



Lookout Dixieland ! Cultural terrorism is here !

“Reconstruction?”: Phase II

Compatriots, based on a review and from my own personal knowledge - the overwhelming list of each and every incident against us and our Confederate symbols since June 17, 2015 alone would fill a thick book.

Individual monuments across the south are being vandalized, thefts of flags from yards and cars, vandalism against vehicles, beatings of individuals toting Confederate Battle Flags, suspensions of students, grave markers and decorations broken/defaced, flag removals from fairs, city seals and state seals being altered, media attacks against politicians who support Confederate history - plus lots more.

The list I have compiled leaves a ton of information out, however, in all my years in Heritage defense, I have never seen as big a list as this, and I know it will open the eyes of many - and the really sad part is all of it is just from a seven month period. One couldn't comprehend the size of a list that included the last decade, or even since the 1991 NAACP declaration of war against all things Confederate.

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Heritage Attacks/Violations in Georgia, Since June 2015

- The Chattooga County Commissioner had the Flag display removed from the Confederate Monument on the County Courthouse grounds.
- The Georgia Department of Revenue pulled the Georgia Division, SCV Specialty Tags from all Tag Offices and halted the sale of the tags.
- NAACP attempted to have the Bulloch County Confederate Monument removed from the Courthouse grounds in Statesboro.
- NAACP attempted to have the Jasper County Confederate Monument removed from the Courthouse grounds in Monticello.
- NAACP and past City of Macon Mayor called for the removal of the Bibb County Confederate Monument in Macon.
- Governor Nathan Deal had Robert E. Lee and Confederate Memorial Day removed from the State Calendar.
- The NAACP and the SCLC called for the removal of the Confederate Memorial carvings from Stone Mountain.
- Liberal activist in Rabun County attempted to remove the Flag display from the Confederate Monument in Clayton, Ga.
- Silver Dollar City that leases Stone Mountain Memorial Park from the State of Georgia attempted to place a "MLK Bell" Monument on top of Stone Mountain.
- Representative LaDawn Jones of district 62, filed House Bill 760 that would change Stone Mountain from a memorial to the Confederacy and give authority to State agencies to re-define and make changes and additions they deemed “appropriate.”
- State Senator Vincent Fort of Atlanta filed Senate Bill 294 that prohibits the recognition of public and legal holidays honoring, recognizing, observing, or celebrating the Confederate States of America, its history, or the military or political leaders thereof or the War Between the States; and to repeal the observance of Confederate History and Heritage Month.



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we
forget.*

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The Charge

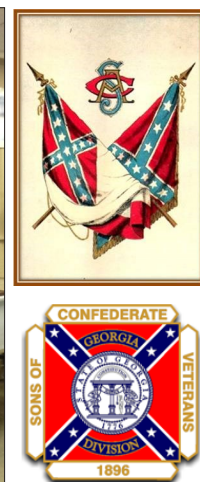
to the Georgia Division

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. ~ circa 2006

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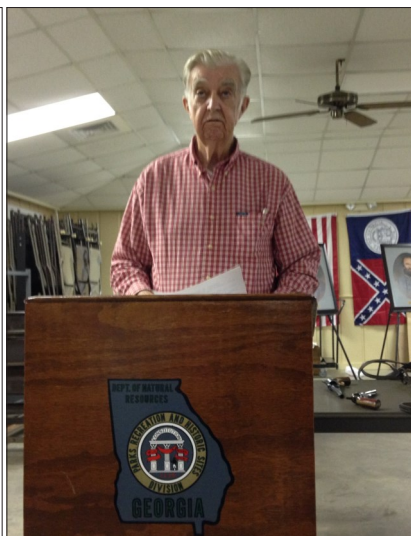
Clockwise from above: Buckhead-Lawton Camp 2102 Commander Tommy Lane presents Resolution of Appreciation from IHQ for her late husband, Com-patriot Byron L. Newton, to Mrs. Bernice Newton.

Camp 2102 Adjutant James E. Saxon presents Certificate of Appreciation to new member Mr. H.T. Clifton.

5th Brigade Commander Thomas Miller presents Mr. Clifton his membership pin and card.

Camp 2102 presented awards at the Lee/Jackson Banquet, 1/16/2016 to: L to R Ricky Saxon; James E. Saxon; Bonnie Saxon; Perry Dale Suggs; Clarence Belk; Cindy Gordon; Perry Lane; Dale Wiggins; Neil Dickey; Joe Wilson.

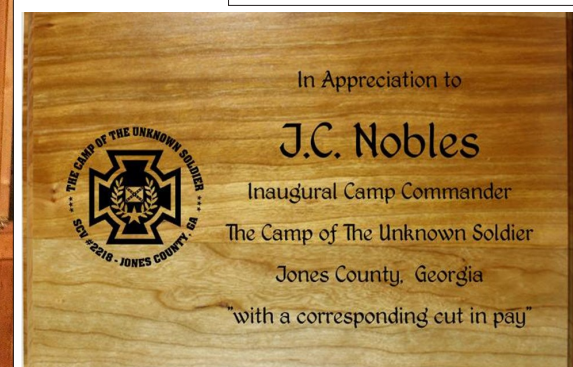
Camp 2102 Charter Member Sonny Allen gives the Camp history.



Haralson Invincibles Camp 673 Commander Billy Bearden welcomes new members, from the Left, clockwise: Bobby Daniel; Tyler Daniel; Billy Fountain; Jacob Webb. At the Haralson Invincibles Camp #673 Annual December "Christmas with the Soldiers" meeting, we were able to swear in 4 new members! Welcome Compatriots !



This 8" x 10" solid cherry plaque was gratefully presented to outgoing commander J.C. Nobles by the membership of The Camp of the Unknown Soldier #2218 of "Old Clinton", Jones County, Georgia at the Camp's 4th annual Lee-Jackson Banquet on Thursday, January 21, 2016. 🇺🇸



Habersham Guard Camp 716, Clarkesville, Ga-- L. Our speaker for January was Mrs. Julia Jessee from Legacy Link's Kinship Care Program. Mrs. Jessee spoke to us about the trials and tribulations of Grandparents raising children and the limited resources that are available to help. Commander Kenneth Craig presents Mrs. Jessee with a \$500 donation to her discretionary spending account. Also pictured is Mrs. Jean Cody, a Kinship Care advocate. Mrs. Cody and her husband have been grandparent caregivers for over 20 years, involving four grandchildren. R. Camp 716 Turkey shoot. The 2nd amendment is alive and well in Northeast Georgia. Habersham Guard, Camp 716 Clarkesville, Georgia, recently held its 4th Annual Turkey Shoot. Funds raised from this year's shoot will go to the Veteran's Memorial Wall and Legacy Link's Kinship Care program which assists grandparents raising grandchildren. We would like to thank everyone that helped to make this year's event so successful.



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- DESTROYING HUMANITY
AND CHRISTIANITY
- The Frankfurt school recommend-
ed (amongst other things):
- [1923, Germany, based on Marx-
ism]
- the creation of racism offences
 - continual change to create con-
fusion
 - the teaching of sex and homo-
sexuality to children
 - the undermining of schools
and teachers' authority
 - huge immigration to destroy
national identity
 - the promotion of excessive
drinking
 - emptying the churches
 - an unreliable legal system with
bias against the victim of crime
 - dependency on the state or
state benefits
 - control and dumbing down of
media
 - encouraging the breakdown of
the family

Remember
the
Georgia
Confederates
Youth Camp
June 12 ~ 18

ATTENTION!

THIS IS AN ELECTION YEAR

This is an open election year and ALL Georgia Divi-
sion and SCV National officers' positions are open.
Any Compatriot interested in declaring their candidacy
for a Georgia Division office must e-mail or contact the
Division Adjutant at timfpilgrim@yahoo.com or 404-
456-3393 before May 27, 2016 to have their name
printed on the written ballot.

Have you moved lately? Please change address.

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Commander's Report

Greetings Brothers,

We have entered into a new year with continuing challenges. Those who would remove our history are still with us and continue to try to destroy every vestige of our ancestors from the school books, court house lawns and anywhere the ladies and gentlemen of the past have erected markers or monuments to honor our history/heritage. The apparent driving force behind much of this was the actions of one sick individual in South Carolina. Actually, that's just an excuse, it's driven by a deep seated hate for anything "those people" see as Confederate or related to the Confederacy. They look for any reason to promote their supposed causes, without regard to the vast majority of the "silent majority" (been a long time since I used that term), but it still applies to most people. Thank God there's people like you, our members, who still care!

If you missed the Robert E. Lee birthday celebration in Milledgeville, you missed a great one! In excess of 200 of us gathered in the chambers where our Georgia Representatives gathered to conduct the business of the State prior to the War. It is always humbling to stand on the boards where our ancestors decided to leave the tyrannical hand of the federal government. A special thanks to Division Judge Advocate, Dan Coleman and to all who worked on arranging the event. Sincere appreciation to Pastor John Weaver for the inspiring message!

Adjutant Tim Pilgrim has reported the Division has added around 400 new members over the past year! While some of this number can probably be attributed to the problems in South Carolina and some to the battle we had with the Department of Revenue over the SCV tags, I firmly believe most joined us because they wanted to salute their ancestors. Good work to each of you. Membership numbers are important as we continue to stand for what is historically correct, and not buckle into the politically correct crowd. Thank you for taking a stand about our heritage. We appreciate having you with us!

As we continue through this year, let's not forget where we came from. When I think back and remember when I first came into contact with the SCV, 30 or so years ago at a mock battle near Andersonville, I met Division Commander, Charlie Clements and other members of the Americus Camp and started my paperwork that day to be a member (along with AJ, my son). Our ancestors need us to remember them and the sacrifices they made for the Confederacy. I've heard many folks say "for what they believed was right." But remember they WERE right. The same derogatory incidents are being forced on us today, over taxation, demanding we and our children accept the politically correct interpretation of history, demeaning our ancestors, attempting to remove any statues or war memorials to our ancestors, the list goes on. Georgia sent some 140,000 soldiers, they deserve these war memorials!

We must stand and demand the right to honor our heritage. We must embrace those who agree with our fight, and take a stance that cannot be mistaken. As our enemies, and, yes, they are our adversaries, attempt to "cleanse" the true history of this country, we must be heard, we must be seen and truthfully, we need to be feared, not from bodily harm but from the aspect of standing and demanding they tell the truth. The truth is out there but they won't hear of it or research it because it's not taught in schools. Be sure to teach your children or family members the truth. Help with our Youth Camp and Cadet project. We have to teach our youth ourselves!

Can we accomplish this, of course WE can. Sometimes it's hard to counter those who will lie about our ancestors and what they did and stood for, but if WE, members of the SCV don't do this, no one else will. Write your local news media, contact local politicians about HB # 50 to protect our monuments. Let them know we want to retain our heritage and the history that comes from it. Seems most all other ethnic groups coming to our country get to keep their heritage regardless of how un-American it is. Why can't we?

Remember to attend your local Camp meetings when possible and Division events.

Live the Charge.

Jack Bridwell, GA Div. Cmdr.



CONFEDERATE "FIGHTING IRISH" IN ELMIRA

There were many Confederate infantry companies formed at the beginning of the war and designated "Irish". As an example, in the city of Charleston, South Carolina there were two Irish companies, Co C "Irish Volunteers", later Co H "Irish Volunteers", 27th SC Infantry, and Co K, 1st SC Infantry. The 27th was especially claimed by Charlestonians as their regiment. The average intelligence and social position of the rank and file were thus greater than most regiments. There is one known Charleston "Irish Volunteer" of the 27th SC buried in Elmira. He is Pvt. John Flynn from Charleston. Pvt. Flynn enlisted 15 Mar 1862 in Charleston. He was captured 24 Jun 1864 near Petersburg, sent to Point Lookout and transferred to Elmira on 25 July 1864. He died of disease 15 Aug 1864 and is buried in Plot # 20. Most every Confederate state had several "Irish" companies. However, there were only two Irish Regiments in the Army of the Confederacy.

One regiment was formed in Tennessee and the other in Georgia. The Tennessee Irish Regiment was the 10th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry Regiment formed in Nashville in April, 1861. The 10th Tennessee was also known as the "Bloody 10th" for the heavy losses the regiment sustained in the Battle of Fr. Donaldson which was located along the Tennessee – Kentucky border. Of the original members of the 10th, only four were still fighting in 1865 when the war ended. The 10th was noted for their flag "Sons of Erin".

The more famous and most recognized Confederate Irish Regiment is the 24th Georgia. The 24th Georgia "Irish Regiment" was organized in late June and early July 1861 and was composed of men from the north Georgia mountains and foot hills region. The 24th Georgia was commanded by Brig. General Thomas R. R. Cobb and was known as one of the very best regiments in the Confederate Army. The 24th is probably best known for Irish fighting Irish in the battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia.

On 13 December 1862, Union forces under the command of Gen. Burnside were ordered to attack the fortified position of Confederates on Marye's Heights. Behind the stone wall near the crest of Marye's Heights was the 24th Georgia "Irish Regiment" among other regiments. This was a suicide attack ordered by Gen. Burnside. The New York "The Fighting 69th" Irish Regiment attacked up the heights against the 24th Georgia. The result of the Irish against Irish fight was devastating for the 69th New York. Of the 1,200 New York Irish who made the attack, 545 were killed, wounded, or missing. The 69th was from New York City. It is known as "The Fighting 69th" a name said to have been given by Robert E. Lee.

This famous Irish encounter is well documented in numerous books, paintings, and in the acclaimed Civil War movie "Gods and Generals".

Tom Fagart

Concord, NC

Elmira: See also page 7

Division Adjutant's Report

Gentlemen,

I hope all of you are having a good start to this New Year and I'm wishing you all good health and peace of mind in 2016. The older I get the more I realize the value of both. The Georgia Taliban / ISIS bunch isn't wasting any time in this 2016 legislative session. They have already filed anti-Veteran / Southern House Bill 760 and Senate Bill 294. The good news is our Compatriots and Friends in the Legislature have filed House Bill 50, House Bill 855 and House Resolution 1179 to counter it. Below is a brief summary of these Bills. Please take the time to send a letter to your Representative and State Senator asking them to oppose HB 760 and SB 294 and to support HB 50, HB 855 and HR 1179. This is our time to take ACTION.

House Bill 760 - Oppose:

Representative LaDawn Jones of Atlanta has filed House Bill 760 in the Georgia State Legislature, which changes Stone Mountain Memorial Park from being a memorial to the Confederacy and gives the State and its agencies the power to interpret whether a monument is "appropriate" and the ability to make changes to the monument. This hideous legislation should concern all Citizens, Veterans and Historical organizations alike.

Senate Bill 294 - Oppose:

State Senator Vincent Fort of Atlanta has filed Senate Bill 294 in the Georgia State Senate. The below summary of the bill says it all:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT:

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to revise the public and legal holidays recognized by the State of Georgia; to prohibit the recognition of public and legal holidays honoring, recognizing, observing, or celebrating the Confederate States of America, its history, or the military or

political leaders thereof or the Civil War; to repeal the observing of Confederate History and Heritage Month.

House Bill 855 - Support:

Compatriot and State Representative Tommy Benton has filed House Bill 855 that makes Confederate Memorial Day and Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's birthday recognized as legal State holidays. As you may remember Governor Nathan Deal administratively declared that state holidays for Lee and the Confederate Memorial Day would remain days off for state workers but would no longer honor the Confederacy.

House Bill 854 - Support:

Compatriot and State Representative Tommy Benton has filed House Bill 855 that makes State roads, bridges, and interchanges named for a veteran and whose name has been changed shall revert back to its original name.

Official Summary: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 32-4-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to naming state roads, bridges, or interchanges, so as to provide that the name of any street or road under the jurisdiction of a political subdivision that, on January 1, 1968, was named for a veteran and whose name has been changed since such date shall on January 1, 2017, revert back to the name which such street or road was named on January 1, 1968, and shall not be subject to any further change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House Resolution 1179 - Support:

Compatriot and State Representative Tommy Benton has filed House Resolution 1179 that would amend the state constitution to prevent changes to the mission of Stone Mountain State Park as a memorial to the Confederacy. Below is the summary to House Resolution 1179:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to require the State of Georgia to preserve the natural areas at Stone Mountain; to provide access to Stone Mountain; to maintain an appropriate and suitable memorial

to the Confederacy at Stone Mountain; to protect and preserve the carving on Stone Mountain; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

House Bill 50 -Support:

Compatriot and State Representative Tommy Benton has refiled House Bill 50 that strengthens our current monument protection laws under Code Section 50-3-1.

Boycott New Orleans!

I just read where the Federal Judge in Louisiana is allowing the City of New Orleans to remove the Confederate Monuments of General Robert E. Lee, General Beauregard and President Jefferson Davis. This is sickening. It goes to show us all what the American Taliban's full intent is. The Georgia Division will be issuing an official Division Resolution Stating that the Georgia Division, SCV will be officially boycotting the City of New Orleans and calling for a boycott of New Orleans for their hateful and terrorist attacks.

Important Notes:

If you don't know who your State Representative or Senator is go to <http://openstates.org/> and enter your ZIP code. It will give you their contact information. If you are having troubles with it email me at timfpilgrim@yahoo.com and I'll be glad to help.

Please, if you are not on the Division Wide e-mail notification roster, please send us your e-mail address to Secretary@gascv.org or timfpilgrim@yahoo.com and include your Camp name and number. Communication is the key to make us a more effective organization and as G.I. Joe says "knowing is half the battle".

Georgia Division On-line Store:

I'm pleased to announce that the Georgia Division will be opening an on-line store on the Division Web-site. We are in the process of building the store page now and

we will have the following items available:

3x5 AOT Battle flags

3x5 1956 Georgia State Flags

51"x 51" Square ANV Battle Flags

AOT 12" X 18" battle stick flags on 30" sticks and a clip to hold the flags from sliding down.

ANV square 12" X 12" battle stick flags, on 30" sticks..

Battle Flag car tags.

1956 Georgia State Flag car tags.

All these flags are unique and available only through the Sons of Confederate Veterans. They have been designed by an SCV member in Virginia who used authentic AOT and ANV historical flags for the basis of design of these new flags. They are only available through the SCV at the Georgia Division and SCV National. You'll notice on our Flags, the stars are larger and patterned differently along with wider borders than the standard commercial Battle Flags being offered by others. Our Flags are historically correct.

We should have the store up within a month and orders can be placed with credit cards. Pricing will be competitive with the lowest cost suppliers on line and a promo code will be given to Division members for discount purchases. All profits from our Division on-line store will be used to help cover the labor cost of our Division Secretary. The big benefit of the on-line store is that it provides a supply of flags to our membership and the public at a competitive price and it helps cover our expenses.

It's Prorated Dues Time Again:

February 1st is the beginning of the prorating dues period. I know prorated dues structure can get a bit confusing but it does allow the new or rejoining member the ability to pay only for the portion of the remaining current fiscal year and the balance of the next year's dues. So all and all it is a much better "deal" to prorate. Below list of dues for your reference.

Georgia
Division

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Adjutant's Report, Continued

Dues:

\$12 for annual Ga. Division Dues between August 1 to November 1

\$15 for reinstatement dues if annual dues are not received by the November 1 deadline date (\$3 reinstatement/late fee)

\$18 for Ga. Division prorated Dues for new members, joining during Feb, March or April. These are prorated to pay for the current fiscal year and pay next year dues as well.

\$21 for Ga. Division prorated Dues for members reinstating their membership during Feb, March or April. These are prorated to pay for the current fiscal year and pay next year dues as well.

\$15 for Ga. Division prorated Dues for new members, joining during May, June or July. These are prorated to pay for the current fiscal year and pay next year dues as well.

\$18 for Ga. Division prorated Dues for members reinstating their membership during May, June or July. These are prorated to pay for the current fiscal year and pay next year dues as well.

SCV National Dues:

\$30 for annual renewals dues.

\$35 for new members

\$35 reinstatement dues if annual dues are not received by the October 31st deadline date (\$5 reinstatement / late fee).

\$50 for SCV National prorated Dues if joining during Feb, March or April. These are prorated to pay for the current fiscal year and pay next year dues as well.

\$42.50 for SCV National prorated Dues if joining during May, June or July. These are prorated to pay for the current fiscal year and pay next year dues as well.

119th Division Reunion and Elections:

On June 11, 2016 the Georgia Division will have its annual 119th Division Reunion at The Georgia International House Park in Conyers, Georgia. A registration form is included in this issue of the Georgia Confederate and the Delegate form is available on the Division web-site at

www.gascv.org.

This is an open election year and all Division officers' positions are open. Any Compatriot interested in declaring their candidacy and being printed on the written ballot must e-mail or contact the Division Adjutant at

timfpilgrim@yahoo.com or call 404-456-3393 before May 27, 2016. Also all SCV National offices are open as well.

SCV National and AOT Secretary

If you haven't already been made aware, AOT Secretary Paula Kay no longer works at SCV National HQ. Until her position gets filled Bryan Sharp at membership@scv.org will be helping us with membership and roster needs.

In Closing

Brothers this is a defining moment in our times. We have got to take a stand against those who would destroy us and our Heritage. Please write, call and e-mail your State Legislators. Let them know about these Bills. Let them know which ones you oppose and support and encourage them to do the same. Ask your friends and neighbors to do the same. I truly believe that people in general are getting sick and tired of these attacks and the tide is going to turn against the American Taliban. We have got to let our voices be heard more than ever to put a stop to this hysteria. If we don't, who will?

Always at your service,

Timothy Pilgrim

Georgia Division Adjutant

It's time to take our stand in Dixieland. It is our time to fight for the right. Get involved. Contact your Congress-person! Today!

Editor



Call to action ! Make your stand in Dixie's Land !

There have been some bad anti-Veteran and anti-Southern bills filed in the Georgia State Legislature this legislative session. Specifically Bill 760, changes the governance of Stone Mountain Memorial Association by deleting reference to the Confederacy and giving State agencies the power to deem if a monument is "appropriate." Furthermore, Senate Bill 294 prohibits honoring Confederate Veterans and repeals any holiday or commemoration honoring, in any fashion, the Confederacy.

There have been some good pro-Veteran and pro-Southern Heritage bills filed this legislative session that we need to work just as hard on to support. Below is a list of those good proposals which have been filed by our Friend and Compatriot, State Representative Tommy Benton.

House Bill 50 -Support:

To amend Code Section 50-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the description of the state flag, defacing public monuments, and obstruction of Stone Mountain, so as to provide for additional protections for government statues, monuments, plaques, banners, and other commemorative symbols; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes. Click here to see House Bill 50.

