teaches us to hope."

We need to take counsel from such wise words of our forefathers in our ongoing battle to preserve, protect and advance our Confederate heritage. We're still awaiting a ruling from the 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. Circuit of Appeals to let the New Orleans left-wing city government remove the National Register historic monuments there, including those honoring Robert E. Lee, P.G.T. Beauregard and President Jefferson Davis. Monument supporters, including the Sons of Confederate Veterans, have fought a long, expensive legal battle to save them. The radical leftist New Orleans government, which is totally out-of-step with both its own citizens and the citizens of Louisiana, has asked the court to give them at least 24-hours of notice of their decision before making it public. Why? Do they want to sneak over there in the middle of night and tear them down first?

This shows, once again, that Louisiana desperately needs a state law to protect our state's history and heritage from these cultural Marxists who want to tear down monuments and rewrite history books, to conform with their profoundly evil and atheistic ideology. No matter what, let us remain resolved to save America from their machinations. We need to contact our state representatives and state senators to

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encourage them to author or co-author and support such a law as Virginia has to protect historic monuments. That state has also been battling its own cultural Marxists who want to tear down Confederate monuments. But the Virginia state law has protected them and so far none have succeeded there. Here is the exact wording of the Virginia law:

§ 15.2-1812

#### **Memorials for war veterans**

A locality may, within the geographical limits of the locality, authorize and permit the erection of monuments or memorials for any war or conflict, or for any engagement of such war or conflict, to include the following monuments or memorials: Algonquin (1622), French and Indian (1754-1763), Revolutionary (1775-1783), War of 1812 (1812-1815), Mexican (1846-1848), Confederate or Union monuments or memorials of the War Between the States (1861-1865), Spanish-American (1898), World War I (1917-1918), World War II (1941-1945), Korean (1950-1953), Vietnam (1965-1973), Operation Desert Shield-Desert Storm (1990-1991), Global War on Terrorism (2000- ), Operation Enduring Freedom (2001- ), and Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003- ). If such are erected, it shall be unlawful for the authorities of the locality, or any other person or persons, to disturb or interfere with any monuments or memorials so erected, or to prevent its citizens from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation and care of same. For purposes of this section, "disturb or interfere with" includes removal of, damaging or defacing monuments or memorials, or, in the case of the War Between the States, the placement of Union markings or monuments on previously designated Confederate memorials or the placement of Confederate markings or monuments on previously designated Union memorials. The governing body may appropriate a sufficient sum of money out of its funds to complete or aid in the erection of monuments or memorials to the veterans of such wars. The governing body may also make a special levy to raise the money necessary for the erection or completion of any such monuments or memorials, or to supplement the funds already raised or that may be raised by private persons, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion or other organizations. It may also appropriate, out of any funds of such locality, a sufficient sum of money to permanently care for, protect and preserve such monuments or memorials and may expend the same thereafter as other funds are expended.

With just a few changes, such as deleting the Algonquin War of 1622, the law would be fine for Louisiana. If we don't let our elected officials know how important this is to us, we will continue to see our monuments under attack, and possibly being torn down. Please let your elected officials know we the people of Louisiana want our historic monuments protected.

One final note, the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury is reportedly considering removing some oak trees on court house grounds to put in more parking spaces. Let us keep a wary eye on this to make sure it is not a subterfuge to remove The South's Defenders Monument.

## **SCV Emergency Relief Fund**

Compatriots,

As many of you have heard, after experiencing months without rain in the Southeast we now have massive wildfires burning in Eastern Tennessee and Western North Carolina. At this time I am only aware of one member who lost all of his material possessions and home. I have been in contact with him and the SCV sent him and his family some funds from the Emergency Relief Fund. He is in good spirits all things considered.

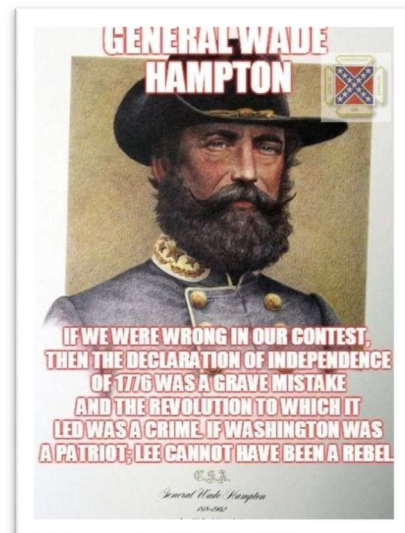
I have received a number of calls today checking on our daughter who lives in Maryville, TN and, for those calls, I thank you. I have also been asked if there is anything that we can do...well there is! The SCV Headquarters is currently accepting donations for a local food bank to feed the firefighters and those affected by the wildfires. Please denote Fire Relief Effort on your check and in a couple of weeks we will send the funds to the proper people. You can also donate via [PayPal](https://scv.secure-sites.biz/donation.php) by clicking on this link:

<https://scv.secure-sites.biz/donation.php>

and clicking the dot next to the "SCV Relief Fund". When prompted, you do not have to have your SCV ID number to donate.

