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These Dead but Sceptered Sovereigns...



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CAMP BOWLES IS CHARTERED

Camp 2LT John Bethel Bowles is no longer a provisional unit, having received its charter as Camp No. 2228. The next official step is for all the chartering members to assemble at one place and time to sign the charter document, after which it can be framed.

Attendance results of the May meeting show how difficult it can be to get everyone together at one time, but perhaps over the course of June and July we can accomplish this important mission. I would be happy to drive to your location with the document, if you cannot make it to either the June or July meetings, but that is a poor second choice to having us all together.

Congratulations, Gentlemen! Let us now work together to make this the most active and effective chapter in the Ohio Division!

MEET YOUR FIRST LIEUTENANT COMMANDER

First Lieutenant Commander Jeremy James Harper grew up just outside of Pemberville, Ohio. In this column, your Lieutenant Commander introduces

himself. "Ever since a young age, before I was a member of the SCV or even knew what it was, I have been fighting for the good name of our Southern brethren. Let me tell you, it wasn't always easy going up against a principal or a few teachers.

I work for a grain co-op as a mill worker and truck driver making and delivering feed; I also am a volunteer firefighter with Pemberville freedom Township. In my free time I love to tinker with firearms, whether it be taking them apart to clean or fix, or just shooting. I also love sprint car racing and attend races almost every weekend.

I joined SCV in 2009. I have two Confederate ancestors, both from Alabama: James T. Hammock, Company G, 34th Alabama Infantry regiment, and John Morgan Adams, who served with both Company G of the 34th and Company F of the 45th Alabama.

James survived the war, but John did not. He was wounded at the Battle of Atlanta and would later die of his wounds. See *photos on Page 3*.

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The June Meeting will be on Saturday, June 15th at the Tiffin-Seneca Library, 77 Jefferson Street, in Tiffin.

PLEASE plan to attend, if you can, to sign the charter and so that we can get a general membership quorum with

which to conduct business. The Executive committee can carry out essential business with a quorum of three, but we would like to involve everyone in decisions affecting the whole camp.

The meeting will be follow with a public

viewing of Part One of *Warriors of Honor*, about the religious faith of CSA leaders President Davis, Robert E., Lee, and Stonewall Jackson (see calendar of events).



THE COMMANDER'S FIELD DESK

Well, gentlemen, we have a charter: now what?

Well, to begin with, it is important that we determine to participate as fully as possible in the life of our new camp. Although it



certainly is not reasonable to expect that every member attend every camp meeting, it is important that

we try to set aside as many third Saturdays as we can to get together to plan, learn, teach, and grow together as compatriots. It is especially important that camp leadership attend meetings, as without a quorum of three members of the executive committee, no camp business can be accomplished.

Speaking of meetings... I just completed the first two parts of my camp commander's training, and learned that hosting formal meetings in members' homes is a strongly discouraged practice. Therefore, I am modifying my "Call to Host" to say that these hostings should be at public places near where you live: a church meeting room, restaurant with meeting facilities, and in short any publicly available meeting place is fine. We can still get together for barbecues and such, but I would like to adhere to the SCV "manual".

Recruiting is the second most important thing we can do to help both our camp and the SCV prosper and grow. I challenge each and every member to recruit one new member between now and our anniversary in May of 2014.

Staying current on dues is especially important for small, newly fledged camps. National dues are \$30.00 and are due in July. Camp dues are \$20.00, and are also due in July (members who paid their dues at or prior to the chartering meeting are paid up until July of 2014). Camp dues should be submitted directly to 2LT Dick Wiley; National dues may be remitted directly to SCV or sent to 2LT Wiley, whichever is more convenient to you.

If you have a financial challenge that renders the payment of dues difficult, please let 2LT Wiley, 1LT Commander Harpel, or myself know so that we can arrange help to tide you over until you can manage: there is no shame in having linty pockets, dear compatriots.

Sharing our heritage is especially important. The camp would like to profile in this newsletter stories of your Confederate ancestors and their service to the Southland. Eventually, your editor plans to have a

page at our newly fledged web site that will be dedicated to each of our ancestors of record. Photos, like the ones that 1st Lieutenant Commander Harpel has submitted for this newsletter, are especially welcome.



Communicating trumps all. Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me, Chaplain Brobston, or any other camp officer if you have any ideas to help grow our camp, if you have a "gripe" to discuss, or if you just want to chat with a comrade who shares your heritage and outlook on life.

