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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, March 10, 2020 at Joe's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant at 1601 Ruth St., Sulphur, La. Compatriot Rev. Ben Lyons of Camp 1390 will give the program on his 3rd great uncle, Dr. E.J. Lyons, who served briefly with Captain Bryan in the 28th La. Inf., and also briefly about medicine in general in the War years. Please come and enjoy great Confederate fellowship and delicious food.

LOUISIANA DIVISION REUNION

La Division Reunion will be May 15-17 2020. It will be held at the Best Western in Natchitoches Parish. 5131 University Parkway Natchitoches, La 71457. Room rates will be 85 per night plus tax when you call 318-352-6655 to reserve under Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Program Ads for the 2020 Division Reunion will

cost:

\$20 for 1/4 page

\$40 for 1/2 page

\$60 for Full page

Please email Brittany Cryer

at Brittanycryer1427@gmail.com or James Cryer

at Weazel696979@gmail.com if you would like to put an ad in the program.

For the Louisiana Division schedule, see page 2, column 1.



SCV NEWS

Mike Jones, editor/historian

More details are now available for the upcoming dedication of the new National Confederate Museum at Elm Springs, Columbia, Tenn.—which also houses the business offices of our general headquarters. A web page has been set up at <https://scv.org/grand-opening-of-the-national-confederate-museum/> which gives the date, Saturday, May 23, 2020, directions and a link to Maury County hotels/motels. The dedication will be that afternoon.

Another historic event will be held that morning, that will probably draw nationwide attention—the reburial of Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife, at the request of the Forrest family. Their graves were at the magnificent equestrian statue in Memphis, Tenn. of General Forrest at Forrest Park. The gravesite was repeatedly vandalized and desecrated and finally the statue was removed. The statue and graves will be welcomed, honored and protected at our own Historic Elm Springs in a specially built and prepared new gravesite.

General Forrest was truly one of the greatest cavalry generals of all time and has remained one of the most studied and written about figures of the War for Southern Independence. In our own time he has also become one of the targets of politically correct politicians, historians and left-wing groups. But he is also still one of the most beloved Southern heroes of all Southern history who has an army of defenders and cherish his memory and record of gallantry and sheer military genius during the war.

Although he gets no credit for it from the politically correct, and often historically ignorant news media, who continue to print lies and distortions about him and his record, Forrest was also hero of the postwar era for his efforts at reconciliation of the races.

Let us hope and pray that our new National Confederate Museum will become a beacon of light for correcting the many falsehoods told about our noble and honorable Confederate heritage.

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**LOUISIANA DIVISION
SCV REUNION SCHEDULE**

Friday May 15th, 2020

5:00pm - 7:00pm Registration
7:30pm DEC meeting in Banquet Room

Saturday May 16th, 2020

8:00am - 9:00am Registration
9:00am Opening Ceremonies
9:30am - 11:30am 1st Business Session
11:30am - 1:00pm Lunch on your own
1:00pm - 4:00pm 2nd Business Session (if needed)
6:30pm Banquet and Awards

Sunday May 17th, 2020

9:30am Wreath laying ceremony at the Col. Samuel D.
Russell Memorial at the
American Cemetery on 2nd. Street, Natchitoches, La.

**FORREST & NATIONAL CONFEDERATE
MUSEUM GRAND OPENING SPECIAL PATRONS
OPPORTUNITY (Official Announcement)**

On May 23, 2020, the Sons of Confederate Veterans will place Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife, Mrs. Mary Anne Montgomery Forrest, in their final resting places at historic Elm Springs in Columbia, Tennessee. This solemn occasion is expected to bring over ten thousand spectators from across the Confederation and beyond and will coincide with the National Confederate Museum's Grand Opening also on the 23rd.

With such a large number of attendees expected, SCV leadership recognizes onsite parking and seating are not possible for everyone. Leadership also recognizes this will be a costly event. The SCV has to pay for the police officers, EMTs, fire fighters, and other services essential for this event.

To help curb the costs and ensure General and Mrs. Forrest receive the quality event they deserve, the SCV is seeking 100 donors to make donations of \$500. These donors will be given a unique opportunity. Donors will have reserved parking for the event. Premier transportation will be provided to shuttle the one hundred donors from the parking lot to Elm Springs. At Elm Springs, donors will have a reserved area from which to view the ceremony. Donors will also receive free commemorative items on the 23rd.

