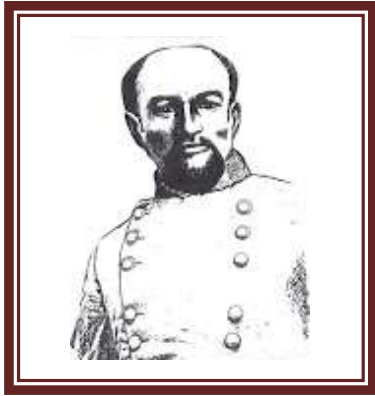


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**Captain James W. Bryan**

## NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Captain James W. Bryan Camp 1390 will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Ryan's Buffet, 4051 Ryan St. in Lake Charles, Louisiana. Camp Cmdr. Scott Fuselier will be presenting an interesting program. April is Confederate History Month so please plan to attend and enjoy plenty of great American cuisine and Confederate fellowship.

## PLEASANT HILL REENACTMENT

The Battle of Pleasant Hill, La. was fought April 9, 1864 and the 155<sup>th</sup> anniversary reenactment of this pivotal battle in the War for Southern Independence will be April 13 & 14 at the actual battlefield about six miles north of the present town of Pleasant Hill at 23271 La. Hwy. 175. It is the largest battle reenactment in the state and a perfect way to salute Confederate History Month.

### SCHEDULE (tentative)

Saturday

6-9 a.m. Breakfast—Battlefield Hall

10 a.m. Parade—Downtown Pleasant Hill

2 p.m. Main Battle Reenactment

7 p.m.—Period Ball (period dress suggested)

Sunday

6-9 a.m. Breakfast—Battlefield Hall

10 a.m. Camp Open & Church Services

1 p.m. Crowning of Miss Pleasant Hill

2 p.m. Battle reenactment

There will be plenty of parking and shuttle service.



**SCV NEWS**

*Mike Jones, editor/historian*

April is Confederate History Month in Louisiana and the big event for the month is usually the Battle of Pleasant Hill Reenactment which is always a great way to proclaim and advance our Confederate heritage. If you can't make Pleasant Hill, there is a memorial service in honor of our Louisiana Confederate hero, General Alfred Mouton at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 13 at the statue of General Mouton at the intersection of Lee and Jefferson streets in Lafayette, Louisiana.

The Louisiana Legislature will soon be in session but there has been no word from either the governor or the legislature that they will take up a Confederate monument protection bill for this state. The statues of generals Robert E. Lee and P.G.T. Beauregard and President Jefferson Davis are still in storage and there is no indication of what the City of New Orleans plans to do with them. Don't forget to bring this issue up with any candidate for state offices, who want your vote. It is a shame and disgrace the way the current governor and legislature have treated our state's noble Confederate heritage.

However, the State of Georgia legislature is at work strengthening their state law protecting their historical monuments honoring their veterans, of all wars. It is unclear what it will take to make Louisiana's political leadership do their duty and protect all of our state's precious historical legacy and stop the cultural Marxists and radicals from their despicable assault on our history and heritage. So far Louisiana politicians have shown they could care less about preserving any aspect of Louisiana history.

What is clear, we who do care have to get solidly behind the SCV in building new Confederate monuments on SCV owned land as well as Confederate flags and of course our own on National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs, Columbia, TN.

## CONFEDERATE NEWS

### GEORGIA BILL PROTECTS MONUMENTS

ATLANTA – Georgia legislators have approved a bill that increases penalties for vandals of historic monuments which requires them to be moved to another place of similar visibility.

Lawbreakers would have to pay triple damages for vandalized or destroyed monuments, which also covers plaques, statues, markers, flags and other tributes located in public places. Proponents say that it will protect all historic monuments, including those honoring Confederates.

State Sen. Jeff Mullis, R-Chickamauga, was quoted as saying that a better approach than removing existing monuments, is adding new monuments that honor other heroes that people admire.

Democrats are questioning the penalties but the bill passed by a vote of 100 to 71. It was now up to the governor to sign or veto the bill.

