



Graves of 17 Dead Unknown Confederate Soldiers Desecrated at Church in DC Suburb

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A memorial at the grave of 17 Confederate soldiers, 16 of whom were never identified, was desecrated at a church in the DC suburb of Silver Spring, MD, last month.

The vandalized gravestone memorial was barely mentioned by any national media, despite being only minutes from the nation's capital and nearby the homes of hundreds of journalists.

The grave marker for the 17 soldiers at Grace Episcopal Church cemetery in Silver Spring was vandalized in early June, then toppled completely on June 14.

While desecration of any grave is vile and should be condemned fully, the story of this monument is particularly interesting for anyone with an interest in American history.

The soldiers buried at this church died in the battle of Fort Stevens in July of 1864 and their bodies were unceremoniously dumped in shallow graves at several farms in Silver Spring, while the Union soldiers who perished were buried formally at the Battleground National Cemetery.

"In 1874, the pastor of Grace Episcopal Church, himself a Confederate veteran, was able to locate 17 bodies and had them moved to the church cemetery. The only body that could be identified was Pvt. James Bland of Highland County, Virginia. The graves were lined up in front of the church in a lot donated by Montgomery Blair, a parishioner who had been Lincoln's postmaster and Dred Scott's attorney," Allen Browne's 2011 [blog](#) about the landmark explained.

Source: Gateway Pundit

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.

Wirz Family Seeks Pardon

Several descendants of Capt. Henry Wirz are initiating a petition for a full government pardon.

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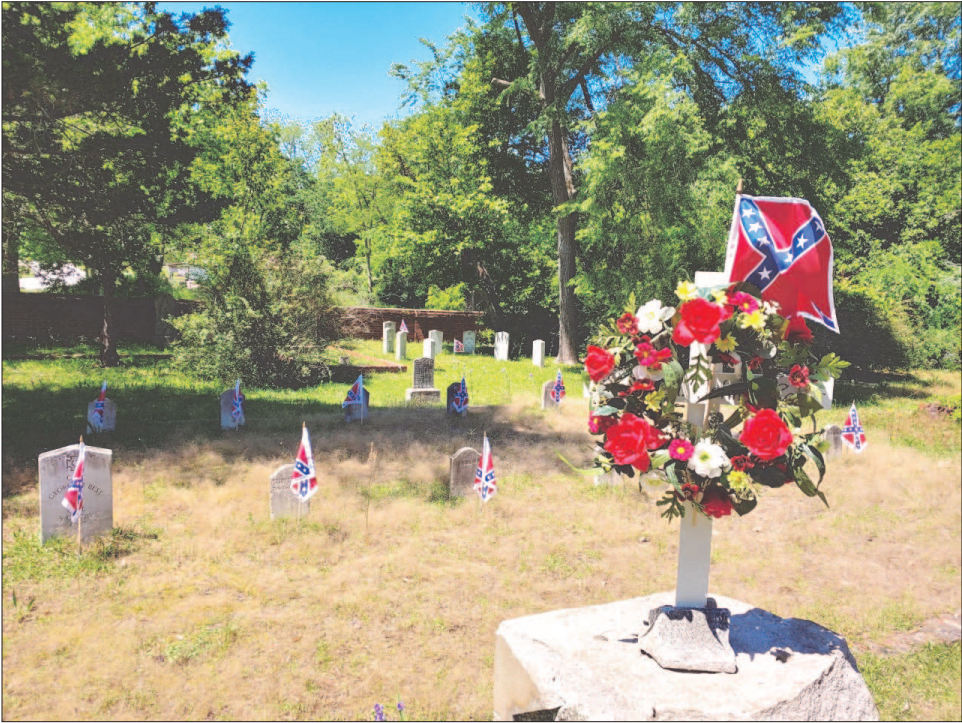


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[L] C.T. Miller, Jr. 25 year life member of the SCV, Cmdr. of Camp#1914 General Ambrose R Wright, Columbia, County, Georgia was awarded The Commendation Medal from the Georgia Division by Cmdr. Tim Pilgrim; Cmdr. [C.]Carl T. Miller, Jr., Carl T. Miller, Sr., Jim Davis Camp Adjutant; [R]Carl T. Miller Jr., Cmdr., Jim Davis, Adj., Paul Gramling CIC-SCV, Carl Tommy Miller, Sr.
123rd Georgia Division Reunion, July 10-11, 2020, Macon, Georgia



The Georgia Division's new web-page won the best web-page in the Confederation Award called the General Samuel Cooper Award. Congratulations Barry Colbaugh!
Below: The wax bust of our new Bronze Soldier.

Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #207 recently honored graves of CSA soldiers killed in "The Battle of Waynesboro 1864" and many other CSA soldiers buried in Burke County in observance of Confederate Memorial Day, April 27, 2020.
Tim Lively



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Camp McDonald 1552 held its first meeting on June 9, 2020 since the China Flu struck. The meeting was held under the gazebo in the Marietta Confederate Cemetery.
Jeffrey Wright



Commander's Report

The best I can say is it's been one rough ride these last 5 months. First, with the Chinese Virus pandemic interrupting our daily lives, Camp meetings, and SCV activities. Then, since May 25th we have been enduring an outright assault on our Confederate Heritage and Monuments like we have never seen before. It has been nothing less than a tragedy for our State and Country. Its especially sad to see the beautiful Monuments in Virginia and North Carolina being destroyed by the "peaceful protestors" and removed by these liberal City and County governments.

Gentlemen, **WE ARE AT WAR** and under full attack by a degenerate bunch of communist punks and black lives matter thugs who have absolutely no respect for public or private property nor for the men and women who have worked, fought and died protecting the liberties that they enjoy. These punks and thugs have -0- comprehension of history and the sacrifices our ancestors made. They are nothing more than spoiled children indoctrinated by the liberal establishment who have been living a life of hand-outs with their mama and daddy providing for them all their lives. They are useless idiots for the liberal establishment to destroy this Country.

It is disheartening for all of us to see the vandalism done to our Confederate Monuments. While our elected officials do nothing to enforce the laws, many of them are even promoting the vandalism, while the so called "conservative" politicians hide like cowards under their rocks and do nothing.

Gentlemen, as usual the Sons of Confederate Veterans is the tip of the spear in this fight. Again we stand alone against this anarchy, against these attacks on our Confederate Grandfathers, Uncles and Cousins.

The 1st and 2nd sentence of our Charge Reads: "To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name"

To protect and preserve the good name of the Confederate Soldier is our duty. These monuments represent men who can no longer speak for themselves. We are the voice of our Confederate Soldier. We must fight these tyrants with all our being. We need to stay unified, hold our ground and fight them with everything we've got. Never give in, never give up.

In the last three months the Division has issued over 100 certified Legal Notifications to mayors, City Council members and County Commissioners. We have filed Temporary Restraining Orders and Lawsuits against the City of Athens / Clarke County, Henry County, Newton County and Rockdale County. With lawsuits pending for Dekalb County, City of Kennesaw and City of Fairburn. In the middle of the night DeKalb, Rockdale and Henry Counties have unlawfully removed the Confederate Monuments that honored the Veterans of those Counties.

A few of weeks ago I asked you to go to your Camps and try to Contribute at least \$500 to help cover these legal expenses. I come to you again and humbly ask that each Camp contribute what they can. Camp McDonald

Camp 1552 out of Kennesaw an average size Camp with 24 members contributed \$4,000.00 to our Heritage Defense Fund. Camp McDonald has set the bar for all of us. They know we must win this fight in our State Courts. We are all grateful for any amount your Camp can contribute toward our legal fight. I want to give a special thanks to our Division Spokesman, Martin O'Toole for heading up and coordinating these legal fights for our Division.

Brothers we can't stand on the sidelines and expect the work will be done **for** us. Every Camp needs to issue the 50-3-1 legal letter with a copy of 50-3-1 to your city councils and County Commissioners using the template the Division has provided. Go meet with them, offer to place cameras at the Monuments. Find out what their intentions are. Find out if your local monuments are on the Registry of Historical Places. Continue to communicate with your Legislators and write letters to the Attorney General and Governor demanding they do their duty and enforce State Law.

Our Division is strong. We are maintaining our membership numbers. Our Division Secretary Kitty Dorety is running our Division Office at a level of excellence that we all can be proud of. Our rosters are up-to date. Our Division store is making enough profit to cover our Office rent cost. Kitty manages the daily operations, while providing support to our Camps.

We demonstrate much of our strength through our communications efforts. Keeping our Division membership informed is one of our primary objectives. We have launched a new modern Division web page. We issue email notifications and press re-



leases through our constant contact account. Our social media accounts are up-dated regularly and our Division Newsletter *The Georgia Confederate* is sent to our membership every two months.