House Bill 854 - Support:

To amend Code Section 32-4-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to naming state roads, bridges, or interchanges, so as to provide that the name of any street or road under the jurisdiction of a political subdivision that, on January 1, 1968, was named for a veteran and whose name has been changed since such date shall on January 1, 2017, revert back to the name which such street or road was named on January 1, 1968, and shall not be subject to any further change. Click here to see House Bill 854.

House Bill 855 - Support:

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to include Robert E. Lee's birthday and Confederate Memorial Day as public and legal holidays in the State of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

As you may recall Governor Nathan Deal administratively declared that state holidays for Lee and the Confederate Memorial Day while remaining days off for state workers would no longer honor the Confederacy. Click here to see House Bill 855.

House Resolution 1179 -Support:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to require the State of Georgia to preserve the natural areas at Stone Mountain; to provide access to Stone Mountain; to maintain an appropriate and suitable memorial to the Confederacy at Stone Mountain; to protect and preserve the carving on Stone Mountain; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

This Resolution would place a referendum on the November, 2017 ballot for the Citizens of Georgia to vote on this constitutional amendment.

What can I do?

***Call to action!
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ATTACKS AGAINST AND LOSSES OF CONFEDERATE HISTORY AND HERITAGE SINCE JUNE 17th, 2015

(This list is not complete. It gives but a rough accounting of the hundreds of Heritage Violations found in the media. But hundreds more remain. Attacks against persons except Mr. Hervey, private property, graves, and other instances have been left off for brevity. If you are aware of ANY attack or loss please share that information for inclusion on our next update.)

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JUNE 18th forward....

Republican Senator Mitch McConnell calls for the removal of the statue of Jefferson Davis from the Kentucky Capitol
National Park Service – Bans further Confederate item sales and displays of Confederate flags. Historical flag display at Fort Sumter was removed from top, later replaced inside the Fort.

JULY

SC Republican Governor Haley removes Memorial Confederate Flag from Confederate Soldiers Memorial Statue

Ala Republican Governor Bentley removes 4 Memorial Confederate Flags from Confederate Memorial Statue

Mobile, Alabama – City removes Confederate flag from City Seal

Tennessee – Efforts begin to remove Bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest from State Capitol

Birmingham, Alabama – City votes to remove Confederate Memorial from Linn Park

Oxford, Mississippi – Anthony Hervey, returning from the Linn Park Confederate Statue fight, was run off the road and **murdered** by black thugs

AUGUST

Georgia – Republican Governor Deal strips names of Robert E Lee and Confederate Memorial Day from officially observed state holiday calendar

State of Virginia – Stopped sales of and recalled all License Plates bearing the SCV Logo

University of Texas in Austin, Texas – removes statue of Jefferson Davis

Williamsburg, Virginia – William and Mary removes historic Confederate Memorial Plaque from Wren Building listing names of dead Confederate students. Removes Confederate symbol from Mace, donated 1923

Danville, Virginia - 3rd National Flag was removed by City Council against the wishes of majority of residents

New Orleans, Louisiana – Mayor Mitch Landrieu begins his efforts to remove 3 Confederate Monuments.

City Council agreed, but as of this writing efforts to stop it is going before a Judge

SEPTEMBER

Charlotte, North Carolina – YMCA is removing Memorial to Cadets from the old

North Carolina Military Institute, placed by the SCV. 8 other monuments were attacked across the City

Patrick County, Virginia – Judge removes historic painting of General JEB Stuart from Courthouse

Fluvanna, Virginia - “Confederate Park” renamed “Civil War Park” against wishes of 60% of residents

Alexandria, Virginia – City bans flying of Confederate flags on two special days breaking a longstanding

tradition and agreement

Winchester, Virginia – City removes Battleflag from City Seal

Lexington, Virginia – Washington and LEE University bans the SCV from further Lee Chapel use for Memorial services

OCTOBER

Florida – Initiative begins to replace nearly 40 year old “Mural of 5 Flags” inside Capitol, which also depicts a Confederate Flag and General Joseph Finnegan

University of Mississippi – Removes Mississippi State Flag from Campus

NOVEMBER

Florida – Republican effort passes in House to remove Confederate General Kirby Smith from US Capitol Statuary Hall

Murphreesboro, Tennessee – MTSU President forms panel to decide fate of ‘Forrest Hall’ ROTC Building

Richmond, Virginia – St Paul's Episcopal Church removes historic Confederate artifacts

and ties to it's past, where President Davis and General Lee worshiped.

Washington DC - Republicans remove the Mississippi State Flag from the US Capitol Subway System walkway

DECEMBER

Citadel, South Carolina – Board of Visitors votes to remove Confederate Battleflag from Summerall Chapel, awaiting on permission from state legislature

Natchitoches, Louisiana – Mayor bans Confederate flags and SCV from annual Christmas Parade

Arkansas – Republican Governor Hutchenson calls for removal of Robert E Lee's Birthday holiday

St Louis, Missouri – Mayor calls for removal of Confederate Monument from City Park

JANUARY 2016

Arkansas – Republican Governor Hutchenson tries to remove Robert E Lee's Birthday holiday

Baltimore, Maryland – City board votes to remove statue of General Lee and General Jackson.

Fort Worth, Texas – Annual Stock Show and Parade bans use of Confederate Flag from Parade

Helena, Montana – City approves effort to erect a new demeaning “Interpretive Plaque” to be placed on a

Water Fountain dedicated by the UDC to the memory of Confederate Soldiers

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Compatriots,

I am a member of the Capt. Jonas Cook Camp #888 in Mt. Pleasant, NC and I am also on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Elmira Civil War Prison Camp in Elmira, NY.

I have two ancestors, Pvt. Franklin Cauble of Co C, 42nd NC who died in the Elmira Prison and also a great great granduncle Pvt. Thomas O. Hildreth who was captured at Fort Fisher and also died in the Elmira Prison.

I would like to submit to you an article about **Confederate "Fighting Irish" in Elmira**. This article is about Confederate "Irish" Regiments and the Georgia 24th "Irish Regiment" in particular. There are 23 men of the 24th Georgia Regiment who died in the Elmira Prison and are buried in the Woodlawn National Cemetery in Elmira, NY.

Regards,

Tom Fagart

Concord, NC

Elmira: See also page 4



Heritage Defense Officer Report

Compatriots,

The enemies of Georgia's Proud and Honorable Confederate Heritage and History have certainly been very

busy of late. It started with Governor Deal's failed effort to remove the SCV logo from Division Tags then erasing both the names of Robert E Lee Birthday (Day after Thanksgiving) and Confederate Memorial Day (April 26). Behind each of those attacks stood Democrat Senator Vincent Fort – yelling at the Governor to eliminate them, and he got 2/3rds of demands, courtesy of the Republicans.

Now with the State Legislature back in session, Vincent Fort has renewed his hate filled attacks against our Confederate History and Heritage, starting on January 26th by filing SB 294. This bill alters Ga Code 1-4-1 by adding the following:

“The Governor shall not designate or proclaim as public and legal holidays any days to honor, recognize, observe, or celebrate the Confederate States of America, its history, or the military or political leaders thereof or the Civil War.”

It further seeks to eliminate April's special designation: Said chapter is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 1-4-20, relating to designation of Confederate History and Heritage Month. Y'all need to contact your State Senators ASAP and demand they vote NO to SB 294

Another shot against our heritage comes from the other chamber under the Gold Dome.

HB 760 was filed on January 11th by Democrat Representative LaDawn Jones. Her attack seeks to alter the law governing the Stone Mountain Memorial Association's legal guidelines by rewording Code 12-3-192.1 to include a 4th sentence:

“The purposes of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association shall include:

(1) To preserve the natural areas situ-

ated within the Stone Mountain Park area;

(2) To provide access to Stone Mountain for Georgia's citizens; and

(3) To maintain an appropriate and suitable memorial for the Confederacy; and

(4) To maintain an appropriate, inclusive, and historically accurate memorial to the Civil War era.”

For those of us who remember what happened with the Augusta Powderworks Chimney – the Battleflag was removed because it wasn't 'historically accurate' even though it was re-dedicated with the flag on it, and had been there for a while. This will also open the door for statues of Sherman, Lincoln, Grant and USCT, or plaques, or both.

HB 760 would also change Code 50-3-1 by inserting the underlined language:

“(2) No publicly owned monument or memorial erected, constructed, created, or maintained on the public property of this state or its agencies, departments, authorities, or instrumentalities in honor of the military service of any past or present military personnel of this state, the United States of America or the several states thereof, or the Confederate States of America or the several states thereof shall be relocated, removed, concealed, obscured, or altered in any fashion; provided, however, that appropriate measures for the preservation, protection, and interpretation of such monuments or memorials shall not be prohibited; and provided, further, that there shall be no limit on the state or its agencies, departments, authorities, or instrumentalities overseeing such monuments or memorials from augmenting such monuments or memorials in historically accurate and appropriate manners.”

Jones' bill will destroy the original purpose and meaning of Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Park forever if HB 760 becomes law, so we all must reach out to our State Representatives today and demand they vote NO on HB 760.

Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Park is the focal point of most of the attacks against Confederate Heritage here in Georgia. S.M.M.A. itself had sought to drastically change what the Park

was and is, to something it was never intended nor legally allowed. S.M.M.A. C.E.O. Bill Stephens had called for a Bell Tower on top of the Mountain, and then called for a Black civil war Soldiers museum. Both are terrible ideas for inclusion inside the park, not to mention illegal. All of us must remain vigilant and oppose any and all attempts at changing the meaning, interpretation and mission of Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Park.

Last summer and fall we saw – and hopefully all of us attended at least one – hundreds of vehicle “Rolling Flag Rallies” across the south and a few yankee states. Sadly, perhaps because most of the Rally participants were younger school age and returned to school, perhaps because those who simply wanted to be part of a crowd, perhaps because such rallies just aren't as fun in cooler weather – the groups of people who went out and made a large statement against the attacks on Confederate symbols has basically come to an end. Whatever the reason, it is my observation their motivation lasted as long as the polyester 3x5 did on the back of their truck. We members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans must push forward, stay on the front lines, and drive the enemy out of our state.

SCV National has ordered each Division to hold a “Confederate Flag Rally” on March 5th, 2016. This was

advertised in the recent Confederate Veteran magazine. The official website is <http://csaflag.org/>. I would encourage everyone not attending the Division event to fall in with others in your area and make your own Flag Rally. Attend each and every possible town fair, festival, and parade. Provide as many Living Histories as possible. Write articles to newspapers and magazines. Create local events when possible. Attend other Confederate events – not just locally but travel as funds and jobs allow.

Two years ago the turnout at Stone Mountain Confederate Me-

morial Day Service was less than 300. Last year Park Admission was FREE and attendance remained pretty much the same. If our own folks refuse to travel to the largest tourist attraction in our state for FREE and make a statement for our Confederate Ancestors, perhaps some serious soul searching is in order, and a re-reading of Lt General Stephen Dill Lee's Charge is a priority.

We are the largest Division in the SCV and have been for more than a decade or two, and for events like in Milledgeville for Lee Day and Stone Mountain National Confederate Memorial Day the Georgia Division should turn out thousands. Especially now when we find ourselves under double canister and grapeshot by an enemy that has already caused us much damage and is only emboldened by a lack of National pushback.

We do need to find a good counter to the upcoming April 23rd White Rally at Stone Mountain, as well as getting a much needed and powerful law protecting our memorials and symbols.

To help facilitate news about attacks against Confederate Heritage, I would encourage each of you to set your access to the internet with various “Google Alerts”. Regardless of what service provider you use to log on to the WWW, once online go to the Google search page and follow the instructions to set up certain keywords like 'Confederate Battle Flag' to receive instant alerts to any media story containing that topic. If you have a Facebook account, join groups like our own Division page, and other groups like “Defending the Heritage” and “Southern Heritage News and Views”. If you have WWW but no Facebook account, set one up ASAP. Our Ancestors may have lived in the 19th Century, but they need their descendants to get with 21st Century technology.

Please remember to include in your Camp's newsletter the Georgia Heritage Defense email address –“gacsa911@gmail.com “. This can be included on the camps websites and Facebook pages as well.

Thank you and God Bless,

Billy Bearden

Heritage Defense Officer

CALL TO ACTION !

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Resolution

Whereas, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson were and remain venerated figures throughout the Southland; and,

Whereas, over one hundred years ago members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) desired to memorialize the struggle of the Southland for political and cultural independence between 1860 and 1865; and,

Whereas, the dream of an appropriate memorial sculpture adorning the side of the huge quartz monzonite dome in DeKalb County was formulated; and

Whereas, one hundred years ago, in 1916, the project was begun; and,

Whereas, the well-known sculptor Gutzon Borglum (who later prepared and completed the Mount Rushmore Memorial in South Dakota) was retained to begin the project; and,

Whereas, the First World War and artistic differences delayed the project; and,

Whereas, Augustus Lukeman designed the present artistic concept; and,

Whereas, the State of Georgia in 1958 took over the project for the purpose of memorializing the Confederacy and its leaders; and,

Whereas, the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Advisory Committee and the Stone Mountain Memorial Association worked together to complete the sculpture in 1972; and,

Whereas, the completed work is the largest bas-relief sculpture in the world and depicts three prominent Confederate leaders: Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson; and,

Whereas, foes of any public commemoration or even favorable mention of the late Confederate States of America have, for a number of years, chaffed at the idea that any memorialization of the Confederacy or any of its leaders or even the common soldiers and citizens should be countenanced; and,

Whereas, this hatred of all things Confederate reached a boiling point last year with a demand that Stone Mountain be the site of a King memorial in violation of the clear edict of the statute passed by the Georgia General Assembly that the park was to be a memorial to the Confederacy; and

Whereas, that it was the will of the people of the State of Georgia as evidenced by their century-old both public and private support for the creation and maintenance of a monument to the Heroes of the Confederate States of America upon the face of Stone Mountain; and,

Whereas, it has been enshrined in the law of the State of Georgia that this monument is to be preserved and protected perpetually; and,

Whereas, certain political leaders, evidently approving of the cultural destructions of the Taliban and ISIS have called for the carving to be "sandblasted" from the face of Stone Mountain; and,

Whereas, certain members of the Georgia General Assembly presently seek to dilute and modify the purpose of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association by adding monuments and memorials thereunto to federal troops and leaders; and

Whereas, the invasion of Georgia by said federal troops and leaders lead to the greatest depredations and atrocities committed in the history of the entire State of Georgia; and,

Whereas, the inclusion of such leaders and troops to this memorial is an intentional affront and insult to the memory of the Confederate States of

America, its leaders, citizens, soldiers and their descendants; and,

Whereas, given the statements made by the proponents of House Bill 760 and other related and similar proposals, this campaign can only be seen as the beginning of a campaign to eventually eradicate any mention or memorialization of the Confederacy, its leaders and citizens, and

Whereas, despite statements by the politically correct that a variety of opinions and values should be embraced, they regard our gallant Confederate dead as traitors, and our history as a fit object for derision, when not outright obloquy;

Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved that the _____
Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans located at _____,
does hereby resolve as follows:

We reject the historically inaccurate, politically motivated, falsifications heaped upon our gallant Confederate ancestors and the Southland; and

We fully support that the Stone Mountain Memorial Park should continue to be, as it was designed to be, a perpetual monument and memorial to the Confederacy, its leaders, soldiers and citizens and their sacrifices; and

We especially call upon our elected representatives in the Georgia General Assembly to reject House Bill 760 sponsored by LaDawn Jones, of the 62nd District or any other similar attempts to dilute or destroy our Southern heritage; and

We further call upon the Georgia General Assembly to take positive and meaningful steps to safeguard Southern and Confederate heritage and history from the assaults by the hysterical, politically correct agenda of those who reject the consensus reached by both the Northern states and the Southern states following the War for Southern Independence.

This the ____ day of _____, 2016.

Commander

**** CAMPS OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION ****

Gentlemen, this is a draft Resolution concerning our Stone Mountain Memorial Park and House Bill 760 that has been filed this legislative session to change Stone Mountain from a Memorial to the Confederacy.

I want to encourage all the Camps in the Georgia Division to draft and approve a Resolution similar to the one provided below. Then mail an official copy to all the State Representatives and Senators in your area. We need to act now to counter these attacks on our Monuments and Confederate Heritage. Our voice needs to be heard.

Live the Charge,
Jack Bridwell
Georgia Division Commander

** HERITAGE ALERT, A CALL TO ACTION **



*** HOUSE BILL 760 IS FILED TO CHANGE STONE MOUNTAIN AND MONUMENTS ***

Issued by: GEORGIA DIVISION ADJUTANT - Timothy Pilgrim

Folks,

January 17, 2016

The 2016 Georgia Legislative Session opened on January 11, 2016 and already Representative LeDawn Jones of District 62 of DeKalb County has entered House Bill 760 to change purpose Stone Mountain and gives unlimited power to state bureaucrats to make "appropriate changes" to Georgia's Monuments.



House Bill 760 makes the following changes:

- Eliminates Stone Mountain Memorial Park as a memorial to the Confederacy.
- Gives the state, its agencies, departments, authorities, or instrumentalities overseeing such monuments or memorials no limitations from augmenting (changing) such monuments or memorials in what they feel are "historically accurate and appropriate manners."

In short there will be no limitations on the State and its agencies making changes to our Veterans monuments to ensure they are being presented an "appropriate manner". If House Bill 760 is passed it make all our Veterans monuments subject to change, by politically correct politicians and state bureaucrats any time they deem the monument is not "appropriate."

The click on the below link to see a copy of this hideous Bill (House Bill 760):
[House Bill 760, Changes to Stone Mountain](#)

We got to take action fast and our first step is to write, call and e-mail our State Legislators and Senators to express our opposition to House Bill 760 and politely urge them to be opposed to it as well.

It has been proven that the most effective way communication to communicate with your Representatives / Senators is with a brief, to the point and polite hand written letter mailed and faxed to their office. Below is a example of a brief written letter.

Dear Representative _____,

My name is _____ from your district. I understand that HB 760 has been filed. HB 760 makes sweeping changes to Georgia's Stone Mountain Memorial Park and our Veterans Monuments by giving State agencies the unlimited power to make changes to our Veteran's

Monuments if they deem them inappropriate.

This legislation if passed would put all our Veterans and War monuments in danger of being altered or removed if it is not deem "appropriate" by those who would try to destroy the very monuments and displays that honors our American Veterans and the sacrifices they make for our State and Country.

My Family and I strongly oppose House Bill 760 and these disgraceful changes and the unlimited powers it gives those who would dishonor our Veterans in the name of political correctness.

We respectfully ask that you oppose and vote against House Bill 760 and lets always preserve the honor of our Veterans.

Thank you,
 (Signed by your and maybe other family members in your household)

If you don't know who your State legislator or Senator is go to the following link and type in your Zip code: [Click Here to Find your State Legislator](#)

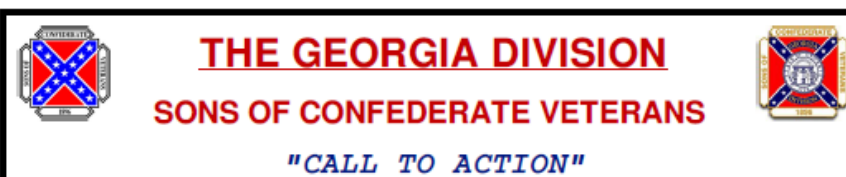
If your still having trouble locating your legislator or Senator e-mail me at timfpilgrim@yahoo.com.

This call for action is serious folks. Please send in your letter, call and e-mail your Representatives and respectfully ask them to oppose House Bill 760. Please forward this e-mail to your Camp members and friends.

Deo Vindice,
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** HERITAGE ALERT, A CALL TO ACTION **



*** SENATE BILL 294 IS FILED THAT PROHIBITS THE RECOGNITION OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS ***

Issued by: GEORGIA DIVISION ADJUTANT - Timothy Pilgrim

Georgia Division, Call to Action.
 January 30, 2016



The Georgia Taliban isn't wasting anytime in this 2016 legislative session. Taliban leader and State Senator Vincent Fort of Atlanta has filed this week State Senate Bill 294 in the Georgia State Legislature.

The below summary of the State Senate bill 294 says it all:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT:

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to revise the public and legal holidays recognized by the State of Georgia; to prohibit the recognition of public and legal holidays honoring, recognizing, observing, or celebrating the Confederate States of America, its history, or the military or political leaders thereof or the Civil War; to repeal the observing of Confederate History and Heritage Month.

Click on the below link to see a copy of this hideous Bill (Senate House 294):
[Link to Senate Bill 294](#)

We have got to take action fast! The first step is to write, call and e-mail our State Senators to express our opposition against Senate Bill 294 and politely urge them to opposed it as well.

It has been proven that the most effective way to communicate with your Representatives / Senators is to write them a brief and polite letter. Below is an example.

Dear State Senator _____,

My name is _____ and live in your District. I understand that SB 294 has been filed and is in committee. SB 294 if passed would prohibit any recognition of Georgia's War Between the States Veterans.

These Veterans, when called to serve by the State of Georgia to defend their Homeland from invasion, did so faithfully, honorably and with valor. Over 130,000 Georgians served and approximately 33,000 died with many survivors maimed from their wounds permanently. These casualties numbers were more than all our Nation's wars and conflicts casualties combined.

My Family and I strongly oppose Senate Bill 294 and we respectfully ask that you oppose and vote against Bill Senate Bill 294. As Americans it is our duty to always preserve the honor and sacrifices of our Veterans.

Thank you,
 (Signed by your and maybe other family members in your household)

If you don't know who your State legislator or Senator is go to the following link and type in your Zip code: http://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/

If your still having trouble locating your legislator or Senator e-mail me at timfpilgrim@yahoo.com.

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Senate Bill 294

By: Senators Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Rhett of the 33rd, Tate of the 38th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to revise the public and legal holidays recognized by the State of Georgia; to prohibit the recognition of public and legal holidays honoring, recognizing, observing, or celebrating the Confederate States of America, its history, or the military or political leaders thereof or the Civil War; to repeal the observing of Confederate History and Heritage Month; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 1-4-1, relating to public and legal holidays and leave for observance of religious holidays not specifically provided for, as follows:

"(a) The State of Georgia shall recognize and observe as public and legal holidays:

(1) All days which have been designated as of January 1, 1984, as public and legal holidays by the federal government; and

(2) All other days designated and proclaimed by the Governor as public and legal holidays or as days of fasting and prayer or other religious observance. ~~In such designation the Governor shall include at least one of the following dates: January 19, April 26, or June 3, or a suitable date in lieu thereof to commemorate the event or events now observed by such dates. The Governor shall not designate or proclaim as public and legal holidays any days to honor, recognize, observe, or celebrate the Confederate States of America, its history, or the military or political leaders thereof or the Civil War.~~

SECTION 2.

Said chapter is further amended by repealing and reserving Code Section 1-4-20, relating to designation of Confederate History and Heritage Month.

