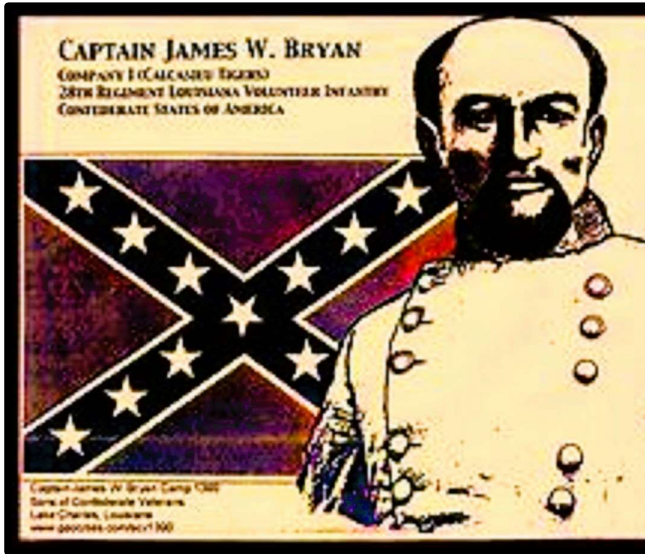


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Captain James W. Bryan

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 will begin at The next SCV meeting is Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 pm at Hollier's Cajun Kitchen Restaurant 1709 Ruth St. in Sulphur, La. We can start gathering at 5:30 p.m. to eat. Please come and enjoy great delicious food, a program, and great Confederate fellowship.



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SCV NEWS

Mike Jones, editor/historian

Congress' "naming commission" which was authorized in 2020, over President Trump's veto, to begin a purge of American History at all Department of Defense properties to eradicate anything having to do with the Confederacy. This included recommendations for renaming military bases honoring Confederate generals, such as Fort Polk in Louisiana. The purge committee's mandate included statues, monuments, building names, ship names, regimental lineages, regimental battle honors, etc. It was my understanding the purge committee's mandate did not include cemeteries. But it recommended the Confederate Monument by the renowned sculptor Moses Ezekiel, who was also a Confederate veteran, at Arlington National Cemetery (which comes under the U.S. Army) in Virginia be removed. There is a lawsuit in progress by #DefendArlington, which calls the monument the "Reconciliation Monument." If you want more information, go to DefendArlington.org. See a picture of the monument on page 2.

When and where will this purge of American History and Heritage stop? It is already obvious it is not stopping with Confederate and Southern History and Heritage. There have also been statues of Northern heroes attacked, including Lincoln, Founding Fathers, and religious statues as well. Only time will tell the outcome.

SCV NEWS

On Saturday, July 1, Louisiana Division SCV members joined with compatriots from Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi to brave the heat wave in a living history at the Old Vicksburg Courthouse Museum, which commemorated the 160th anniversary of the Siege of Vicksburg. The 31st LA fielded 14 riflemen at this event.

Sgt. James W. Nicholson Camp #1478, Ruston
Capt. Thomas O. Benton Camp #1444, Monroe
Claiborne Invincibles Camp #797, Athens
Sabine Rifles Camp #2057, Many
Col. Samuel D. Russell Camp #1617, Natchitoches
Lt. Alexander Cameron Camp #2226, Greenville, TX

Anacoco Rangers Camp #1995, Leesville
SCV Mechanized Cavalry
Louisiana Bushwhackers
Dixie Belles Chapter, Order of Confederate Rose
United Daughters of the Confederacy
13th Louisiana Infantry Regiment