God bless and keep each of you and yours throughout the summer months. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the June meeting.

Semper vigilantissimi,
H. B. S.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, June 9, 3:00 PM: 118th Annual Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery Memorial Ceremony. 2900 Sullivant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43204. RSVP Margaret Chase at mchase005@columbus.rr.com.

June Camp Meeting: Saturday, June 15, 1:00 PM: Junior Home Room, Tiffin Seneca Library, 77 Jefferson Street, Tiffin, OH 44883. The meeting will be followed by a public showing of Warriors of Honor, a film which pays tribute to the deep religious faith of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, and Stonewall Jackson.

July 22—28: Seneca County fair: We hope to have an informational booth for this fair, where we will present ourselves to the public, conduct a fundraising raffle, and offer free genealogical searches for potential new members. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



Camp E-mail: We have a camp e-mail address, and yours truly would be grateful to you if you would use it for camp communications. It is: scvcampbowles@gmail.com. I will share with each of you at the next meeting the password which you will need to receive mail at this address. Remember, it will be open for everyone to read, so keep it for camp communications only.

MINUTES, MAY MEETING



The May meeting of SCV Camp 2LT John Bethel Bowles met Saturday, May 18 at the Tiffin-Seneca County library at 1:00 PM. Present were Commander Stobbs, 1LT Commander Harpel, and member Ed Harpel. Adjutant Wiley phoned to announce his regrets due to a prior commitment, as did Quartermaster Leapley.

As a quorum of the Committee of the Whole did not exist, formalities were suspended and no issues were presented for consideration of approval by the camp as a whole. A quorum was achieved of the Executive Committee, with Compatriot Dick Wiley present telephonically and both command officers physically present. A quorum of the Membership Committee was also achieved with the physical presence of the Commander and First Lieutenant Commander, contingent

upon subsequent approval of Adjutant Wiley of any recommendations for membership.

Commander Stobbs reported that the camp had received its charter as Camp No. 2228, 2LT John Bethel Bowles and presented for consideration the membership application of descendant Christian Eric North Reynolds. First Lieutenant Commander Harpel Seconded the application's approval, subject to the approval of Adjutant Wiley. Compatriot Ed Harpel, speaking as the only member present, voiced approval of descendant Reynolds' application. Compatriot Stobbs was to contact Reynolds to inform him of the tentative approval and to solicit signature and return of the application. Compatriot J. Harpel suggested that he meet with Mr. North to facilitate the signing of the application.

the flag design proposed by Christian Reynolds, made suggestions for revision, and prepared it for return and final editing to be submitted for approval at the June meeting.

Commander Stobbs proposed that the camp set up a booth at the Seneca County Fair in July. Consensus was reached that this would be a good idea; Compatriot Stobbs is to follow up by contacting the fair board for cost and availability.

Compatriot Ed Harpel generously donated \$20.00 to defray postage and other camp expenses; Commander Stobbs accepted the donation with gratitude and commendation.

The next meeting of Camp Bowles will occur on Saturday, June 15th, at the Tiffin-Seneca Library in Tiffin.

Members present reviewed

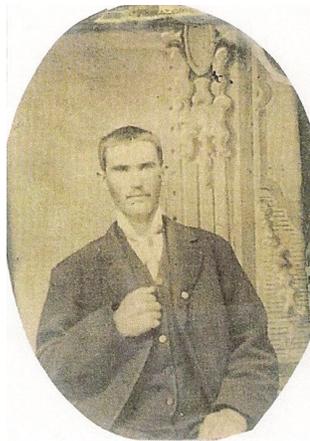


ANCESTOR PROFILE



Private John Morgan Adams, Ancestor of 1LT Cdr Harpel. During the War for Southern Independence, Adams served with both Company G of the 34th and Company F of the 45th Alabama Infantry Regiments.

Born in 1830, John died in early August of wounds he sustained on July 22nd at the Battle of Atlanta. He left behind his wife Harriet, and three children.



John Morgan Adams, circa 1852.

In his last will and testament written 7 June, 1877 and recorded in Tallapoosa County, Alabama, James T. Hammock left all but two acres of his 118-acre farm and all of his personal estate to his wife, Rebecca Ann (Johnson) until such time as their youngest child should come of age. The rest of his family included sons William, John, James, George, Seaborn and Enoch, and daughters Nancy (married name Couch) and the youngest, Ida.