SECTION 3.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

House Bill 760

By: Representative Jones of the 62nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, and Code Section 50-3-1
3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to description of state flag, militia to
4 carry flag, defacing public monuments, and obstruction of Stone Mountain, so as to provide
5 for memorials to the Civil War era and the augmenting of such memorials; to provide for
6 related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

10 Part 4 of Article 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
11 relating to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, is amended by revising paragraph (7)
12 of Code Section 12-3-191, relating to definitions, as follows:

13 "(7) 'Project' means Stone Mountain and property adjacent thereto acquired by the
14 association and all accommodations, utilities, facilities, services, and equipment
15 necessary or convenient, and all property, real, personal, or mixed, used or useful,
16 including franchises and easements, in constructing, erecting, improving, remodeling,
17 developing, equipping, adding to, extending, maintaining, managing, and operating Stone
18 Mountain, located in DeKalb County, Georgia, and property adjacent thereto, as a
19 ~~Confederate memorial to the Civil War era~~ and public recreational area, and the
20 construction, improvement, development, maintenance, management, operation, and
21 extension of any part thereof, as to which the association has undertaken or agreed to
22 undertake any action permitted by this part."

SECTION 2.

24 Said part is further amended by revising Code Section 12-3-192.1, relating to purposes of the
25 association, as follows:

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26 "12-3-192.1.

27 The purposes of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association shall include:

28 (1) To preserve the natural areas situated within the Stone Mountain Park area;

29 (2) To provide access to Stone Mountain for Georgia's citizens; and

30 (3) To maintain an appropriate and suitable memorial for the Confederacy; and

31 (4) To maintain an appropriate, inclusive, and historically accurate memorial to the Civil
32 War era."

SECTION 3.

34 Code Section 50-3-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to description of
35 state flag, militia to carry flag, defacing public monuments, and obstruction of Stone
36 Mountain, is amended by revising paragraph (2) of subsection (b) as follows:

37 "(2) No publicly owned monument or memorial erected, constructed, created, or
38 maintained on the public property of this state or its agencies, departments, authorities,
39 or instrumentalities in honor of the military service of any past or present military
40 personnel of this state, the United States of America or the several states thereof, or the
41 Confederate States of America or the several states thereof shall be relocated, removed,
42 concealed, obscured, or altered in any fashion; provided, however, that appropriate
43 measures for the preservation, protection, and interpretation of such monuments or
44 memorials shall not be prohibited; and provided, further, that there shall be no limit on
45 the state or its agencies, departments, authorities, or instrumentalities overseeing such
46 monuments or memorials from augmenting such monuments or memorials in historically
47 accurate and appropriate manners."

SECTION 4.

49 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
50 without such approval.

SECTION 5.

52 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

The Georgia Confederates Youth Camp

June 12 ~ 18, 2016

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Pvt. William Thomas Overby

William Thomas Overby was a Confederate soldier from Newnan, Georgia who was hanged September 23, 1864 in Front Royal, Va. after refusing to reveal the hiding place of his unit. Overby and four others were captured September 23, 1864, along with a 17 year-old boy who had wanted to join the Confederate army. Within four hours, Overby and Thomas Carter were hanged and the other four were shot. He and Carter were hanged from a walnut tree. Several years later, the tree was cut into small pieces and sold to create a memorial in Front Royal for the six men.

House Bill 854

By: Representative Benton of the 31st

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 32-4-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to naming state roads, bridges, or interchanges, so as to provide that the name of any street or road under the jurisdiction of a political subdivision that, on January 1, 1968, was named for a veteran and whose name has been changed since such date shall on January 1, 2017, revert back to the name which such street or road was named on January 1, 1968, and shall not be subject to any further change; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 32-4-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to naming state roads, bridges, or interchanges, is amended by designating the existing text as subsection (a) and by adding a new subsection (b) to read as follows:

"(b) The name of any street or road under the jurisdiction of a political subdivision that, on January 1, 1968, was named for a veteran and whose name has been changed since such date shall on January 1, 2017, revert back to the name which such street or road was named on January 1, 1968, and shall not be subject to any further change."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

House Bill 855

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st, Allison of the 8th, Petrea of the 166th, Cheokas of the 138th, and Wilkinson of the 52nd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, so as to include Robert E. Lee's birthday and Confederate Memorial Day as public and legal holidays in the State of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observances, is amended by revising subsection (a) of Code Section 1-4-1, relating to public and legal holidays and leave for observance of religious holidays not specifically provided for, as follows:

"(a) The State of Georgia shall recognize and observe as public and legal holidays:

(1) All days which have been designated as of January 1, 1984, as public and legal holidays by the federal government; and

(2) January 19, for Robert E. Lee's birthday;

(3) April 26, for Confederate Memorial Day; and

~~(2)(4)~~ All other days designated and proclaimed by the Governor as public and legal holidays or as days of fasting and prayer or other religious observance. ~~In such designation the Governor shall include at least one of the following dates: January 19, April 26, or June 3, or a suitable date in lieu thereof to commemorate the event or events now observed by such dates."~~

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

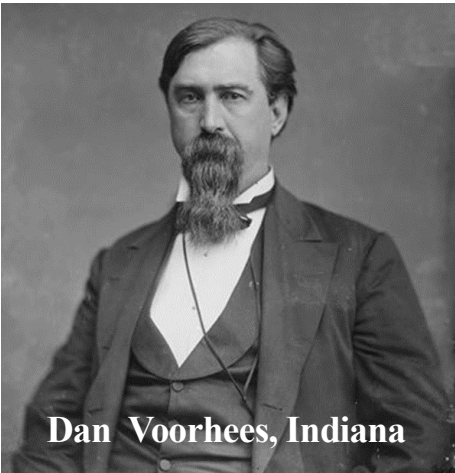
The Plunder of Eleven States

Truths of History

Here's the truth. Americans, REAL Americans, were sickened and disgusted by what reconstruction did to the South. Dan Voorhees was an Indiana representative and senator and he castigated Stevens and Sumner for what they had done during the hell known as 'reconstruction'. Here is a portion of his speech called "Plunder of Eleven States":

"From turret to foundation you tore down the government of eleven States. You left not one stone upon another. You not only destroyed their local laws, but you trampled upon their ruins. You called conventions to frame new

Constitutions for these old States. You not only said who should be elected to rule over



Dan Voorhees, Indiana

these States, but you said who should elect them. You fixed the quality and the color of the voters. You purged the ballot box of intelligence and virtue, and in their stead you placed the most ignorant and unqualified race in the world (at the time-Admins) to rule over these people."

He then took state by state and enumerated the UNCONSTITUTIONAL, EVIL, HELLISH policy unleashed on them. Here is

what he said when he got to South Carolina. Perhaps someone can let Governor Anchor-baby know this one?

"There is no form of ruin to which she has not fallen a prey, no curse with which she has not been baptized, no cup of humiliation and suffering her people have not drained to the dregs. There she stands the result of your handiwork, bankrupt in money, ruined in

credit, her bonds hawked about the streets at ten cents on the dollar, her prosperity blighted at home and abroad, without peace, happiness, or hope. There she stands with her skeleton frame admonishing all the world of the loathsome consequences of a government fashioned in hate and fanaticism, and founded upon the ignorant and vicious classes of manhood."

Plunder, continued on page 13.



NEW CADET PROGRAM

It is truly an exciting time in the history of the Georgia Division as we work to build our future leaders through membership in a totally new Cadet program. Beginning on November 1, 2015, we will roll out phase one of Georgia's Cadet Membership program. From day one, members of the Cadet program will not only get a newly designed membership pin denoting them as a Cadet member, but also a membership certificate, camouflage SCV cap, and a subscription to the *Georgia Confederate* newsletter.

Membership in the Cadet program is \$20 per year, or a one-time \$100 payment to cover all years up to age twelve. Cadets who join at the \$100 one-time level will also receive a "Legacy" pin, noting their membership at the Legacy level.

Cadet Membership Benefits:

- Subscription to *The Georgia Confederate*, a bi-monthly newsletter to members of the Georgia Division
- A camouflage baseball cap with SCV logo
- A special "Cadet Member" pin - only available to Cadet members of the Georgia Division
- A "Cadet Member" certificate from the Georgia Division
- Participation in our Georgia Division's Cadet program with the ability to earn more pins as you complete new tasks
- The opportunity to attend and participate in your local SCV Camp meetings
- The opportunity to meet other Cadets in your area and participate in "Cadet only" outdoor activities like camping, fishing, and participating in local heritage events

Go to www.gascv.org to download an application.

Thomas Miller, Coordinator

Cadet Program

Georgia Division

House Resolution 1179

By: Representatives Benton of the 31st, Petrea of the 166th, Allison of the 8th, Cheokas of the 138th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to require the State of Georgia to preserve the natural areas at Stone Mountain; to provide access to Stone Mountain; to maintain an appropriate and suitable memorial to the Confederacy at Stone Mountain; to protect and preserve the carving on Stone Mountain; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Article I, Section III of the Constitution is amended by adding a new Paragraph to read as follows:

"Paragraph IV. Protection of Stone Mountain. The State of Georgia shall preserve the natural areas situated within the Stone Mountain Park area, shall provide access to Stone Mountain for Georgia's citizens, and shall maintain an appropriate and suitable memorial for the Confederacy at and on Stone Mountain. In addition, the memorial to the heroes of the Confederate States of America graven upon the face of Stone Mountain shall never be altered, removed, concealed, or obscured in any fashion and shall be preserved and protected for all time as a tribute to the bravery and heroism of the citizens of this state who suffered and died in their cause."

SECTION 2.

The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to require the State of
() NO Georgia to preserve the natural areas at Stone Mountain, to provide access to Stone Mountain, to maintain an appropriate and suitable memorial to the Confederacy at Stone Mountain, and to protect and preserve the carving on Stone Mountain?"

Plunder, continued from page 12.

This is what he said at the last. Read this one slowly, and DARE anyone to tell you to 'get over it'.

"I challenge the darkest annals of the human race for a parallel to the robberies which have been perpetrated on these eleven American States. Had you sown seeds of kindness and good will they would long ere this have blossomed into prosperity and peace. Had you sown seeds of honor, you would have reaped a golden harvest of contentment and obedience. Had you extended your charities and your justice to a distressed people you

would have awakened a grateful affection in return. But as you planted in hate and nurtured in corruption so have been the fruits which you have gathered." March 23, 1872

Everybody born north of the Mason-Dixon Line is not automatically a "yankee." Even during the War, some of them "got it." Today, some folks you think don't "get it", do. It's a good idea to listen to others before we size them up. "

Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God" James 1: 19, 20

Editor

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Call to action!
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The first steps are to write, call and e-mail our State Legislators to express our support for these pro-Veteran and pro-Southern proposals and politely urge them to support it as well.

It has been proven that the most effective way to communicate with your Representatives or Senators is to write them a brief and polite letter. Below is a sample which you may adapt as your own as you see fit.

Dear Representative / State Senator _____,

My name is _____. My Family and I are grateful to be Southerners and have lived in Georgia for many generations. This past year we have witnessed a politically correct onslaught on our families' Southern Heritage in an overreaction to an event that was in no way remotely related to our Heritage and the sacrifices our Veterans made for their Country and State.

It appears that all these attacks could have been copied from the actions of the Taliban or ISIS in their on-going destruction of differing cultural heritage in the Middle East.

There have been three Bills and one Resolution that have been filed this legislative session that will strengthen our monument protection laws, solidify our State Holidays and prevent any changes to Stone Mountain Memorial Park.

We ask that you support the following legislation:

House Bill 50, strengthens current monument protect laws.

House Bill 854, Changes roads back that were named for Veterans.

House Bill 855, Holiday Names for Veterans.

House Resolution 1179, Amendment to the Constitution to protect Stone Mountain.

These legislative proposals provide the protection to our Veterans' monuments and holidays that were set aside in remembrance of their sacrifices. We want to put an end to these attacks and by strengthening these laws we hope it will deter any future attacks. We respectfully ask that you support HB 50, HB 854, HB 855 and HR 1179.

Thank you,

(Signed by you and maybe other members in your household)

If you don't know who your State legislator or Senator is go to the following link and type in your Zip code: http://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/

If you are still having trouble locating your legislator or Senator e-mail me at timfpilgrim@yahoo.com.

This is a defining moment for our times. We all must take a stand against those who would destroy us and our Heritage. Please write, call and e-mail your State Legislators. Let them know that you support these legislative proposals and encourage them to do the same. Ask your friends and neighbors to join the fight. I truly believe that people in general are getting sick and tired of these attacks and the tide is going to turn against those in our Legislature who would promote such hatred. We have got to let our voices be heard now more than ever to put a stop to this hysteria. If we don't, who will?

Tim Pilgrim

The Georgia Confederates Youth Camp
 June 12 ~ 18, 2016

Federal judge allows New Orleans to proceed with Confederate monument removal

Greg LaRose, NOLA.com |

The Times-Picayune

updated January 26, 2016 at 5:52 PM

A federal court ruling issued Tuesday (Jan. 26) has killed an attempt by supporters of four Confederate monuments in New Orleans to prevent Mayor Mitch Landrieu from taking them down.

The lawsuit from the Monumental Task Committee, Louisiana Landmarks Society, Foundation for Historical Louisiana and Beauregard Camp No. 130 challenged whether the city had the legal standing to remove the monuments, among other points. The City Council voted 6-1 last month, at the mayor's request, to declare as public nuisances monuments to Robert E. Lee, Jefferson Davis, P.G.T. Beauregard and the Battle of Liberty Place, allowing the city to remove them from public spaces.

"We are pleased with the court's sound ruling on this issue," C. Hayne Rainey, the mayor's press secretary, said in a statement. "Once removed, the monuments will be stored in a city-owned warehouse until further plans can be developed for a private park or museum site where the monuments can be put in a fuller context."

The Louisiana Landmarks Society refused to comment on U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier's ruling, and representatives for the other plaintiffs could not be reached immediately for comment.

Barbier's ruling offers additional insight into the city's plan to remove the monuments -- or least who might remove them. The mayor's office has offered limited information on contractors after selecting the Foundation for Louisiana as its fiscal agent for the job. As a private entity, the foundation doesn't have to disclose who it hires to perform the actual work. The nonprofit is not affiliated with the plaintiff that bears a similar name.

The monument supporters argued the city would cause irreparable harm by removing the statues. In response, the Landrieu administration offered a report from Warren Schambeau Jr., who contractor H&O Investments retained as an expert and construction management, according to Barbier's ruling.

Schambeau said "his team will have qualified and highly-skilled crane operators and riggers" for the project "as well

as high-quality equipment." He said All Crane Rental of Louisiana has been retained to handle the removal of the monuments.

H&O Investments backed out of the job after company owner David Mahler said he and his wife received death threats at their office and home. Days later, Mahler's \$200,000 Lamborghini was destroyed in a suspicious fire in the parking lot of his Baton Rouge business.

There was no answer to calls to All Crane Rental's office in Geismar.

The plaintiffs were seeking a temporary restraining order to prevent the city from moving to take down the monuments while their case was being considered court. Landrieu promised not to do so until the outcome of lawsuit was determined, but Barbier ordered both parties to present arguments Jan. 14 on the restraining order and the preliminary and permanent injunctions the plaintiffs wanted to block the city's plan entirely.

In his ruling, Barbier rejected the plaintiffs' argument that because the four monuments are adjacent to streetcar lines, the city doesn't have authority to remove them because those transportation projects were paid for with federal money.

The groups also argued the city would violate the National Historic Preservation Act through because it failed to determine if removing the statues would have adverse impact on the adjacent historic properties. Such research is needed in order for the city to receive federal money for infrastructure projects, but Barbier said the plaintiffs failed demonstrate "any nexus between a federally-funded project or undertaking and the removal of the monuments at issue."

Despite claims otherwise from plaintiffs, Barbier ruled the city provided "substantive due process" through a series of public hearings, leading up to and including the Dec. 17 vote to declare the monuments nuisances.

The lawsuit also insisted the city was violating its own rules by accepting \$175,000 from an anonymous donor to pay for the monument removal, but the judge declared those concerns moot because the city explained the money technically was coming from the Foundation for Louisiana.

Co-defendants in the lawsuit with the city were the U.S. Department of Transportation, the New Orleans Regional Transit Authority, the Urban League of Greater New Orleans and Take 'Em Down NOLA, a group that mobilized to support the mayor's monument removal initiative.

Hal Scott Crowe, Sr., D.C.
19 Spaulding Court
Brunswick GA 31525

Dear Representative Jeff Jones,

I am a Georgian by birth and 31 year resident of Glynn County. My ancestry includes Georgia Militia and Confederate States of America War Veterans, which are deemed American Veterans under Federal Law. One of my Great Great Grandmothers was a Cherokee. She married a Confederate Soldier who lost his life before their daughter was born.

My family and I have disturbed concerns about HB 760 which has been filed by Representative LeDawn Jones of Dist. 62. HB 760 makes changes to Georgia's Stone Mountain Memorial Park and our Veterans Monuments by giving State agencies the unlimited power to make changes to our Veteran's Monuments if they so choose.

HB 760 does more to aggravate tensions than relieve them by creating new found racial divides. Erasing History has historically been at the hand of governments determined to undermine the will of the people.

I am intentionally keeping this letter brief, but I could write a 12 page letter with reasons that the intent of HB760 is WRONG!

Of the three men depicted on the Stone Mountain carving, Robert E. Lee never owned any slaves, Stonewall Jackson taught a Sunday School class for blacks, and Jefferson Davis adopted a black child which he and his wife raised and schooled with his own children.

My ancestor William Crow's grave marker states, "Volunteer in Cobb's Legion and was with Robert E. Lee at the Surrender." Would this eventually be construed as "without manners"?

My Family and I strongly oppose House Bill 760

We respectfully ask that you oppose and vote against House Bill 760 and ensure that Georgians always preserve the honor and memorials of our Veterans.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Hal Crowe

[Here is a great example of an effective letter patterned after the guidelines recommended by the Georgia Division Adjutant. Rep. Jones had signed on as a co-sponsor of HB 760, but removed his support on January 26, 2016, after probably receiving many communications from his constituents.]

Hal Crowe is the in-coming Camp Commander of the Thomas Marsh Forman Camp 485 in Brunswick.. Editor]

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The Washington Post 'Confederate cleansing': Lawmaker vows to stop 'cultural terrorism' in Georgia

By [Sarah Larimer](#) January 30, 2016
 at 7:01 AM [Follow @slarimer](#)

A carving depicting confederates Stonewall Jackson, Robert E. Lee and Jefferson Davis in Stone Mountain, Ga. (John Bazemore/AP)

A Republican lawmaker who says he's grown weary of what he calls "Confederate cleansing" is working to preserve the famous carving of Robert E. Lee and other Confederate leaders on Georgia's Stone Mountain.

"I'm tired of the anti-Confederate rhetoric toward Stone Mountain and any other Confederate monument that's out there," state Rep. Tommy Benton told the Morris News Service. "We're entitled to our heritage just like other people are entitled to theirs, and there seems to be an attempt to do Confederate cleansing."

He continued: "I refer to that more as cultural terrorism than anything. They're attacking us for no reason at all. We've not done anything to provoke them or anything else. They're very similar to what's going on in the Middle East with ISIS that's destroying all those mosques and temples and everything because they don't agree with that history over there, so they're just destroying it and doing away with it."

Benton, a retired history teacher, is sponsoring a resolution that proposes an amendment to Georgia's constitution, one that would force the state to "maintain an appropriate and suitable memorial for the Confederacy at and on Stone Mountain."

"In addition, the memorial to the heroes of the Confederate States of America graven upon the face of Stone Mountain shall never be altered, removed, concealed, or obscured in any fashion and shall be preserved and protected for all time as a tribute to the bravery and heroism of the citizens of this state who suffered and died in their cause,"



House Resolution 1179 states.

What's more: Benton is also sponsoring a bill that would formally recognize Confederate Memorial Day and Robert E. Lee's birthday as state holidays.

The Atlanta Journal Constitution reported that Benton's bills "are a direct response to Senate Bill 294, which would forbid the state from formally recognizing holidays in honor of the Confederacy or its leaders."

According to the newspaper:

Benton described the bill's sponsor, Sen. Vincent Fort, as "a fanatic" and the bill's intent as "cultural terrorism."

Confederate symbols and monuments like Stone Mountain, which depicts Lee, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson and Jefferson Davis, became the subject of intense debate last year, following the slaying of nine black parishioners by a white man at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, S.C.

The Confederate flag on the South Carolina statehouse grounds was removed in July, and officials in New Orleans voted to remove four monuments in the city.

Bill Stephens, chief executive officer for the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, told The Post in October that officials want to add a tribute to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. at the site, although that plan still needed to be formally approved.

"I feel very strongly about this," Benton told the Journal-Constitution. "I think it has gone far enough. There is some idea out there that certain parts of history out there don't matter anymore and that's a bunch of bunk."

*"We're entitled to our
 heritage."
 Let's stand up for Dixie.*



Sons of Confederate Veterans

Georgia Division

Executive Council Meeting January 16, 2016

Old Capitol Building, Milledgeville, GA

Executive Council Members Not Present:

Division Chief of Staff	Pete Giddens	Excused Absence
1 st Brigade Commander	David Cordell	Absent
6 th Brigade Commander	Don Newman	Absent

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by Commander Jack Bridwell.

Invocation given by Division Chaplain Kim Beck.

The roll of Executive Council members was called and a quorum was established.

Division Adjutant Report was presented by Tim Pilgrim:

- Yearly budget is \$43,000.00 of which \$24,679.72 has been incurred to date.
- All other Division accounts were accounted for on the report.
- Adjutant Pilgrim reported that this fiscal year's member donations have doubled all previous year's donations giving testimony to the generosity and commitment of our membership.
- The Division's membership has increased by approximately 400 new members giving the Georgia Division approximately 3,250 members.
- The Division has a favorable revenue variance from dues and is in good financial standing.

Tag Fund Project Report

- The City of Nicholson Confederate Monument has been completed and was dedicated on October 31, 2015.
- The Lumpkin County Confederate monument is being fabricated and will be ready for its dedication date in May, 2016.

Georgia Confederate Report by Editor Al Perry

- Editor Perry presented a financial report for the Georgia Confederate and all is going well with the Division newsletter.
- Lt Commander Phil Autrey complained that his report was not published in the previous issue. Editor and Lt. Commander South Al Perry informed Lt. Commander Autrey that he had been informed why his report was not published because it contained incorrect information about tax deductions. Editor Perry indicated that he asked Lt. Commander Autrey to resubmit his report, but got no reply by December 3, 2015, when the Georgia Confederate was submitted to the printers.

