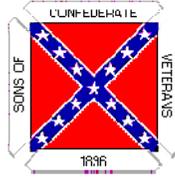
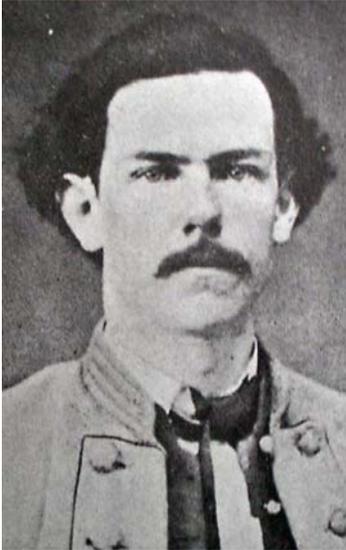
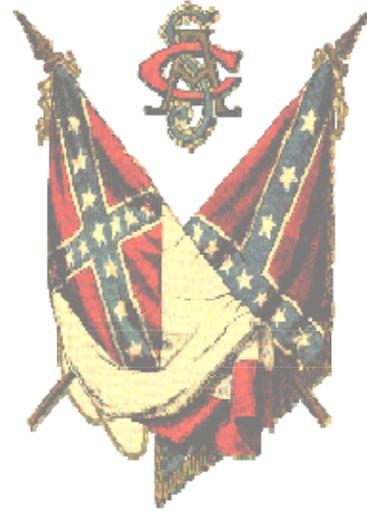

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1890s Day Parade in Ringgold, Georgia – 2007.



Additional Parade picture.



The above photograph, from Calvin E. Johnson, Jr., shows Cobb County, Georgia's Commissioner Annette Kesting presenting the Sons of Confederate Veterans a proclamation for Confederate History Month 2007. Ms. Kesting took a little heat for doing the proclamation, as she is an African American woman. This is the third consecutive time she has done the honors. All 5 Cobb Commissioners signed the proclamation. Commissioner Annette Kesting was the featured speaker for the May meeting of the Chattahoochee Guards Camp 1639 Sons of Confederate Veterans

Napier-Hoffman House

On behalf of the Georgia Division Headquarters Negotiating Committee, I regret to inform you that we no longer have a negotiated lease agreement on the Napier-Hoffman House for use as a Georgia Division Headquarters. We have been informed by the Southern Cultural Foundation (SCF) that a majority of their members did not ratify the negotiated agreement, and the counter proposals they have presented to the Georgia Division, in our unanimous opinion, are not acceptable as a viable alternative for the Georgia Division. We are very disappointed, and regret that we cannot make this happen. We strongly feel that what was negotiated on 14 April was a doable agreement that would have made a strong marriage to provide the Division with a fitting Headquarters, and given the Division a level of respectability that would have been a positive in our battles. We feel that it would have allowed both the Georgia Division and the SCF to have completed this project after nearly 15 years of effort. Many hard hours, donations, and labor went into this project by the members of the SCF as well as members of the SCV. It is sad that the only thanks they really have to show for their generosity is criticism and disdain by many members.

Based on the changes being made to the lease by a majority of the members of the SCF, as Division Adjutant I cannot recommend that the Division move forward with the plans... I still firmly believe that the efforts of the last month were productive. I also feel that the proposal that was presented to the Division Executive Council by e-mail and to all members in The Georgia Confederate was in the best interest of the Division. I also want to thank the members of the negotiating committees for both the Division and for the SCF. This project was approached with vigor in good faith by all. Unfortunately, the agreement that was reached on 14 April was not formally accepted by the majority of the members of the SCF. This put the project back in a position where an agreement cannot be reached that would be acceptable by both the members of the Georgia Division Negotiating Committee and the majority of the members of the Southern Cultural Foundation.

In light of the resolution passed at last year's reunion in Gainesville, the Georgia Division Headquarters Negotiating Committee unanimously recommends that the Headquarters Project should be terminated. We do not think it should be revisited for a number of years, if ever. We are very disappointed that the hard work of so many has been for naught. Our wishes are for the members of the SCF to be recognized for all the hard work they have put into this project. They have been unfairly criticized by many members of the Division. Their only desires were to provide the Division with a facility that we could all be proud of, and that would put us in a much better position to move forward and be more productive with both the education of all our citizens both young and old, and in fighting the battles with our detractors. However, the majority of the SCF feel that in the best interests of the protection of the asset, the negotiated lease by their representatives could not be accepted by the SCF.