James died the following day, June 8, 1877. Born in 1820 in Coweta County, he had served his beloved Alabama and the Southern cause as a private in Company G, 34th Alabama Infantry Regiment. Like the 32nd, in which Commander Stobbs' ancestor Private Asa Bryan fought, the 34th saw action at the Battle of Murfreesboro, where it saw 11 killed and 77 wounded. Later, at Mission-

ary Ridge, the 34th lost many men; at Ezra Church the regiment had 46 men wounded and 14 killed. It was nearly annihilated at the Battle of Nashville, so that very few men were left to surrender on April 26th, 1865.



Battle-torn flag of the heroic 34th Alabama, riddled with 48 bullet holes.

CAMP UNIFORM IN THE WORKS:

Your commander has recently been in contact with a wonderful lady named Nichole Johnson, a registered nurse who has made the blessed decision to quit her job to be a better mother to her four young children. Nichole is also an award-winning seamstress who came to my attention at my school's recent junior prom, where one of my students was sporting an incredibly luxurious vest that she had made. As soon as I saw it, I thought of conversations some of us have had about the idea of having a camp vest as our standard item of uniform wear (some folks don't feel comfortable in a blazer and slacks, while many of us older sort don't have military uniforms) and reached consensus that this would be a great idea, I approached Nichole with the idea that she might be just the person to craft our vests. She expressed a great excitement over the prospect of equipping us with authentic 19th-century vests.

The vest in this illustration is similar to what ours will end up looking like: They will be Madrona-style vests that are Confederate gray-fronted, lapelled and shawl-collared, cotton paneled and lined, and will have two full waist-pockets and one or two false breast pockets (lower than those featured in the photo, which are a bit high for the period and will interfere with medals and badges), and with authentic japanned adjustment buckles on the back.

I have suggested to Nichole that we leave buttons to individual taste: I, for one, would like to have

Texas Star buttons, while others might like to sport buttons of their own ancestors' states or, perhaps, the classic "drooping eagle" button of the CSA.

It will take Nichole a couple of weeks to get together a pattern, material costs, and a final price, but I can guarantee you that we will be a sharply attired camp by the time she is done. The plan is for her to make one for me first, which I will then show to the rest of my compatriots; I am confident that your own orders will follow.

Imagine, come next year's Johnson's Island Commemoration,



when a dozen or so compatriots of Camp 2228 show up sporting either a full military uniform for those who are re-enactors, or our "strack" camp vests complete with camp flag patch, SCV member medals, POW medals and ancestral state pins, what an impression we will make. It won't be long after that, I will warrant, that every camp in the division will be



paying their respects to Nichole Johnson and asking her to similarly attire them.

Uniforms help to build solidarity, reflect an organization's pride, announce to the world that their wearers are part of something special and important, and serve to help recruit new members. Vests are practical, comfortable, can be paired with jeans, 19th century trousers or modern slacks, and are convenient for sporting the various bits of "flash" that announce the heritage of which we are justly proud.



Here is a classical Madrona-style vest in gray with metal buttons—many of our ancestors would have gone to war wearing just such a vest... cravat and stick-pin are optional, of course... as for me, I will stick to my Confederate Tartan bow tie.



Alabama and Texas State Buttons

JUNE IN THE WAR FOR SOUTHERN INDEPENDENCE



The Seven Days Battle, which ran between June 25th and July 1st of 1862, was actually a series of encounters in which forces commanded by General Robert E. Lee checked the advance of General George McClellan's forces then drove them back, foiling the Yankees' efforts to capture Richmond.

Lee's forces pressed McClellan to retreat from a position within four miles of the Confederacy's capital; subsequently, the Federal commander established a new base

of operations on the James River at Harrison's Landing. June 25th saw the Battle of Oak Grove, which ended with no clear victory for either Blue or Gray, and at Mechanicsville on the 26th the Unionists managed to thwart Lee's attack against their right flank—in this encounter, Confederate losses were enormous at about 1,400, while the Federals lost less than half that number.

