



# Southern Star

September 18, 1862

On the day of September 17, 1862 forty thousand Southerners were pinned against eighty-seven thousand men of the Federal army, whose general was George B. McClellan. Lee marched North to Northern Virginia, McClellan followed.

The Battle of Sharpsburg started at dawn. Joseph Hooker's artillery began shooting fire at Jackson's men. Who were in the cornfield in the North. A quote by Hooker "In the time I am writing, every stalk of corn in the northern and greater parts of the field was cut as closely as could have been done with a knife, and the slain lay in rows precisely as they had stood in their ranks a few moments later."

By about 7AM that morning Jackson drove the Federals back. General Joseph Mansfield's Union troops and hour later counter attacked. By 9AM they regained some of the land they had before. John Sedgwick's part of Edwin V. Sumner's corps run forward into the West woods.

For almost 4 hours fighting raged along a sunken road. At 1PM Federals crossed the bridge of Burnside. Two hours later they went up the slope beyond. They almost drove the Georgians back to Sharpsburg in the late afternoon. This move threatened to cut off the line of retreat for Lee. Around 4PM General A.P Hill's men left Jackson at Harpers Ferry to capture Federal property. They entered the fight on the field. Burnside's men were driven to the heights near the bridge again. The battle is now over.

## Bivouacs of the Dead

*The muffled drum's sad roll has beat  
The soldier's last tattoo;  
No more on life's parade shall meet  
That brave and fallen few.*

(this poem was found near the center of the battlefield)



My fellow citizens of the Confederate States of America, our way of life is under attack by the northern abolitionist swine. It is time for us to strike back for all of the tragedies that the Northerners have caused us. Yesterday one of the greatest losses was suffered to our great Confederate Army. Several thousand southern lives were taken at Sharpsburg as well as thousands of Northerners too. During this time of peril and turmoil we need to unite and strike back, else our way of life will be wiped off of the face of the earth. WE have the potential to become the greatest nation on the face of the Earth but we need to eliminate the Northern abolitionists first. If you are an able bodied white man please report to your nearest registration post and help out great nation.



A BIT OF ADVICE FROM BETSY DUPONT: CONFEDERATE GRANDMOTHER

# Jefferson Davis

By- Skyler Young

Jefferson Davis was Born June 3, 1808 and is still alive. On February 18, 1861 Jefferson Davis became the first and only President of the Confederate States of America. He was sworn in at the temporary capitol of the Confederacy in Montgomery, Alabama. His term as president was stormy and controversial, although he was generally effective in his role as chief executive of the young country.

By the flow of the inland river,  
 Whence the fleets of iron have fled,  
 Where the blades of the grave-grass quiver,  
 Asleep are the ranks of the dead:  
     Under the sod and the dew,  
     Waiting the judgment-day;  
     Under the one, the Blue,  
     Under the other, the Gray  
 These in the robbings of glory,  
 Those in the gloom of defeat,  
 All with the battle-blood gory,  
 In the dusk of eternity meet:  
     Under the sod and the dew,  
     Waiting the judgment-day  
     Under the laurel, the Blue,  
     Under the willow, the Gray.  
 From the silence of sorrowful hours  
     The desolate mourners go,  
     Lovingly laden with flowers  
 Alike for the friend and the foe;  
     Under the sod and the dew,  
     Waiting the judgment-day;  
     Under the roses, the Blue,  
     Under the lilies, the Gray.  
 So with an equal splendor,  
 The morning sun-rays fall,  
 With a touch impartially tender,  
 On the blossoms blooming for all:  
     Under the sod and the dew,  
     Waiting the judgment-day;  
 Broidered with gold, the Blue,  
 Mellowed with gold, the Gray.  
 By: Francis Miles French

John B. Gordon

Georgia general, governor, senator he is a man of many jobs. He is most famous for being in the war of Sharpsburg he was shot 4 times yet he kept going. He is a man that just keeps going and going he won't one to give up. After being shot 4 times he kept going then another shot hit him in the face and he died but there were many other great things he had done. He was a very brave man in the war to be shot 4 times and kept going how could any human do that? Although he was never promoted to lieutenant general, he has the responsibilities of a corps commander. During the war and soon after the war he was crowned one of the south's most popular war heroes. Because fighting in the North had damaged his coalmines he had to find a new occupation. Before and during this war he has also been urged to run for public office.

*"Such a storm of balls I never conceived it possible for men to live through. Shot and shell shrieking and crashing, canister and bullets whistling and hissing most fiend-like through the air until you could almost see them. In that mile's ride I never expected to come back alive."*



- The whole bloody facts
- 1) Yesterday a total of 23,000 people died.
  - 2) In the battle of Sharpsburg more people died than in the whole revolutionary war.
  - 3) For most of the citizens in Sharpsburg this one considered the single most bloodiest day to date.
  - 4) The war started in September 17, 1862
  - 5) This war was a war of a total of 40,000 thousand southerners against an 87,000 manned army
  - 6) During the war the confederate losses were 1,512-killed 7,816 wounded and 1,844 captured/missing. For a total of 9,512 people
  - 7) And the Union losses were 2,108 killed 9,549 wounded and 753 missing/captured
  - 8) In total 1 in 4 soldiers was either lost, killed, or wounded. For a total of 12,410
  - 9) In the first 20 minutes in war 4 in 5 people were killed, lost, or injured



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### General Lee

Born January 19, 1807 at Startford, Westmoreland country, Virginia. Is a career army officer and is the most successful general of the Confederate forces in this civil war. He commands all the confederate armies as general in chief. He is the fifth child born to Henry "Light- Horse Harry". He grew up in the area where George Washington grew up.

Educated in Alexandria, Virginia. On June 30, 1861, he married Mary Ann Randolph Curtis. They have three sons that served in the Confederate army. George Washington Custis and William Henry Fitzhugh ("Rooney") attained the rank as a private in the Rockbridge Artillery at the Battle of Sharpsburg.

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