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## A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN MEN

### COMMANDERS CORNER

**BILLY PITTMAN**

Compatriots, for several reasons, we will not have our June meeting. I continue to be hopeful that we can reconvene soon. I'm sure that everyone is aware of the events taking place in this country beyond the Coronavirus crisis. Let me just say that I do believe that if more people had Jesus in their heart, many problems could be easily avoided. How we treat people says a lot about what is in our heart and what I saw occur in MN makes me wonder if some people have a heart at all. The golden rule, respecting the rights and property of others, keeping your hands to yourself, and basic manners that I was taught in grade school need to be number one on the list for parents and teachers again. How to behave and act in a civilized society should be a day one, assigned class (it used to be called CIVICS) and parents need to step it up and discipline their kids. If people could remember to fear God and love their neighbor as we are commanded, that would also help.

Beyond the lives lost this past week, we've seen destruction to many cities including Columbia and, yet again, more vandalism and destruction of our Confederate monuments and, unfortunately, irreparable loss occurred at a UDC museum in Virginia thanks to arsonists. Without stiff punishment, this lawlessness will continue. One mayor in Birmingham, AL has decided to knowingly and purposely violate state law and move a long-standing Confederate monument because of the simple fact that he is unable or unwilling to control his city and enforce the law. By bowing his head to vandalism, he has informed his city that the roving gangs of masked anarchists, not him, run their government. Sleep well, Birmingham if you can. Democracy is mob rule, this country is a REPUBLIC. This mayor, like many before him, is not doing his job. In the private world, dereliction of duty would be a ticket to the unemployment office, but politicians just need to escape that judgment by churning more votes than the next guy. I do believe things were handled much better in Columbia than elsewhere, so we do have some things to be thankful for locally. We are a nation of *laws*, not a nation of *looters*. I am not talking about the peaceful protesters because the right to free speech is a key right only enjoyed by free people. We should all defend and protect this right, but I am talking about those who choose to abuse these sacred rights as an opportunity to commit crimes. Sometimes, I become discouraged and that's when I turn to God because I know that there is no peace without Jesus. We can march until doomsday for peace, but without Jesus in our lives and in our heart, it really doesn't exist in this world and we will not find it. The good news is for believers this is a stopping off point and victory awaits. Here on Earth though, I feel more separated from this country every time I watch a news report and many of our politicians have failed us miserably. I also would argue that our public educational system is doing irreparable harm to the younger generation. They hear/read routinely about how bad our country is,

how they are a victim and how they can't make it on their own. Those northern textbooks that General Patrick Cleburne warned us about are doing their worst. The younger generation hears very few words on the high costs paid for our freedom, the opportunities (not guarantees!) they have through hard work and determination and the victories that have been won just to get us to today.

I say unequivocally though, the memories of our Confederate ancestors have been targeted unfairly by cowardly politicians and hateful, anti-American socialist groups in this current culture of destruction we are being forced to watch take place. It's an abomination to me because politicians have used the memories and sacrifices of brave Confederate soldiers as a crutch to prop up their own weaknesses as leaders. From a former SC governor whose name I refuse to dignify with ink to the current crop of do-nothing mayors and governors, political expediency, greed and self-promotion are all they can honestly claim on their resume. No one will remember them 150 years from now. But, the seeds of division that they have sown are dangerous and poisonous to young minds and it's readily apparent in the actions of those that are now foot soldiers forwarding this anti-American ideology. They attack those who have forever earned a place of honor because they themselves have no honor. They attack those that are weak, because they themselves are weak. They mock and denigrate those who believe in God, because they themselves do not serve God. Meanwhile, we continue to see politicians subjugate themselves and their cities to the will of violent actors. This is not the American or even the state that I grew up in. This country is hardly united when people are told there is no place anymore for them in our country's past, present or future.

So, I look to God and yes, I look to my heroes for words of wisdom when times are tough. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson was known to pray before, during and after a battle. We are to pray without ceasing, no matter how the battle is going. It is said that of Jackson, prayer was as natural as breathing. As bad as things are in the country right now, through my religious beliefs, I should be as "comfortable in battle as in bed", just like Jackson. No fear should be our battle cry! General Robert E. Lee believed that God's will is to be done, not our own. I believe we need to put it in His hands and trust Him. Let the fear go. This world and all its problems are only temporary and will pass. Our direct relationship with Christ first and foremost, but also who we were, how we handled ourselves and how we treated our brother and neighbor according to His commands will matter in the next. I choose to exercise more trust in Him, like General Jackson, and I pray for healing for this country and far, far better days ahead.