Division Judge Advocate Report by Dan Coleman

- The Tom Brown case: Judge Advocate Coleman indicated that Tom Brown's house was in foreclosure and that the equity in the house could be higher than the foreclosure price.
- Oakland Cemetery monument cleaning case against Ponsford LTD: Judge Advocate Coleman is still pursuing action against him.

Heritage Defense Report – Billy Bearden

- Attempted Stone Mountain changes have been a big issue since August and HB 760 has been filed in the State Legislature to change Stone Mountain and give the State and its agencies the power to "change" inappropriate monuments.
- SCV National is calling for Confederate Flag day on March 4, and Confederate Flag Rally day, March 5, see web-site www.csaflag.org for more information.

➤ The importance of attending the National Confederate Memorial Day Event at Stone Mountain at the memorial lawn in front of the carving on Saturday, April 2, at 1 pm. was stressed.

Unfinished Business

➤ Cadet Program: 5th Brigade Commander Thomas Miller gave an update on the Division's Cadet Program. He stated that the Cadet Manual has been completed and distributed. Also the merit hat pins have arrived as well. So far we have (8) eight Division Cadets on the roster. Commander Miller stated that they were going to plan events for the Cadets and encouraged all Georgia Division Camps to enroll young men 11 years old and below in the Cadet program which includes an SCV ball hat, Cadet pin, Cadet certificate and subscription to the Georgia Confederate. Cadet Applications are available on the Division Web-site www.gascv.org under Members Resources.

➤ Georgia Confederates Youth Camp: Lt. Commander South Al Perry director of the Youth Camp gave a progress report on the Camp that will be held on June 12 ~ 18, 2016 for 40 boys and 40 girls age 12 through 17 at the Refuge Baptist Camp near Carnesville, Ga. Commander Perry indicated there was still a need for more counselors, speakers and programs. The Georgia Division calls for all Camps to sponsor a young man or lady for the Camp this summer. The cost is \$395 for the entire week and \$345 if registered before May 1, 2016. Youth Camp Applications are available on the Division Web-site www.gascv.org under members resources. A scholarship is also available to all campers.

➤ The two amendments to the By-Laws which were tabled at the 2015 Reunion were brought up for discussion. [By-Law Amendment No. 1, Succession and removal of officers; By-Law Amendment No. 4, to provide for election of Division wide officers and brigade commanders on a staggered term basis.]

New Business

➤ House Bill 760: Adjutant Pilgrim expanded on ramifications of House Bill 760 that would change Stone Mountain from a Confederate memorial park and give the State and its agencies the power to interpret which historical monuments are "appropriate". Adjutant Pilgrim went on to express the need that the Division hire a professional lobbyist working at the State Capitol to assist the Division in fighting this legislation and also assist getting House Bill 50 that strengthens monument protection laws through committee and on to the floor for a vote. Adjutant Pilgrim made the motion that the Georgia Division pursue the services of a professional lobbyist and proceed hiring a lobbyist during this legislative session. The motion was seconded and passed.

➤ Lt. Commander North Autrey made the suggestion that we contact other Veteran and Heritage organizations to join in with the Georgia Division to help with these legislative initiatives. The EC agreed and asked Commander Autrey if he would proceed with that task. Commander Autrey will report back to Commander Bridwell with his results.

➤ Adjutant Pilgrim announced that flags, stick flags and car tags have been ordered and received and the Division will be launching a new Division Store on the Division web-site. Adjutant Pilgrim estimates that we should have it on-going within a month. All profits from the store will cover the cost of our Division Secretary. We will be offering Flags that are unique only to the SCV. They are designed to match authentic AOT and ANV battle flags.

➤ Lt. Commander South Al Perry announced an endeavor to open a permanent exhibit in Andersonville to honor Captain Wirz, and tell the true story of Camp Sumter. The endeavor is to purchase a property to house the exhibit for visitors, and is looking for (99) investors to put down at least \$1,000 each to get the project started. Contact Commander Perry at asp3@planttel.net

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned with Benediction and Dixie.

The Dying Soldier

"I am dying, comrade, dying,
Ebbs the feeble life-tide fast,
And the dark mysterious shadows,
Gather on the evening blast,

Raise heads, dear friends and listen,
To the few, faint words I speak,
Hear the last wish of a soldier,
Eno [even though] life's pulses grow weak,

Though I came with Southern freemen,
With brave hearts and arms of might,
'Gainst the foe's invading legion,
To defend our homes and right,

Though I cannot, mid the battle,
Feel my heart's exulting thrill,
Yet, I perish like a soldier,
Die a Southern patriot still,

Tell my noble gray-haired Father,
Here beside Potomac's wave,
That his son, his pride, his darling,
Fills a soldier's grave,

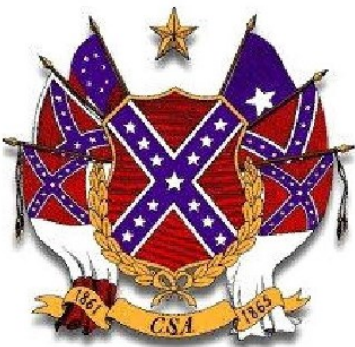
Tell him that the Christian's armor,
Sword and faith and shield of love,
Won my way of life eternal,
To a peaceful home above,

Tell my mother that my spirit,
Dreads not God's all righteous frown,
That I passed to heaven triumphant,
Bore the cross and won the crown,

I am dying, comrade, dying,
Tell my heart's last fitful swell,
Tell the cold dew gathering o'er me,
Father, Mother, friends - Farewell."

"Written by me near Liberty Mills at camp
for my dear Father, Mother, Brothers and
Aunt in event I fall in the Army. May 1st,
1864."
Colonel William Henry Asbury Speer -
28th North Carolina.

Four months before his death and
four days before the Battle of the Wil-
derness, Colonel William Henry As-
bury Speer, of the 28th North Caroli-
na, took pen in hand to write a poem
for his family. He would be killed in
the Battle of Ream's Station. Perhaps
he had a premonition of his fate.



2015/16 CAMP MEMBERS DONATIONS TO GEORGIA DIVISION PROJECTS

Camp #	Camp Name	Flags Over Georgia	Heritage Defense	Heritage Awareness	Disaster Relief	Total
18	Edward Dorr Tracy	\$ 83.00			\$	\$ 83.00
46	John B Gordon Camp	20.00	\$ 143.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 63.00	273.00
64	Clement A. Evans	90.00	186.30	70.00	33.00	401.30
89	Gilmer Light Guards	40.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	70.00
94	Jackson County Volunteers	63.00				63.00
96	Major William E. Simmons	183.00	233.00	42.00	60.00	520.00
97	Brigadier General T.R.R. Cobb	140.00	422.00	80.00	40.00	682.00
107	John McIntosh Kell	30.00	40.00			70.00
108	Col. Charles T. Zachry	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	260.00
141	Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson	110.00	123.00	70.00	70.00	373.00
154	Tattnall Invincibles	10.00	20.00		20.00	50.00
158	Brig. General E. Porter Alexander	298.00	387.00	93.00	73.00	1,053.00
163	W.D. Mitchell	10.00	110.00	10.00	10.00	140.00
207	John C Carter	168.00	131.00	40.00	103.00	444.00
483	Thomas Marsh Forman	30.00	33.00	13.00	10.00	130.00
349	Black Creek Volunteers		10.00			10.00
399	John B Gordon	30.00	23.00		23.00	80.00
673	Haralson Invincibles	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
674	John K. McNeill	43.00	30.00	33.00	20.00	130.00
680	Col. Edmund N. Atkinson	30.00	30.00	3.00	23.00	130.00
688	Old Capitol		10.00			10.00
700	Kennesaw Battlefield	93.00	100.00	13.00	11.00	221.00
713	Thomas Overby / Coweta Guards	63.00				63.00
913	General Stand Watie	23.00	37.00	13.00	23.00	122.00
918	Appling County Grays	33.00	32.00	27.00	36.00	168.00
926	Lt. Dickson L. Baker	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	100.00
933	Currahee Rangers	23.00	40.00	23.00	23.00	113.00
941	Ogeechee Rifles	113.00	140.00			253.00
943	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Glover	20.00	23.00	13.00	20.00	80.00
1289	Gen. James Longstreet	33.00	60.00	3.00		120.00
1399	Lt. James T. Woodward	33.00	49.00	33.00	33.00	154.00
1418	52nd Georgia Regiment	10.00	30.00			40.00
1432	The Confederate Memorial	20.00	33.00	3.00	3.00	83.00
1446	General Leonidas Polk	10.00	33.00	13.00	3.00	83.00
1449	John B Gordon Memorial	1,000.00	133.00	3.00	3.00	1,163.00
1532	Camp McDonald	70.00	133.00	30.00	30.00	303.00
1607	Stewart - Webster Camp	130.00				130.00
1633	David W. Payne	30.00	30.00	20.00		80.00
1639	Chattahoochee Guards	40.00		30.00	30.00	100.00
1642	Col. Hiram Parks Bell Camp	13.00	30.00			43.00
1657	Savannah Militia Camp		160.00			160.00
1729	Sharpsburg Sharpshooters	10.00				10.00
1853	Calhoun Rifles	30.00	10.00			60.00
1860	Blue Ridge Rifles		10.00		10.00	20.00
1901	Ebenzer Rifles Camp	70.00	88.00	10.00	33.00	203.00
1919	Brigadier General Robert H. Anderson	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	80.00
1929	Rabun Gap Riflemen		130.00			130.00
1942	Dixie Guards	83.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	203.00
2003	Robert E. Lee Camp		33.00			33.00
2038	Gen. George 'Tig' Anderson	10.00				10.00
2039	Pine Barrens Volunteers	21.00	33.00	21.00	23.00	102.00
2137	Barnesville Blues	200.00	130.00			330.00
2200	Georgia Division HQ	116.00	107.00	33.00	10.00	268.00
2204	Captain John Reddick	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	20.00
2239	Capt. Ruel W. Anderson	34.00	30.00	20.00	30.00	134.00
2600	Immortal Six Hundred	3.00	41.00	3.00	23.00	76.00
	Public US Mail	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	100.00
	On-line Donations	220.89	585.30			806.19
		\$ 4,173.89	\$ 4,823.80	\$ 1,070.00	\$ 1,172.00	\$ 11,239.69
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Founded Circa 1820 as a meeting place for circuit riding ministers, Old Campground added a cemetery in 1853. It contains some of the oldest graves in Toombs County. There are three Confederate veterans buried here, including Lt. Gordon K. Fort, 24th Bn. Georgia Cavalry one of the "Immortal 600."

During the War for Southern Independence, (1861-1865), the U. S. Army selected 600 captured Confederate officers, including Lt. Fort, for retaliation against the South. In one of the most heinous acts of vengeance in American history, they were starved, maltreated, and used as human shields. Because of their courage and perseverance, they became known as the "Immortal 600."



Chaplain's Column

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." - 2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV)

As we just paid tributes to men of character like Lee and Jackson, I'd like to think my Confederate ancestors had that same mentality. That being a true gentleman was a priority. A belief that manhood is an honorable thing.

What does it mean to be a "gentleman"? Political correctness and just downright poor parenting have left us with a generation of adults who lack the qualities of manhood that were bequeathed us by our ancestors. For example, several years ago I met a man who moved from Wyoming to the small town of Chester (my neck of the woods). His son was sent to the principle's office because he refused to answer his teacher with the respect of saying ma'am. The father couldn't understand why his 'good boy' was sent to the office. He said no son of his would ever say ma'am or sir to no one! Guess what? The kid had no respect for Dad either. My father would tear me a new one if I was disrespectful to my elders. Not all kids today are disrespectful, but there's a good portion of yankee educated younguns that have no respect for themselves, let alone their elders.

On September 15, 1865 a man who had previously led thousands of men into battle, road toward the mountain village of Lexington, Virginia. His purpose was to seek God's will for his remaining days on earth and hope to find a way he could help a nation dealing with the wounds and scars left by war. The Lord clearly revealed to him what he had to do with the final years of his life and that was to educate young gentlemen.

I'm sure you've figured that the man I'm speaking of was none other than Robert E. Lee. His idea of education was Christ centered. General Lee explained to the trustees of Washington College what his educational philosophy would be. As President elect he was quoted, "I dread the thought of any student going from the college without becoming a sincere Christian." Former Chaplain and Lee biographer J. William Jones noted that when Lee spoke on this subject his eyes would fill with tears and his lips would quiver as he exclaimed, "Oh, Doctor, if I could only know that all the young men in the college were good Christians, I should have nothing more to desire."

As president of Washington College, Lee explained *the code of honor* as—"Young gentlemen, we have no printed rules. We have but one rule here, and it is that every student must be a gentleman."



Today, we see a far cry from the teachings of such noble men as Lee and Jackson. It's refreshing to see real men. Those respectful of real Christianity, honest in business affairs, refined in his tastes, courteous towards those less fortunate, and chivalrous toward women and children. We need more men of honor, those whom will be guardian of their family name, protector of ladies and children and custodian of Biblical principles.

Perhaps Proverbs 22: 1 (NIV) has the best explanation of what being a gentleman is: "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold."

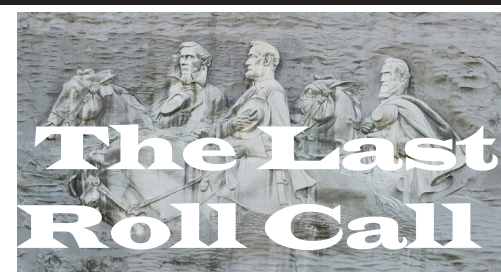
We've all heard the quote from General Lee where he was offered \$50,000 for the use of his name. This was at a time when he was virtually penniless. His reply was: 'Sirs, my name is the heritage of my parents. It is all I have and it is not for sale.' We, as Southerners desire to emulate men such as Lee and Jackson, but just how can we do so? The best way to honor them is by seeking a relationship with the same Saviour they sought—the Lord Jesus Christ! Any attempt to remember the lives of Lee and Jackson by leaving out their Christian faith would be as foolish as giving Sherman a Boy Scout badge for making fire!

Let us set examples for our children and grandchildren. Teach them the charm and manners of the Old South. I would suggest the Georgia Division Youth Camp as a good learning tool. Lt. Commander Al Perry would be more than happy to answer any questions. I've been privileged to some of the speakers and events that's going to take place. It's well worth paying for a kid, or your camp sponsoring a teenager to attend.

In closing, let us strive to be men our ancestors would be proud of. Men our Generals would be proud of. More importantly, let us strive to hear the words when we depart this world, "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Kim M. Beck

Georgia Division Chaplain



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Compatriot Albert Lewis Holt of Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039- Eastman went home to be with our Lord on December 23rd, 2015. Brother Albert was instrumental in the growth during the early years after the Camp's charter.

Before he passed, Brother Albert asked that Camp 2039 provide a Memorial service. On January 2nd, Liberty Baptist Church was filled to capacity to pay

last respects to Compatriot Holt. Eulogies were delivered by Reverend Mitchell Brown (Old Daniels Baptist Church), Camp 2039 Chaplain Reverend Brian Martin (Liberty Baptist Church) and GA Division Chaplain Kim M. Beck. Music was provided by Mrs. Meredith Sheffield.

After "Dixie" was played, the congregation assembled on the lawn. One of Brother Albert's favorite antique tractors was displayed there and Camp 2039's mountain howitzer 'Lil Albert (named for Brother Albert's many contributions to the Cause) fired a salute in Albert's honor. Compatriot Michael Holt (Albert's son) fired a round on behalf of the family.

Brother Albert may be gone, but just like the other 6 departed members of Camp 2039, he will not be forgotten. I bet Albert's telling old Stonewall about his tractors!



January 16, 2016
Marching in Milledgeville for Robert E. Lee's birthday celebration.
Keynote speaker was Pastor John Weaver. See Page 23.
At right is Compatriot Tobin Burnett and wife Joyce.
Photos by Joyce Burnett.👉
The Legislative Chamber of the Old Capitol where the annual Lee Birthday Celebration is held is the location of the January 19, 1861 session where Georgia voted, legally, to secede, and become a sovereign State of the Confederate States of America.



Lest we forget



👉 Educational Coordinator Brenda Dobson (Wayne-Camp 2218) hosted *Millie's Story Time* at The Cannonball House (Macon, GA) in November and, naturally, the story of the month was *"The First Thanksgiving."*
Note: Brenda actually had ancestors on *The Mayflower*

👉 L/R: Keith Beck, Cmdr. Gary Lowery, Adj. Kim Beck, Eddie Little, Robert Cook (Montgomery Sharpshooters), Harris Burnham, JR Adams (Montgomery Sharpshooters), Lt. Cmdr. Wright Harrell, and 'Lil Albert.. Honor Guard at funeral for Compatriot Albert Lewis Holt, Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039.

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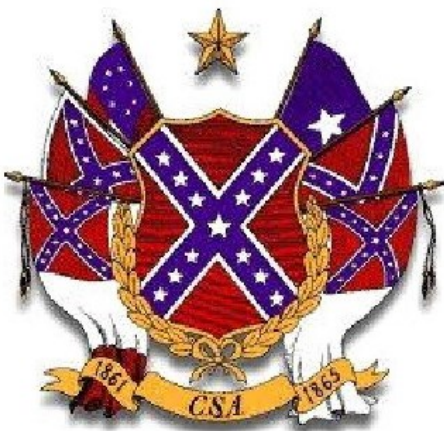
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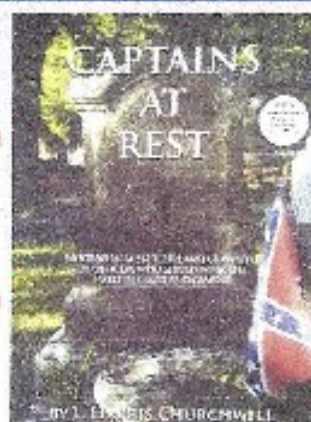
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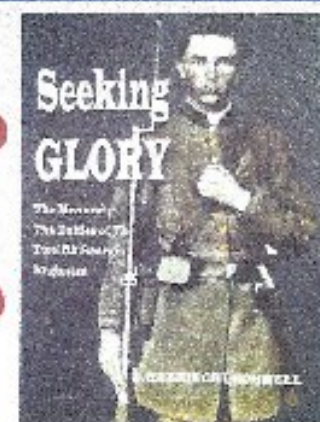
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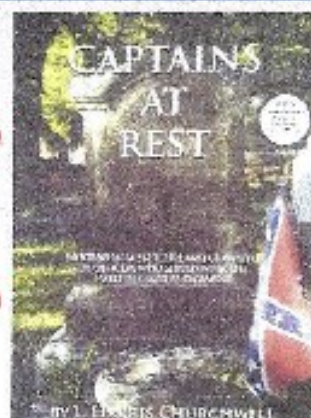
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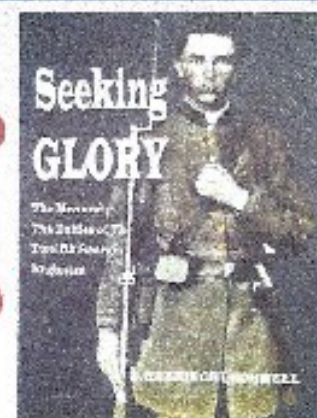
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Wreath's Across America ceremony at the Marietta Confederate Cemetery Dec. 12, 2015. Camp McDonald 1552 members Top, 1, L to R: Lt. Commander Kit Lowe (in uniform), Commander Jeffrey Wright.. 2, L, Lloyd Nawrocki and R, David Brannan. Compatriot Brannan has been one of the primary organizers for this event in its third year and the first Confederate cemetery ever to participate in the Wreath's Across America in which fresh cut balsam wreath's are placed in America's veteran cemeteries on 12 Dec. at 12 noon. Each year has seen a significant increase in the number of wreath's placed and this year 975 were placed on the graves of our gallant dead known only to God. 3, L to R, Mark Dungan, William Reither, and Jay Dungan



☞ Camp 1860 Blue Ridge Rifles had a can-a-thon food drive today at our local Fresh and Frugal grocery store here in Dahlonega. The manager agreed to let us set up on the sidewalk outside the store and was fine with us flying our banner with the SCV logos. When we arrived, it was 30 degrees outside. The manager came out and told us not to set up outside but to come on inside and set up. She also let us put up the SCV banner inside the store.

The drive went well and we collected a pick-up bed full of food. Fresh and Frugal has asked us to start doing this several times a year. They are a chain grocery store that not only includes Fresh and Frugal but also the J and J stores in Gainesville. The food that was collected was taken to the Community Helping Place Food Bank.

Pictured L to R is Commander Tim Ragland, Adjutant Rodney Grizzle, Walter Lapree, and Terry Grizzle.

Riflemen of the 16th GA, Co. G who served at the General R.E. Lee Birthday celebration on January 16, 2016. The 16th GA is comprised on men from The Camp of The Unknown Soldier (2218), The Logan Bleckley SCV Camp 1998) of Cochran and The Lt. James T. Woodward SCV Camp (1399) of Warner Robins.

We are both proud and pleased that these Camps work in close harmony with The Old Capitol Camp (688) of Milledgeville and The Brig. Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy SCV Camp (18) of Macon as well as other Camps in our vicinity, MOSB Chapters and local UDC Chapters.



☞ L to R: John Wayne Dobson, Adj. of Camp 2218, Brick Lee Nelson, 1st Lt. Cmdr. Of Camp 2218, & Dan Williams Cmdr. Of Camp 1998.

All are members of the 16th GA Co. G, "The Jackson Rifles."



The Religion of Robert E. Lee ***James 1:26-27***

By Pastor John Weaver

In our day and time the word religion carries diverse meanings. It refers to all religions whether Buddhist, Hindu, or Christian. The word "religion" in the 18th and 19th centuries referred primarily to Christianity. While there were various denominations in this country, they were basically Christian denominations.

A good illustration is found in George Washington. He told the Indians they would be better, more prosperous, happy people if they recognized the true God. "You do well to wish to learn our arts and our ways of life and above all, the religion of Jesus Christ. These will make you a greater and happier people than you are." —George Washington (Washington's reply when approached by several Delaware Indian Chiefs about the possibility of Indian children being taught in the white man's schools.)

Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story, expressed in 1851:

"Probably at the time of the adoption of the Constitution, and of the first amendment to it...the general, if not the universal sentiment in America was, that Christianity ought to receive encouragement by the state so far as was not incompatible with the private rights of conscience and the freedom of religious worship. Any attempt to level all religions, and to make it a matter of state policy to hold all in utter indifference would have created universal disapprobation, if not universal indignation."

[quotes are from my booklet series: ***America, Christianity, Liberty & Truth.***]

The religion of Robert E. Lee was the Christian religion. Lee, Jackson and many of our Confederate ancestors were and are well known for their Christianity. Gen. Jackson's prayer life was instrumental in the conversion of Gen. Richard Stoddard Ewell.