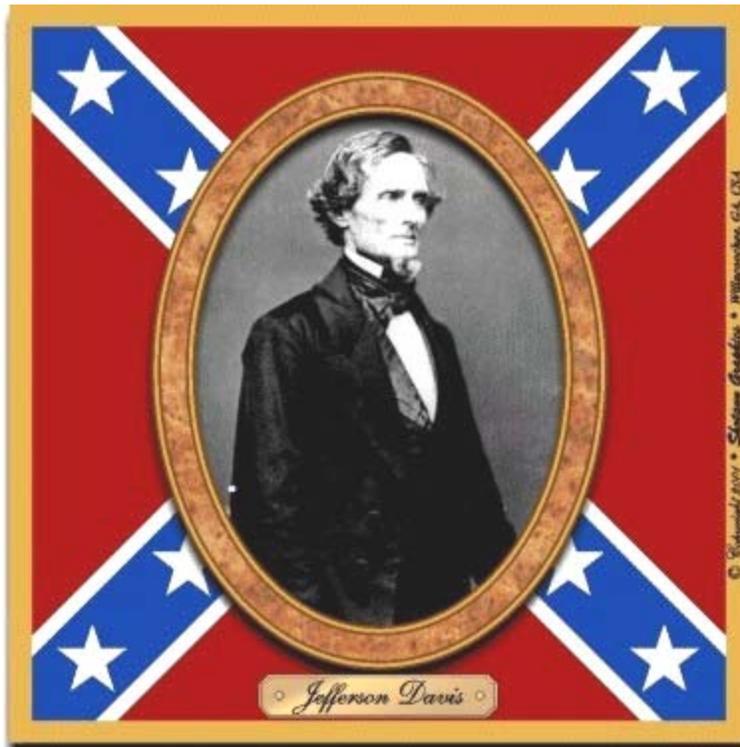
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Remembering Jefferson Davis' Birthday

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"Never teach your children to admit that their fathers' were wrong in their efforts to maintain the sovereignty, freedom and independence which was their birthright." — Jefferson Davis

Free people are those who remember their past! In 1931, a bronze statue of Jefferson Davis, sculptured by Virginia's Augustus Lukeman, was given to the National Statuary Hall at our nation's capitol in Washington, D.C. by the State of Virginia. June 3, 2007, is the 199th birthday of an American Hero — Jefferson Davis of Mississippi. Plans are underway to celebrate the Bi-Centennial birthday of Davis in 2008.



Please share the following story with your family. Take a look at the calendar and see what dates are shown for June 3rd. You will more than likely see that the birthday of Jefferson Davis is excluded. The birthday of Abraham Lincoln is shown for February, but no mention for Jefferson Davis in June. This is more than a shame and we should write these calendar folks and let them know that Davis' birthday should be included.

Jefferson Davis was born on June 3, 1808, in the horse racing (Derby State) of Kentucky. Birthday observances are annually held in Richmond, Virginia, Irwinville, Georgia, Montgomery, Alabama and other places throughout the USA.

Is our nation's history still taught in public schools? The time is long overdue for America's educators to teach the historical facts about Abraham Lincoln but also about Jefferson Davis.

Jefferson Davis, who would become the first and only President of the Confederate States of America, was a strong Unionist but also a strong defender of the United States Constitution. Our founding fathers believed in the sovereignty of the states and so did Jefferson Davis.

There are some less scholarly people who have called Davis a traitor. Here are a few of his accomplishments that dispel such myths of political correctness thinking.

He graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Fought valiantly in the War with Mexico.

Served as United States Senator from Mississippi.

Served as US Secretary of War under President Franklin Pierce.

Was first to suggest the transcontinental railroad to link Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, first to suggest Panama Canal Zone, suggested the purchase of Cuba and appointed Robert E. Lee as Superintendent of United States Military Academy at West Point.

Visiting Beauvoir, the last home of Jefferson Davis, would be a way to better understand this man Davis. It, however, was severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Efforts are underway to restore this splendid house and Jefferson Davis Presidential Library. This is where Davis wrote his book, "The Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government." You can learn more about Beauvoir at: www.Beauvoir.org.

Jefferson Davis' last marriage was said to be a good one to Varina, who gave him two sons and two daughters (Jefferson, Margaret, Winnie and Billy). Winnie was nicknamed (Daughter of the Confederacy) as she was born during the time of the War Between the States. Billy was killed by an accidental fall at the Confederate White House in Richmond and in 1864, an abused black child named Jim Limber was adopted by the Davis family.

Jefferson Davis died between 12:30 AM and 1:00 AM on December 6, 1889. The news of his death hit the front page of most Southern newspapers. The praises and tributes read similar to that of a New Orleans paper that read: *"Throughout the South are lamentations and tears; in every country on the globe where there are lovers of liberty there is mourning; wherever there are men who love heroic patriotism, dauntless resolution, fortitude or intellectual power, there is an sincere sorrowing. The beloved of our land, the unfaltering upholder of constitutional liberty, the typical hero and sage, is no more; the fearless heart that beats with sympathy for all mankind is stilled forever, a great light is gone — Jefferson Davis is dead!"*

The Heritage of the South is part of America's proud past.

Lest we forget!!!



The Chaplain's Corner

As we have observed Confederate Memorial Day and now Memorial Day, we have found that the fight for freedom is not a dress rehearsal, it takes place in a real world with real enemies and real dangers. And the American Dream is alive and well because of the brave men and women who serve and protect us.