Carry on.

### **The CHARGE**

To you, ***SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS***, we submit the ***VINDICATION*** of the cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the ***DEFENSE*** of the Confederate soldier's good name, the ***GUARDIANSHIP*** of his history, the ***EMULATION*** of his virtues, the ***PERPETUATION*** of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.



**Lt. Gen. Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General**  
**United Confederate Veterans,**  
**New Orleans, Louisiana, 1906**



***Recruit, Recruit, Recruit***

***Individuals Interested in joining the Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton Camp 273 should contact***

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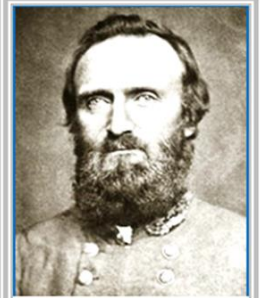
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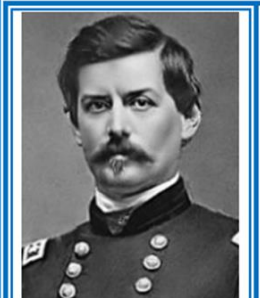
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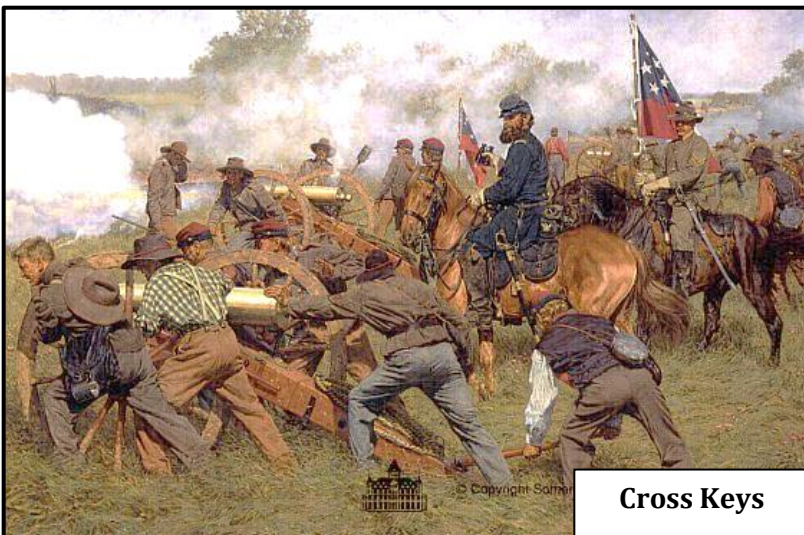
Port Republic



CSA General  
Stonewall Jackson



Union General  
George B. McClellan



Cross Keys

This Month (June), in 1862, saw General Stonewall Jackson's Shenandoah Valley Campaign come to a close with victories at Cross Keys and Port Republic. This campaign kept Union forces distracted and engaged for weeks. Employing audacity and rapid, unpredictable movements on interior lines, Jackson's 17,000 men marched 646 miles (1,040 km) in 48 days and won several minor battles as they successfully engaged three Union armies (52,000 men), preventing them from providing reinforcements for McClellan in the Peninsula Campaign against Richmond.



**PETER 1:3-5**

***Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

Through the eyes of faith, we see the power of life that persists beyond this mortal body. Jesus promised the thief on the cross next to Him that the common thief, because of his faith, would be with Christ that day in paradise. The accountability, balances of good and bad that so many fear if God is real, dissolve in the face of His forgiveness. Yes, there will be accountability, but for the believer in Christ, this accountability will not be unto the second death - eternal punishment. The promise to all who have the trembling faith of the thief on the cross have the promise of eternal life. The common thread in these cases is *eternal*.

All of us will live forever, for good or for ill. There is no comforting curtain of death to hide us from God. When death is faced with faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, there is no need to hide from God. The time when we will meet Him face to face is a time to look forward to with anticipation and expectation.

What view of life would you want to carry to these people who have just lost loved ones? This is a time when their own mortality is very clear to them. It is a time when they ask questions like, "Is there more than this life?" "Where is my friend?" "What will happen to me when I die?" Our hope is not a *maybe this will happen* hope. It is hope that anticipates something that *will* happen, and we wait eagerly to see that hope. It is a blazing, white-hot star in the stark, black sky of despair. A card, a note or a kind word covered in prayer could open a door for a conversation where questions can be asked. Our faith and the eternal hope that we have are two of the treasures that Jesus has placed in us to give to the world. There is hope and power for the seeker if we will share it with them.