"Every one should do all in his

power to collect and disseminate the truth, in the hope it may find a place in history and descend to posterity. History is not the relation of campaigns, and battles, and generals or other individuals, but that which shows the principles for which the South contended and which justified her struggle for those principles." Gen. Robert E. Lee

The same should be said for Lee's religion. It should not be sugarcoated, but should be laid bare for all to see and emulate.

I want to single out two important truths concerning the religion or Christianity of Robert E. Lee.

I. IT WAS INTIMATELY PERSONAL

Lee often spoke of his personal faith in the Bible and in Jesus Christ.

The Bible was their favorite book. **General Lee** said:

"The Bible is the book of books, a book which supplies the place of all others and cannot be replaced."

Later, he said: "There are many things in the old book that I may never be able to explain, but I accept them as the infallible Word of God, and receive its teaching as inspired by the Holy Ghost. I prefer the bible to any other book. There is enough in that to satisfy the most ardent thirst for knowledge, to open the way to true wisdom and to teach the only road to salvation and eternal happiness. It is not above human comprehension and is sufficient to satisfy all desires."

Again, Lee said: "In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength."

Lee testified and said: "My trust is in the mercy and wisdom of a kind Providence, who ordereth all things for our good."

Lee joined the Episcopal Church in 1853 and remained therein throughout the rest of his life. All his years thereafter he lived as a humble

and devoted Christian and stated:

"My chief concern is to try to be a humble, earnest Christian."

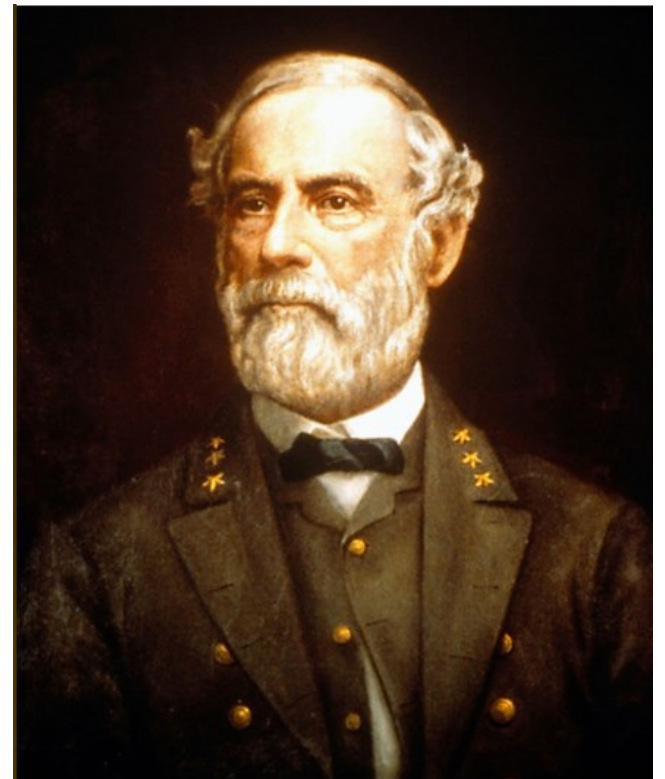
This motive was at the bottom of all that Lee did in his life. In response to Chaplain Beverly Tucker Lacey, who confided that all the chaplains were concerned about Gen. Lee and were praying for him, General Lee said, "I can only say that I am a poor sinner, trusting in Christ alone for salvation and that I need all the prayers you can offer for me."

One of Lee's prayers was very simple and direct. He said in his prayer:

"Help me to be, to think, to act what is right because it is right; make me truthful, honest, and honorable in all things; make me intellectually honest for the sake of right and honor and without thought of reward to me." **From the Truman Library.**

When General Meade came over to Mine Run, and the Southern army marched to meet him, Lee was riding along his line of battle in the woods, when he came upon a **party of soldiers holding a prayer-meeting on the eve of battle.** Such a spectacle was not unusual in the army then and afterward--the rough fighters were often men of profound piety--and on this occasion the sight before him seems to have excited deep emotion in Lee. He stopped, dismounted--the staff-officers accompanying him did the same--and Lee uncovered his head, and stood in an attitude of profound respect and attention, while the earnest prayer proceeded, in the midst of the thunder of artillery and the explosion of the enemy's shells. Taken from Part 5, Chapter 13 of ***"A Life of Gen. Robert E. Lee."*** by John Esten Cooke.

One morning, while the venerable Dr. White was passing General Lee's house, on his way to chapel, the general joined him, and they en-



tered into conversation upon religious subjects. General Lee said little, but, just as they reached the college, stopped and remarked with great earnestness, his eyes filling with tears as he spoke: "I shall be disappointed, sir, I shall fail in the leading object that brought me here, unless the young men all become real Christians; and I wish you and others of your sacred profession to do all you can to accomplish this result." [from Part 8, Chapter 19 of ***"A Life of General Robert E. Lee"*** by John Esten Cooke.

After General Lee was indicted treason and rebellion, a prominent Southern Pastor was visiting in the Lee home and expressed great bitterness over the action. The General pleasantly remarked, "Well, it matters little what they may do to me. I am old and have but a short time to live anyhow." Lee then changed the subject and nothing more was said.

Later as the Pastor arose to leave, Lee followed him to the door and remarked,

"Doctor, there is a good old book which I read and you preach from, which says, Love your enemies, bless them that persecute you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you. Do you think that your remarks this evening were quite in accord with that teaching?"

Chaplain J. William Jones, author of ***Christ in the Camp*** said on page 81:

"If I have ever come in contact

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with a sincere, devout Christian – one who, seeing himself to be a sinner, trusted alone in the merits of Christ – who humbly tried to walk the path of duty, looking unto Jesus as the author and finisher of his faith – and whose piety constantly exhibited itself in his daily life – that man was General Robert E. Lee.”

II. IT WAS INTENSELY PRACTICAL

There is nothing worse than truth unapplied. As long as truth is held in the head and never descends to the hand, feet and life, it is extremely impractical and basically worthless.

Lee practiced what he preached. He lived his faith. His life is a shining example of his intimate, personal faith. His faith was exhibited every day and was intensely practical.

While he has been hailed as a great American Hero, and praised as an outstanding Christian, humble Lee described himself as a poor sinner, trusting Christ alone for Salvation. His son explained that Robert Lee's religion was "everyday and practical."

Lee said: "The trite saying that honesty is the best policy has met with the just criticism that honesty is not policy. The real honest man is honest from conviction of what is right, not from policy."

Again, Lee said: "You must study to be frank with the world: frankness is the child of honesty and courage. Say just what you mean to do on every occasion, and take it for granted that you mean to do right."

The practicality of Lee's faith may be clearly seen in his life of sacrifice. He sacrificed for that in which he believed. **Robert E. Lee** sacrificed his home and his wealth. He also continued a life of sacrifice even while leading his men. On one occasion when **Gen. Ewell** was visiting Lee and could not stay for dinner, Lee insisted that he take his dinner. When Ewell did so, he found it to be two small, cold, sweet potatoes, one of Lee's favorite foods.

During the siege of Petersburg, at

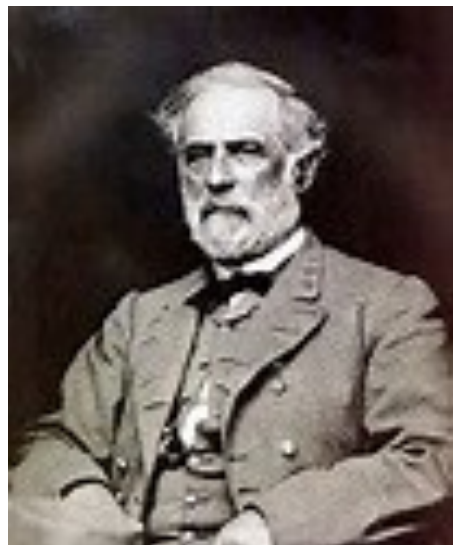
a special Christmas dinner to which he had been invited, he was embarrassed that the hostess discovered him not eating his portion of turkey. When asked about it, he said that **"he wanted to save his portion so that he could carry it to one of his staff officers who had been ill and had eaten nothing but corn bread and sweet potato coffee."**

On another occasion, when a barrel of turkeys arrived at camp - one for each of his staff officers - courtesy of his generous host in Petersburg, Lee still sacrificed. He ordered his turkey sent to the hospital so that the wounded might be well fed. When the other officers saw his spirit, they repacked the barrel and sent all the turkeys to the hospital.

In his book *America Through British Eyes*, Allan Nevins records a conversation that Lee had with a British traveler. He said:

"When he spoke of Jackson I was struck with the emphasis he placed on his piety. One cannot indeed be long with Lee without finding his Christian character revealing itself almost unconsciously in his manners and conversation. I remember with peculiar distinctness the solemnity with which, at table, standing before his family, he asked God's blessing on the food. Also, when he referred to a gentleman whom he wished me to see in Richmond, his saying that he had rarely met 'with a nobler or more Christian man.' It was only a word, and yet it showed by what standard he gauged a man's worth."

(Robert E. Lee as College President, David MacRae, *America Through British Eyes*, Allan Nevins, editor, Oxford University Press, 1948, pp. 344-345)



Gen. Lee also had a lighter side, yet, his humor never exceeded the bounds of propriety. **Gen. Lee** loved to tell the story about one of the Negro cooks in the Southern Army. While he was at Petersburg one black cook came up to Gen. Lee and said:

"Gen. Lee, I been wantin' to see you for a long time. I's a soldier."

"Ah," said Lee, "to what army do you belong – to the Union Army or the Southern Army?"

"Oh, General, I belong to your army."

"Well have you been shot?"

"No sah, I ain't been shot yet."

"How is that? Nearly all our men get shot?"

"Why, general," the cook replied, "I ain't been shot 'cause I stays back whar de generals stays."

Robert E. Lee's Lighter Side, Thomas Forehand, Jr., page 25.

Since both Lee and Jackson were Christians they did everything they could to prevent profanity and often rebuked fellow officers for swearing. Jackson said to Capt. Imboden, "Nothing can justify profanity." (*Jackson and Gen. Taylor*)

Gen. Lee once upbraided Gen. Wise about his cursing, but he replied: "General, you and Jackson can do all the praying for the Army of Northern Virginia, but for heaven's sake, let me do the cussing for one small brigade."

Two of the most revealing episodes of Lee's practical application of his faith demonstrate that he understood forgiveness and justice.

This battlefield encounter, recounted by a Union soldier at Gettysburg, is most touching and illustrative of Lee's Christian grace and humility, even in the midst of great bloodshed, affliction, and high emotion:

"I had been a most bitter anti-South man, and fought and cursed the Confederates desperately; I could see nothing good in any of them. A ball shattered my left leg. I lay on the ground not far from Cemetery Ridge, and as General Lee ordered his retreat, he and his officers rode near me. As they came along I recognized him, and, though faint

from exposure and loss of blood, I raised up my hands, looked Lee in the face, and shouted as loud as I could—'Hurrah for the Union.' The General heard me, looked, stopped his horse, dismounted and came toward me. I must confess at first thought he meant to kill me. But as he came up he looked down at me with such a sad expression upon his face that all fear left me, and I wondered what he was about. He extended his hand to me, grasping mine firmly, and looking right into my eyes, said: 'My son, I hope you will soon be well.' If I live to a thousand years I shall never forget the expression on General Lee's face. There he was defeated, retiring from a field that had cost him and his cause almost their last hope, and yet he stopped to say words like those to a wounded soldier of the opposition who had taunted him as he passed by! As soon as the General had left me, I cried myself to sleep there upon the bloody ground.—Richard G. Williams excerpt from *Maxims of Robert E. Lee for Young Gentlemen*

Lee was not a bitter, vindictive man. He was humble, kind and gracious.

In the book, *Cry Heart*, the following heart-rending illustration is given to us on page 119.

"In the winter of 1862-63, Colonel A. C. Battle, of the Confederate army, presided over a court-martial of the Army of Northern Virginia. Case after case was disposed of, and then the case of Edward Cooper was called - a young artilleryman charged with desertion.

"The prisoner pleaded not guilty, and the judge advocate was beginning for the prosecution, when the court interposed to ask the accused man who his counsel was. 'I have no counsel,' was the reply. The specifications against him were all sustained by the evidence, and he was told to introduce his witnesses. 'I have no witnesses,' he answered. The president of the court, astonished at the prisoner's calmness said:

"Have you no defense? Is it possible that you abandoned your comrades, and deserted your colors without any reason?"

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"There was a reason," said the young man, "but it will not avail me before a military court."

"You may be mistaken."

"The prisoner trembled, and for the first time tears filled his eyes. He stepped up to Colonel Battle and handed him a letter. 'There, Colonel, is what did it.'"

"The president read the letter, and in a moment, his eyes too were moist. The paper was passed from hand to hand, and soon the whole court was in tears. This was the letter, as Colonel Battle read it in the prisoner's defense:

"My dear Edward - I have always been proud of you, and since your connection with the Confederate Army, I have been prouder of you than ever. I would not have you do anything wrong for the world; but before God, Edward, unless you come home, we must die! Last night I was roused by little Eddie crying, I called and said: 'What's the matter Eddie?' And he said, 'O mamma, I am so hungry!' And Lucy, your darling Lucy, she never complains, but she is growing thinner every day, and I repeat, unless you come home, we must all die."

"What did you do when you received this letter?" asked Colonel Battle.

"I applied for a furlough," was the prisoner's answer.

"The application was rejected. Again and again I made application, and it was rejected. Then, one night, as I wandered back and forth in camp, with Lucy's eyes on me and her mother's words burning in my brain, I was no longer the Confederate soldier; I was the father of Lucy, and the husband of Mary. And I would have passed those lines if every gun in the battery had fire upon me.

"I went home. Mary ran out to meet me. Her arms were around me as she whispered:

"O, Edward, I am so happy! I am glad you got your furlough!"

"She must have felt me shudder. She turned pale as death, and catching her breath at every word, 'O, Edward, go back! go back! Let me and the children go down to the grave,

but save the honor of your name.!"

"And here I am, not brought here by the military power, but in obedience to Mary's command, to abide the sentence of your court."

"Moved as the officers of the court-martial were, they did their duty as they understood it, and each in turn pronounced the same sentence: 'Guilty.'"

"Fortunately the proceedings of the court were reviewed by the commanding general. He endorsed the record thus:

"HEADQUARTERS ARMY NORTHERN VIRGINIA - The findings of the court are approved. The prisoner is pardoned, and will report to his company. R.E. Lee, General

Psalm 85:10: "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other."

The Christianity of Lee and Jackson was real, genuine and evidenced by their everyday lives. We need to go back to the old ways and find what they found. **Jeremiah 6:16: "Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein."**

Where are men today that emulate and follow in their footsteps? One of the reasons we are in the terrible mess we are in nationally is because of a lack of good, godly men who are willing to stand for truth, righteousness, liberty and freedom.

130 years ago, E. Benjamin Andrews, then President of Brown University, himself a veteran of the Yankee army, said:

"The question of greatness is a relative thing and we in America will probably always differ as to the rank of our prominent men. But if any American father were asked which of our great men he would most want his own son to resemble, that father, if he were wise, would be compelled to answer, 'Robert E. Lee.'"

~ Pastor John Weaver



Pastor John Weaver is a Past Chaplain-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Chairman of the Board of the Sam Davis Youth Camps, pastors two churches, authors numerous publications in print, audio, and video, is much in demand as a public speaker, and raises cattle in his spare time.

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"As democracy is perfected, the office of the President represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day, the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last and the White House will be occupied by a downright fool and complete narcissistic moron." --H.L. Mencken, The Baltimore Evening Sun, July 26, 1920

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Battles at Manassas: Reenactment on March 19 and 20

The 17th annual Battles at Manassas reenactment will be held at "Fort Wallace-Wood" on March 19 and 20. "Fort Wallace-Wood" is an earthen and timber fort representing a type constructed during the War. It is located in Tattall County, midway between Reidsville and Claxton just off Highway 280. Flags and signs will mark the entrance to the site.

The gates will open at 9:00 a.m. each day and activities will continue until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5.00 and children under age 11 are admitted free.

A mock battle between Confederate and Union forces will get underway at 2:00 p.m. each day. Approximately 450 authentically uniformed and armed reenactors will fill the roles of both Confederate and Union soldiers. Their camps will be furnished with gear authentic to the period and will be open to the public prior to the battles.

In addition, many civilians dressed in period clothing will be among those observing the battles during both days.

Cannons, muskets, flags and accessories used or displayed across the site will accurately represent the 1861 – 1865 period.

Judging will select the Most Authentic Union Soldier and the Most Authentic Confederate Soldier. There will also be an artillery competition to select the best crew, a mortar competition with live fire on the target, and a musket rapid-fire competition.

Several vendors will offer food and merchandise throughout both days.

For additional information, please contact Tommy Wallace at 912-557-6649.



WILLIAM JOSHUA BUSH, GEORGIA'S LAST CONFEDERATE VETERAN

The End of the Long Gray Line

William Joshua Bush was the last of his kind, or perhaps one of the last of his kind. As a teenager, he fought for his country, the Confederate States of America. As a centenarian, Bush was celebrated as one of the last Confederate veterans of the War for Southern Independence.

When he died, Bush was the last Georgian to have worn the gray uniform of the Confederacy.

William Joshua Bush was born in Wilkinson County, Georgia on July 10, 1845 or by some accounts in 1846. That is his recorded date of birth, but the 1850 Census indicated that he was one year old and therefore was born in 1848 and not in 1845. His father Francis Marion Bush and his mother Elizabeth Pattisaul Bush lived in the western regions of the county, possibly near Gordon.

In July of 1861, just before the War began, William enlisted in the Ramah Guards, designated as Company B of the 14th Georgia infantry. He lied about his age. He wasn't about to turn sixteen the next day, he was about to celebrate his first full day in the Confederate Army as a thirteen-year-old. The 14th Georgia saw action that month in the Battle of First Manassas, or Bull Run. When the fighting ceased for the fall and winter months, William was discharged and sent home to Wilkinson County.

A few months after his real 16th birthday, William enlisted in the Georgia Militia in October 1864. Only a few enrolling officers asked questions about age in those days. The Confederacy,

and Georgia in particular, needed bodies who could fire a gun. General Sherman was in Atlanta, ready and poised to begin his de-



structive "March to the Sea."

Right in the line of his march was Wilkinson County. William's company first saw action in the area of East Macon near Cross Key's. He may have participated in the attack on the rear of the Union line near Griswoldville, Georgia, an attack which resulted in a devastating defeat for the militia. It was composed primarily of older men, wounded regulars and boys. According to Bush, he fought in the Battle of Atlanta. After viewing *Gone With The Wind*, he pronounced the depiction of Atlanta to be accurate. When he visited the Cyclorama in Atlanta, the circular painting brought back old memories of the climactic battle. There is even a story that when he saw Union General William T. Sherman depicted on horseback, Bush, began vowing "let me at him," had to be restrained by his wife.

Bush remained with his company until it surrendered at Stephen's Station on the Central of Georgia Railroad in 1865. Like many veterans, Bush loved to tell stories about his experiences in the War. He related the often told tale about the ransacking of the family home and how it was stopped when a Union officer discovered that the owner was a Mason. Masons, their homes and personal possessions, were considered off limits to looters and souvenir hunters. He told one interviewer, "when I got into the War, we wore overalls, and when we surrendered in 1865, I didn't even have a pair of shoes."

After the War, Joshua, as he was mostly known, married Mary Adeline Steeley. They had six children and were married until her death in 1915. In 1922, at the age of 54 or so, Bush married Effie T. Sharpe, a widowed mother of two small children.

For seventy-five years, Bush lived the normal life of an aging Confederate veteran. Bush ran a store on the Levi Harrell place and moved from Rhine in Dodge County to Fitzgerald in the early

1870's. He received a pension check to help pay his bills. He was a regular church goer, serving as a senior deacon in the Baptist Church. He followed in his father's footsteps and became a member of a Masonic Lodge. He worked as long he could, taking jobs with the railroad, turpentine companies and even a short stint as a butcher in a grocery store.

It was in 1938 when Bush and the few surviving veterans of the War began to acquire celebrity status. That year marked the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Those veterans who could, gathered in the Pennsylvania town for one final reunion to commemorate the "High Water Mark of the Confederacy." As a souvenir of the event, Bush brought home a large Confederate battle flag.

Joshua Bush spent his last years in Fitzgerald. For many years, Bush and Henry Brunner, the last surviving Union veteran in town, would meet at the city cemetery and place flowers on the graves of their deceased comrades. When Brunner died, Bush sent a flower from "the last of the gray to the last of the blue." As his status grew, the Judge of the Ordinary Court would personally deliver his pension check and bring the requisite amount of cash, to cash the check and eliminate the need for Bush to go to the bank. He was often given an escort home by police officers when he stayed out late and he liked to stay out late.

Bush became somewhat of a celebrity. Admirers addressed the one-blue eyed centenarian (he lost an eye in a sawmill accident) as "General Bush." The owners of 20th Century Fox presented the "General" with a new uniform befitting his newfound stature. The aged Confederate commented, "when I got into it we were in overalls. In 1865, when the army surrendered, I didn't even have a pair of shoes." In gratitude Bush vowed to be buried in the only uniform he ever owned. The uniform was donated to the Cyclo-



rama Museum in Atlanta and later transferred to the Atlanta Historical Society. The producers of *I'll Climb the Highest Mountain* invited him to attend the movie's premiere in Atlanta.

As the decade of the 1950's came, the number of living veterans of the war began to dwindle rapidly. For the first time in his life, Joshua Bush boarded an airplane for Norfolk, Virginia. Bush joined John Sailing of Virginia and William Townsend of Louisiana for the 1951 Confederate Veteran's Reunion. It would turn out to be the last reunion of the Long Gray Line. By the spring of 1952, the remaining Confederate veterans outnumbered their Yankee counterparts - a stark contrast to the superior Northern armies during the War. In 1952, the Sons of the Confederate Veterans held their annual meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, with only Joshua Bush and William Townsend of Louisiana in attendance. The delegates sadly voted to end the reunions.

On November 11, 1952, Joshua Bush, Georgia's last Confederate veteran died. His body was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery in Fitzgerald with Masonic and military honors. For the last time in history, Confederate flags were flown all over the state at half mast in his honor. It was a time that brought a great sorrow to those who still remembered the stories of their fathers and grandfathers during the years of 1861-65...

Submitted by Mark Pollard
Georgia Division Historian,
Sons of Confederate Veterans



**Flagging Across
The Confederacy:**
FORT WORTH RODEO
AND STOCK SHOW

This year, the Forth Worth Rodeo and Stock Show made a BIG mistake in banning the battle flag from the opening parade and events throughout the three week long event.