The Georgia Division has created a 501c4 organization that allows the 501c4 organization to engage in funding unlimited lobbyist and legislative activities without involving the SCV's 501c3 status. We also understand that a totally separate 527 Political Action Committee has been created called the Veterans Memorial Coalition, Inc. to help support candidates that support Veterans monuments. [Go to www.Vetmc.org and check out their new web-page, contribute if you can.]

Good news to report is the 3 monuments that were vandalized or damaged in Sylvania, Milledgeville and Rome have all been repaired.

We had a successful year getting the Hunley Awards and scholarships awarded to JROTC cadets. This year's 5th Annual Georgia Confederate's Youth Camp went very well.

We had a successful 123rd Division Reunion in light of all the chinese virus restrictions. We were placed in the large auditorium to comply with the social distancing requirements and the acoustics weren't the best. Hopefully next year we will be able to return to the ball room.

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A big THANKS to Division Secretary Kitty Dorety and Executive Director Thomas Stevens for coordinating the Reunion. The delegate registration flowed perfectly.

Thanks to our Sergeant at Arms Josh Thayer and his team for providing a flawless security operations plan. We also appreciate Commander in Chief Paul Gramling, Lt. Commander in Chief Jason Boshers and Army of Tennessee Commander Jimmy Hill for coming to our Division Reunion, and addressing the Delegates.

I personally want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Division Commander for another term and I assure you, I will continue to move our Division forward and continue the fight against our enemies to no end. All State wide Division Officers were elected by acclamation. The Georgia Division has an excellent leadership team both State wide Officers and Brigade Commanders. We are fortunate to have our Past 7th Brigade Commander Chuck Griffin now serving as the Georgia Division Lt. Division Commander South and a new 3rd Brigade Commander Eric Cleveland. Both these men are excellent Officers and I ask that you welcome them to their new positions and support their efforts.

Our past Division Lt. Division Commander South Al Perry was awarded the Georgia Division Confederate of the Year award for his years of dedicated service to the Division. Editor Perry has decided to continue to serve as our Editor of the Georgia Confederate.

I'm pleased to announce that the Gen. Henry L. Benning Camp#517 was awarded the Georgia Division Camp of the

Year Award, well deserved.

I was able to attend and represent the Georgia Division at SCV National 125th Annual Reunion in St. Augustine. The General Kirby Smith Camp did an excellent job hosting the Reunion. I was able to address the Delegates by giving our annual Division Report. I was honored to be able to nominate our new Army of Tennessee Commander Jimmy Hill and made a motion for the General William J. Hardee Camp #1397 and the Kennesaw Battlefield Camp #700 to host the SCV National 127th Annual Reunion in Marietta, Georgia. The motion was seconded and approved by the Delegates.

In closing, we have a fight before us, and we must ride to the sound of the guns. Its either do or die. Please give to Heritage Defense. I assure you every cent will be used to fund our legal fights. Be proactive as a Camp. Don't let these communist City and County governments remove our Confederate Monuments in the middle of the night. Follow the steps we have given you to be proactive in this fight. Keep your Brigade Commanders informed so the Division can also issue a legal 50-3-1 legal letter, file a Temporary Restraining Order and Law Suit if needed. We will take this fight all the way to the Georgia Supreme Court if we must. But it is always best to stop it as soon it starts. Just remember we don't have a full-time paid Division Staff waiting to take on all these issues like our enemies do. We need the help of all our members. This fight it's not for spectators everyone needs to do their part.

In your service always,
Timothy F. Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander

Raphael Semmes & Captain Hillyar

The following conversation between English ship Captain Hillyar and Capt. Raphael Semmes-Confederate Ship *CSS Sumter* (and after 1862 *CSS Alabama*) occurred during the war on August 5th, 1861. It is a summary from a well-educated Southerner who is stating his reasons for fighting. Captain Hillyar expressed surprise at Captain Semmes' contention that the people of the South were "defending ourselves against robbers with knives at our throats", and asked for further clarification as to how this was so, the exchange below occurred. I especially was impressed with Semmes' assessment of Yankee motives - the creation of "Empire"!