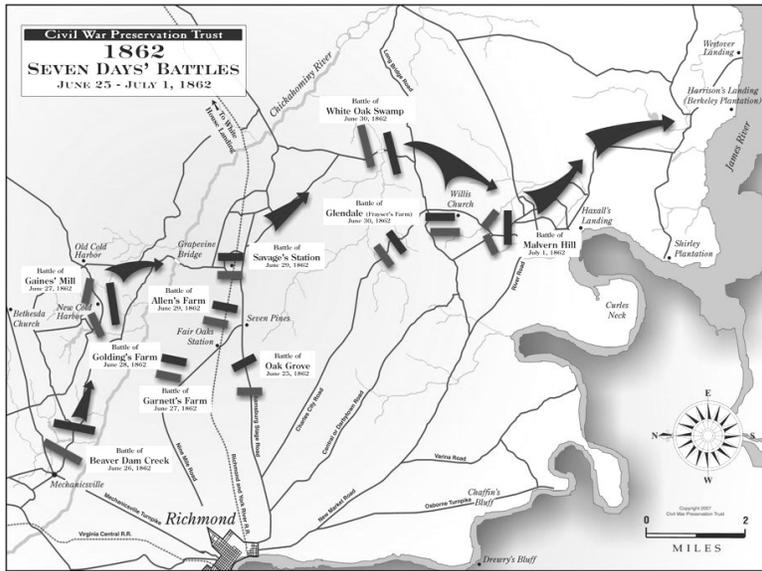
On June 27th at Gaine's Mill, however, Generals Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson joined forces to hand a decisive loss to General Fitz-

Official report that "Under ordinary circumstances the Federal Army should

have been destroyed."

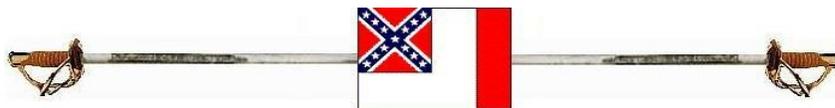
But, although Lee failed to decisively defeat the Yankees, McClellan likewise failed to capture Richmond. Moreover, the Army of the Potomac was forced to withdraw entirely from the Yorktown Peninsula, bringing to a halt the Peninsular Campaign.

A final tally of dead, wounded and



John Porter's V. This was followed by the battles at Peach Orchard and Savage's Station on June 29th, and Frayser's Farm at Glendale on the 30th. Forced into retreat, the Federal troops managed to reach the James, where gunboats provided covering support enabling the Yankees to turn back Lee's July 1st push against Malvern Hill. Lee took very hard his failure to prevail, and stated in his

captured during The Seven Days is estimated to have been 16,000 Yankee casualties compared to 20,000 Confederate Northern casualties were estimated at 16,000 men and Southern at 20,000, a devastating loss that, due to far fewer potential replacements on the Southern side, would haunt Lee throughout the rest of the war.

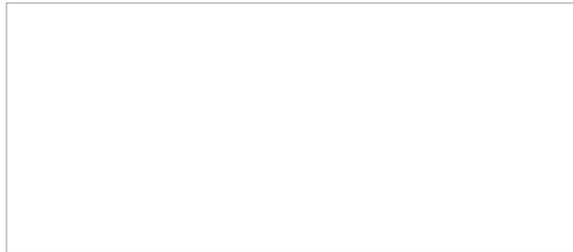


WALMART GOES SOUTHERN! A recent trip to your editor's local WalMart reveals a mysterious and pronounced nod to Southern culture, as the store has begun to stock its canned goods aisle with such down-home delicacies as pickled okra, Hoppin' John, boiled peanuts, black-eyed peas, hominy, and collard greens. Of all these, yours truly favored pickled okra and Hoppin' John, a mix of black-eyed peas, rice, chopped onion, and diced bacon. Back home in Texas, we like to add a few finely diced green peppers, sometimes a speck of jalapeno pepper, and a little vinegar as dressings to this outstanding traditional dish. Next time you go to WalMart (who doesn't shop there!), try one of these delicacies, and let your heritage loose on your taste buds!

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THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

It seems as though, every time I mention that a relative, friend or acquaintance has passed, someone asks "How did he die?" That strikes me as being the wrong question. The right question is, to my way of thinking, "How did he live?" I have never been asked that question. If ever I were to be asked it, I hope that I would be able to answer, "He lived a good life."

But what, then, is a good life? General Robert E. Lee, wise in spirit as well as in strategy and tactics, was asked once how to live such a life, to which he responded, "Get correct views of life, and learn to see the world in its true light. It will enable you to live pleasantly, to do good, and, when summoned away, to leave without regret."

The trick for us, then, is how exactly we are to get those views which are correct, to learn to see the world in a true light. General Lee had an answer for that, as well. "The education of a man," he said, "is never completed until he dies."

Let us pray, that we may live long enough to be as wise in matters of the spirit as General Lee.

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