Donations (\$500 per person) must be received by May 14, 2020. To send your donation by mail, send a check payable to the "SCV" to Forrest Donors, PO Box 59, Columbia, TN 38401. For credit card payments, please call (931) 380-1844.

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**"ALL ROADS TO ALEXANDRIA"
5th ANNUAL CONFEDERATE HERITAGE RIDE
STATE OF LOUISIANA
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020**

The Annual Confederate Heritage Ride will be held on National Confederate Flag day, Saturday, March 7, 2020. All coordinated rides will meet at the AmVets Building, 3409 England Dr, Alexandria, LA at 11am. Each SCV area (Northeast, Northwest and Southwest) will be responsible for coordinating members to a time and place for departure to reach Alexandria by 11am.

All rides will meet up at the AmVets building where there will be a "meet & greet", speakers and AmVets will have hamburgers, etc. available for purchase.

Southwest Louisiana: The SW Camps will be meeting up @10:30 a.m. at the Exxon gas station located on 9399 Hwy 165 South, Woodsworth. From there will proceed north on Hwy165 to Amvets.

Northeast Louisiana: Donald Kimbell & Donnie Brown will be coordinating the Northeast SCV. The Northeast SCV will be meeting up at the Lincoln Parish Library between 8:00am & 8:30am.

Northwest Louisiana: NW Brigade ride will start from 360 Bert Kouns, just west of I-49. Parking lot between Starbucks & Waffle House. Line up at 8am, we will leave at 9am to arrive in Alex@ 11am.

Those in the "toe of the boot" will be organizing their own Flag Day events north & south of NOLA because of the distance to Alexandria. Even though Alexandria is about as centrally located as it can be, those in the Southeast would have travel further, making the ride logistically harder to coordinate with the entire state of Louisiana.

However, the goal is to put as many vehicles with flags on the open roads as possible and to cover the most area. We invite all SCV, SCVMC, UDC, OCR and all Southern Heritage supporters to participate. This ride is open to all.

Our only restriction is that any flag displayed must be a National or historical flag.

Please mark your calendars. Let's make our 5th anniversary ride the biggest & best yet.

**Brian McClure
Executive Officer, LA SCVMC
Northeast Brigade Commander
National SCV Deputy
of Communication & Networking**

CONFEDERATE HERITAGE NEWS

'Protest' fails

RALEIGH, N.C. – A group of so-called protesters reportedly attempted to disrupt the Stephen Dill Lee Institute being held at Embassy Suites at Brier Creek Feb. 29. The Sons of Confederate Veterans has been putting on this educational institute since 2003, which includes scholarly lectures about the War for Southern Independence and the Confederate States of America.

SCV organizer of the event, was quoted by the *The News & Observer*, saying, "It's just an opportunity to get together and have some conversations and dialogue about the War Between the States and that aspect of American history."

Embassy Suites did not respond to demands by the radical group to cancel the conference and police blocked the protestors from entering the hotel.

Marine Cmdt. Bans Confederate Symbols

David Berger, the commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps has ordered the removal of all Confederate-related material from Marine Corps bases, according to Military.com.

It was also reported the Nat Fahy, Camp Lejeune Public Affairs Officer, said he didn't have any information about the order but it would be obeyed.

Such items at flags, bumper stickers, stickers, etc., are reportedly included in the purge.

Gen. John A. Lejeune, a native of the Louisiana and for whom Camp Lejeune, N.C. is named, was the son of a Confederate officer who served in the 1st Louisiana Cavalry. General Lejeune was the commander of the 2nd Infantry Division in World War 1 and was one of the greatest generals in Marine Corps history.

Gen. John A. Lejeune, was born in 1867 on Old Hickory Plantation near Lacour, La., the son of a Confederate veteran, Capt. Ovide Lejeune who commanded Co. I, 1st La. Cav., CSA. The Gen. died in 1942 and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery. He is credited with founding the Marine Corps League.



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From Wide World Photos.
RECEIVING THE CROSS OF SERVICE.
Major General Lejeune, of the United States Marine Corps, being decorated by Mrs. Livingston Rowe Schuyler, retiring President U. D. C., with the Cross of Service bestowed by the United Daughters of the Confederacy upon World War veterans of Confederate ancestry. This interesting ceremony took place in the home of Mrs. Schuyler, in New York City, on December 11, 1923.