***Lord Jesus - we hold Your treasure, not made of stone, but made of faith and hope. In these very dark times, we can be lights that lead others home to You. Give us the courage to burn brightly for You. Amen.***



***Chaplains Prayer List:*** Please remember our camp compatriots and their family members who are having health problems or have lost a loved one in your prayers.



**Bob Slimp**



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**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS****2019**

The meeting dates posted have most likely been cancelled. If you are thinking about attending meetings at any of the listed camps I recommend you check with a member you know and verify the meeting date is valid.

Event	Date	Contact / Web Site
Hampton Redshirts	July 7, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM <b>1st Tuesday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum – 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
John M. Kinard Camp 35	Jul 1, 2020	Meets 7:00 PM <b>1st Wednesday of the Month</b> – Hawg Heaven – Hwy. 76, Prosperity, SC
Palmetto Camp 22	July 2, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM <b>1st Thursday of the Month</b> – Cayce Museum, 1800 12 <sup>th</sup> Street, Cayce, SC
SC 17 <sup>th</sup> Regiment Camp 2069	June 15, 2020	Meets 7:00PM <b>Third Monday of the Month</b> – 6822 Barnwell Rd. Hilda, SC
15 <sup>th</sup> Regt. S.C. Volunteers Camp 51	June 30, 2020	Meets 6:30 PM <b>last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Lizards Thicket – 4616 Augusta Rd. Lexington, SC
Gen. Paul Quattlebaum Camp 412	June 30, 2020	Meets 7:00 PM <b>Last Tuesday of the Month</b> – Shealy's BBQ – 340 East Columbia Ave., Batesburg-Leesville, SC

**ADJUTANT'S DESK****CHARLIE BRAY**

Based on responses I have already received from camp members Membership Renewal Statements (MRS) statements were sent out on or shortly before June 1. If by Saturday, June 13 you have not received your MRS statement **"PLEASE"** contact me and let me know so I can get with SC Division Adjutant and determine what is wrong and correct the issue. I encourage each member when he receives his renewal statement to please send it in as soon as possible. My contact information is;

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**Membership Renewal Information****SCV HQ Fiscal Year – August 1, 2020 to July 31, 2021****Renewing Members:**

• National \$35.00

SC Division \$10.00

WHC-273 \$15.00

Total Dues: **\$60.00**

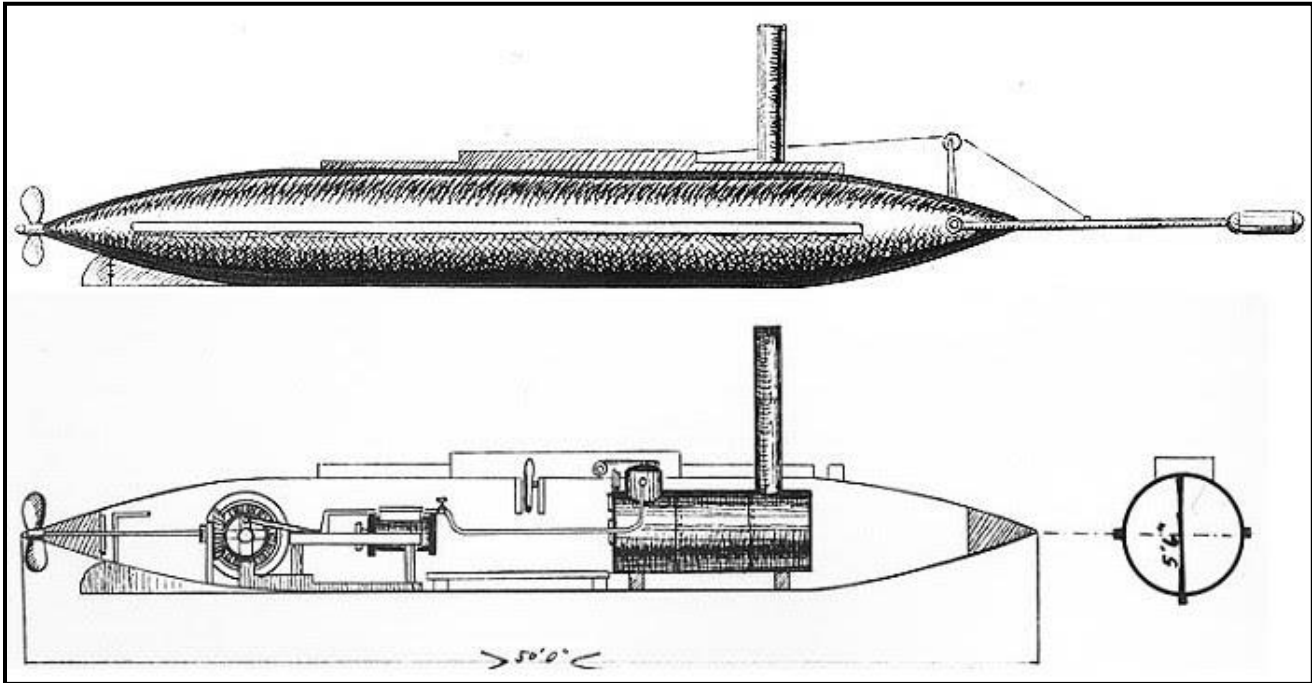
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**Quote: Thomas Jefferson**

