



# Deo Vindice

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## Special Notices:

- Lee-Jackson Day Dinner, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> at Michie Tavern, 6:00 PM.
- Next Month's Meeting, Feb. 4, 6:00 PM, Gordon St. Library
- Annual field trip being planned.

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## From the Commander – Robert E. Lee Scouten

The newsletter for Camp 1493 is in print once again. Doug Pruiett has offered to act as publisher. Doug joined us last year and now serves as chaplain. At our December meeting, he spoke on his ancestors in Albemarle County VA and Madison County KY; a talk entitled "Kentucky in the CSA."

The Camp had a good 2007. We started off with our fourth annual Lee-Jackson Dinner at Michie Tavern. Ambassador Nathaniel Howell shared his experience growing up Confederate in Hampton Roads under the loving wing of a "real daughter" aunt. And even though weather forced a postponement, nearly sixty attended.

Each May, we take a War Between the States-related field trip. On earlier outings we have visited the Confederate winter encampments of 1863-64 on the grounds of James and Dolly Madison's Orange County estate Montpelier and the Exchange Hotel, site of a Confederate hospital, in Gordonsville. In 2007, about 15 of us formed a five-car caravan for a tour of the Trevilians Station battlefield in Louisa County. Trevilians Foundation president Jerry Harlowe led the

expedition. The two-day cavalry battle fought there in June 1864 covered a lot of territory, and Jerry pointed out both battlefield sites that the Trevilians Foundation owns or has easements on and sites that are not protected. We took up a collection afterward for a contribution to the Battle of Trevilian's Station Foundation.

Summer's highlight was the annual Old South Picnic. For the first time we were able to hold the event at Clara Belle Wheeler's Buena Vista plantation, where the main house dates from the War years. Also for the first time, we were able to enjoy live music from a brass quintet made up of Tom Bibb and four other musicians from the Charlottesville Municipal Band. They played sheet music by 19th-century band scholar Randolph "Randy" Cabell of Clarke County. As usual Quartermaster Harvey Stoner provided the most anticipated comestible, namely catfish and croakers wild-caught in Virginia lakes and rivers, dipped in his secret-recipe batter, and deep fried in his own cooker. Also, other attendees filled several tables to overflowing with homemade side dishes.

One of last year's greatest achievements was the high quality of regular meeting programs contributed by camp members. Month after month, they shared knowledge and insight gained from both their own experiences of war and those of the experiences of their ancestors and showed us all thereby that honor and courage can be passed down through generations.

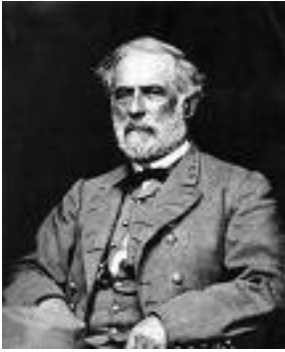
While most of those who have attended our two annual events – the Lee-Jackson Dinner and the Old South Picnic – are camp members accompanied by family and friends, many others are drawn from a growing group of loyal local supporters who simply look forward to an occasional opportunity to commemorate and celebrate Southern heritage in a comfortable and congenial setting. I believe that it is our duty to provide such opportunities in our rapidly changing city and county. I think we have done that duty well. I know we have had fun doing it.

## We Welcome Your Newsletter Submissions!

Please forward to the email at left any of your articles that may fall into

the categories of: Coming Events, Quotations, News from the Past and

Present, Southern Humor, Ancestor Stories, and War-Era Stories.



*"When we take our meals,  
there is grace. When I take  
a draught of water, I  
always pause...to lift my  
heart to God in thanks and  
prayer for the water of life."*

T. J. Jackson



## Lee-Jackson Day Dinner – January 20, 2008

The members of the 19th Virginia Infantry Camp 1493, Sons of Confederate Veterans, invite all lovers of history - as well as of fine food, warm firesides, and old fashioned hospitality -- to join them for their Fifth Annual Lee-Jackson Day Dinner. Set for Sunday, January 20, 2008, at Historic Michie Tavern, this event will continue the Virginia tradition we reintroduced in 2004.