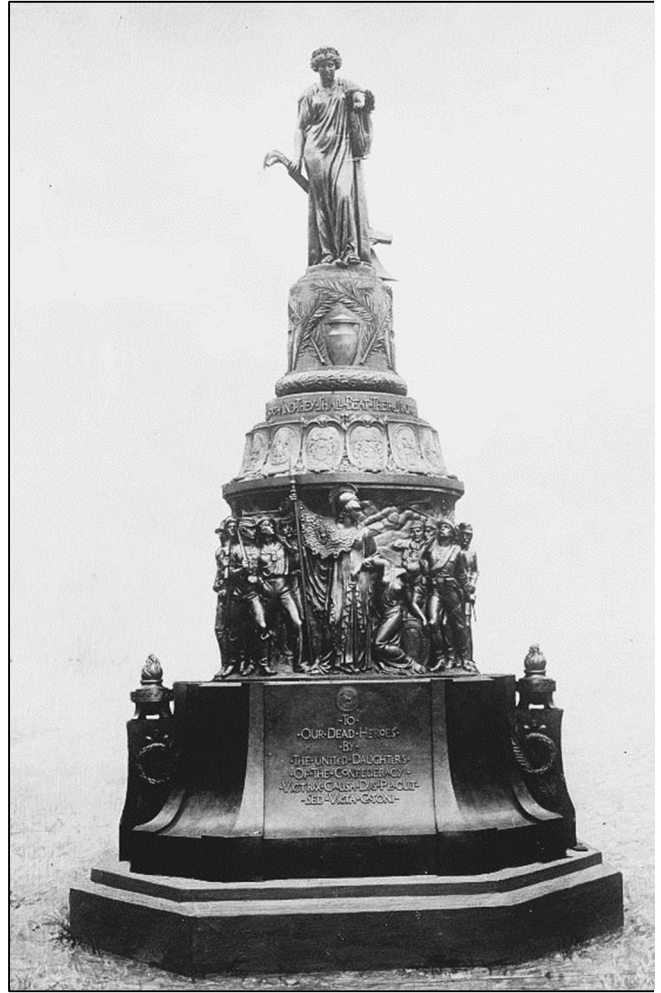
If I have accidentally omitted anyone, I do apologize. From the bottom of my heart, thank y'all for coming!

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Commander, Lt. Elijah H. Ward Camp #1971,
Sons of Confederate Veterans Farmerville, LA
Chief of Operations, Louisiana Division, SCV
Captain, Company I, 31st Louisiana Infantry Regiment
of WBTS Reenactors



**PVT. REUBEN H. NATIONS, CO. E, 12TH LA. INF. LOST BOTH LEGS
AT THE BATTLE OF DECATUR, ALA. IN 1864 (FIND A GRAVE)**



CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL

Arlington National Cemetery

In 1900, Congress authorized Confederate remains to be reinterred at Arlington National Cemetery, which designated a special section for them (in what is now Section 16). The Confederate Memorial was erected there in 1914. By the early 1900s, it had become tradition to establish a new section at Arlington for the dead from a particular war, followed by a commemorative monument. In Section 22, where many soldiers and sailors from the Spanish-American War are buried, the [Spanish-American War Monument](#) and the [Rough Riders Monument](#) memorialize that conflict. After fallen World War I service members were repatriated and buried in Sections 18 and 19, the [Argonne Cross](#) was dedicated in Section 18. In this sense, the creation of a Confederate section and memorial followed customary practice at Arlington. In 1921, the sculptor, Moses Ezekiel was buried at the foot of the monument he created. (Arlington National Cemetery)

Louisiana Regimental Histories

12th Regiment, Louisiana Infantry

OVERVIEW:

12th Infantry Regiment completed its organization at Camp Moore, Louisiana, in August, 1861. Its companies were from the parishes of Caldwell, Claiborne, Vermilion, Cameron, Calcasieu, Jackson, Ouachita, Bossier, and Iberia. Sent to Missouri, the unit was captured at [Island No. 10](#) in April, 1862. After being exchanged, it was assigned to Rust's, Buford's, T.M. Scott's, and Lowry's Brigade. It fought at [Champion's Hill](#) and [Jackson](#) before participating in the campaigns of the Army of Tennessee from [Resaca](#) to [Bentonville](#). In July, 1862, the unit contained 41 officers and 546 men, reported 11 killed, 57 wounded, and 5 missing out of the 318 engaged at [Peach Tree Creek](#), lost many during Hood's Tennessee Campaign, and surrendered with only a remnant on April 26, 1865. Its commanders were Colonel Thomas M. Scott; Lieutenant Colonels James A. Boyd, Wade H. Hough, Noel L. Nelson, and Thomas C. Standifer; and Majors John C. Knott and Henry V. McCain. (National Park Service)



PVT. FRANCIS MARION DAVIS, Co. E, 12TH LOUISIANA INFANTRY
(LOUISIANA CONFEDERATE IMAGES)

BATTLE OF THE MONTH

GETTYSBURG

The first day of the [Battle of Gettysburg, Pa.](#) is a Southern triumph with General Lee's Army of Northern Virginia driving the Army of the Potomac, now under Maj. Gen. George Meade is out of town. But the Federals now occupy the high ground and dig in all night. Meade has 104,256 bluecoats present for duty. The North also had 146 artillery pieces at Gettysburg. General Lee had between 71,000 and 75,000 men engaged in the battle and 73 artillery pieces. Highlights of the first day included fighting at Herr Ridge, McPherson Ridge, the town of Gettysburg, and Seminary Ridge. Both sides were continuing to receive reinforcements throughout the day.

