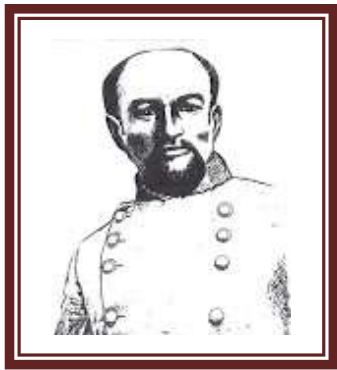


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Captain James W. Bryan

NEXT MEETING

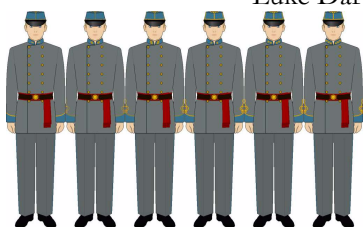
The next meeting of Capt. J.W. Bryan Camp 1390 will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at Ryan's Buffet, 4051 Ryan St., Lake Charles, LA 70605. Our speaker will be Charles Richardson who will speak on "Abraham Lincoln: Honest Abe or Typical Politician?" Please come and enjoy this most informative program, Confederate fellowship and a delicious buffet supper.

PLEASANT HILL CAMP TABLE

Compatriots,

Per motion and vote by our membership, we elected to skip the gun show this weekend and concentrate our efforts at the Battle of Pleasant Hill reenactment on the following weekend (April 7, 8, 9). [This letter is a call for help in manning the table that weekend.](#) We have Friday pretty well covered, but will be needing help on Saturday and Sunday. Come to the reenactment, pass a good time, and support your Camp's effort to recruit members and strengthen our finances through sale of our merchandise. With thanks in advance for your support, I remain,

Yours for the cause,
Luke Dartez, Adjutant



SCV NEWS

By Mike Jones,
Camp editor/historian

Time is running out for Louisiana's Confederate Monuments in New Orleans. The courts have all given *carte blanche* to the leftist New Orleans city government and the Cultural Marxists to start ripping down the National Register Historic Monuments honoring General Robert E. Lee, General P.G.T. Beauregard and President Jefferson Davis. Louisiana has a public bid law, but the New Orleans government has announced it will keep the bidders secret until the bid selection process is complete. Nor will the city government say what it will do with these historic Louisiana treasures once they are torn down. That's also secret. This is how tyrants and despots rule, not a government of free people. And what will be put up in their place? Apparently, no one but the Cultural Marxists will have a say in that. Certainly, the tinpot rulers of New Orleans don't care what the people of the city have to say, let alone the citizens of Louisiana. They've made that abundantly clear.

The magnificent bronze statue on top of the Lee Circle monument stands 16 ½ feet tall and weighs 7,000 pounds. The marble column it rests upon is 68 feet high and the overall length of the monument is 96 feet. The city contract calls for the statue to be torn down and taken to a warehouse and the pedestal and base left in place. What a disgraceful way to treat a historic and artistic masterpiece.

With regard to the Beauregard monument, the equestrian statue is also bronze and measures about 15 feet high and is estimated to weigh between 12,000 and 14,000 pounds. It is located at Esplanade Avenue outside the entrance of City Park. It sits on an ornate and stunning marble pedestal. The tinpot rulers want the contractors to remove just about everything and then

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return the granite base to the city and demolish the sidewalks surrounding the states. The New Orleans city hall gang must have been inspired by the Taliban to commit such historic and cultural vandalism.

The beautiful monument of President Davis is a six foot tall bronze work of art. It is estimated to weigh between 2,000 and 4,000 pounds. The city hall gang wants the Davis statue gone, but the pedestal and base left alone. What does the city hall gang plan to put there in its place, of course the hardworking taxpayers of Louisiana will be the last to know. We will probably have to wait till whatever monstrosity is put up in its place before we the people know.

The last chance Louisianians will have to thwart this diabolical historical and cultural vandalism will probably be with the Louisiana Legislature. In the upcoming April regular session of the Legislature, Rep. Thomas G. Carmody, Jr. (R-Shreveport) is introducing House Bill No. 71, which would protect all monuments to veterans of all wars. In the Louisiana Senate, Sen. Beth Mizell (R-Franklinton) will introduce a similar bill. An effort to do this last year was sabotaged when the bills were diverted to hostile committees that immediately killed them. But the Legislature doesn't meet until April 10, which is six days after the tinpot rulers of New Orleans are expected to select the bid to start the historical vandalism, probably in May—but who knows when our secretive rulers will act?

This whole shameful episode is one the darkest pages in Louisiana history. Most of our elected officials have shown little to no backbone; the courts have all sided with the radical leftists and Cultural Marxists and the will of the clear majority of Louisianians is ignored.

Louisiana Division SCV Compatriots

A fellow compatriot of our Louisiana Division has made a substantial donation to the Monument Defense Fund. In addition to that donation, he has issued a challenge to our Louisiana Division.