Long celebrated in the Commonwealth as a state holiday, Lee-Jackson Day marks two birthdays -- those of Robert Edward Lee, born January 19, 1807, and Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson, born January 21,

1824. And though its celebration has weathered challenge in recent decades, its hold on many hearts remains secure.

Our 2008 dinner is open to anyone and everyone who wants to attend. A single advance payment -- \$35 per person or \$70 per couple -- will cover all costs. That fee includes a dinner buffet featuring Michie Tavern's justly famed home-style southern fare: country ham, fried chicken, black-eyed peas, biscuits, and cornbread, plus desserts and non alcoholic beverages. (Beer and wine will be available at extra charge).

The evening will begin at

6:00 pm with a social hour. Dinner will follow at 7:00 pm. Afterward, North Carolina native Jennings Lee Wagoner, professor emeritus of history of education at the University of Virginia, will offer his thoughts for the occasion.

Reservations are required and must be made no later than January 10, 2008, with camp treasurer Robert W. Tatum, Box 59, North Garden VA 22959. (Checks should be made out to 19th Virginia Infantry.) For more information, contact camp commander Lee Scouten, telephone (434) 293-3148, or e-mail: relscouten@cs.com.

We hope you'll join us.

## The Obituary of a Valiant Soldier – Published in a Local SC Paper in August 1864

Thousands have fallen during the bloody war, whose deeds, if recorded, would embellish many pages of our country's history. The good, and the brave have sacrificed their lives upon the common altar of the country; they give up the sweet endearments of home, with all its pleasures and hallowed associations, to respond to the call of our country's honor. Patriotism has stimulated them to brave every danger incumbent on a soldier, endure every hardship and suffer every privation incident to a soldier's life, for the welfare of the cause our country is struggling to maintain.

Among the list of the fallen heroes, who have died battling for the independence of our invincible Palmetto, we know of no name more worthy to be recorded upon her roll of honor than WILLIAM

MARION BARTON. He was one among the many sons of old Lancaster that emulated the true character of his people from the beginning of this bloody strife. He volunteered in the defense of his country in the beginning of the war, under the lamented Col. Dixon Barnes. His company was attached to the glorious old twelfth regiment, whose fame is untarnished, whose celebrity as a fighting regiment is unequalled in the State. He was severely wounded at the battle of Port Royal, S.C., in January 1862. He rejoined his regiment just before its transfer to Virginia, and participated in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May in the battle of the Wilderness.

His conduct on all occasions was

conspicuous for gallantry. He was known as a brave man and one that never shirked this post of danger. He was kind and agreeable to all of his associations, and led an exemplary life. He connected himself with the Presbyterian Church in 1862, under the ministrations of our late Chaplain, the Rev. J. Monroe Anderson, of Yorkville, and we entertain a hope of his having passed from earthly strife to Heavenly rest. He was a dutiful man and an agreeable comrade. In this morning of his youth, in this dawn of his usefulness, he has fallen a victim to the relentless foe. May his comrades emulate his example of gallantry, obedience and piety.

*W. M. Barton was the great-great uncle of Camp member Wayne Elliott's wife.*

## CAMP 1493 VETERANS SPEAK – Bob Tatum

As descendants of brave Confederate soldiers we have all regretted the fact that we never had an opportunity to talk to our own ancestors or to any veteran of the War Between the States. The last bona fide Confederate veteran was Pleasant R. Crump who served with the 10<sup>th</sup> Alabama Infantry and who died December 31, 1951. Most of the rest were long gone by then.

You may have heard about old Confederate veterans living until the late-1950s. In fact the passing of Texan Walter Williams was world-wide news when this last (supposedly) veteran of the Civil War (North or South) passed in December 1959. Williams was a fraud, however, as were a number of others who claimed to have been Confederate soldiers of long ago.

Perhaps I can discuss this in more detail in a future article, but for now my point is simply this: We have camp members who are veterans of other wars and we need to hear their stories now before they too “cross over the river.”

Surviving Confederate veterans, by and large, were in their 80s in the 1920s. We are now at about the same distance in time from World War II and the Korean War as were those folks in the 1920s from the Civil War. Now is the time!!