Semmes: "Simply that the machinery of the Federal Government, under which we have lived, and which was designed for the common benefit, has been made the means of despoiling the South, to enrich the North, and I explained to him the workings of the iniquitous tariffs, under the operation of which the South had, in effect, been reduced to a dependent colonial condition, almost as abject as that of the Roman provinces, under their proconsuls; the only difference being, that smooth-faced hypocrisy had been added to robbery, inasmuch as we had been plundered under the forms of law"

Captain Hillyar: "All this is new to me", replied the Captain. "I thought that your war had arisen out of the slavery question".

Semmes: "That is the common mistake of foreigners. The enemy has taken pains to impress foreign nations with this false view of the case. With the exception of a few honest zealots, the canting hypocritical Yankee cares as little for our slaves as he does for our draught animals. The war which he has been making upon slavery for the last 40 years is only an interlude, or by-play, to help on the

main action of the drama, which is Empire; and it is a curious coincidence that it was commenced about the time the North began to rob the South by means of its tariffs. When a burglar designs to enter a dwelling for the purpose of robbery, he provides himself with the necessary implements. The slavery question was one of the implements employed to help on the robbery of the South. It strengthened the Northern party, and enabled them to get their tariffs through Congress; and when at length, the South, driven to the wall, turned, as even the crushed worm will turn, it was cunningly perceived by the Northern men that 'No slavery' would be a popular war-cry, and hence, they used it. It is true that we are defending our slave property, but we are defending it no more than any other species of our property - it is all endangered, under a general system of robbery. We are in fact, fighting for independence."

James King
SCV Camp 141 Commander
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**Executive Council Meeting Schedule:**

ALL START at 10:00 a.m.

October 10, 2020 (Ole Times Country Buffet, Macon, Ga.)

January 16, 2021 (Lee Event in Irwinville, Jefferson Davis Memorial Park)

March 27, 2021 (Ole Times Country Buffet, Macon, Ga.)



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Sons of Confederate Veterans Georgia Division **123rd Reunion Meeting 11 July, 2020** **Macon, Ga.**

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by Commander Tim Pilgrim at 9:30

Invocation and given by 4th Brigade Commander Kim Beck

Flag Pledge and Salutes led by Compatriot Jett Smith

Motion made by JA Coleman to allow ladies to sit in on the meeting. Motion passed

Commander Pilgrim introduced the Georgia Division Special Guests

Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling

Army of Tennessee Commander Jason Boshers

Past Army of Tennessee Commander Jimmy Hill
Georgia Division Commanders Report – Commander Tim Pilgrim

Liberal attacks on our heritage and country continue. We must hold our ground protecting our heritage. The Georgia Division has issued over 100 legal letters to Georgia county establishments. Providing a letter of legal intent and a copy of the current heritage protection laws.

The Georgia Division is asking each Camp to go beyond current dues and donations in donating an additional \$500 to heritage defense. These funds are needed as legal fees mount in the response to the current heritage viola-

tions. We must continue to fight and stand strong.

Our Division is strong. Our Division Secretary is doing a great job answering all the phone calls, providing support, and operating the Division store. The Division Office is self-sustaining through the Division store. Flags, signs, iron crosses and many other things can be bought through the Division store and should be each Camps first stop. By supporting the store, you support the Georgia Division.

The Division Web Site is first class and is going strong with Barry Colbaugh as the webmaster. He is doing a great job making sure the site has all the required information and is current.

Division newsletter, The Georgia Confederate, goes out bi-monthly thanks to the editor Al Perry. Each Camp needs to support the newsletter with articles and events. It is our newsletter and we need to continue to support.

Each Camp needs to continue to support the Hunley Awards, working with local schools. The Division has the Hunley Awards; contact Division Secretary.

Martin O'Toole – On-Going Legal Actions All Camps and members need to be a part of the fight.

We need to hold our elected officials responsible. Send them a handwritten letter letting them know we are expecting them to follow the law in protecting our monuments, grave sites, and flags.

Discussed on-going legal actions and the need to hold our ground. He stressed the importance of our legal support and the need to add more support to meet the increasing heritage violations.

Adjutants Report

Adjutant Richard Straut reported that 57 camps were represented at the Reunion.

Adjutant Straut gave a detail budget/treasurers report. Reporting that all outstanding bills were paid and that the books are balanced. Phil Autry provided a 3rd party review of the budget report.