**"Rightful liberty is unobstructed action according to our own will within limits drawn around us by the equal rights of others. I do not add "within the limits of the law," because law is often but the tyrant's will, and always so when it violates the right of an individual."**





**No drawings of the Saint Patrick exist but most likely she closely resembled the 'Davids' design shown here.**

The remarkable story of the submarine-boat 'SAINT PATRICK' may well have started with a letter from Irish designer, proposing the craft in a letter to the President of the Confederate States of America, Jefferson Davis. 'Halligan's Project' was to become a 'high risk', top-secret project utilizing previously untried highly classified technology. The designer and engineer for the project would be one, John P. Halligan and he was charged to design and build an advanced 'sub-marine-boat' to attack the Union blockading fleet. In exchange, Mr. Halligan would remain a civilian but command the vessel once completed. By March 17th, 1864 Halligan had set up shop in the Selma Navy Yard and the project was got underway funded by a group of Southern Cotton Growers including Jeremiah Harper, a wealthy landowner from Texas who funded much of the work converting the Merrimack! However, it appears the Federal Intelligence Service was already aware of the project at this early stage. General Hurlbut's letter indicates by April, the Union military had uncovered the plan:

*'I am informed, and i believe credibly, that a submerged torpedo boat is in course of preparation for attack upon the fleet at mobile. The craft, as described to me, is a propeller about 30 feet long, with engine of great power for her size, and boiler so constructed as to raise steam with great rapidity. She shows above the surface only a small smoke outlet and pilothouse, both of which can be lowered and covered. The plan is to drop down within a short distance of the ship, put out the fires, cover the smoke pipe and pilot house, and sink the craft to a proper depth; then work the propeller by hand, drop beneath the ship, ascertaining her position by a magnet suspended in the propeller, rise against her bottom, fasten the torpedo by screws, drop their boat away, pass off a sufficient distance, rise to the surface, light their fires, and work off. The torpedo is to contain 40 pounds of powder and work by clockwork. One of the party has gone north for a magnet and air pump. I expect to catch him as he comes back. The boat is to be ready by 10th may...'*

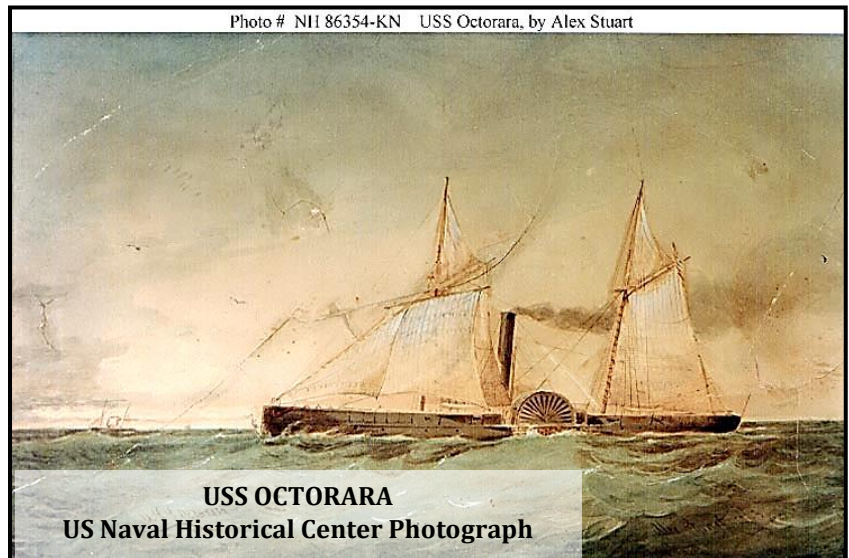
On June 16th 1864, Commander Catesby R. Jones, Commandant of the Confederate Naval Gun Foundry and Ordnance Works at Selma, wrote to Major General Dabney H. Maury, the Confederate Military Commander in Mobile stating that the boat should be launched within days. Jones expressed great confidence in the boat, explaining that whilst it was powered by a steam, it would be powered by hand while submerged and that provisions were made for attaching a torpedo to the bottom of any enemy vessel. (Whether all of this correspondence meant that the St. Patrick was indeed capable of total submersion, or just the capacity to lower itself in the water like other David Class submarines, is uncertain). In spite of Jones' optimism, it was not until September that Halligan finally had the finished boat towed to Mobile. Unfortunately, even after his arrival he could not be induced to attack the enemy. General Maury's patience wore thin and he had the boat transferred to the army.