At our August meeting Camp member Homer Vaughn Wagnon spoke about his experiences during World War II as a US Army soldier in Europe. Vaughn was raised in Macon, Georgia and entered the Army after a high school ROTC program. He arrived in Europe in early Fall 1944 and spent eight months in combat, earning two Bronze Stars and a number of other

decorations. Vaughn shared many anecdotes with us, including his experience at the Elbe River where US and Soviet troops finally met after pinching off Nazi resistance. In addition to his experiences, Vaughn allowed us to examine some of his war relics and also records and photographs of his own father's service during WWI.

One touching moment, at least for me, was Vaughn's expression of gratitude at having the opportunity to tell his story. After the war no one wanted to hear about it. “Forget it and get on with life” seemed to be the mantra of the day. Finally, after 60 years, someone wanted to hear what he had to say! I must say this moved me greatly.

After the war Vaughn returned to Georgia, attended Georgia Tech on the GI Bill and took a degree in engineering. He retired from Sperry Marine here in Charlottesville where he now lives in retirement. Vaughn is active in veteran organizations and is always willing to tell interested folks about his war experiences. In fact he has been very generous in spending time with my own son, Carter, who has a deep interest in WWII.

In November Ray Thacker talked to our camp about his experiences during the Korean War as an Army combat engineer. Ray, a native of Petersburg, VA, graduated from VPI (Virginia Tech) in civil engineering. He participated in the ROTC program while in school there and on graduation was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers. The start of his Army service coincided with the opening of hostilities in Korea in 1950, and by December of that year Ray found himself on a troop ship bound for the Far East.

Ray's arrival in Korea saw US and UN fortunes at their nadir. The entry of the Chinese People's Liberation Army into the conflict in the late fall of 1950, resulted in an abrupt reversal of UN successes following McArthur's

landing at Inchon in September. Ray's early assignments as a greenhorn lieutenant of engineers were daunting in the extreme. As an example, he was, early on, placed in charge of a supply train, carrying bridging equipment from Pusan northward toward the front lines south of Seoul. Ray did not speak the language, did not know exactly where he was going, and was forced to ride in an unheated railcar in the dead of winter where temperatures routinely dropped well below zero.

Somehow (although Ray modestly denies quite knowing how) he pulled off this and other challenging assignments during a rotation that lasted about 18 months in all. He met and talked with a number of military leaders, witnessed frenzied Chinese frontal assaults against devastating American fire power, constantly graded and regraded deteriorating roads and bridges, and was complemented on his practical engineering skills quickly acquired under the worst of circumstances.

After serving in Korea, Ray remained the Army Reserves and was activated on several occasions in his long military career. Ray worked as a civilian with the government overseeing the Chesapeake Bay watershed. He lives in retirement in Charlottesville.

What wonderful and valuable resources we all have near at hand! Let us celebrate and honor the veterans of our own era just as we revere and cherish the memories of our Confederate ancestors.



## Thomas Edwin Roberts: One of Morgan's Men



Thomas Edwin Roberts  
circa 1870



*"The men of the 11<sup>th</sup> were exceedingly reliable in battle."*

Gen. Basil W. Duke



Gen. John Hunt Morgan

Thomas Edwin "Ed" Roberts was born in 1843, the first of thirteen children to James and Nancy Maupin Roberts. Ed's great-grandfather Roberts had immigrated to Madison County, Kentucky as part of the great "Virginia Settlement" of Kentucky after the Revolutionary War. Ed's grandfather Maupin had come to Kentucky to settle bounty land he received for services as a soldier in the Virginia Continental Line during the war.

Ed and all his kin were transplanted Virginians and North Carolinians and most importantly Southerners at heart. Thus, when the time came to choose sides, the family gave ten of its boys, including Ed, to ride and fight in the cavalry under Confederate Major General John Hunt Morgan.

In Late August 1862, the two-day battle of Richmond, Kentucky took place, literally in the fields of the Roberts, Maupin, and Terrill families, all close kin to each other. The Confederate victory was overwhelming with 4,300 Yankee prisoners taken and 1,000 Yankee's killed or wounded. The Confederates under Major General E. Kirby Smith suffered only 118 casualties.