Motion was made to accept the budget/treasurers report. Motion passed

By-law / Amendments

Policy #9 *"In the event of a conflict with the date of the Annual Convention Business Meeting as specified in Article VIII, Section 1 of the Division By-Laws. The Time and Place Committee shall make an alternate date recommendation to the Executive Council for their approval. This recommendation must be made and approved by the Executive Council within (2) two months prior to the date of the Annual Convention Business Meeting as specified in Article VIII,*

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Section 1 of the Division By-Laws". Motion was made to accept as written, received a second and motion passed. Amendment # 2020-01, "Amendment to provide more flexibility to the annual Convention dates in the case of natural disasters, date conflicts and unforeseen changes. Allows annual Convention to be held on the 1st or 2nd Saturday in June". Motion was made to accept as written, received a second and motion passed. Amendment 2020-02, "The purpose of this amendment is to have candidates declare candidacy for Division office before the Reunion, to give Camps and Members an opportunity to discuss their preferences prior to the Division Reunion". Motion was made to accept as written, second received, hand vote to close to call, paper ballot called for. Vote taken paper ballots counted 98 for and 71 opposed. Motion failed: did not receive required 2/3 vote.

Tag Fund Projects

Project# 2020-01, "Greenwood Cemetery Confederate Monument, submitted by the Calhoun Rifles Camp #1855 in the amount of \$4,969." Submitting Camp gave an overview of the project and what it would provide. Motion was made to approve, received a second, motion passed.

Project# 2020-02, "Cast aluminum replacement carriage for the GMI memorial cannon at the Marietta Confederate Cemetery,

Submitted by the Camps of the 12th Brigade, in the amount of \$4,500". Submitting Camp gave a justification and planned project overview. Motion was made to approve, second received. Motion passed.

Project# 2020-03, "Bronze Confederate Soldier Monument, Submitted as a Division project, in the amount of \$18,500". Commander Pilgrim gave a project overview and the history of the soldier monument mold. Motion made to approve, second received. Motion passed.

Project# 2020-04, "Jefferson Davis Memorial Park pavilion ice machine, submitted by the Jefferson Davis Cowboys #682, in the amount of \$2,384". Project overview and justification provided by the submitting Camp. Motion made to approve, second received. Motion passed.

Declared Candidates of Division State Offices

Georgia Division Commander - Timothy F. Pilgrim, Kennesaw Battlefield Camp # 700. No other candidate. Selected through acclamation

Georgia Lt. Division Commander North - George James Crawford, John B Gordon Memorial Camp #1449. No other candidate. Selected through acclamation

Georgia Lt. Division Commander South - Charles (Chuck) William Griffin, Clement A. Evans Camp #64. No other candidate. Selected through acclamation

Georgia Division Adjutant - Richard Kevin Straut,

Confederate Memorial Camp #1432. No other candidate. Selected through acclamation

Georgia Division Judge Advocate - Daniel A. Coleman, Chattahoochee Guards #1639. No other candidate. Selected through acclamation

Proposed Resolution, presented by Barry Colbaugh

Resolved: There are six Confederate Cemeteries maintained by the State of Georgia including Resaca, Cassville, Kingston, Marietta, Jonesboro and Milner.

Resolved: The State of Georgia has no deed to any of these properties and assumed maintenance during President Jimmy Carters administration in the 1970's when it was politically advantageous for them to do so.

Resolved: If the Georgia Sons of Confederate Veterans could draft a letter to Governor Brian Kemp requesting the State of Georgia to release the ownership, care and maintenance to the Georgia Sons of Confederate veterans, we could acquire said property for the asking.

Discussion: After much discussion on cemetery maintenance and cost, a motion was made to table, received a second, motion passed, resolution tabled.

Special Brigade Election

3rd Brigade Commander Curtis Collier announced he was stepping down immediately as Brigade Commander due to personal

reasons. He nominated Eric Cleveland to fill his position as 3rd Brigade Commander. No other nominations were received from 3rd Brigade members in attendance. Motion was made to accept Eric Cleveland as 3rd Brigade Commander, second received and motion passed. Only 3rd Brigade members voted to accept.

Heritage Defense Report - Commander Tony Pilgrim

Over the past few weeks, we have been inundated with heritage violations. We need all Camps and members to continue the fight protecting our heritage. We must hold the line and not give up.

Presented Corey Harrelson with the Heritage Defense Award for his outstanding support.

Commander-in-Chief Gramling, addressed the delegation during these trying times we must show restraint. It's the policy of the SCV that we do not participate in other organizations or group rallies/functions representing the SCV or wearing SCV logo. Gave closing remarks thanking everyone for their support. We should all stand strong supporting our heritage. Meeting concluded with Benediction by Commander Kim Beck. Singing of Dixie to dismiss at 2:20 pm.