As civilians and service people of this generation, we have a grand opportunity to leave an enduring legacy to our children. That legacy is a nation strong and free, and we, as protectors of liberty, must do our utmost to leave to the next generation a better nation than the one we received from the last.

May our own personal sacrifices be worthy of those who sacrificed so much to ensure that the Dream will never die. And may God Bless America forever.

1 Peter 3:13-15 *“Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is right? But even if you do suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts, reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence.”*

Prayer List: Lewis Leach is still fighting for recovery from his accident that happened a year ago. Raymond Evans says he is 98 percent better from his health problems he had earlier. Wedge Morrison's granddaughter, Rachel, has a very serious illness. Ronnie Watts requests prayer for his Dad who has health problems. Let us remember all these in our thoughts and prayers. I believe that prayer is an answer for many of the hardships we as mortals face.

May God bless,

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Confederate Generals Born in June

General Samuel Cooper - 12 June 1798 - Hackensack, N.J.
General John Bell Hood - 1 June 1831 - Owingsville, Ky.
Maj. General Daniel Smith Donelson - 23 June 1801 - Sumner Co., Tenn.
Maj. General James Lawson Kemper - 11 June 1823 - Madison Co., Va.
Brig. General John Decatur Barry - 21 June 1839 - Wilmington, N.C.
Brig. General Cullen Andrews Battle - 1 June 1829 - Powelton, Ga.
Brig. General Alexander William Campbell - 4 June 1828 - Nashville, Tenn.
Brig. General John Rogers Cooke - 9 June 1833 - Jefferson Barracks, Md.
Brig. General Junius Daniel - 27 June 1828 - Halifax, N.C.
Brig. General John Buchanan Floyd - 1 June 1806 - Montgomery Co., Va.
Brig. General Brikett Davenport Fry - 24 June 1822 - Kanawha Co., Va.
Brig. General Richard Montgomery Gano - 17 June 1830 - Bourbon Co., Ky.
Brig. General William Montgomery Gardner - 8 June 1824 - Augusta, Ga.
Brig. General Victor Jean Baptiste Girardey - 26 June 1837 - Lauw, France
Brig. General Martin Edwin Green - 3 June 1815 - Fauquier Co., Va.
Brig. General Benjamin Hardin Helm - 2 June 1831 - Bardstown, Ky.
Brig. General Benjamin Jefferson Hill - 13 June 1825 - McMinnville, Tenn.
Brig. General Henry Rootes Jackson - 24 June 1820 - Athens, Ga.
Brig. General Young Marshall Moody - 23 June 1822 - Chesterfield Co., Va.
Brig. General John Hunt Morgan - 1 June 1825 - Huntsville, Ala.
Brig. General John Tyler Morgan - 20 June 1824 - Athens, Tenn.
Brig. General Gideon Johnson Pillow - 8 June 1806 - Williamson Co., Tenn.
Brig. General Gabriel James Rains - 4 June 1803 - Craven Co., N.C.
Brig. General Beverly Holcombe Robertson - 5 June 1827 - Amelia Co., Va.
Brig. General Paul Jones Semmes - 4 June 1815 - Wilkes Co., Ga.
Brig. General James Edwin Slaughter - in June 1827 - Cedar Mountain, Va.
Brig. General Otho French Strahl - 3 June 1831 - McConnellsville, Ohio
Brig. General Thomas Fentress Toon - 10 June 1840 - Columbus Co., N.C.
Brig. General William Tatum Woffard - 28 June 1824 - Habersham Co., Ga.
Brig. General Marcus Joswph Wright - 5 June 1831 - Purdy, Tenn.
General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard - 28 May 1818 - St. Bernard Parish, La.
General Edmund Kirby Smith - 16 May 1824 - St. Augustine, Fla.
Maj. General Robert Frederick Hoke - 27 May 1837 - Lincolnton, N.C.
Maj. General William Fitzhugh Lee - 31 May 1837 - Arlington Co., Va.
Maj. General John Bankhead Magruder - 1 May 1807 - Port Royal, Va.
Maj. General Dabney Herndon Maury - 21 May 1822 - Fredericksburg, Va.
Maj. General Stephen Dodson Ramseur - 31 May 1837 - Lincolnton, N.C.
Maj. General Isaac Ridgeway Trimble - 15 May 1802 - Culpeper, Va.
Maj. General Cadmus Marcellus Wilcox - 29 May 1826 - Wayne Co., N.C.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 19: Camp Meeting: The June 2007 meeting of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 in back of the Easy Rental Store on Highway 11 at the south end of Trenton. We will meet to eat at 6:00 P.M. – there will be no retreat! Call 657-5000 for directions.
- June 5-9: Mechanized Cavalry National Ride: A ride of National Mechanized Cavalry will be held this May 5-9, 2007 to the beach in North Carolina. All mechanized members are urged to attend. For additional information Call Captain Johnny Sparks (423) 605-2231, or (706) 375-2302.
- June 8-10: Annual Reunion of the Georgia Division. The annual reunion of the Georgia Division, SCV, will be held June 8-10, 2007. Call 657-5000 for additional information at.



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