Between today and April 14, 2017, our compatriot has offered to match any donation of \$1000 or more to the Fund with an additional \$1000 donation to the Fund, up to \$5000.

If you, a member of your family, a family friend, or a Camp, would like to accept this challenge, here is a great opportunity to literally double the effect of your contribution. As you all know, a bill to protect ALL monuments to veterans of ALL wars has been introduced in the Louisiana legislature, HB 71. Your generous donations continue to help Beauregard Camp 130 retain both legal and lobbying representation, in court and in the Louisiana legislature.

We ask that all donations be sent made payable to "Beauregard Camp 130 SCV", with a notation on the check memo line "monument defense fund." Donations

should be mailed to our address, Beauregard Camp 130 with a notation on the check memo line "monument defense fund." Donations should be mailed to our camp address, Beauregard Camp 130, Post Office Box 145, Arabi, Louisiana 70032.

Beauregard Camp 130 appreciates your past support of our efforts to defend the monuments to Lee, Beauregard, and Davis in the city of New Orleans, and asks for your continuing support, both financial and morale, as we move forward to defend our Confederate heritage. Every dollar helps.

If you are financially able to meet our compatriot's challenge, please do so NOW! Please contact Beauregard Camp 130 via e mail to advise us if you intend to match the challenge. All donations are tax deductible.

Ed Ernewein

2nd Lt Commander

Beauregard Camp 130 SCV

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The Southwest Brigade held it's I-10 / I-49 CSA Flag Day Rally Run. Turnout was very good, with positive response from the public. Special thanks goes out to the participating camps and their members : Bryan Camp #1390, Sanders Camp #2092, and the Mouton Camp #778. As one member remarked, " Let's do it again! " [Courtesy of Camp Moore Chronicles]

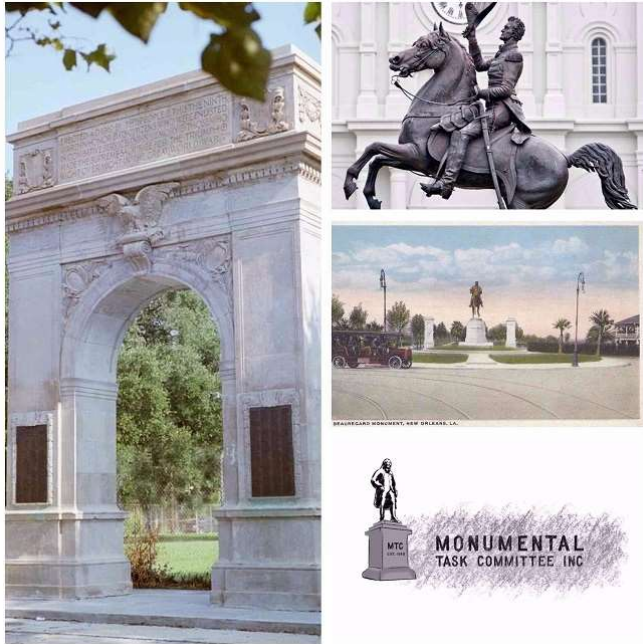
LOUISIANA DIVISION 2017 REUNION

Mark you calendar and make plans to attend the Louisiana Division 2017 Reunion to be held on May 20, 2017 in Shreveport. The DEC meeting will be held on Friday afternoon, the 19th. The location chosen is the Hilton Garden Inn and Homewood Suites, 2015 Old Minden Road, Bossier City. There is a block of 10 rooms for those that need them. Reservations can be made by calling 318/759-1950 or 318/562-7410. Watch the Tiger Courier for additional forthcoming details. [Courtesy of Camp More Chronicles]

REQUEST FROM MONUMENTAL TASK COMMITTEE

Your Immediate Help Needed!

*Call Lt. Governor Nungesser and your legislators and tell them to
save historic monuments!*



We need your help! Please [call](#) and [email](#) Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser and encourage him to take immediate action to protect Louisiana's historic monuments. The Lt. Governor's Office oversees the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation. Let the Lt. Governor know that we need his help to stop the removal of historic monuments.

Lt. Governor Nungesser

Phone: (225) 342-7009

Email: ltgov@crt.la.gov

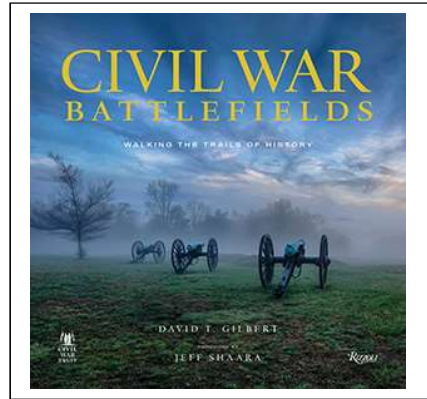
As documented in the [media](#), Take 'Em Down has a long list of targeted monuments, including the WWI Victory Arch, Andrew Jackson, and Bienville monuments. So, please also [call](#) and [email](#) your state legislators and tell them to pass legislation this session which would protect our monuments from removal.