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Executive Council Meeting
July 11, 2020
Macon, Ga.

Executive Council Members Present:		
Division Commander		
Tim Pilgrim	Present	
Division Lt. Commander-North		
George Crawford	Present	
Division Lt. Commander-South		
Chuck Griffin	Present	
Division Adjutant		
Richard Straut	Present	
Division Judge Advocate		
Dan Coleman	Present	
Division Chief of Staff		
Tim Hawkins	Present	
Past Division Commander		
Scott Gilbert	Present	
1st Brigade Wendell Bruce	Present	
2nd Brigade Michael Dean	Present	
3rd Brigade Eric Cleveland	Present	
4th Brigade Kim Beck	Present	
5th Brigade Thomas Miller	Present	
6th Brigade Donald Newman	Present	
7th Brigade James Carter	Present	
8th Brigade Hershell Smith	Present	
9th Brigade Ken Arvin	Present	
10th Brigade Al Medcalf	Present	
11th Brigade Ted Thomas	Excused Absent	
12th Brigade Michael Reither	Present	
13th Brigade Tony Pilgrim	Present	

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by Commander Tim Pilgrim at 2:50

Invocation given by 4th Brigade Commander Kim Beck

Flag Pledge and Salutes led by Commander Pilgrim

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim for the Chief of Staff Tim Hawkins to

document meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim to adopt previous meeting minutes of Jan 18, 2020. Motion passed.

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim to give State Secretary a \$1.50 raise to current hourly rate. The Division Office is self-supporting through the Division store and the raise will not impact the current budget. Motion passed.

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim that the Georgia Division should move forward with an appeal at the US 11th Court of Appeals in the Alpharetta Old Soldiers Parade litigation. Martin O'Toole provided discussion and justification on why the Division should move forward with the appeal and the impacts of the final judicial decision. Motion passed.

National Awards

Commander Pilgrim presented Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service, Accommodation, Heritage Defense, and Division Service awards to many deserving members. Time was limited and all were not presented. The remainder of the awards will be presented later.

Commander Pilgrim informed the Executive Council that our lobbyist, John Poole, is retiring and that the Georgia Division should seek to replace him. The lobbyist committee will re-engage to look for a replacement as soon as possible. This lobbyist support was critical in supporting the current monument protection laws and will be needed in the future as attacks on our heritage continue.

Commander Pilgrim stressed the need for additional attorneys to support the Division legal actions. Current legal support is becoming overwhelmed and can't efficiently cover

all actions. The importance of local attorneys at Brigade level was stressed and that local attorneys would know the local environment better than someone from out of town. It was recommended that each Brigade look into finding an attorney. The Division will also look to find additional legal support.

To provide better support to the Camps, it is requested that the Camps utilize the chain of command for issues. It is impossible for Commander Pilgrim to interface one on one with each Camp considering the current tempo of heritage issues and actions. Camps are requested to utilize the Brigade Commanders and Lt. Commanders to work through issues. The Lt Commanders will take issues to the Division Commander. This will provide efficient and timely support to the Camps.

Considering the many and costly legal actions currently ongoing, Commander Pilgrim asks if possible, each Camp donate \$500 to the heritage defense fund. As the Division stands strong defending our heritage the legal fees are increasing. Each Camp is asked to support above the normal donations and dues the increase in legal fees as the Division responds to the mounting heritage violations.

Brigade/Committee Reports:

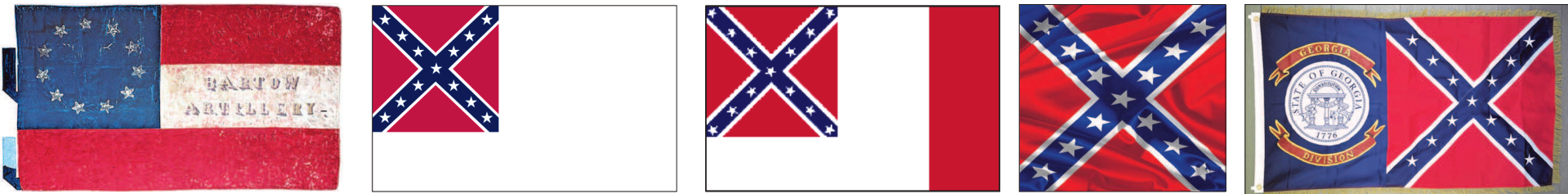
Brigade reports were not given at this meeting. Brigade Commanders will give reports at the next Executive Council meeting.