<http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Confederate-Battle-Flag-Not-Allowed-in-Fort-Worth-Stock-Show-and-Rodeo-Events-365073581.html>

The Texas Division,SCV immediately put plans into action which included participating in the parade with empty flag staffs, flagging the parade, purchasing and distributing several thousand stick flags, and several other initiatives.

During the opening parade, flags were seen lining the streets and over 1,000 stick flags were distributed and waved proudly by attendees.



The operation was a HUGE success, as the attempt to ban the battle flag seriously backfired. Where there was once a few dozen flags on display, there were suddenly hundreds.

<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/fort-worth/fw-stock-show/article55089590.html>

Flagging continued last weekend, where SCV Flaggers gathered to

flag the entrance to the stock show. For two days they passed out flags and spoke to attendees about the discriminatory actions of rodeo officials

Flaggers reported overwhelming support from stock show attendees.



The Flaggers of the Texas Division will meet at Ole South Pancake House this Saturday morning January 30th at 9:00 a.m. before flagging the Fort Worth Rodeo. Everyone is needed!

Gentlemen, please forward so we can have full participation from the ranks. They are needed more now than ever. We have made great strides into the awareness of the attacks on our flags and have received overwhelming support from the public.

Opportunity for all to Forward the Colors at the Fort Worth Stock Show!

Bring a Confederate flag or two, a friend, and an easy chair!

Meet at:Old Pancake House on University at 9:00, or

Fort Worth Stock Show entrance at University and Crestline at 10:00.

For those unable to meet at 0900, look for the Flaggers up University Drive north of I-30 towards TCU.

*Come this Sat the 30th or all days:
Saturday, January 30
Sunday, January 31
Friday, February 5
Saturday, February 6*

Georgia Division Events Calendar

MARCH 11, 2016: Annual viewing of Confederate Constitution at U. of Georgia. The DATE has been CHANGED. Richard Russell Library; 300 South Hull St.; Athens, GA. For more information: Contact John Maxey, ga388reb@earthlink.net; Cell(678) 833-6446, Work (770) 788-1975. **DATE CHANGE!**

APRIL 2, 2016: ANNUAL STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL DAY EVENT. More information forthcoming.

JUNE 10 & 11, 2016: GEORGIA DIVISION 119TH ANNUAL REUNION, will be held at The Georgia International Horse Park, 1996 Centennial Olympic Parkway, Conyers, Ga. 30013. Hosted by the Confederate Memorial Camp #1432 and Joe Wheeler Camp #863. Go to [119th Georgia Division Reunion](#) for more information. Forms available on the Georgia Division web-site [Reunion Forms](#)

JUNE 12 to 18, 2016: THE 1ST ANNUAL GEORGIA CONFEDERATES YOUTH CAMP. For more information on the youth Camp, please contact Division Lt. Commander South Al Perry at 912-585-9144 or asp3@planttel.net. Read more at [Georgia Confederates Youth Camp](#)

NOTE: IF YOU WANT AN EVENT LISTED ON THE GEORGIA DIVISION CALENDAR, PLEASE SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO gaconfederate@att.net or timfpilgrim@yahoo.com

- FUTURE DIVISION REUNIONS
- 2016 CONYERS: CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL CAMP 1432
- 2017 MACON: EDWARD DORR TRACY CAMP 18
- 2018 GEORGIA DIVISION, MACON, GA.

Let folks
know what
y'all are
doing !

Send notice
of your
events to:
gaconfederate@att.net

It doesn't
cost a dime,
not even a
nickel.

Do they still
make pen-
nies?

Let folks
know.

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Genealogy Links

Contact a Recruiter

Application For Membership

Type or Print Clearly in Black Ink Only to Avoid Mistakes

Locate a Camp

To the Officers and Members of

Camp No. _____ Located at _____

State of _____ I, the undersigned, respectfully petition to become a member of the

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Initial Dues are \$35.00 which includes a \$5.00 recording fee; local and state dues are additional. Go to www.scv.org/campLocator.php to find a local Camp. Submit your application directly to the local Camp you wish to join or to: SCV, P.O. Box 59, Columbia TN 38402-0059 If there is no Camp in your area. Attach a copy of the ancestor's war service record or an approved pension for him or his widow. Also include a simple genealogy family tree linking the applicant to the Confederate Soldier. If accepted, I do hereby promise strict compliance to the Constitution and rules of the organization.

The Confederate patriot through whom I petition for membership, and who adhered to the Cause of the Confederate States of America, was my _____ whose name was _____

Relationship to Applicant (Print Clearly)

Full Name of Confederate Soldier (Print Clearly)

of _____, _____

City/County (Print Clearly) State

My ☐ Lineal ☐ Confederate Ancestor was a _____ in Company _____

☐ Collateral ☐ _____

(Check One) Rank (Print Clearly)

Complete Name of Regiment or Unit (print Clearly)

My Confederate Ancestor was: ☐ Paroled, ☐ Surrendered, ☐ Released on Oath, ☐ Discharged, ☐ Killed, ☐ or died

On _____ and is buried in _____

DATE County State Name of Cemetery

Clearly Print Full Name Legal Signature

ADDRESS City State Zip Code

Date of Birth: MM/DD/YYYY Occupation Home Phone Work Phone email address

RECOMMENDED BY

Current Member's Name (Print) Camp Name and Number

Report on Application

This application has been examined, and from the information which the camp committee has been able to procure, is approved

SIGNATURE - Camp Committee on Application SIGNATURE - Camp Committee on Application

Date approved for Membership by Camp Date Received at GHQ

ATTENTION!

THE GEORGIA
CONFEDERATE NEEDS
YOUR CAMP ARTICLES
AND PHOTOS.



PLEASE SEND TO:
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Confederate Constitution

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Membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans is open to all male descendants of any veteran who served honorably in the Confederate armed forces. Membership can be obtained through either lineal or collateral family lines and kinship to a veteran must be documented genealogically. The minimum age for full membership is 12, but there is no minimum for Cadet membership.

What does lineal and collateral mean?

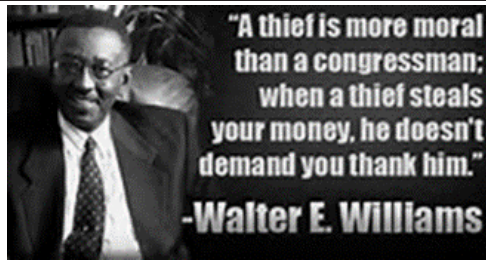
Lineal – You are a blood descendant of the veteran; grandson, great-grandson, great-great-grandson, etc.

Collateral – You are not a direct descendant of the veteran, but you share a common ancestor; so the veteran is your great-uncle, great-great-uncle, etc.

Richmond Times-Dispatch

Posted:

Tuesday, January 19, 2016 10:30 pm

**Blacks and the Confederacy by Walter Williams**

Last July, Anthony Hervey, an outspoken black advocate for the Confederate flag, was killed in a car crash. Arlene Barnum, a surviving passenger in the vehicle, told authorities and the media that they had been forced off the road by a carload of "angry young black men" after Hervey, while wearing his Confederate kepi, stopped at a convenience store en route to his home in Oxford, Mississippi. His death was in no small part caused by the gross level of ignorance, organized deceit and anger about the War of 1861. Much of the ignorance stems from the fact that most Americans believe the war was initiated to free slaves, when in truth, freeing slaves was little more than an afterthought. I want to lay out a few quotations and ask what you make of them.

During the "Civil War," ex-slave Frederick Douglass observed, "There are at the present moment many colored men in the Confederate army doing duty not only as cooks, servants and laborers, but as real soldiers, having muskets on their shoulders, and bullets in their pockets, ready to shoot down loyal troops, and do all that soldiers may to destroy the Federal Government and build up that of the traitors and rebels" (Douglass' Monthly, September 1861).

"For more than two years, negroes had been extensively employed in belligerent operations by the Confederacy. They had been embodied and drilled as Rebel soldiers, and had paraded with White troops at a time when this would not have been tolerated in the armies of the Union." (Horace Greeley, in his book, "The American Conflict").

"Over 3,000 negroes must be included in this number (of Confederate troops). These were clad in all kinds of uniforms, not only in cast-off or captured United States uniforms, but in coats with Southern buttons, State buttons, etc. These were shabby, but not shabbier or

seedier than those worn by white men in rebel ranks. Most of the negroes had arms, rifles, muskets, sabres, bowie-knives, dirks, etc. They were supplied, in many instances, with knapsacks, haversacks, canteens, etc., and were manifestly an integral portion of the Southern Confederacy Army. They were seen riding on horses and mules, driving wagons, riding on caissons, in ambulances, with the staff of Generals, and promiscuously mixed up with all the rebel horde" (report by Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, chief inspector of the U.S. Sanitary Commission). In April 1861, a Petersburg, Virginia, newspaper proposed "three cheers for the patriotic free Negroes of Lynchburg" after 70 blacks offered "to act in whatever capacity" had been "assigned to them" in defense of Virginia.

Those are but a few examples of the important role that blacks served as soldiers, freemen and slaves on the side of the Confederacy. The flap over the Confederate flag is not quite so simple as the nation's race "experts" make it. They want us to believe the flag is a symbol of racism. Yes, racists have used the Confederate flag as their symbol, but racists have also marched behind the U.S. flag and have used the Bible. Would anyone suggest banning the U.S. flag from state buildings and references to the Bible?

Black civil rights activists, their white liberal supporters and historically ignorant Americans who attack the Confederate flag have committed a deep, despicable dishonor to our patriotic Southern black ancestors who marched, fought and died not to protect slavery but to protect their homeland from Northern aggression. They don't deserve the dishonor. Dr. Leonard Haynes, a black professor at Southern University, stated, "When you eliminate the black Confederate soldier, you've eliminated the history of the South."

New Member **Harris Towles Clifton, Jr.**

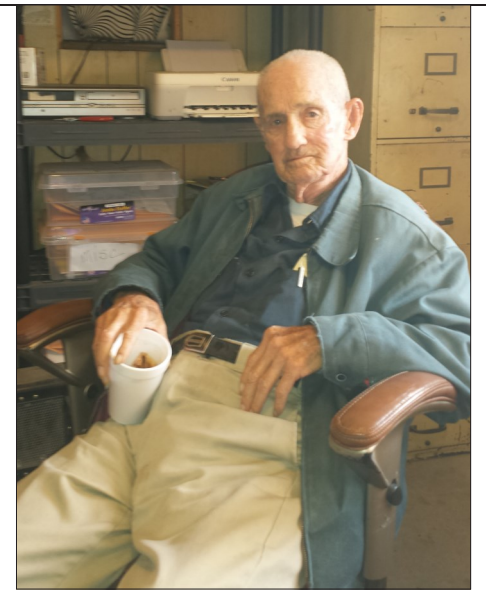
The members of Buckhead-Ft. Lawton Brigade Camp No. 2102, located in Millen, Jenkins County, Georgia, held a Lee-Jackson Banquet for their January meeting. The Camp was honored to have as one of their speakers Mr. Harris Towles Clifton, Jr. their newest member, a gentleman of 87 years of age. Better known in Millen as Mr. H. T. Clifton.

Mr. Clifton joined the SCV under his ancestor, his Grandfather, Private Phillip Newton Clifton, who fought with Co. F, 5th Georgia Calvary Regiment. Private Phillip received a head wound at the Battle of Aiken and was sent to a hospital on December 23, 1864. After the War, he was mustered out and he walked from there to his home south of Millen, Georgia.

Phillip and his brother John were young boys of 15 or 16 years of age when they joined the Confederate Calvary. After the Battle of Aiken, John helped load Phillip on a train that took him to a hospital in Grahamville, S.C. Then He rode with the Calvary on up into Virginia where he had a horse shot out from under him. This was at the ending of the War and a lot of the soldiers were confused as to if the war had ended or not. John was worried about his brother Phillip, so he decided to steal a horse and go to the hospital to visit him. However, he was unsuccessful at stealing a horse so he followed the railroad by foot. He ate turnip greens and whatever he could find all the way back to Grahamville. Then, he walked home because the War was over.

Phillip was not completely right after his head wound and it is thought to have contributed to his early death on June 17, 1917. He is buried in the Clifton Family Cemetery not far from where Mr. H. T. lives now.

John returned home from the War and married Pacey. They



settled about a mile down the road from where Mr. H.T. was raised.

Mr. H. T. Clifton was born on April 04, 1928 at home as it was often done in those days. He was raised in "Hard times" because this was "The Great Depression Years". In those days, if you wanted to go somewhere; you walked. People just couldn't afford cars. On Sundays, H. T. as a young boy 6 or 7 years old, would often walk to visit his Great Uncle John and Aunt Pacey.

Mr. H.T. recalls that his Uncle John had a Spit Box beside the wood pile close to his chair where he would sit, chew tobacco, and spit in the box. H. T. and Uncle John's Grandson would move the box causing Uncle John to spit on the floor. Uncle John would get mad and raise hell at them for moving it. Aunt Pacey would say, "John, you don't need to fuss." John would reply, "I have heard the bullets whiz before."

Mr. H. T. remembers water for drinking was usually stored in a pitcher in the kitchen. Uncle John wouldn't drink from it, instead he always went to the well and drew a fresh pail of water and drank from the pail.

Mr. H. T. says that his Uncle John lived to be about 96 -100 years of age and is buried at Elam Baptist Church, Millen, Georgia.

Submitted by: Adjutant James E. Saxon as told by Mr. H. T. Clifton

Georgia Division Commander Calls for a Boycott of New Orleans

In response to the disgraceful actions of New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu and the City Council that voted on December 17, 2015 to remove the historic monuments of General Robert E. Lee, General P.G.T. Beauregard and President Jefferson Davis. The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans does hereby declare a Boycott of the City of New Orleans. The Georgia Division encourages all it's Members and their families in Georgia and Nationally, their supporters and our fellow Citizens of Georgia to cease all plans to visit or do any business with the City of New Orleans.

The Georgia Division strongly condemns New Orleans Mayor and City Council actions of hate and contempt aimed directly at the history and heritage of the New Orleans and the Southern people. We as descendants of Southern Soldiers are offended and insulted by the removal of these historical monuments. This is a perfect example of the divisive and contentious actions that individuals like New Orleans Mayor and the City Council intentionally seek to bring discord and division to the people of our great Nation. There is absolutely no difference between the terrorist actions of New Orleans Mayor and City Council and those of the Taliban and ISIS in their on-going endeavor of the destruction of cultural and historical heritage.

Resolution

Whereas, the Robert E. Lee Monument dedicated in 1884 in New Orleans, Louisiana is a historic monument dedicated to Confederate General Robert E. Lee and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, the Dignitaries present at the Robert E. Lee Monument dedication on February 22, 1884 -- George Washington's birthday -- included former Confederate President Jefferson Davis, two daughters of General Lee, and Confederate General P.G.T. Beauregard; and

Whereas, the Confederate General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard equestrian statue stands at the main entrance to City Park and was officially unveiled in 1915, designed by New York sculptor Alexander Doyle and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, P.T.G Beauregard was a Louisiana native, who was trained at West Point and served as an engineer in the US-Mexican War

and as a general in the Confederate Army, Beauregard commanded defenses at Fort Sumter at the onset of the war and led troops in several battles; and

Whereas, after the war, Beauregard served as president of the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad and an interstate railroad and advocated for increased civil rights and suffrage for recently freed slaves; and

Whereas, the Jefferson Davis Monument, that was dedicated on February 22, 1911 at the intersection of Canal Street and Jefferson Davis Parkway. Popularly known as the Jeff Davis Monument, the 6-foot, 4-inch full-length bronze portrait of Jefferson Davis, the former Presidency of the Confederacy from 1861-1865; and

Whereas, the Mayor and the City Council of New Orleans voted on December 17, 2015 to remove the historic monuments of General Robert E. Lee, General P.G.T. Beauregard and President Jefferson Davis and this despicable action was reconfirmed by Federal U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier on January 26, 2016 when he ruled that the city of New Orleans can relocate the statues.

Whereas, the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans' charge is to protect and preserve the glorious history of Southland, the good name of the Confederate Soldier, his banners and monuments; and

Whereas, the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans strongly condemns any interfering with any Monuments or displays that honors our Nation's Veterans and their leaders and condemns the actions of Mayor and the City Council of New Orleans who is acting in the same matter as terrorist groups ISIS and the Taliban who is engaged in the destruction of cultural and historical heritage; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans does hereby declare a Boycott of the City of New Orleans and encourages all Members and their families in Georgia and Nationally, as well as all Southerners to cease all plans to visit or do any business in the City of New Orleans unless and until such time as the citizens and businesses of the City apply sufficient pressure to rescind the decision of the current administration in cleansing the City of its proud Confederate heritage.

This the 1st day of February, 2016.

A. Jack Bridwell

Georgia Division Commander

FREEDOM OF CHOICE By: Major W. Ian Thomas

Never allow anyone to deceive you into believing that God has placed an arbitrary limitation upon the efficacy of the blood of Christ, or that there are those who cannot repent, even if they would, simply because God has deliberately placed them outside the scope of His redemptive purpose! This blasphemes the grace, the love and the integrity of God, and makes Him morally responsible for the unbelief of the unbeliever, for the impenitence of the impenitent, and saddles Him squarely with the guilt of the guilty - as an aider and abettor of their sin.

Such is not the teaching of

the Bible, for the Lord Jesus Christ made it abundantly clear that the reluctance is on *man's* part, not on God's!

Without freedom of choice it is equally impossible to obey or to disobey - to be commended for the one or to be condemned for the other!

Some would have you believe that only those can obey the Gospel and accept Christ as their Saviour, to whom God has given the ability to obey as a purely arbitrary, mechanical act on His part, leaving no option in the matter to any individual either way! On the basis of this strange hypothesis, the fearful judgment of God is to fall upon those who have remained in

their rebellious state of unbelief, only because they have been unable to exercise an ability to obey the Gospel, which only God can give, and which He has refused to give them! Needless to say, such an idea can only serve to bring the righteousness and judgment of God into contempt and disrepute.

The revelation that God has given to us by His Holy Spirit through the apostles is delightfully clear: "if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:2); "Who gave himself a ransom for all" (I Timothy 2:6); "... that He by the

grace of God should taste death for every man" (Hebrews 2:9).

It is your inherent right to choose which is at the very heart of the mystery, both of the mystery of *godliness* and of the mystery of *iniquity*.

From: *The Mystery of Godliness*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House. ©1964.

The Major was every inch a soldier. With his infantry battalion he served in the British Expeditionary Forces in Belgium at the outset of World War II and took part in the evacuation at Dunkirk. Often in combat, in France, Italy, Greece, and elsewhere during the long war, he found the Lord Jesus to be his complete sufficiency. The Major was likewise a soldier of Christ, faithful to the Captain of our salvation. He found life an adventure with God. @ Torchbearers Int.

WE DID NOT RE-SURRENDER IN 2015!



To many Americans the word Appomattox is synonymous with the end of the War Between the States although was not until 16 months later that the President formally declared an end to the War. This past year marked the 150th anniversary of that heartrending April 9, 1865 when Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to U.S. Grant at a tiny village west of Petersburg, Virginia. Relatively, few commemorations marked the occasion but most rightly honored the memory of those who served.

Re-enacted as it was, WE DID NOT RE-SURRENDER IN 2015 - at times it felt like, but we are STILLSTANDING in ranks, awaiting orders. The Southern people, as a whole, remain unbowed, unrepentant, and unashamed of a Cause remembered as a righteous fight for states' rights and sovereignty - NOT AS ONE OF TREASON AGAINST A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOR THE ENSLAVEMENT OF ANY!

Our proud stance of resistance to Federal encroachment is, yet, without apology, and STILL the cornerstone of Southern existence. Largely, America deserves the fate she has carved out for herself - it has been bought and paid for, in blood AND UNFAITHFULNESS TO God Almighty!

Chris Trejbal is a freelance writer for American Blog, based in Portland, Oregon. In April he expressed that the states of Confederate lineage are often, and

correctly, accused of dragging down the rest of the country for economic and cultural reasons. Thus the U.S.A. would be better off if the 11 states that formally seceded — plus Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma which were territories with pro-Confederacy leanings at the time; include Missouri and Kentucky (which had dual governments) — and kick them out of the Union! I suppose they would expect us to move, too.

That idea suits me just fine, I am ready to go at a moment's notice. If we could just find a way to saw off the southeastern quadrant of America, let it float out to sea and allow all the others to stew in their own juices, we would, at last, have our coveted independence. If the U.S.A. could really survive without the Southern states' resources, prayers and soldierhood, then they would have likely have just let us go in peace in 1861 — no questions asked. Ah, but Abe needed revenues and wouldn't allow such.

As we plunge into 2016 and look back at all the heritage attacks we sustained, countered and endured in 2015, some of our folks seem to have surrendered, AGAIN. Among them, men and women, I thought, would have taken a stand until death — guess not. I assure you, I am still as unbowed, unrepentant and unreconstructed as ever! How, in the name of good sense could I be anything else? A man can change his appearance, temper his words and leave and di-

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verse impressions you make but you cannot and you dare not change who you are 'cause all you will lose is you.

Having said that, what are the prospects of future historical endeavors? Will re-enactments cease altogether, or will there be only small ones, with no national events (I know some are being planned, still)? Will there be only living history programs and perhaps not even that? I have long been soured on the idea of going into public schools that do not really want us, anyway. I asked this question to a lot of people and I deeply appreciate the very, very few who took time to reply:

"Re-enactments will be generally limited to the smaller ones with limited living history programs being the likely norm. With no truly notable anniversary (like the 150th) to commemorate, promoters will be unlikely to host the large scale events." — J.C. Nobles

"I feel that the events that we usually support will continue as long as there are enough troops to make a showing. We are blessed with a number of youth in the 16th but not everyone is so fortunate. The major events such as Olustee and Gettysburg will continue, again as long as troops turn out. I don't think we will ever see turnouts like Shiloh again. The negative publicity may have hurt those fair weather re-enactors but like gun control I think there is a large number that pay little attention to that pressure and will continue to do what they have done as long as they are able" — Earl Colvin

"I believe that the re-enacting season for next year may be very difficult. With the 150th gone and the milestone passed, the re-enactments might be the size of Old Clinton War Days. However, we as young people are the future of this endeavor. We have the power to influence others to join in the fight. I go to school every day with young men that want to take part in the unit. By doing living histories at schools it keeps the drive alive to fight for our heritage. One way or the other, we young people are the future. One day we won't have J.C. to lead the Confederate charge at Griswoldville. One day we won't have Coonpossum to help us remember those who fought at Olustee. One day we won't have all of our Ol' Dawgs to be our Weird Wolves of Clinton," It is up to us to grasp the passed torch of the teachings of our mentors to the next generation of 16th GA "Dawgs". The future does look dim, but with God's help, we will continue."