To find your legislator, click on this [link](#) or cut and paste this address:

<http://www.legis.la.gov/legis/FindMyLegislators.aspx>

Questions: Please email us at info@monumentaltask.org.

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CIVIL WAR BATTLEFIELDS: WALKING THE TRAILS OF HISTORY

The Civil War Trust is pleased to announce the publication of [Civil War Battlefields: Walking the Trails of History](#), a richly illustrated, 336-page coffee table volume showcasing the scenic beauty and recreational opportunities afforded by our nation's hallowed ground.

Individual entries for more than 30 battlefields include both historic and modern photography, plus essays explaining a site's historic significance, as well as advice for how best the modern visitor can explore on foot.

The book was written by David Gilbert, who, many years ago, served as the very first editor of [Hallowed Ground](#), when it was the membership publication of the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites. He was inspired to undertake the project while working as the editor and designer for a book by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy that looked at Civil War sites along its length and thought that a book taking a broader view would be well received.

While many people think of a "great" hike as a particularly challenging one, or one that gives access to impressive destinations — like a sweeping panoramic view or a waterfall — the criteria does not change for a "historical" hike.

"Civil War battlefields are situated at significant geographical locations, often where mountains, rivers and roads or railroads intersect," said Gilbert. "Many of these sites offer sweeping panoramic views, such as Moccasin Bend of the Tennessee River below Lookout Mountain, Seminary Ridge and Cemetery Hill from Little Round Top at Gettysburg, Lake Barkley at Fort Donelson or the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers at Harpers Ferry."

[Civil War Battlefields: Walking the Trails of History](#) is now available from Rizzoli Publishing. A portion of proceeds from each sale will benefit battlefield preservation efforts.

BATTLE OF PLEASANT HILL REENACTMENT

The annual Battle of Pleasant Hill, Louisiana is scheduled for April 7-9, 2017. This event will be on the actual anniversary dates of the battles of Wilson's Farm, April 7, 1864, Mansfield, April 8, 1864 and Pleasant Hill, April 9, 1864. The reenactments are held on the actual battlefield of Pleasant Hill, 3 miles north of the present town of Pleasant Hill. Here's the schedule:

Friday, April 7, 2017

10 a.m.-3 p.m. School Day

5:30 p.m. Battle of Pleasant Hill Reenactment

Saturday, April 8, 2017

10 a.m.—Parade, Downtown Pleasant Hill

11 a.m.—(Following parade)—Battle Reenactment in town.

2 p.m.—Main Battle Reenactment on original battlefield.

7 p.m.—Period Ball—American Legion Hall

8:30 p.m.—Evening Battle Reenactment

Sunday, April 9, 2017

6-10 a.m.—Breakfast—American Hall

10 a.m.-Noon—Open camp activities

10 a.m.—Church Services (open to all)

After Church—Mail Call

2 p.m.—Battle of Pleasant Hill Reenactment

There is a modern vendors section across the street in front of the American Legion Hall. Plans are being made for Camp 1390 to have a booth in this area. The authentic sutlers adjacent to the reenactor camps sell reproduction uniforms, weapons and gear.



BATTLE OF MANSFIELD Louisiana's Greatest Victory

[National Park Service Battlefield Summary](#)

Maj. Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks's Red River Expedition had advanced about 150 miles up Red River. Maj. Gen. Richard Taylor, without any instructions from his commander, Gen. E. Kirby Smith, decided that it was time to try and stem this Union drive. He established a defensive position just below Mansfield, near Sabine Cross-Roads, an important communications center. On April 8, Banks's men approached, driving Confederate cavalry before them. For the rest of the morning, the Federals probed the Rebel lines. In late afternoon, Taylor, though outnumbered, decided to attack. His men made a determined assault on both flanks, rolling up one and then another of Banks's divisions. Finally, about three miles from the original contact, a third Union division met Taylor's attack at 6:00 pm and halted it after more than an hour's fighting. That night, Taylor unsuccessfully attempted to turn Banks's right flank. Banks withdrew but met Taylor again on the 9th at Pleasant Hill. Mansfield was the decisive battle of the Red River Campaign, influencing Banks to retreat back toward Alexandria.

Other Names: Sabine Cross-Roads, Pleasant Grove

Location: DeSoto Parish

Campaign: Red River Campaign (1864)

Date(s): April 8, 1864

Principal Commanders: Maj. Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks [US]; Maj. Gen. Richard Taylor [CS]

Forces Engaged: Banks's Red River Expeditionary Force [US]; District of West Louisiana (two divisions) [CS]

Estimated Casualties: 4,400 total (US 2,900; CS 1,500)

Result(s): Confederate victory



Gen. Richard Taylor