Thank you again for your concerns about my daughter and the people of East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. As we enter the season when Christ entered the world for the benefit of all mankind, please assist the SCV in taking care of those who have lost all in what should be a joyous time.

Deo Vindice,  
Thos. V. Strain Jr.  
75th Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Confederate Veterans



## Louisiana Division Fall Assembly

The Louisiana Division SCV had its Fall Assembly Nov. 11, 2016 at Forts Randolph and Bulow Historic Site in Pineville, La. Those in attendance, including Captain James W. Bryan Camp Cmdr. Michael Wayne Clanton and former camp commanders Archie Toombs and Mike Jones, heard updates on the giant Confederate flag project for I-49, the Natchitoches Christmas parade law suit, and an effort to protect the Confederate Monument in Alexandria.

Among the speakers were our Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling of Louisiana; our Army of Trans-Commander Johnny Holley of Texas and our Louisiana Division Commander J.C. Hanna.

Cmdr. Gramling spoke on the need to keep members involved with their camps and for camps to determine what keeps your members involved. He said he is planning a Recruiting and Retention Seminar Feb. 25, 2017 in Texarkana, Texas and he encouraged camps to send representatives to it. The lieutenant commander challenged every member to give a gift SCV membership to a relative or friend, as a quick way to double membership. He also encouraged camps to be welcoming to prospective members.

Cmdr. Holley noted he attended the ground-breaking of the SCH's National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs in October. He added that the target date for opening the museum is 2018. With regards to heritage, organization LULAC is going after monuments dedicated to heroes of the Texas Revolution, such as Jim Bowie and David Crockett. He said we need allies in the culture wars because it is not just Confederate heritage that is under assault. On the positive side, Holley said a new SCV camp is in the chartering process in Hawaii.

Cmdr. Hanna gave an update on the Louisiana Division giant Confederate flag project along I-49 at Shreveport. He said while the land has been acquired, there is still a lot of work that needs to be done preparing the ground for access, testing the soil for digging the hole for giant flag pole and obtaining the materials necessary to complete the project. Hanna noted that donors are being lined up for the ground work, the 30 foot by 60 foot flag and the 125 foot flag pole.

The SCV's lawyer talked about the status of the SCV lawsuit over the Natchitoches Christmas Parade, from which the SCV was excluded last year and again this year. The parade, however, had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Also Joey Waldron of Jonesville talked about an effort to lease land upon which the Alexandria, La. Confederate monument stands, to protect it from removal attempts. Bobby Herring gave a talk about the duties of camp adjutants and key websites and key contacts.



## HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## CIVIL WAR TRUST HOLIDAY RECOMMENDATIONS

(Washington, D.C.) – This December, Americans throughout the country will celebrate the holiday season. In honor of this festive time, the Civil War Trust – America's premier battlefield preservation organization – recommends nine activities at historic attractions nationwide.

December 9: Holiday Open House at Longfellow House, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Visit the house where George Washington took command of the Continental Army during the American Revolution. Take a leisurely walk through the decorated rooms, stroll around the illuminated grounds, listen to your favorite carols, and enjoy complimentary refreshments and holiday-themed arts and crafts in the Carriage House. More information: [nps.gov/lon](http://nps.gov/lon)

December 10: Antebellum Saint Nicholas at Sailor's Creek Battlefield, Rice, Virginia

Have your photograph taken with the Civil War era's "Antebellum Saint Nicholas," and make some festive arts and crafts. The park will also be serving holiday snacks and warm beverages. More information: [dcr.virginia.gov](http://dcr.virginia.gov)

December 10: Holiday House Tour and Tasting, The Inns of the Gettysburg Area

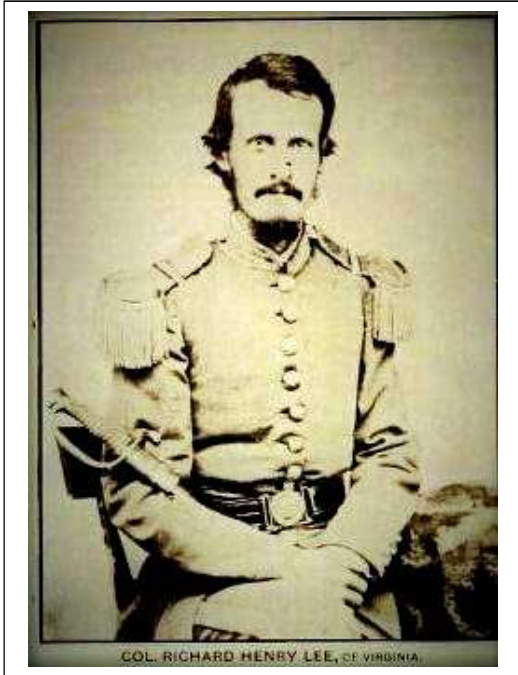
Tour historic homes, inns and properties beautifully decorated for the holiday season. The restored Mary Thompson House at Robert E. Lee's headquarters will be open for participants to tour. All proceeds from the sale of tickets benefit a Gettysburg area charity. Tickets can be purchased online: [gettysburgbedandbreakfast.com](http://gettysburgbedandbreakfast.com)