Committee reports were not given at this meeting. Committees will report at the next Executive Council meeting.

Meeting concluded with Benediction by Commander Kim Beck.

Singing of Dixie to dismiss at 3:40.

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Georgia Division Pending Litigation

Cotriss Case - 1st Amendment violation

Synopsis:

Silvia Cotriss was a police sergeant with the Roswell city police. She was fired for flying a Confederate Battle Flag in front of her home. A black pharmacist complained because she had a city police car parked at her home. According to her attorney, the car was in the shop on the day in question. She sued based on the city fired her when she was exercising her 1st amendment rights at her home.

The case went before US District Court of Northern Georgia and Judge William Ray ruled against her.

Status:

The case was appealed and now is awaiting a ruling from the US 11th circuit court of appeals. The SCV has assisted in expenses in this vital case. If the ruling is upheld, the precedent could be set that no Confederate heritage supporter has a right to a government job.

City of Alpharetta - Old Soldiers Day Parade- 1st Amendment violation

Synopsis:

The Roswell Mills Camp # 1547 has been participating in the Old Soldiers Day Parade in Alpharetta, Georgia for 17 years, always flying the Battle Flags. The Old Soldiers Day Parade was started by Confederate Veterans at the turn of the century. In 2018 the city informed the Camp that they could not fly the Battle Flag in the parade stating that it might incite violence. The Camp agreed to fly the SCV logo flag instead. In 2019 the City enforced the same policy. The Georgia Division filed for a Temporary Restraining Order

(TRO) in the US District Court of Northern Georgia. The TRO was denied by Judge William Ray and Georgia Division then filed a suit against the City of Alpharetta for violation of their 1st amendment rights.

The City's defense was that since the City was the primary sponsor, the parade was considered to be governed by "governmental speech" and not a First Amendment violation. The City argued that permitting the Confederate Battle Flag might cause viewers to believe the City was endorsing the Confederacy or the SCV. The SCV provided proof the VFW was the primary sponsor and there were other participants in the parade. The Democratic party of Fulton County was one such group. Other businesses advertised their trade. The SCV argued that the City was not concerned about endorsing the Democratic Party or these businesses.

Judge William Ray again ruled against the Georgia Division citing that the parade was governed by the concept of governmental speech.

Status:

The SCV has filed a motion for reconsideration with the US District Court of Northern Georgia based upon the issue of forum analysis. If the motion for reconsideration fails, then the Division will file an appeal with the United States 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

City of Columbus - Linwood Cemetery - O.C.G.A. §50-3-1 violation

Synopsis:

General Henry Benning Camp #517 entered into an agreement by resolution with the Mayor

and City Council of the City of Columbus on October 4, 1994, to erect two 35-foot flag poles flying the Confederate Battle Flags in the Confederate Sections of the Linwood Cemetery. Sometime in 2016 the Battle Flags were removed and replaced with 1st National Flags. The Camp made various attempts to resolve the issue with the Mayor by rotating the flags with the many different flags of the Confederacy, but the Mayor refused. The Camp then placed, as permitted under the Agreement, a Battle Flag back on one pole per the agreement. The Mayor and Council responded by having the Memorial Flag poles cut at the base and removed.

Status:

Georgia Division filed a suit in violation of 50-3-1 in Muscogee County Superior Court, awaiting Court day to be set.

City of Athens/Clarke County - O.C.G.A. §50-3-1 violation

Synopsis:

City of Athens Clarke County Consolidated Government (ACC) stood by and permitted "peaceful protestors" to vandalize the 1871 Clarke County Confederate Monument located at Broad and College Streets. The ACC voted to remove the Confederate monument to an obscure location in Clarke County at the end of a dead-end, rubbish-strewn road. They claim the move is necessary for a pedestrian walk-widening project that has been in the works since 2019. The plans received under an open records request clearly show that proposed relocation of the Confederate monument was not considered until May, 2020. The Georgia Division filed for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and filed a lawsuit for

ACC's proposed violation of O.C.G.A. §50-3-1. The Superior Court of Clarke County denied the Georgia Division the TRO based on the doctrine of sovereign immunity.