Though benefitting from being privately funded, construction of the vessel suffered from unusual delays and not entirely due to material shortages. As such, 2nd Lt. John T. Walker was placed in command rather than Halligan but when he finally boarded the boat, he found the spurned Irishman had absconded with some of the necessary machinery. A search was instituted, and Walker eventually located the missing builder and by means not properly recorded, 'recovered' the missing items and put them to good use.

The CSS SAINT PATRICK was between 40 and 45 feet in length to and at least 6 feet wide with a depth of around 10 feet. A 12-foot iron spar, which could be raised and lowered, carried a copper torpedo at its furthest point. Similar to other 'DAVID'S', some form of ballast tanks allowed her to be raised and lowered while in the water. By January 27th, 1865, Walker had her ready for operations and that night he steamed down the bay to attack the enemy fleet.

The Navy Lieutenant selected the gunboat USS OCTORARA as his target and somewhere between 01.00 and 02.00 began his run. Walker was still some distance astern when the 'Octorara's' lookout spotted the 'SAINT PATRICK' and gave the alarm. Within minutes the Federal vessel began to move and according to witnesses the 'SAINT PATRICK' merely scraped her hull in a misdirected change of course. After a brief exchange of small arms fire, the CSS SAINT PATRICK broke off her attack and disappeared into the darkness amid a hail of gunfire and returned safely to Mobile. Some reports indicate the torpedo detonated too late and others say it failed to detonate but the Federal vessel was undamaged.

The final fate of the CSS SAINT PATRICK is unknown. There is no record of any further attacks on the Federal fleet but she was used to open a lane through blockading Union ships for a blockade runner and did ferry supplies beneath Union ships during the siege of Spanish Fort in April 1865.



## Important Dates in Lincoln's War to Prevent Southern Independence

- June 10, 1861      **Big Bethel, VA** – This was one of the earliest land battles of the War Between the States and took place on the Virginia peninsula, near New Port News. The Union suffered 76 casualties, 18 killed, including Maj. Theodore Winthrop and Lt. John T. Greble, the first 2 army officers killed in the war.
- June 16, 1862      **Secessionville, James Island, SC** – Confederate forces defeated the Union's only attempt to capture Charleston. The Confederates forces totaled 2,000 and the Unions forces totaled 6,600. Confederate casualties were 288 and the Unions 684.
- June 25, 1862      **Battle of Oak Grove, VA** – This was the first of the Seven Days Battles. Union Maj. Gen. George B. McClellan attempted to position his siege guns closer to Richmond ordered them to advance. Two Union divisions attacked and were repulsed by CSA Maj. Gen. Benjamin Huger's division. McClellan called off the attack, later ordered another attack over the same ground. Darkness halted the fighting. Union troops gained only 600 yards at a cost of over a thousand casualties on both sides.
- June 13 & 14, 1863      **Second Battle of Winchester, VA** – was part of the Gettysburg Campaign during. This battle pitted CSA Lieutenant General Richard S. Ewell defeated the Union Army garrison commanded by Major General Robert H. Milroy, capturing Winchester and numerous Union prisoners.
- June 10, 1864      **Battle of Brice's Cross Roads, MS** – The battle pitted UN Brig. Gen Samuel D. Sturgis against CSA Maj. Gen. N. B. Forrest. The result was a Confederate win. Forrest inflicted heavy casualties on the Federal force and captured more than 1,600 prisoners of war, 18 artillery pieces, and wagons loaded with supplies.

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