December 11: Holiday Open House at Fort Meigs, Perrysburg, Ohio

Enjoy holiday music, refreshments and hands-on activities. War of 1812 soldiers and civilians will be onsite to provide demonstrations and answer questions about the War of 1812 and camp life. More information: [fortmeigs.org](http://fortmeigs.org)



## SOLDIERS OF THE SOUTH



### COL. RICHARD HENRY LEE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Va. Inf.

He joined the Confederate Army at age 39 on April 18, 1861, at Charlestown, Va. as a second lieutenant in Company G, 2nd Virginia Infantry, Stonewall Brigade. Lee was born Aug. 24, 1821 in Alexandria, Westmoreland County, Va. He was the son of Edmund Jennings Lee and Sarah Caldwell. He was the grandson of the Richard Henry Lee, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and was a first cousin of General Robert E. Lee. Prior to the war he was an attorney and district attorney in Jefferson County, Va. During the Battle of Kernstown, Va., March 23, 1862, Lee was severely wounded and disabled while carrying the flag of his regiment after the regular standard bearer was wounded. His wound disabled him from further service in the infantry so he applied for an appointment in the newly created military court for the Confederate Army. Among the letters of recommendation in his military personnel file is one from his cousin, Gen. Robert E. Lee, in Gen. Lee's own handwriting, which follows:

Headquarters ANV

Oct 22nd 1862

His Excellency, Pres. Davis

Mr. President

In making the appointments under the recent Act of Congress creating a military court to attend the armies in the field, I know it will be your desire to select men of character, standing, legal attainment, and military experience who in the execution of their duty will give confidence to the country and assurance of justice to the army. Unless that can be accomplished I fear that the evils under which we labour in the army will not be removed and I trust that your good judgement will enable you to designate the best men for the

service. The friends of Mr. Richard Henry Lee, in this part of the country where he is best known have suggested him as a person well qualified for a position on the Court. I have known Mr. Lee from boyhood. He is the grandson of Richard Henry Lee of the Revolution, a gentleman of education, of high standing at the bar, and of great integrity and honesty of character. He entered the army at the commencement of the war and served until he was wounded in carrying forward the flag of his regiment after the standard bearer had fallen. In addition to his intelligence, worth and ability, he has some experience as a soldier. I therefore feel confidence in bringing his name to your notice.

I have the honor to be

With high respect

Your Obt. Servant

[Signed]

R.E. Lee

Needless to say, with such a high recommendation, Lee was promoted to colonel and assigned to a judgeship in the military court of the 2nd Corps, Army of Northern Virginia. Colonel Lee was married to Miss Evelyn Byrd Page and he had three sons and two daughters. He died June 18, 1902. His obituary notes, "He was a typical Virginia gentleman and an eminent man." [Source: The Richmond Times, June 19, 1902]

## GEORGE BATTLEFIELD LAND SAVED

(Whitfield County, Ga.) - The Civil War Trust recently announced the successful conclusion of a national campaign to preserve 301 acres of the Rocky Face Ridge battlefield in Georgia. With this addition, the Trust has helped save 926 acres at Rocky Face Ridge, an important early battle in the four-month campaign that determined the fate of Atlanta during the American Civil War. In addition to playing a critical role in the May 1864 Battle of Rocky Face Ridge, the property also witnessed fighting during the February 1864 Battle of Dalton.

"This acquisition is one of the most important pieces of land we have ever saved in Georgia, and is one of those priceless few places where not one but two Civil War battles were fought on the same hallowed ground," remarked Trust President James Lighthizer.

The land – which features a continuous entrenchment more than 2,000 feet long, as well as pristine earthworks – will eventually be transferred to the Whitfield County park system, and connect with a 625-acre tract already owned by the county. The transfer will create a seamless interpretive experience, giving visitors a greater understanding of both the battle and the movements of the opposing armies during the opening days of the decisive Atlanta campaign.

The Civil War Trust is the largest and most effective nonprofit organization devoted to the preservation of America's hallowed battlegrounds. Although primarily focused on the protection of Civil War battlefields, the Trust also seeks to save the battlefields connected to the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 through its Campaign 1776 initiative.