With such a drama unfolding in their yards and field, and with the memory of Yankee invaders compelling the Roberts women to cook

for them as they waited to battle the approaching Confederate liberators, it was natural for Ed Roberts and his nine first cousins to respond to the call, "Fall in boys the South needs you!"

And fall in they did. Ten days after the Confederate victory in Richmond, KY, Ed Roberts, seven of his Maupin cousins, and two of his Terrill cousins mustered into Confederate service in the 11<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Cavalry, CSA under the command of Colonel David Waller Chenault. This regiment was attached to General John Hunt Morgan's cavalry division.

Private Ed Roberts and his nine first cousins all served in company E. His cousins included Captain Robert Bruce Terrill (company commander), Lt. Seth Maupin, Lt. George W. Maupin, Lt. John C. Terrill, Sgt. William K. Maupin, Cpl. Joel Maupin, Pvt. Sidney Maupin, Pvt. Archibald Maupin, and Pvt. Caldwell Maupin. All but two of these men were with General Morgan until his capture in Ohio during his June-July raid through Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio.

The Fall and Winter of 1862 occupied the 11<sup>th</sup> with raids and skirmishes throughout Kentucky. In a March 1863 battle to retake Mt. Sterling, Capt. Terrill and Lt. Seth Maupin were both critically wounded and left on the

battlefield for dead. Maupin later rejoined the fight after a lengthy recovery. The service records of both of these men note, "crippled for life."

On July 19-20, 1863 near the end of Morgan's raid into Indiana and Ohio, Morgan and his men were surrounded with their backs to the Ohio River. They took heavy fire from their rear and flank, and from gunboats on the river. On those two days over 700 of Morgan's men were captured. The enlisted were taken to Camp Douglas, IL and the officers were taken to Johnson's Island, OH on Lake Erie.

Private Roberts and his cousins remained at Camp Douglas until their release on January 12, 1865. Roberts returned to his Kentucky home and farmed for a few years before moving to Clay County, MO (1 mile from Jesse James' homestead) to work on the farm of his uncle. Roberts lived until 1927, and bore his POW shackle scars to his grave.

In his book, *Morgan's Cavalry*, Gen Basil Duke chronicles the activities of Morgan and his men. Duke highly praises the 11<sup>th</sup> Cavalry saying, "This regiment was exceedingly reliable in battle." I am proud to have ten family members who served honorably with this unit.

Pvt. Ed Roberts was the great granduncle of camp chaplain Dr. Doug Pruiett.

## A Confederate Chaplain: A Prince among Men

Robert L. Dabney was born in 1820, from French Huguenot stock, the d'Aubigné family, to which the distinguished author of the History of the Protestant Reformation belonged. His father was Col. Charles Dabney, a prominent lawyer of Louisa County, Virginia, who died when Robert was only thirteen years old. Young Dabney began life as a student of Rev. James Wharey in what was called an Open Field School, of which the boy wrote to his mother that "there, were good teachers and plenty of birch." His statement recalls a remark attributed to Dr. Robert J. Breckenridge, who declared he was "raised on Shorter Catechism and switch!"

In 1836 young Dabney entered Hampden-Sydney College, where he made the highest mark in his classes and was a fellow student of Moses Hoge, J. G. Shepperson, Thomas S. Bocock, who became Speaker of the Confederate Congress; W. T. Richardson, editor of the Central Presbyterian, and other outstanding men. It was while he was at Hampden-Sydney that Robert Dabney was converted, at seventeen years of age. In 1839 he entered the University of Virginia and graduated as Master of Arts in 1842. From 1842 to 1844 Dabney taught school and managed his mother's farm. Deciding to study for the ministry, he was introduced to the

Faculty of Union Seminary, then at Hampden-Sydney, by a letter from Dr. William S. Plumer, pastor of the First Church of Richmond, and was taken under care of West Hanover Presbytery. The writer once heard Dr. Dabney say that in the Seminary he owed a great debt to Dr. Francis Sampson, who was his ablest and most loved professor.