—Brick Lee Nelson

"Living history, heritage events and reenactments are the best way for our children and others to really feel what it was like back in history. Those things would be missed by all who attend and bring their children to keep history alive. No one wants it taught in schools anymore and children do not read like we did in the past. So I believe we should keep it alive for future generations to know how it was and we should be proud of our Southern Heritage."

— Peggy Rigby

By ~ John Wayne Dobson

1st BRIGADE REPORT.....

First Brigade Commander David Cordell

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First Brigade Chaplain James Fletcher SCV Camp #707

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As we celebrate and observe "Veteran's Day" which was on November 11th, we need to remember our fellow veterans and thank them personally for what they have done. Whether it was serving in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Granada, the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan or any of the unnamed conflicts in the world. We don't have many World War I veterans to thank today, but that war was involved in us having "Veteran's Day". It was originally called "Armistice Day", or suspension of hostilities, was signed by the opponents on November 11th, 1918. The hostilities stopped at 11:00 AM that morning. I know many of the older generation will remember it first being "Armistice Day". It was changed in 1954 to "Veteran's Day" to honor all the veterans who have served. Remember that the "Sons of Confederate Veterans" is the oldest veterans group in the U.S., it being pre-dated by the "United Confederate Veterans" which started even earlier. When we celebrate this day by being in a parade or assisting in any way, hold your heads in what you have done. May our own personal sacrifices be worthy of those who sacrificed so much --that the American dream will never die. And may God Bless America forever. II Samuel 22:4 I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so I will be saved from my enemies. Prayer List: In our prayers, we need to keep our service people in our thoughts and prayers, especially those that are still in harm's way.

May God Bless, James Fletcher

1st Brigade Chaplain and Camp #707 Chaplain Ph. 256-657-5998

General Nathan Bedford Forrest SCV Camp 469 Rome, Georgia

Our regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Oostanaula Room of the Rome-Floyd County Library at 205 Riverside Parkway in Rome, Georgia. Members are expected, and visitors are always welcome.

Chattooga County Camp 507

Chattooga County Senior Center, Summerville, Georgia

Last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

John B. Gordon Camp 599

Meets every third Tuesday at 7pm

Senior Center Lafayette, Georgia

Our long time Camp Member, Newton Elgin Gray "Newt", passed away on January 4, 2016. Newt was ninety three. Newt served in the Marine Corp during World War II, and received the Purple Heart for his wounds in the Battle of Okinawa. Due to his advanced age Newt was not able to attend Camp meetings regularly these last few years, but he did drop by occasionally. There were 30 in attendance at our Christmas Dinner.

Capt. Max Van Den Corput's Battery Camp 669

Cave Spring, Georgia

Commander Terry Swanson [706-252-2518](tel:706-252-2518) or email

crewchief18@comcast.net

Our regular meetings are on the first Friday of each month at Creek side Restaurant 23 Cedartown Street SW Cave Spring, Georgia 30124

<https://www.facebook.com/scvcamp669>

Stiles/Akin Camp 670 Bartow County, Georgia

The camp celebrated Confederate Memorial Day Celebration and Robert Crowe Memorial on April 18, 2015 The Camp's Monthly Meeting is on the Third Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM

Held at 101 North Erwin Street at the Art Center Building the public is welcome <http://www.scv670.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/scv670>

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston SCV Camp 671 Dalton Georgia

Commander Sam Jones

We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the historic Crown Gardens and Archives which is located at 715 Chattanooga Avenue in Dalton, GA. If you would like to join or just visit you're always welcome to attend.

State of Dade Camp 707

Commander Robert Alan Daniels

Camp meets every third Tuesday at Randy's Restaurant in Trenton

Gen. Stand Watie Camp # 915

PO Box 626 Calhoun, Georgia 30703

Commander R. Stan Chambers

The Commander thanks all who helped clean Resaca Confederate Cemetery for Park Cleanup Day: John Warren, Ken Padgett, Vic Bohannon, Jeff Henderson, John Guider, William and Molene Worley, and David, Barbara, Kaylyn, Kendra, and Maverick Mitchell.

Camp meets the second Thursday of the month at 7pm

Vic Bohannon has contacted the Civil War Trust about our camp's participation in this year's park clean up. Once again we will clean up the Resaca Confederate Cemetery on April 2, 2016 beginning at 9 AM.

Lt.Col. William M. Luffman Camp 938 Chatsworth, GA

Commander Mitchell Dale Parker

Colonel Joseph McConnell Camp 1859 Ringgold Georgia

Commander Johnny Sparks

The camp meets every first Tuesday

Pvt. John Ingraham Camp 1977 Chickamauga, Georgia

Commander Charles Roark

Meets the third Saturday 11 AM at Greg's restaurant in Chickamauga, Georgia 11 AM. The camp has raised over \$28,000 for the Chickamauga Soldiers Statue.

Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne Camp 2209 Ringgold Georgia

Commander Mike Patterson meets at Wally's the first Monday of each month at 6pm to eat then following is the business meeting

First Brigade Commander David Cordell

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2nd BRIGADE REPORT.....

Rabun Gap Riflemen, Camp 1929, Clayton, GA

Meeting time is 2nd Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the E.M.A. Rescue Building on Syrup City Road in Tiger, GA Contact email: eng4@windstream.net

Camp website: <http://freepages.military.rootsweb.com/~hemlockhill>

David W. Payne Camp 1633, Blairsville, GA

Meets 2nd Thursday each month (except December) at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the United Community Bank on GA 515 in Blairsville.

Contact email: haroldlevi@hotmail.com

Camp website: <http://camp1633.scv.org/>

Contact phone: 706-745-5243

Cherokee Legion, Camp 914, Canton, GA

Meets every 3rd Saturday morning. Locations vary; check the camp website for the most up to date information.

Contact email: scvrecruit914@yahoo.com

Camp website: www.cherokeelegion.org Contact phone: 678-395-8031

Colonel Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642, Cumming, GA

Meetings are held, rain or shine, on the fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are held at the Bell Research Center, 101 School St inside the Old Cumming Schoolhouse. Meetings usually last about 2 hours. Meetings start at 7 PM with plenty of time for fellowship before and after.

Camp website: <http://www.scv1642.com/>

Contact email: cliff874@gmail.com

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52nd Georgia SCV Camp 1418, Cleveland, GA

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Public Library in Cleveland, GA at 7:30 p.m.

Concord Rangers Camp 2135, Dawsonville, GA

Camp website:

<http://www.scvcamp2135.com/scv/index.php?SessID=23567>

27th Georgia Regiment, Camp 1404, Gainesville, GA

We meet the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Piedmont Hotel, 827 Maple Street, in downtown Gainesville.

Contact email: nawgie@windstream.net

Camp website: <http://scv1404.tripod.com/>

The Blue Ridge Rifles, Camp 1860, Dahlonega, GA

We meet the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lumpkin County Library.

Contact email - scvgacamp1860@yahoo.com

Camp website: <http://scvcamp1860.tripod.com/scvcamp1860/>

Habersham Guard, Camp 716, Clarkesville, GA

The camp meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Clarkesville Library.

Facebook page:

Sons of Confederate Veterans (Habersham Guard Camp 716).

Gilmer Light Guards, Camp 89, Ellijay, GA

Meeting every 3rd Monday at the Community Room, United Community Bank, 558 Industrial Blvd., Ellijay GA 30540, at 7:00 p.m. with fellowship at 6:30 p.m.

Bobby Bradford, Commander Leo Baker, Lt. Commander

Second Brigade, Georgia Division

Contact phone: 678-395-8031

Contact email: secondbrigade@yahoo.com

Note: Updates/changes/corrections to the Camp information shown above should be forwarded to me at secondbrigade@yahoo.com. Camps with newsworthy items and/or photos for inclusion in the Georgia Confederate should send them directly to Al Perry at the following email: gaconfederate@att.net.

Karl Haun, Commander, Second Brigade

Georgia Division

4th BRIGADE REPORT.....

The 4th Brigade consists of Monroe, Crawford, Peach, *Houston, Pulaski, Jones, Bibb, Twiggs, Bleckley, Dodge, Putnam, Baldwin, Wilkinson, Laurens, Hancock, Washington, Telfair and Johnson* Counties.

Brig. Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr. Camp 18-Macon.

Meets each 4th Thursday of the month at Jeanene's on Forsyth Road, Macon. Dine at 5:30; meeting begins at 6:00 pm.

Members participated in the 11th Annual Griswoldville Battlefield Commemoration. Camp 18 hosted the Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner on Jan. 22, 2016 at Idle Hour Country Club in Macon. Special guest was Mr. James Barfield who spoke on Macon's Sesquicentennial Markers. Members attended the Gen. Lee Birthday Celebration in Milledgeville on Jan. 16th.

Commander Tom Stevens (478) 477-7468, Adjutant Clifford Dunaway (478) 256-5400.

Capt. Hardy B. Smith Camp 104-Dublin. Meets each 4th Thursday of the month at Commander Pee Wee Dillon's home, 612 Briarcliff Rd., Dublin, GA. Meeting time is 6:00 pm.

Camp 104 was represented at the Gen. RE Lee Birthday Celebration at the

Old Capitol in Milledgeville.

Commander Jackie R. Dillon II (732) 456-1761, Adjutant John C. Hall, Jr. (404) 964-6896.

Old Capitol Camp 688-Milledgeville.

Meets each 2nd Thursday of the month at the Milledgeville Country Club, 3700 Sinclair Dam Rd., Milledgeville, GA. Meeting time is 7:00 pm.

Camp 688 was represented at the 2015 Griswoldville Commemoration in November. The Annual "Dinner with Lee and Jackson" was hosted on Dec. 10, 2015. The Jan. 14 meeting featured Camp 2218 Chaplain Joel B. Whitehead who spoke on the subject of War Time Medical Supplies and Procedures. Members attended and helped plan the General Lee Birthday Celebration Jan. 16, 2016 at the Old Capitol in Milledgeville.

Commander Roy H. Mixon, Adjutant Konreid Etheredge (478) 454-7446.

W. F. Jenkins Camp 690-Eatonton. Meets each 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Bledsoe-Greene House, 105 West Sumter St., Eatonton, GA. Dinner is 6:30 pm and meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Members attend the General RE Lee Birthday remembrance in Milledgeville on Jan. 16th.

Commander Richard C. Marshall (706) 206-7635, Adjutant Larry Manley (706) 485-6001

Lt. James T. Woodward Camp 1399-Warner Robins.

Meets each 2nd Monday of the month at Ole Times Country Buffet, 1206 Russell Parkway, Warner Robins, GA. Dine at 6:00, meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Commander Tim Hawkins suffered a mild heart attack a couple weeks back. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and praise God it wasn't any more severe. Camp 1399 members participated in the 2015 Griswoldville Commemoration. The camp was also represented at the Gen. Lee parade and celebration at Georgia's Old Capitol Building in Milledgeville.

Commander Tim Hawkins 478-951-2628, Adjutant James "Bo" Hall, Jr. 478-256-8307. www.scvcamp1399.org

Maj. Mark Newman Camp 1602-Sandersville.

Meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Brown House, North Harris St., Sandersville, GA. Meeting time is 6 pm.

Camp 1602 helped host the second "Occupation of Sandersville" which began in 2014. The event featured exhibits at the Brown House Museum, lantern tours of the Old City Cemetery, Battle of Sandersville Reenactment, H.L. Hunley Traveling Exhibit, a Blue/Gray Ball, period Church service and a narrated bus tour of battle sites. A 2016 event is a possibility.

Commander Thomas Tyson (478) 451-7251, Adjutant Randy Hall (478) 357-7774.

Johnson Greys Camp 1688-Wrightsville.

Meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Old Blizzard Home Place, 1802 New Homes Rd., Kite, GA. Meeting time is 7:00 pm.

Commander Jimmy Blizzard (478) 864-2872, Adjutant Roger Webb (478) 864-8149.

Logan E. Bleckley Camp 1998-Cochran.

Meet first Thursday of each month at Sugarberry's Restaurant, 416 Hwy. 87 Bypass S, Cochran, GA. Eat at 6.00, meeting at 7.00 pm.

Camp 1998 was represented at the 2015 Griswoldville Battlefield Commemoration. The Camp participated in the annual Cochran/Bleckley Co. Christmas Parade. Members marched in the Gen. Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration parade in Milledgeville, as well as jointly worked as artillery crew for the cannon salute.

Commander Dan Williams (478)-230-7189, Adjutant Allen Richards (478) 308-9739

Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039-Eastman.

Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Liberty Baptist Church 1100

Chester Hwy., Eastman, GA. 7:00 pm.

Camp 2039 gives its final salute to Compatriot Albert Holt, who went home Dec. 23, 2015. You are gone, but not forgotten (see tribute to Compatriot Holt).

The camp's annual Family Christmas Night was held Dec. 4, 2015 at Liberty Baptist Church. Enjoyed was food and fellowship. Officers were elected for the 2016 term and were sworn in at the Jan. 28 meeting. Several members attended the General Lee Birthday Celebration at Georgia's Old Capitol in Milledgeville on Jan. 16, 2016. The Confederate Battle Flag continues to fly high at the soldier's monument at the Memorial Park near the Dodge County Courthouse.

Commander Gary Lowery (478) 374-3477, Adjutant Kim M. Beck (478) 358-4168. Visit Pine Barrens Volunteers on Face book.

The Camp of the Unknown Soldier 2218-Old Clinton.

Meets each 3rd Thursday of every month at Chevy's Pizza, 300 W Clinton St., Gray, GA. Dine at 6:00 pm and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Camp 2218 hosted the 11th annual Commemoration of the Battle of Griswoldville. Speaker for the event was Reverend Joey Young. Newest member, Matt Sims was inducted into the Camp and membership was approved for Mr. John Conkell of San Diego, California. Camp members participated in the Cochran Christmas Parade and at Old Richland Church in Twiggs Co. Members participated in the Lee Parade and celebration in Milledgeville on Jan. 16. Members also comprised the artillery unit for the cannon salute to General Lee. The annual Lee-Jackson Banquet was held Jan. 21, 2016 with Georgia Division Historian and Nash Farm Historian Mark Pollard as featured speaker. Camp Chaplain Joel Whitehead spoke at Old Capitol Camp meeting on Jan 14 and the group Simple Heritage, comprised of Camp 2218 members played the Old Capitol Lee-Jackson.

Commander J. C. Nobles (478) 718-3201, Adjutant John Wayne Dobson (478) 731-5531. scv2218.com

Capt. Ruel W. Anderson Camp 2239-Hawkinsville.

Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at The Steakhouse, 101 Buchan Rd., Hawkinsville, GA. Meeting time is 6:00 pm.

Members attended the General Lee Birthday Celebration in Milledgeville on the 16th of January.

Commander Sammy Hankey (478) 338-5828, Adjutant Dennis Lord (478) 934-0490.

Please send your reports and newsletters to Compatriot Kim Beck by the 25th of each *even* month. Send to: pinebarrensvolunteers@yahoo.com

Thomas Stevens, 4th Brigade Commander

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5th BRIGADE REPORT.....

Brigadier General Edward Porter Alexander Camp 158

Brigadier General E. Porter Alexander Camp 158 in Augusta meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month (except July) at the historic Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant (since 1956) at 2250 Sconyers Way. The restaurant's owner, Mr. Larry Sconyers, a true Southern gentleman, continues to proudly fly our '56 Georgia flag. Pictures of General Robert E. Lee and General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson are displayed in his restaurant.

- The men of the E.P. Alexander Camp gathered on Saturday evening, January 23rd to celebrate the successes of the past year at their annual Lee-Jackson banquet. Their Color Guard placed the flags, pledges were said, and dinner was served. Afterwards, a presentation on the Confederate Medal of Honor was given by Camp Commander Dr. John Baxley, followed by a presentation on the faith of General Stonewall Jackson by Camp Chaplain Ben Creech. Commander Baxley gave out awards to Camp members and supporters who went above and beyond the call of duty in the last year. The evening concluded with door prizes and the singing of "Dixie".

Brigadier General John C. Carter Camp 207

Meets on the last Monday of each month at the Burke County Library in Waynesboro at 6:30 p.m.

- On Saturday, January 16, 2016 the B/G John C. Carter, Camp 207, Sons of Confederate Veterans of Waynesboro, Georgia sponsored its annual Lee/Jackson Banquet at the American Legion Building in Waynesboro. Camp Commander, Jim Reeves welcomed 41 members and guests for the occasion. Special guests were Mr. Tracy Carter and daughter Leah Chambers whom are direct descendants of our camp namesake Brig. Gen. John Carpenter Carter.

Camp Chaplain Bill Tinley led the Invocation and the blessing of the food before the meal.

The assembly enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Mr. Scotty Womack. This is the eighth consecutive year that Mr. Womack has provided our banquet meal and this year it was deemed even more favorable and enjoyable than the previous ones.

Following the meal Compatriot David Hollingsworth led the pledges to the United States, Georgia, and Christian Flags and the salute to the Confederate Flag. Second Lieutenant Commander Van Lively led in the reading of the *Charge to the SCV*.

Commander Reeves presented our newest member, Compatriot Dr. Randy Hensley with his membership certificate.

The guest speaker for the evening was Steve Longcrier: Executive Director, Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails and member of the M/G Ambrose Wright Camp #1914, Evans, GA. Compatriot Longcrier's talk was entitled; "How The Leadership of Gen Robert E. Lee Impacted the March to the Sea" This was a most interesting and enlightening program. We appreciate Compatriot Longcrier's work in preserving and telling our history. Commander Reeves presented Compatriot Longcrier 5x7 and 8x10 framed photos of the recently installed GCWHT Interpretive Markers placed at the J.D. Roberts Home, (Burke County Museum).

To close out the events of the evening Commander Reeves led in the singing of *Dixie*. This is done annually in commemoration and in honor of Mrs Mary Hargrove.

Chaplain Tinley offered the Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted By:

T.D. Lively, Camp Historian

Black Creek Volunteers Camp 549

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Wall's Diner in Sylvania. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Ogeechee Rifles Camp 941

Meets on the third Thursday of each month at RJ's Seafood and Steaks in Statesboro. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

The men of the Ogeechee Rifles held their annual Lee-Jackson dinner on the evening of Saturday, January 9th, 2016.

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**REMEMBER,
IT IS YOUR DUTY TO
SEE THAT THE TRUE
HISTORY OF THE
SOUTH IS PRESENTED
TO FUTURE**

Members, as well as friends and family enjoyed a special presentation on General Sherman's March to Sea by Compatriot David Dickey, who uses Sherman's own words to condemn his actions.

The Camp also welcomed 6th Brigade Commander Don Newman as guest speaker at their monthly meeting on January 21st. Commander Newman spoke passionately about how to boost and keep morale within the Camp, and how his Camp has been successful in recruiting and keeping members.

General Ambrose Wright Camp 1914

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Side Track Grill in Martinez. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Dixie Guards Camp 1942

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at Bevricks Restaurant in Metter. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

- On the evening of January 7th, 2016, The Dixie Guards held their annual Generals' Gathering. The featured orator was Fifth Brigade Commander Thomas Miller, who delivered a / an historically-scintillating, power-point presentation on The Ninth Georgia Infantry Regiment. On a local level, Company I represented the first unit of troops raised in Bulloch County; the men in this outfit would subsequently become an integral part of Robert E. Lee's Once-Indomitable Army of Northern Virginia.. Many of those in attendance possessed both direct and collateral antecedents who served in The Ninth Georgia Infantry Regiment. Following Commander Miller's oral discourse, Camp Commander Hu Daughtry presented awards to: Susan T. Daughtry, Thomas Miller, Mike Mull, Ted Lewis and Dale Johnson. - reported by Camp Commander Hu Daughtry

Buckhead/Fort Lawton Camp 2102

Meets on the third Saturday of each month in Millen. The Camp meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., with dinner being served around 7:00 p.m.

The men of the Buckhead/Fort Lawton Camp met on the evening of Saturday, January 16th for their annual Lee-Jackson dinner. New members were inducted into the Camp and awards handed out to multiple Camp members by Commander Tommy Lane. With this year being the tenth anniversary of the Camp, a special program was presented on the history of the Camp and its officers over the last ten years. Fifth Brigade Commander Thomas Miller swore in the newly elected officers into their new positions, and "Dixie" was sung to conclude the evening.

Be sure to give us a "Like" on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/5thbrigadegascv> for news and updates from the 5th Brigade!

Submitted by 5th Brigade Commander, Thomas Miller

6th BRIGADE REPORT.....

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Why not buy our SCV auto tags?

You are invited to march in the 2016 St Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah, Thursday March 17th, contact 6th Brigade Commander Don Newman @ 912-748-7387 or donnewman0601@comcast.net

The Francis S. Bartow Camp #93 Savannah

Meeting the 3rd Tuesday 7:00 pm Barnes Restaurant on Waters Ave.

Commander Joe Dawson 912-898-8133 joe.dawson1@comcast.net

Adjutant Howard Williams 912-826-0304 howardbe@windstream.net

The Tattnall Invincibles #154 Reidsville

Meeting the 4th Tuesday 7:00pm Alexander Hotel

Commander Tommy Wallace tommy280@windstream.net

Adjutant Dale Saylor tattnaillinvincibles@gmail.com

The Appling Grays #918 Baxley

Meeting the 4th Monday 7:00 B&F Restaurant

Commander Herman Williams 912-393-1228 hrwill9@windstream.net

Adjutant Bill Bowers 912-367-2419 bbowers@atc.com

Robert Toombs Camp #932 Vidalia

Meeting 1st Tuesday 7:00 Captains Corner

Commander George King 912-585-8943 kinggeorge51@gmail.com

Adjutant Bob Whitaker 912-537-2186 bobwhitaker22@yahoo.com

McLeod-Moring Camp #1386 Swainsboro

Meeting 3rd Thursday 7:00 New China Restaurant

Commander Danny Greenway 912-237-6724 dgreenway@netv.com

Adjutant Nick Kraus 912-763-5361 nkraus@pineland.net

Savannah Militia Camp #1657 Pooler

Meeting 2^{ed} Tuesday 7:00 Western Sizzling

Commander Don Newman 912-748-7387 donnewman0601@comcast.net

Adjutant Jack Wray 912-596-2950 jcwrat12@gmail.com

Ebenezer Rifles Camp #1901 Rincon

Meeting 3rd Tuesday 7:00 Ephesus Church

Commander Steve Thomas 912-661-3824 stevethomas3824@gmail.com

Adjutant Charlie Watson 912-727-2905 clwir2@hotmail.com

Anderson Camp #1919 Midway

Meeting 3rd Thursday 7:00 Captains Joes

Commander Jim Shurling 912-545-2978 shurlingi@yahoo.com

Adjutant Russ Powell 912-368-5488 rupowell@coastalnow.net

Camp Davis #2073 Springfield

Meeting 2^{ed} Tuesday 7:00 Community Center

Commander Steve Luse steveluse@aol.com

Adjutant Jimmy Rahn 912-772-3389 pl_jimmy@planters.net

Montgomery Sharpshooters #2164 Mt. Vernon

Meeting 1 Tuesday 7:00 Seniors Citizens Center

Commander James Kea 912-594-6867 keajames45@yahoo.com

Adjutant Oscar Smith 478-988-8382 sosmith96@bellsouth.net

Immortal Six Hundred #2600 Richmond Hill

Meeting 2^{ed} Thursday 7:00 Bryan County Community Center

Commander William Hagin 912-414-3850 moonrib@yahoo.com

Adjutant Frank Grimm 912-756-7173 frank.grimm@comcast.net

6th Brigade Commander, Don Newman

7th BRIGADE REPORT.....