### NEW ORLEANS STILL UNDECIDED

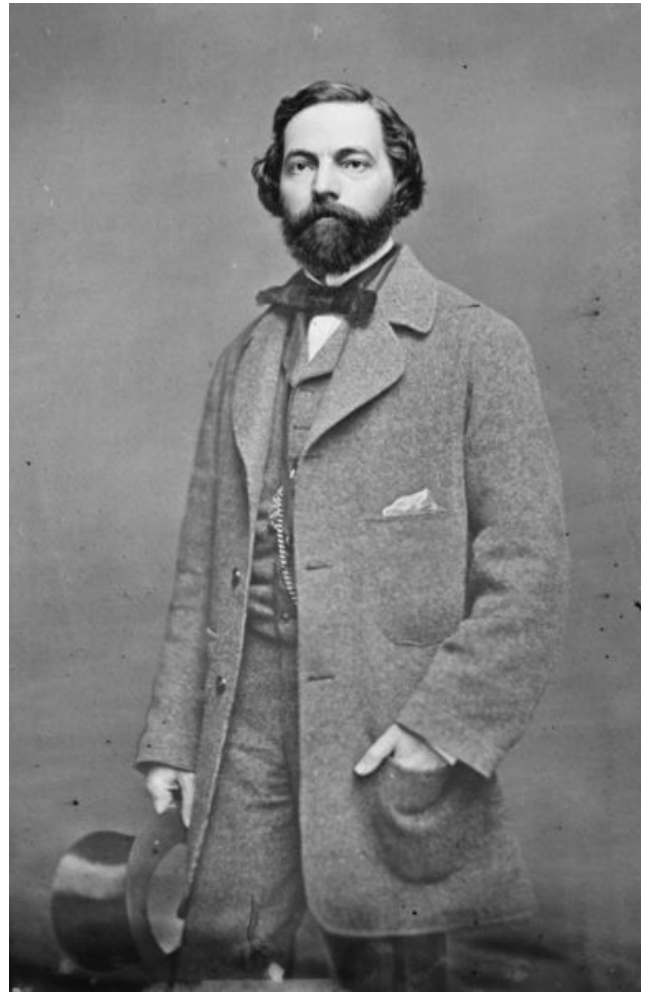
NEW ORLEANS –The fate of the New Orleans Confederate Monuments removed in the dark of night now going on years ago, are still unceremoniously stored in a warehouse but Mayor LaToya Cantrell’s Monument relocation committee has reportedly come around to Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser’s proposal to relocate them to the Houma House Plantation in Ascension Parish.

The committee chairman, Frank Stewart, has reportedly agreed with the Houma House Plantation site after personally visiting it. The site is already a major Louisiana tourist attraction that attracts 120,000 visitors a year and is 70 miles upriver from New Orleans.

But it is still unclear if the proposal will be accepted by the Mayor of New Orleans.

The plantation site includes a historic tour of the plantation house and a 38 acres garden.

It is notable that in 1882, William Porcher Miles, most famous for having designed the St. Andrew’s Cross style Confederate battle flag, became the manager of the plantation. Miles was the son-in-law of the owner, Oliver Beirne. In 1899, Miles died and the plantation was inherited by his son, William P. Miles. Jr.



(Library of Congress)

### WILLIAM PORCHER MILES AND THE CONFEDERATE BATTLE FLAG

William Porcher Miles was born July 4, 1822 in Walterboro, S.C. and was a professor at the Charleston College, Mayor of Charleston and a member of the State Secession Convention. He also represented his state in the Confederate House of Representative.

As a member of the “Committee on the Flag and Seal,” he submitted the design that eventually became the famous Confederate battle flag, but was initially rejected. After First Manassas, Gen. Beauregard was looking for a distinctive design and Miles suggested his. This time it was accepted and still remains the most distinctive emblem of the Confederacy.

## "MAKE DIXIE GREAT AGAIN"

Greetings Compatriots,  
The Southern Victory Campaign and its motto, "Make Dixie Great Again," is taking the fight to our adversaries. It is the movement for the Sons of Confederate Veterans to take back the narrative from the Cultural Marxists & Cultural Cannibals that have declared war on the South. We have been on the defensive for too long during this Second Reconstruction. It is time to hoist the colors high and deliver the truth about our History... our Heritage to the general public.

Getting that message out has an advertising expense. In order to place traditional & digital ads in markets that will ultimately activate our fellow Southerners, we need money to pay for those ads—thus, the Confederate Legion. The Confederate Legion is a volunteer group of people, SCV and non-SCV members, who donate a minimum of \$50 per year to the Cause. These funds will be used to pay for the SCV's on-going PR campaign. No less than 90% of the funds collected will be used to buy pro-South ads and point the general public to our web site for more information.

With ads purchased by the Confederate Legion plus those purchased by local camps for their local stations, the SCV will cover the South with positive news about our honorable heritage. This will have a positive impact on the political establishment that up to now has had little to fear from us—but with your help that will change!

Join the Confederate Legion today!

Or if you would rather use traditional mail for checks, etc., Send them to:

MAKE DIXIE GREAT AGAIN

Confederate Legion

[www.makedixiegreatagain.org](http://www.makedixiegreatagain.org)

P.O.Box 59, Columbia, TN 38402

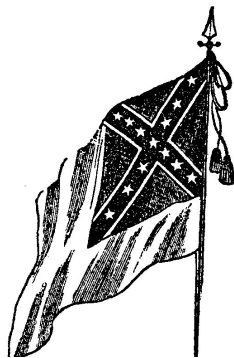
800-My-Dixie (800-693-4943)

A soldier in the Cause,

Brian McClure

National SCV Deputy

of Communications & Networking



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### FIRST STATUE OF ROBERT E. LEE

This is a picture of the very first statue ever made of General Robert E. Lee. It was 20-inches tall and was made in 1864 for a fundraiser for wounded Confederate soldiers. Lee posed for a series of photographs in 1863 to be used for the statue, which were sent through the blockade to Berlin. The sculptor, Edward Valentine, was a student from Virginia, studying there under a famous German sculptor. Valentine used them as the model to create the statue. It was planned to be sold at the Southern Bazaar in Liverpool, England to raise money to help wounded Confederate soldiers. It was not ready for the bazaar but was eventually sold to someone in Scotland. Its location today, if it still exists at all, is unknown.