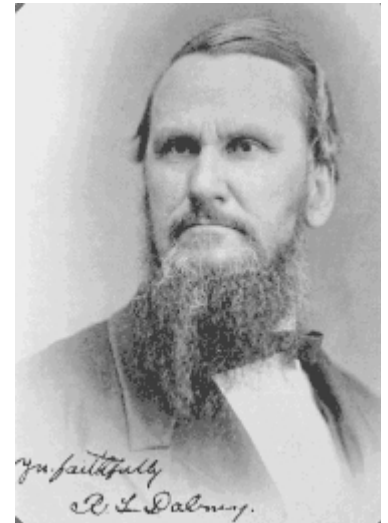
Licensed in May 1846, he was put in charge of Providence Church in Louisa, near his mother's home, whence he was called to be pastor of Tinkling Spring Church in Augusta County. In March 1852, Dr. Dabney was elected professor in Union Seminary, where he remained for over thirty years, first filling the chair of Church History and Polity, which was afterward filled by that ideal Christian and teacher, Thomas E. Peck, and later that of Systematic Theology; and was also co-pastor of College Church. Meanwhile he often wrote for the Southern Presbyterian Review, and as Dr. Carey Johnson remarks, "He was destined by his writings to bring the philosophical and theological world into debt to God for him, and while at the Seminary he was to figure as a patriot and soldier!"

In 1856, in company with Thornwell, Rice, Plumer and William Hoge, he was sent as commissioner to the General Assembly,

which met in New York City. In 1857, in addition to Seminary duties, he taught mental and moral philosophy in Hampden-Sydney College, and was elected to its Presidency, which, however, he did not accept. In 1858 he was called to New York to preach the annual sermon for the Foreign Mission Board, using John 4:35 as his text, "The world white unto the harvest." Of this sermon Dr. John A. Broadus, a most competent judge, said it was "one of the most powerful with which he was acquainted."

In his domestic life Dr. Dabney was much blessed. His devoted wife was Lavinia Morrison, for whom he had deep affection. Six sons were born of this union, three of whom lived to maturity. The eldest, Dr. Charles W. Dabney, became distinguished as an educator, first as President of the University of Tennessee, later as President of the University of Cincinnati. The other two sons were Samuel B. and Lewis Meriwether, both of whom became leading lawyers in Texas.

When the dark cloud of Civil War settled over our land, Dr. Dabney exerted himself to allay excitement and preserve peace and the Union. His trenchant articles written at that time met with warm commendation in the North as well as in the South. True to the Constitution and its



**Robert Lewis Dabney**  
Prince among  
Theologians and Men

doctrine of the Sovereignty of States, he enlisted in the Confederate Army as chaplain, and became General Stonewall Jackson's Chief of Staff. More than once he distinguished himself for coolness and courage, and near Port Republic in the Valley campaign his prompt action averted disaster from the army, for which his modesty alone prevented him from receiving the credit he deserved.

An excerpt from A Memorial Address delivered before West Hanover Presbytery At its Fall Meeting, 1936, in Stonewall Church, Appomattox County, Virginia, Celebrating the Jubilee Year of the founding of the Southern Presbyterian Church in 1861. By Henry M. Woods

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## Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

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, it is your duty to see that the

true history of the South is presented to future generations.

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

## About Our Camp

The Charlottesville SCV Camp is named for the famed 19th Virginia Infantry. Many men from the Charlottesville area served in that unit.

The Camp provides a way to recognize the service of our ancestors who fought for the South. That recognition is enhanced by monthly meetings with speakers who share their knowledge of the

War with the Camp members.

The Camp publicly honors all the men in gray with an annual dinner named for the two most prominent Confederate Generals, Robert E. Lee and "Stonewall" Jackson. The Camp donates money to activities and institutions devoted to the Confederate experience. Finally, the Camp provides a

degree of camaraderie for those today who still take pride in the Confederate military service of their forbearers.

If you are a member, we encourage your participation. **If you would like to be a member, please contact our adjutant Wayne Elliott at 434-973-0314.** We would be glad to help.

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