The 7th Brigade is still working on getting a new camp started in Coffee County. Also there are a few members around Atkinson County that are interested about getting the Sidney Lanier camp active again, if you know anyone in either one of these areas that would be interested in joining one of these potential camps have them contact Commander Griffin. I encourage anyone that is able and willing to travel a little in southeast Georgia, to visit some of the other camps in our Brigade. You can show your support and ideas, you may also get some new ideas from the camps you visit. All the camps in our Brigade are listed below.

Clement A. Evans Camp 64

Meetings held 3rd Monday of odd months at 6 pm at Jerry J's on Plant Ave. in Waycross. Adjutant Chris Hiers

Thomas Marsh Forman Camp 485

Meeting held every 4th Thursday of each month at Captain Joe's Restaurant located at I-95 and US 341. Meeting begin at 7 pm and supper is at 6 pm dutch treat. Adjutant J.C. Carter

Col. Edmond N. Atkinson Camp 680

Meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Lowndes County Historical Society. Commander Jack Mathews

McIntosh Guards Camp 1853

No meetings at this time.

Commander C.M. Childree

Capt. James Knox "Seaboard"

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Guards" Camp 2022

Meetings held 3rd Saturday of the month at Confederate soldiers park in Waynesville, GA in the Mumford Library @ 2 pm, Our meetings are usually informal since our active membership is low.

Adjutant Jerry Watkins

Capt. John Reddick Camp 2204

Meetings held 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm at American Legion in Folkston. Camp trying to become more active. Adjutant Wesley Williams

Chuck Griffin 7th Brigade Commander,

Georgia Division SCV

Commander, Clement A. Evans Camp 64 SCV 912-283-1125

8th BRIGADE REPORT.....

Another Quarter has passed and another New Year has started. Activities in the 8th Brigade have been rather slow these last few months, but a few Camps have engaged in a number of events.

John K. McNeill, Camp-674 participated in the Moultrie Christmas Parade firing as they marched, to the delight of the citizenry (especially the kids). They also had a number of members participating in the Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration, parade and firing salute in Milledgeville. A number of the Camp members also stayed for the E.C. meeting following the Celebration. The Camp also funded a Camp Lee/Jackson supper at a local steak house for members and their spouses. The members of John K. McNeill are also getting ready to plant new white crosses on more than 100 Confederate Soldiers' graves at the Greenfield Church Confederate Cemetery in Colquitt County.

John K. McNeill, Camp-674 with Commander Pete Cowart meets the second Monday of each month (except for December) at the Museum of Colquitt County History in Moultrie at 7:30 PM. Refreshments are served and all are welcome.

The Yancy Independents, Camp-693 held Camp elections this quarter and Compatriot "Bo" Slack is the newly elected Camp Commander. We wish him well in his new post. The Camp also had a very nice Christmas Supper for the members and their families at their meeting place in the Sylvester Library. They also participated in the Division Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration and the following E.C. meeting. Members also participated in the Albany Lee/Jackson Supper. At the Albany Lee/Jackson Supper, a young lady, Amy Lynn from the Worth County Public Schools, presented an essay with tri-board on the development of the Confederate Battle Flag. She had presented the display and essay in the local school essay competition and won first place. She now goes on to regional competition. Best wishes and success to Amy Lynn. The Camp will be planning their 2016 Confederate Memorial Day Service at their next meeting, and all are invited to come celebrate with them at the Worth County Court House in Sylvester. **The Yancy Independents, Camp-693** with new Commander "Bo" Slack meet the third Tuesday of each month on the bottom floor of the Sylvester-Worth County Library at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome.

The Jefferson Davis Cowboys, Camp-682 held Camp elections this quarter and Compatriot Hershel Johnson was elected Camp Commander. We wish him well in his new post.

The Jefferson Davis Cowboys, Camp-682 meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1LC Gene Arnold's home. For further information contact Commander Hershel Johnson at (229) 445-6003.

W.D. Mitchell, Camp-163 was dealt a severe setback this past December when the Victorian Christmas Committee in Thomasville threw a wet blanket on their participation in the annual Victorian Christmas Festival. It seems that the political correctness surrounding the South Carolina

shooting had taken hold of some of the Committee members. It was obvious to Commander Jason Harpe they were not welcome and so the decision was made by the Camp to forego this year's attendance. No other events were undertaken.

W.D. Mitchell, Camp-163 with Commander Jason Harpe meet on an as needed basis at Commander Harpe's home. For further information contact Commander Jason Harpe at (229) 236-5254.

The States Rights Guard, Camp-1551, in Rochelle with Commander Raleigh Gibbs, meets on an as needed basis.

The Wire Grass Greys, Camp-1683 in Adel, with Commander Barry Resta meets on an as needed basis.

The Berrien County Minutemen, Camp-1789, in Nashville, with Commander Don Futch, meets on an as needed basis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlie Parks, Commander 8th Brigade

11th BRIGADE REPORT.....

JOHN B. GORDAN CAMP 46. Meets the second Monday at Mary Mac's Tea Room, on Ponce de Leon Ave., in Atlanta. Social starts at 6:00m.m. Dinner is ordered at 6:30 p.m. Meeting comes to order at 6:45. For more info, e-mail Jordanwolf@bellsouth.net. **Joe Jordan, Commander**

McDaniel-Curtis Camp 165, Meets the third Monday, of each month at 7:00 p.m. Location is at the Carroll County Veterans Building. SCV Room, 1790 Stripling Chapel Road. All visitors and guests are welcome and always invited to join us. Commander: Sam Pyle, 770-537-5438, e-mail: Pylesll@aol.com. Adjutant: Darrell Smith, 770-834-3568, e-mail: Darrell_Smith@bellsouth.net

Haralson Invincibles 673. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, at WrightWay BBQ & Wings, 1003 Alabama Ave, Bremen, GA. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Billy Bearden, Commander, Richard Boarts, Adj.

William Thomas Overby/Coweta GUARDS CAMP 715. Meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 92 Greenville St., Greenville, GA (next to Coweta County Justice Center) in Newnan. For more information, contact Mike Webb at 770-683-0973 or Cal Kohler at 770-463-3656. Mike Webb, Commander.

LT. COL. THOMAS COKE CLOVER CAMP 943. Meets on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Douglasville Baptist Church, on Simon Road, in Douglasville, Georgia. The meeting starts at 7:30 P.M. Ray Phillips, Commander

FORREST'S ESCORT CAMP 1239. Meets on the fourth Monday of each month, except for December. A covered dish supper starts at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:15 p.m. The meetings are located in the service building behind "Historic Wick's Tavern, 212 West Wilson Street, Villa Rica, GA 30180.

John Fernander, Commander.

General James Longstreet Camp 1289. The General James Longstreet Camp 1289 meets at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Ramah Baptist Church, 502 Ramah Drive, Palmetto, GA 30268. Commander: Dan Berman (770) 971-1657, email: berman-dan@hotmail.com. Adjutant: Charles Garvin (770) 943-7498, email: garvinc@bellsouth.net.

Sharpsburg Sharpshooter's Camp 1729.

Meets on the second Monday of each month, beginning at 7:00 PM with a covered dish supper. The meetings are held at the Turin Lodge in Turin, Georgia. For more info email ebyrom@charger.net

Earl Byrom, Commander.

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Heard County Rangers Camp 1996 –

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Heard County Library in Franklin, Georgia. Tom Wise, commander.

TAW87GA@gmail.com.

On Feb. 13, 2016 we will be presenting “Songs and Stories of the Civil War” by renowned historian and musician Bobby Horton at the 4-h building (old gym) in Franklin, GA at 2 P.M.

Admission is free. Refreshments will be available. Dressed as a 19th century performer, using period musical instruments, Bobby Horton explores the stories of both the North and South through music. Everyone is invited to attend.

Haralson Defenders Camp 2265 –

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at The Outpost Music Barn, Old Hwy 100, Waco, GA. The meeting starts at 6:30 PM with a covered dish supper. Commander Robbie Jordan, - 678-580-7890-

Adjutant James Garner 770-646-2219.

We want to welcome the Haralson Defenders Camp 2265 to the 11th Brigade.

The camp held their Charter Meeting on January 9th, 2016. We would like to thank our special guests, CIC Kelly Barrow, Lt. Commander of the North Phil Autrey and Division Adjutant Tim Pilgrim for their attendance.

We would also like to thank the participation of two other camps. Everyone seemed to have a good time and left full of Bar-B-Que.

The final tally for the signing of the charter was 5 transferees, 4 reinstatements, 9 new members and 1 Life Member.

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis “Bear” Hamrick, 11th Brigade Commander

12th BRIGADE REPORT**Paulding County****William J. Hardee Camp #1397**

Commander: Wayne Douglas Willingham

Meetings: Every 4th Monday at 7:30 PM

Location: New Hope Second Baptist Church at 114 Bobo Rd. Dallas, Ga. 30132, located at the corner of Dallas Acworth Highway 381 and Bobo Road in New Hope www.hardeecamp1397scv.org

Cobb County**Camp McDonald # 1552** www.campmcdonald.org

Commander: Rodney Pritchett

Meetings: Camp McDonald now meets at Come and Get IT restaurant on the 2nd Tues. @ 7 P.M.

Come and Get It is across from Cobb EMC on the Church St. Extension

Chattahoochee Guards Camp #1639

Commander: Dan Coleman- email dancofin@yahoo.com

Meetings: Joint meeting with Robert E Lee & Kennesaw Battlefield Camps every 3rd Wednesday

Location: Piccadilly Cafeteria 536 Cobb Pkwy SE Marietta, GA 30060- We will begin gathering around 6 PM for dinner and socialization with the meeting beginning at 7.

General Leonidas Polk Camp #1446

Commander: Garry Daniell, 770-435-4605, g_daniell@bellsouth.net

Adjutant: Al Penchosky, 770-971-1814, ajpenchosky@yahoo.com

Membership: George Burkett, 770-944-8536, gbetter@outlook.com

Meetings: Every 4th Thursday

Location: The Piccadilly Restaurant in Marietta (NOT in Smyrna) 536

Cobb Parkway SE, Marietta, GA 30060, phone 770-425-5589. It is located a few hundred feet south of the intersection of Cobb Parkway and the South 120 Loop (Southern PolyTech is on that road). We will begin gathering around 6 PM for dinner and socialization with the meeting beginning at 7.

General Robert E. Lee Camp #2005 - www.2005.scvcamp.org

Commander: Harry Eubanks Meetings: Joint meeting with Kennesaw Battlefield & Chattahoochee Guards Camps every 3rd Wednesday

Location: Piccadilly Cafeteria 536 Cobb Pkwy SE Marietta, GA 30060- We will begin gathering around 6 PM for dinner and socialization with the meeting beginning at 7.

Kennesaw Battlefield Camp #700 - www.scv700.com

Adjutant: Tim Pilgrim

Meetings: Joint meeting with Robert E Lee and Chattahoochee Guards Camps every 3rd Wednesday

Location: Piccadilly Cafeteria 536 Cobb Pkwy SE Marietta, GA 30060- We will begin gathering around 6 PM for dinner and socialization with the meeting beginning at 7.

Fulton County**Roswell Mills Camp #1547** - www.scv1547.org

Commander: Ross Glover

Meetings: 1st Thursday, Dinner at 6:00, Program at 7:00 PM

Location: The Harp Irish Pub at 1425 Market Blvd. In Roswell

Rhett Coleman, 12th Brigade Commander

13th BRIGADE REPORT.....

Now that the Holidays are behind us all the Camps in the 13th have busy schedules. Spring cleanup of cemeteries are a big part of everyone's to do list. I know the Simmon's Camp has a full calendar of events for the upcoming year. The Brigade continues to grow and all the Camps had 100% renewals. Thanks to all for their continued dedication to The Cause. If you haven't made plans to attend The Reunion in June at the Horsepark go to www.confederatememorial.org and sign up now.

LaFayette McLaws Camp 79

Meetings are the third Thursday at the Fayette County Historical Society, 195 Lee St. Fayetteville www.fayettescv.com Mitch Crabbe Comm.

John McIntosh Kell Camp 107

Meets the first Monday of the month at The Panda Bear Rest. on Hwy 41 in Griffin. Dinner 6:00 meeting starts at 7:00

Maj. William E. Simmons Camp 96

Meets the 4th Monday of the month at the Female Seminary, 455 Perry St. Lawrenceville. www.scv96.org Joe Bath Comm. jbath@bellsouth.net

Eli P. Landers Camp 1724

Meets at the Landers Church 900 Pleasant Hill Rd. in Lilburn Comm. Barry Denard rebel1bd@bellsouth.net

Gen. George “Tig” Anderson Camp 2038

Will hold their next meeting the 1st Sat. in Dec. at the pond house of Adj. Jim Leathers. JHLeathers@att.net I apologize for missing their meeting Sat. Jan 30th, medical problems prevented me from attending but I will make the next one.

Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne Camp 1361

Meets the 3rd Thursday at Noah's Ark Church, Noah's Ark at Carnes Rd. in Jonesboro. Comm. Lee Stroud, jerryleefan@hotmail.com

Col. Charles T, Zachary Rangers Camp 108

www.scvcamp108.com meets the 4th Monday at 7:00 at the Nash Farm Battlefield Museum, 100 Babbs Mill Rd, Hampton Tony Pilgrim Comm. Rebelson1974@yahoo.com

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Confederate Memorial Camp 1432

meets in the Fellowship Hall of the Stone Mountain Baptist Church, 5306 Memose Dr. Stone Mountain at 7:00 on the 3rd Monday of the month. Richard Straut scvbear@bellsouth.net Commander. Adj. and Lt. Comm. North Phil Autrey philautrey@aol.com Plans are complete for the 2016 Georgia Division Reunion to be held at the GA. International Horse Park next June. Get all the details and fill out your registration form at www.confederatememorial.org

Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp 863

meets on the 2nd Tuesday at the Masonic Lodge, Milstead Rd. in Conyers beginning at 7:30. Comm. John Maxey commander@campjoewheeler.org. Steve Camp Adjutant and 13th Brigade Comm. confederatesteve1861@yahoo.com The Camp swore in three new members at its 28th annual Lee-Jackson Dinner, they are Mr. Anthony Ford, Mr. Logan Reeves and Mr. Jack Wilson II. A special THANK YOU to Mr. Bob Collins of the William E. Simmons Camp for providing us with an exceptional program.

13th Brigade Commander, Steven W. Camp
confederatesteve1861@yahoo.com

❖ End of Brigade Reports ❖



A brief look into Captain Samuel Ashe's book entitled, *"A Southern View of the Invasion of the Southern States and War of 1861-65."*

Samuel Ashe was the Official Spokesman for the United Confederate Veterans Association. His book easily and clearly describes what caused the War. Captain Ashe states it happened because of the Declaration of

Southern Independence. The South declared their independence and the north decided they would take the role of King George III in the American Revolution and stop the independence by sending an invading army into the South.

Today's society may ask, well why did the South declare their independence? According to Captain Ashe, it was for two reasons... One was ANGER, the other reason was FEAR.

1. The anger was based on the Morrill tax act, except the South was being taxed at a higher rate and it infuriated them, (just like during the American Revolution), it infuriated the Southern planters. So they were angry to begin with, but that alone did not cause the Southern States to succeed from the Union. It was John Brown's raid. Southerners feared there was going to be a massive uprising of the slaves if the Southern States didn't get out of the Union.

2. The number two reason was fear. The abolitionist movement of New England was trying to get the Negro slaves of the South to rise up and slaughter the Southern white population to acquire their independence. One must consider that ninety- percent of Southern people didn't own any slaves. The abolitionists of the north were calling on the black slaves in the South to kill the non-slave owners in large numbers. That caused great fear throughout the South at that time. That fear smoldered for a while, but when John Brown of Kansas came to led a group of people to steal guns from Harper's Ferry and invade Virginia, (he was trying to get the cause of the uprising to start). At that point, the South feared the North had started the great slave insurrection, which would slaughter millions of Southerners. The abolitionist were not just trying to abolish slavery, they were trying to kill every Southerner.

The South was hoping that the slave insurrection would not be like what happened in Haiti where not only slave owners were killed, but everybody. That's what they feared would happen. The U.S. military under the command Robert E. Lee was ordered to capture John Brown. He was eventually captured and ordered to be hanged for insurrection under the authority of the U.S. government.

It was anger and fear that drove the South to succeed from the Union. It wasn't until (after) John Brown's raid that the Southern States declared their independence and withdrew from the Union.

Mark Pollard, Georgia Division Historian, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Haralson Invincibles Camp #673 Report

At the Haralson Invincibles Camp #673 Annual December "Christmas with the Soldiers" meeting, we were able to swear in 4 new members! Welcome Compatriots !

Starting out yet another year Living the Charge and Advancing the Cause - on January 5th, our members attended the Haralson County Board of Commissioners meeting to receive our 3rd Annual "Robert E Lee and Stonewall Jackson Birthday Proclamation" from Chairman Allan Poole and elected representatives. In return, we proudly presented them with an OFFICIAL Sons of Confederate Veterans Certificate of Appreciation to Haralson County Board of Commissioners Chairman Allen Poole and all individual commissioners and staff for their years of continuing dedication and support not only for Camp 673 and its mission but more importantly for our Confederate ancestors and our Confederate history and heritage.

Commander Billy, Amy, Ben and Jacob Snow, and Pam Tolbert all participated in the Robert E Lee Day parade in Milledgeville. Ben carried the Lee HQ flag, and Jacob carried the Camp 673 flag while Billy carried an AoT pattern CBF, Pam wore a gray and red hoop dress, and Amy marched with a lot of friends she had invited which helped boost attendance. Later, Billy attended the DEC meeting and gave his report to the members as Heritage Defense Officer.

Camp members worked closely with District 31 State Senator Bill Heath on a project for celebrating General Lee on his upcoming Birthday, and after some dialogue and hard work, Senator Heath took to the Well of the Georgia Senate on January 20th, 2016 and read a powerful speech both promoting the honor and greatness of General Robert E Lee, as well as defending his good name and providing a much needed education to other Senate members. Special thanks to Jerry Segal for making this a reality.

Our members are currently working hard to spread the word about HB 760 and doing our best to ensure it's defeat. We need everyone's help to kill this bill and Save Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Park.

We meet at Wright Way BBQ in Bremen across from Plantation Pipeline next to Old Towne Music Hall on the 1st Wednesday of each month, located at \1003 Alabama Ave S, Bremen, GA 30110. Y'all come grab a bite to eat and sit in on our meetings.

Next meeting is February 3rd, March is on the 2nd.

This photo was taken by Camp Associate Member Jerry Segal, and the picture was included in the coverage of the Lee-Jackson Proclamation that was printed in both the Haralson Gateway Beacon and

Tallapoosa Journal newspapers. The story was also carried over the airwaves via WGMI 1440 AM out of Bremen. The Mayor of Tallapoosa followed suit and signed a Lee-Jackson Birthday Proclamation on January

12th. Both Proclamations were posted on our Camp's Facebook page www.facebook.com/haralsoninvincibles) which resulted in thousands of more individuals reached with the truth about our greatest Southern Heroes and yet more page likes – coming up to a total so far of 1,410 followers and continuing to grow steadily.



From left to right are Camp members Jacob Snow, David Snow, Adjutant Richard Boarts, Chairman Allen Poole, Commissioner and member Sammy Robinson, 2nd Lieutenant Commander Nathan Forrister, Color Sergeant Benjamin Snow and Belle Mrs. Pam Tolbert.



L. 12th Brigade Commander Rhett Coleman presents certificate to new member, R. Compatriot James Snider, Chattahoochee Guards Camp 1639.



Top: Dixie Guards Camp Commander Hu Daughtry and wife, Susan.
Bottom: 5th Brigade Commander Thomas Miller presents Hu the "Pvt. Henry Ellis Thain Intrepid Confederate Award."



Outgoing Thomas Marsh Forman Camp Commander Jack Lipthrott displays birthday cake for Generals Lee and Jackson at their annual Banquet, January 28, 2016.



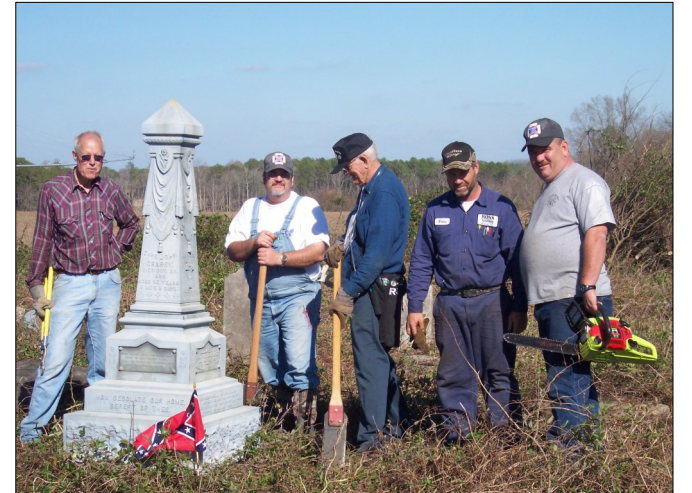
B/G John C. Carter Camp Commander Jim Reeves welcomes members and guests to their Lee/Jackson Banquet, January 16, 2016.



Immortal Six Hundred Memorial Committee honours those left behind in unmarked graves. L to R: Jim Willis; Bryant Williford; Steve Luse; Jeffrey Marlow; Randall Burkhardt. National Cemetery at the Pulaski Prison, Cockspur Island, Georgia.



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Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039: Before and After, cemetery clean-up. Can you see the grave monument in the LH side of picture at top? Live the Charge, men!



Top, Bear Creek Artillery readies a salute. Bottom, Infantry inspection at Lee's Birthday, Milledgeville, 2016.

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