

**Next Meeting
August 28th
At The Rose
Center
At 4:00PM**

Southern Heritage

Bradford / Rose Camp # 1638

August 2004

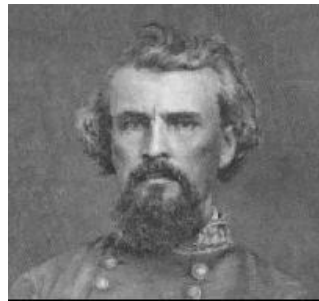
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We all, from time to time, find ourselves in discussion with someone who is not of like mind regarding the War for Southern Independence. While the temptation to bludgeon them their own ignorance is very strong, it is not productive. Try quietly pointing out facts like how little of the fighting was done by the Northeastern warmongers. The bulk of Northern bleeding was done by Midwestern farm boys, Maine fishermen and just off the boat immigrants. If the finance barons really had high ideals, they sent few enough of their sons to fight for them. How many went from the newspapers that urged these dupes to fight? The facts are on our side. Use them.

DEO VINDICE

Larry W. Watkins

Observance of N. B. Forrest's Birthday to be held on August 28, at Rose Center at 6:00 PM following Brigade Meeting



(1821-1877)

Our N. B. Forrest picnic 2004 will be held at the Rose Center immediately following the Vaughn's Brigade meeting. The location was incorrectly reported last month. The format will be "pot luck" with members asked to provide side dishes and desserts. Come on out and enjoy the fellowship. We will be headquartered in the downstairs area and will eat outside, weather permitting.

There will be door prizes and the usual birthday cake for General Nathan Bedford Forrest!



Bradford - Rose to host Vaughn's Brigade Meeting August 28 at 4:00 PM

This month, the Bradford - Rose Camp will have the honor of hosting the Vaughn's Brigade meeting. This meeting will be held in the downstairs of Rose

Center at 4:00 PM sharp. Members should make every effort to attend. While guests will be welcome to attend, this will be a business session and non-mem-

ber guests would probably prefer to wait until 6:00 PM for the picnic.

If you do not have your Dues paid, get them in now! We have to get them to Headquarters by November First!

Upcoming Dates to Remember!

**The August
Monthly Meeting &
N. B. Forrest birthday
observance will be
on August 28th
at 4:00 P.M.
At the Rose Center**

**The tentative date for
the September
Monthly Meeting
will be on
September 18th
at 6:00 P.M.
At the Rose Center**

**The October meeting
will be held in
conjunction with the
Mountain Makins
Festival**



Nathan Bedford Forrest Final Address To His Troops

HEADQUARTERS FORREST'S
CAVALRY CORPS,
Gainesville, Ala., May 9, 1865.

SOLDIERS: By an agreement made between Lieutenant-General Taylor, commanding the Department of Alabama, Mississippi, and East Louisiana, and Major-General Canby, commanding U.S. forces, the troops of this department have been surrendered. I do not think it proper or necessary at this time to refer to the causes which have reduced us to this extremity, nor is it now a matter of material consequence to us how such results were brought about. That we are beaten is a self-evident fact, and any further resistance on our part would be justly regarded as the very height of folly and rashness. The armies of Generals Lee and Johnston having surrendered, you are the last of all the troops of the C. S. Army east of the Mississippi River to lay down your arms. The cause for which you have so long and so manfully struggled, and for which you have braved dangers, endured privations and sufferings, and made so many sacrifices, is to-day hopeless. The Government which we sought to establish and perpetuate is at an end. Reason dictates and humanity demands that no more blood be shed. Fully realizing and feeling that such is the case, it is your duty and mine to lay down our arms, submit to the "powers that be," and to aid in restoring peace and establishing law and order throughout the land. The terms

upon which you were surrendered are favorable, and should be satisfactory and acceptable to all. They manifest a spirit of magnanimity and liberality on the part of the Federal authorities which should be met on our part by a faithful compliance with all the stipulations and conditions therein expressed. As your commander, I sincerely hope that every officer and soldier of my command will cheerfully obey the orders given and carry out in good faith all the terms of the cartel.

Those who neglect the terms and refuse to be paroled may assuredly expect when arrested to be sent North and imprisoned. Let those who are absent from their commands, from whatever cause, report at once to this place or to Jackson, Miss.; or, if too remote from either, to the nearest U.S. post or garrison for parole. Civil war, such as you have just passed through, naturally engenders feelings of animosity, hatred, and revenge. It is our duty to divest ourselves of all such feelings, and so far as in our power to do so to cultivate friendly feelings toward those with whom we have so long contested and heretofore so widely but honestly differed. Neighborhood feuds, personal animosities, and private differences

should be blotted out, and when you return home a manly, straightforward course of conduct will secure the respect even of your enemies. Whatever your responsibilities may be to Government, to society, or to individuals, meet them like men. The attempt made to establish a separate and independent confederation has failed, but the consciousness of having done your duty faithfully and to the end will in some measure repay for the hardships you have undergone. In bidding you farewell, rest assured that you carry with you my best wishes for your future welfare and happiness. Without in any way referring to the merits of the cause in which we have been engaged, your courage and determination as exhibited on many hard-fought fields has elicited the respect and admiration of friend and foe. And I now cheerfully and gratefully acknowledge my indebtedness to the officers and men of my command, whose zeal, fidelity, and unflinching bravery have been the great source of my past success in arms. I have never on the field of battle sent you where I was unwilling to go myself, nor would I now advise you to a course which I felt myself unwilling to pursue. You have been good soldiers, you can be good citizens. Obey the laws, preserve your honor, and the Government to which you have surrendered can afford to be and will be magnanimous.

*N. B. FORREST,
Lieutenant-General.*

Nathan Bedford Forrest

Uneducated but not illiterate, Nathan Bedford Forrest was a natural tactician who earned the praise of his enemies. Both Grant and Sherman feared this man who entered the Confederate forces a private and left a general. The stories of him are legend.

With Fort Donelson supposedly surrounded he stormed from a meeting where the commanding officers were preparing to surrender and led his cavalry and a number of infantry out of the area

without a shot being fired at him.

At Pittsburg Landing (Shiloh) he charged and routed a line of Union skirmishers by himself in defense of the retreating rebel army.

In Murfreesboro, Tennessee he freed a garrison jail of locals imprisoned, according to the Union commander, for attacks on patrols near their farms. Ad-

vised to leave after the successful escape the colonel replied, "I did not come here to make half a job of it, I want them all" and proceeded to demand unconditional surrender of the entire garrison. The Union commanders had more men, guns and an entrenched position but surrendered anyway, unaware that Forrest was bluffing.

Taken from the Internet
<http://ngeorgia.com/people/forrest.html>