After the war, Valentine met Lee personally at Lee's home in Lexington, Virginia to take measurements of Lee for future statues. Lee later went to the sculptor's studio in Richmond to sit for a series of sketches by the artist. Valentine later created a magnificent bust of Lee and the famous recumbent statue of Lee at the Lee Chapel at Washington and Lee University.

This record clearly shows that Robert E. Lee wasn't against Confederate monuments, as some modern activists contend in their campaigns to remove monuments. The activist use a letter written just after the war when Lee encouraged a group wanting to put up a monument, to instead memorialize the graves of Confederate soldiers at that particular time. He felt it wasn't the right time for monuments. But just a few years later he felt the time for monuments had come.—Mike Jones

## LA DIV. 2019 CONVENTION

Beauregard Camp 130 would like to remind everyone to please mark your calendars, register now, and make your reservations for the 2019 La Division Reunion to help us with our planning. Registration form at <http://lascv.com/files/reg19.pdf>

**NOTE:** The Reunion is **NOT** in Orleans Parish or the City of New Orleans. It is in Metairie which is in Jefferson Parish. None of your reunion funds will contribute to the City of New Orleans.

Rooms are available for booking now. Please see the Hotel information below.

The rate is \$129.00 (or \$99 for a standard room)

The 2019 Louisiana Division Reunion will be held at:

**Copeland Tower Suites and Conference Center**  
2601 Severn Avenue  
Metairie, LA 70002  
(504) 888-9500

### BANQUET SPEAKER:

Lt. Gov. Billy Nungesser

### BANQUET MENU:

**Soup Station:** Chicken and Andouille Gumbo

**Buffet:** Spring Greens Salad including Cucumber, Shredded Carrot, Cherry Tomato & Croutons with Italian and Thousand Island Dressings Shrimp & Tasso Pasta, Chicken Marsala, Crawfish Étouffée, and Seasoned Green Beans with Cornbread.

**Dessert Station:** White Chocolate Banana Bread Pudding with Rum Butter.

**Beverages:** Complimentary Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee, Unsweetened Iced Tea, and Iced Water. \*\*Soft Drinks and Alcohol available at Cash Bar.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL 2019

**First Saturday of the Month • 2/2/2019 to 6/30/2019 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - 1st Saturday of the Month Hike, 10 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center and join a park ranger on a guided hike of the battlefield area known as Artillery Ridge. The hike will cover about 2 miles and take about 2 hours. Appropriate footwear, clothing, and drinking water is recommended. For more information call 888.677.3400 toll free or 225.654.3775 locally.

**First Saturday of the Month • 3/2/2019 to 6/30/2019 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - First Saturday of the Month Hike, 10 a.m.** Meet at the Visitor Center and join a park ranger on a guided hike of the battlefield area known as Commissary Hill. The hike will cover about 2 miles and take about 2 hours. Appropriate footwear, clothing, and drinking water is recommended. For more information call 888.677.3400 toll free or 225.654.3775 locally.

**4/6/2019 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - Civil War Trust Park Day, 9:30 a.m. - Noon** Park Day is an excellent opportunity to bring history enthusiasts together to help keep our nation's heritage preserved and pristine. Great opportunity for volunteers to help with work around the park. A T-shirt will be provided to volunteers through the Civil War Trust. For more information call 888.677.3400 toll free or 225.654.3775 locally.

**4/7/2019 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - Devil's Elbow Tour, 9:45 a.m. - Noon** As part of the Baton Rouge Civil War Round Table Symposium, a Port Hudson SHS ranger will conduct a tour of "The Devil's Elbow." This portion of the battlefield is privately owned by the Georgia-Pacific Paper Mill. The tour will leave the Port Hudson Visitor Center at 9:45 AM and travel by caravan to the Devil's Elbow. Devil's Elbow was defended in 1863 by Boone's Louisiana Battery and Mile's Louisiana Legion. Level of difficulty is easy to moderate. Participants need to wear closed-toe shoes, bring insect repellent, and water for drinking. Hiking distance 1 1/2 miles. For more information call 888.677.3400 toll free or 225.654.3775 locally.

**4/12/2019 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - Living History Day (School Day), 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** The program provides a variety of Civil War interpretive activities. Students will travel to several different stations viewing, participating, and hearing about different activities and facets of Civil War soldiers and sailors. For more information call 888.677.3400 toll free or 225.654.3775 locally.

**4/20/2019 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - Earth Day Hike, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.** "Protect our Species" - participants will visit eight different ecological habitats within the park. Hiking distance about 2 1/2 miles. Participants are encouraged to bring drinking water, insect repellent, closed-toe shoes, and a hat. People of all ages and skill levels are welcome.