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ARMY DOESN'T FOLLOW MARINE PURGE

Army Times has reported that the U.S. Army does not plan to follow the Marine Corps' purge of Confederate symbols from its bases across the world. An Army spokesman told the Army Times, "We have no plans to rename any street or installation, including those named for Confederate generals."

The spokesman added, "It is important to note that the naming of installations and streets was done in a spirit of reconciliation, not to demonstrate support for any particular ideology. The Army has a tradition of naming installations and streets after historical figures of military significance, including former Union and Confederate general officers."

Fort Polk in Louisiana was named for Confederate General Leonidas Polk.

The U.S. Navy had named a number of warships after Confederate generals, including General Robert E. Lee and General Stonewall Jackson, and submarine inventor Horace Hunley. All are long out of commission.



“ THE SOUTHERN CROSS.”**

GOD SAVE OUR BELOVED SOUTHLAND!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2020

Fourth Saturday of the month • Forts Randolph and Buhlow State Historic Site, Pineville - Dutch Oven Cooking/Civil War Dulcimer Music, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. The park will host the Central Louisiana Dutch Oven Cookers, for a cooking demonstration, with sampling to begin at 11:30 a.m. While participants learn about this increasingly-popular form of cooking, they can also enjoy live music by the Red River Dulcimer Ensemble from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call 877.677.7437 toll free or 318.484.2390 locally.

By appointment • Forts Randolph and Buhlow State Historic Site, Pineville - Exploring the Forts in Detail, A ranger guided tour of both Forts Randolph and Buhlow. The visitors would also be able to enter the winter quarters exhibit to see how the soldiers lived. They can also try on some of the clothing and equipment the troops used. At least a two day's notice is required to schedule one of these special ranger guided tours. Tour fee is \$8 per person. For more information call 877.677.7437 toll free or 318.484.2390 locally.

3/12/2020 to 3/15/2020 • Forts Randolph and Buhlow State Historic Site, Pineville - Blue and Gray on the Red, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. The 10th Annual Civil War Reenactment. The schedule is: Thursday, March 12: Food Tasting - 6 p.m.; Speaker - 8 p.m.; Friday, March 13: School Day - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday, March 14-15: Reenactments beginning at 1 p.m. each day. Reenactors from 6 states attend this event. For more information call 877.677.7437 toll free or 318.484.2390 locally.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2020

3/14/2020 • Mansfield State Historic Site, Mansfield - Lafayette of the South: Prince Camille De Polignac, 2 p.m. Visitors will learn of the unique personality of Prince Camille Armand de Polignac of France, who led a brigade and subsequently a division of Louisiana and Texas troops with distinction at the battles of Mansfield and Pleasant Hill. His role in history has dubbed him "The Lafayette of the South." For more information call 888.677.6267 toll free or 318.872.1474 locally.

3/7/2020 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - First Saturday Hike: Bennett's Lunette & Redoubt, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. A ranger-led tour and hike to Bennett's Redoubt - the scene where Alabama artillerymen and the deadly marksmen of Arkansas sent missiles of death and carnage toward the brave Granite Statesmen and hardy Bay State's of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. Closed-toe shoes are required and drinking water is recommended. There is a \$4 tour fee in addition to park entrance fee. For more information call 888.677.3400 toll free or 225.654.3775 locally.

3/13/2020 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - Living History Day (School Day), 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. A variety of Civil War interpretive activities will be presented as students will travel to different stations viewing, participating, and hearing about different activities and facets of the lives of Civil War soldiers, 19th Century women, and sailors. Home school groups are invited to attend. Registration is required. For more information call 888.677.3400 toll free or 225.654.3775 locally.

3/14/2020 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - Ghost Ships on the River, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. A ranger-lead tour to Fort Desperate to commemorate Admiral Farragut's March 14-15, 1863 night-time US Navy attack on the Confederate river batteries at Port Hudson. The group will also share stories of paranormal phenomena that has occurred in and around the Port Hudson battlefield. For more information call 888.677.3400 toll free or 225.654.3775 locally.

3/28/2020 to 3/29/2020 • Port Hudson State Historic Site, Jackson - Siege of Port Hudson Reenactment, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. The 157th anniversary reenactment of the "Siege of Port Hudson." Visitors will have access to reenactors from both the Union and Confederate armies. Campsites will be open to the public both days. The battle reenactments are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. A reenactor and public church service will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday. For more information call 888.677.3400 toll free or 225.654.3775 locally.