The second day of the [Battle of Gettysburg, Pa.](#) brings on major fighting and casualties to both sides. Gen. Robert E. Lee has Maj. Gen. A.P. Hill's Third Corps attack from Seminary Ridge, Cemetery Ridge and at the Confederate center. Lt. Gen. Richard Ewell commanding Second Corps on the left has Maj. Gen. Edward Johnson's Division attacked Culp's Hill and Maj. Gen. Jubal Early's Division attacks Cemetery Hill. Lt. Gen. James Longstreet's First Corps attacks the Peach Orchard, Rose Woods, Devil's Den, Wheatfield, and Little Round Top on the Confederate right. Fighting continued until late in the night but the Federals under Maj. Gen. George Meade manages to hang on.

The third day of the [Battle of Gettysburg](#) sees more bloody fighting. General Lee orders Longstreet to make a major assault in the center of the Federal line since attacks on the left and right stalled the previous day. He orders General Ewell to make a demonstration on Culp's Hill on the Federal right. However, the Federals began the day with an attack on the Confederates on Culp Hill to take back gains the Southerners made the previous evening. Lee then changes the plan to assault the center, assuming it must have been weakened for the Federal assaults elsewhere. After a long Confederate bombardment on the center, Pickett's Charge is made and repulsed. There is also a cavalry battle at the "East Cavalry Field" and the Federal cavalry also attacks Longstreet's infantry southwest of Big Round Top and is repulsed. Federal Gen. Elon J. Farnsworth is among the killed. General Lee, running low on ammunition, decides to withdraw from Gettysburg. Total Federal casualties are 23,049, including 3,155 killed, 14,529 wounded, and 5,365 captured/missing. Confederate losses are estimated to be between 23,000 and 28,000. The ANV withdrew the next day.

Louisiana Division Commander's Comments

(From his desk, The Pelican Dispatch, July 2023)

The 4th of July, Independence Day, is right around the corner. While grilling or shooting fireworks in celebration of our win over King George's Redcoats, take a moment to reflect on our own fight for Southern Independence.

The Fourth also marks two major conflicts during the War Between the States, Vicksburg & Gettysburg.

Let us remember the sacrifice of our ancestors. Let their deaths not be in vain. Let us continue to promote & defend our Confederate Heritage as we live our daily life by the Charge. Let us remember the Southern blood split in the name of freedom and our struggle against an unlawful invasion & tyrannical government. Let us never forget the horrors of the War. Let us not forget how so many non-combatants suffered from Yankee subjugation. Let us not forget how many homes and towns were torched by Yankee fire. Let us not forget how many were outright murdered.

As I go along I-20, I see the little villages and towns that were razed by a United States government run by ruthless politicians. I can also see their barbaric Hun-like tactics are still felt today. We must **NEVER** forget! We can **NOT** afford to forget!

The Louisiana Division has been very busy in each corner of the state. Each brigade has had great events in each of their areas and participation has been good. As we enter a lull with the heat season upon us, it gives us time to evaluate our Division, Brigades, and Camps. Use this time to work on recruiting and bringing special programs & speakers to members. Also, this is the time camps can get together away from regular meetings for social & family events.

The Louisiana Division is one big family and as such we should do more to include our wives and especially our children in what we do. We have a duty to teach them not only of the glories and Cause of the Confederacy but also the horrors of a Federal government that broke the U.S. Constitution and slaughtered its own citizens.

The National SCV event that will be held by the Army of the Trans-Mississippi in Louisiana (Mansfield Historic Site) now has a date scheduled for April 6, 2023. It will coincide with the 160th Anniversary of the Red River Campaign as well as the 125th Birthday of the Louisiana Division. More details to follow soon.

If your camp is organizing a future event. Please send info to the Tiger Courier, news@lascv.com Be sure to send event information in at least two weeks from the date of the event so our members can plan to participate.

"Be Like Mosby!" Work with your local governments, work with organizations in your areas, and take advantage of every event the SCV can participate in! These are just the first steps of taking back our communities!

As always, remember compatriots, you are "The Thin Gray Line!"

"I am with the South in life or death, in victory or defeat. I believe the North is about to wage a brutal and unholy war on a people who have done them no wrong, in violation of the Constitution and the fundamental principles of government. They no longer acknowledge that all government derives its validity from the consent of the governed. They are about to invade our peaceful homes, destroy our property, and murder our men and dishonor our women. We propose no invasion of the North, no attack on them, and only ask to be left alone."—

General Patrick Cleburne

A soldier in the Cause,

J. Brian McClure

Louisiana Division Commander



PVT. ROBERT LEIGH CLAIBORNE, POINTE COUPEE ARTILLERY