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Lt. Gen Stephen Dill Lee
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1906

“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. Remember that it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.”



Next Meeting
June 16, 2010
7:00 pm

Gus & George’s Spaghetti
& Steak Restaurant
4312 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Virginia Beach, Va.
(757-340-6587)
Just east of Independence Blvd

Speaker:
Waite Rawls
[CEO and President of the
Museum of the
Confederacy]

Topic:
Burying the dead, but not
the past.

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Meeting
July 21, 2010
7:00 pm

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Speaker:
Catherine Wright
Collections Manager for the
Museum of the Confederacy,
Freelance Historian and Author
of the book:
Lee’s Last Casualty, the Life,
and Letters of Sergeant Robert
W. Parker, 2nd Virginia
Cavalry. She will be signing
books and will have books
available to be purchased.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 6, 2010 3 PM Arlington National Cemetery
Confederate Memorial Day Celebration at, Confederate Monument.

June 9, 2010 , 5.00pm Blandford Church Cemetery, Petersburg, Va..
Anniversary of the Battle of Old Men and Young Boys

June 12, 2010 , 5.00pm 149th anniversary of The Battle of Big Bethel (June 10, 1861—the first land battle of the Civil War), sponsored by Bethel United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter #185, Hampton, Virginia.

Wednesday, June 16, 2010 7 PM, Norfolk County Grays Monthly Meeting

Wednesday July 21, 2010 Norfolk County Grays Monthly Meeting

July 21-24, 2010

Sons of Confederate Veterans National Convention, (Anderson, South Carolina)

Delegates will be established at the June Meeting:

Highlights of May 2010 Speaker:

Mrs. Billie Earnest,

Mrs. Earnest began her informative presentation by introducing the camp members in attendance to General Robert E. Lee's personal photographer, a 21 year old Confederate Soldier by the name Michael Miley. He served with Jackson in the Stonewall Brigade. After the War, Miley studied photography for about a year in Staunton, Va. When he heard that Lee had accepted the position of President of Washington College, he moved his photography business to Lexington, Va. He had always admired Lee and considered him the "Greatest Man that ever lived."

Most, if not all, the post war pictures of Lee were taken by Miley. He also took the pictures of Lee's funeral. The well known picture of Lee and Traveller was also taken by Miley. Lee brought many famous people to Miley's studio...which was a great help in establishing the success of the photography business.

After Lee died, Miley became the official photographer for VMI.

He married in 1870 and fathered 3 sons. The middle son, Henry became a partner with his father in 1894....the business continued until the 1930's when Henry sold all the glass plates and photos to the Virginia Historical Society. Miley is credited with producing the first color photo in 1897.

He loved gardening, nature, and photography and would continue to partake with his passions until his death in June 1918. His death was not reported beyond the County of Rockbridge County, as his fame was only known locally. He would be totally surprised to see what his pictures bring at auction today. Recently, a copy of a canvas print of Lee and Jackson sold for \$120,000.

His tombstone simply reads M. Miley 1841-1918. His inscription is obscured by the gray iron Confederate Cross that marks his grave. The Confederate motto located on his iron cross seems particularly appropriate, " Deo Vindice.... God will vindicate."

Special Recognition

A Hearty **“Rebel Yell”** and a hearty thank you is directed to Tom Davis and Lee Hart for their help with replacing the fence at the Jackson Grays monument in Chesapeake.

Biography of Pvt. John Pomeroy,

Born 27 May 1838 in Westmoreland County, Virginia, John Pomeroy enlisted on 24 July 1861 in Company E. 55th Virginia Infantry, a part of Fields Brigade in A.P. Hill’s Division. In the fighting around Shepherdstown on 20 September 1862, he suffered his first battle wound, a compound fracture of the right arm and was placed on convalescence leave. He returned to his unit 6 May 1863 only to be captured ten weeks later in Falling Waters and interned at Point Lookout. He was paroled on 3 March 1864 and returned to his unit where he “was in a great many hard fought battles and always in his place on the firing line.” Despite two additional battle wounds, Pvt. Pomeroy survived the war and became a successful farmer in Westmoreland County, where he married Theresa Anne True on 22 February 1866. He died at the age of 77 at Cherry Hill, his beloved farm in Westmoreland County on 9 June 1915.

Pvt. Pomeroy’s SCV descendent is Norfolk County Grays Compatriot John R. Pomeroy, Jr. of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

DID YOU KNOW????

“The horses our hero’s rode” (Provided by B. Mixon)

General Robert E. Lee-----“Traveller” first called “Jeff Davis” and then “Greenbrier” was Lee’s favorite. “Lucy Long” was his backup mount to “Traveller” and outlived the General. Lee used “Richmond” during the inspection of the outer defenses of Richmond. “The Roan” was obtained by Lee during the summer of 1861. “Ajax” was seldom ridden by Lee as he was too large.

Gen. William Bate-----“Fleeter”

Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest -- --“King Phillip”

Gen. Albert Sidney Johnson-- -- --“Fire-eater”

Gen. T. J. “Stonewall” Jackson ----“Old Sorrel” (Jackson towered over her, she was fondly called “Little Sorrel.”)

Brig. General Adam Johnson-----“Joe Smith”

Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart -----“Virginia”

Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne-----“Dixie”

Maj. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee-----“Nellie Gray”

Lt. Gen. Richard Ewell -----“Rifle”

Col. E. G. Skinner -----“Old Fox”

Captain W. I. Rasin -----“Beauregard”

Partisan Ranger M. Jeff Thompson- “Sardanapalus”

Excellent reading

“Remembering Virginia’s Confederates” by Sean M. Heuvel

Images of Confederates with stout-fast glares or were they conveying their determined rejection of defeat are shown in this new book. Sean M. Heuvel of Williamsburg, has put together an outstanding grouping of veterans likenesses, both famous as well as regular soldiers in his book. “Remembering Virginia’s Confederates,” by Sean M. Heuvel. Published by Arcadia, Charlestown, S.C. 127 pages. \$21.99 in paperback.

Newsletter Feedback

“Your” Camp newsletter is being published in two formats, one being used to send across the internet, which will eventually contain photographs of past events, photographs of camp members, as well as other notable items that can be sent over the internet rather cheaply.

The second format will continue to be mailed to camp members that do not have access to the internet or E-mail. It should be noted that this version of the newsletter will contain much of the same information as the internet version, with the exception that it will not have photographs included due to the high cost of printing newsletter containing pictures.

The camp is reviewing the overall cost of printing the monthly newsletter, then mailing them out to all camp members and comparing it to utilizing the internet / e-mail capabilities and send out to those members that agree to receiving their monthly newsletter via e-mail, thus saving the camp the cost of postage, envelopes, and Xeroxing of the newsletter.

Discussion concerning how you as members of the camp would rather receive your newsletter will be conducted during the June and July camp meeting. Please plan to attend and voice your opinion.

Newsletter articles

Review this month’s newsletter and you will see several additions, such as a brief Camp member ancestor’s biography, informative “Our Hero’s horses”, and new literature to consider purchasing. Please consider contributing to your newsletter with information worthy of the camp and your ancestor.

NEWSLETTER CORRECTIONS

- Please note correction of June 2010 camp meeting, **June 16th** not June 21st as identified in May’s Newsletter.
- Mr. Tom Davis’s correct title is “**Heritage Defense Coordinator**” ILO Virginia Division Chief of Heritage Defense as identified in the May newsletter.