Status:

The Georgia Division lawsuit for violation of O.C.G.A. §50-3-1 is awaiting a court date. The Division has filed two amendments to the suit. (1) Shows that the Downtown Athens area has been designated a Federal Registered Historic Place and there are restrictions and procedures on making changes. These procedures have not been followed by Defendant ACC. (2) An affidavit from Senator Jeff Mullis clarifying the legislative intent of Senate Bill 77 (the 2019 amendment of O.C.G.A. §50-3-1). Senator Mullis states under oath that sovereign immunity was waived in the amendment.

Rockdale County - O.C.G.A. §50-3-1 violation

Synopsis:

Chairman Oz Nesbitt, Jr., Chairman of the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners made an "executive decision" to remove the Rockdale County Confederate Monument. No formal discussion or vote was obtained from the Rockdale County Board of Commissioners. The Monument was removed that night in the darkness.

Status:

Georgia Division filed a suit for violation of O.C.G.A. §50-3-1 in Rockdale County Superior Court. We are awaiting our day in Court. The Division has filed an amendment to the suit: An affidavit from Senator Jeff Mullis clarifying the legislative intent of Senate Bill 77 (the 2019 amendment of O.C.G.A. §50-3-1). Senator Mullis states

Pending: Continued next page >

Pending: Continued under oath that sovereign immunity was waived in the amendment.

Newton County - O.C.G.A. §50-3-1 violation

Synopsis:
The Newton County Board of Commissioners voted to remove the Newton County Confederate Monument. The Georgia Division filed for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and filed a lawsuit in violation of 50-3-1. While the Newton County Superior Court Judge did not issue a TRO, he ruled that nothing would happen to the Confederate Monument until the final ruling was issued.
Status:
The Newton County Superior Court Judge ordered that legal briefs be submitted within (14) days. After review, he will make a ruling. Also, the judge indicated that he would issue a certificate of appeal if requested. The Division has filed two amendments to the suit: (1) We show that the downtown Covington area has been designated a Federal Registered Historic Place and there are restrictions and procedures on making changes. These have not been followed. (2) We have filed an affidavit from Senator Jeff Mullis clarifying the legislative intent of Senate Bill 77 (the 2019 amendment of O.C.G.A. §50-3-1). Senator Mullis states under oath that sovereign immunity was waived in the amendment.

Henry County - O.C.G.A. §50-3-1 violation

Synopsis:
The Henry County Board of Commissioners voted to remove the Henry County Confederate Monument. The Georgia Division filed for a Temporary Re-

straining Order (TRO) and filed a lawsuit for actions proposed in violation of O.C.G.A. §50-3-1. The Henry County Superior Court Judge did not issue a TRO accepting the County's defense based on the doctrine of sovereign immunity. The Georgia Division filed a motion to reconsider after finding a lease agreement between the County and City showing the property where the Monument was standing was leased by the City of McDonough. Therefore, the County had no standing to remove the Monument.
Status:
Georgia Division filed a suit for violation of O.C.G.A. §50-3-1 in Henry County Superior Court. We are awaiting Court day to be set. At this moment, the monument has been at least partially removed. The Division has filed another amendment to the suit. An affidavit from Senator Jeff Mullis clarifying the legislative intent of Senate Bill 77 (the 2019 amendment of O.C.G.A. §50-3-1). Senator Mullis states under oath that sovereign immunity was waived in the amendment.

Law Suits that will be filed in the near future:
DeKalb County, violation of O.C.G.A. §50-3-1
City of Kennesaw, violation of O.C.G.A. §50-3-1
City of Fairburn, violation of O.C.G.A. §50-3-1
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Georgia Division members, it's time for us to do our part. Tim, Martin, Dan and others have carried the ball to the opponents 5 yard line. Let's take it over the goal.

What can we do????
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Georgia Division Camps Supporting Heritage Defense

1552	Camp McDonald	\$4,000.00
700	Kennesaw Battlefield	\$1,000.00
1639	Chattahoochee Guards	\$1,000.00
2200	Georgia Division HQ	\$1,000.00
91	Thompson Guards	\$700.00
517	Gen. Henry L. Benning	\$700.00
682	Jefferson Davis Cowboys.....	\$565.00
943	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Glover	\$530.00
79	Gen. Lafayette McLaws	\$500.00
96	Maj. William E. Simmons	\$500.00
141	Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson	\$500.00
690	W.F. Jenkins	\$500.00
707	State of Dade	\$500.00
914	Cherokee Legion	\$500.00
1397	Gen. William J. Hardee	\$500.00
1859	Joseph McConnell	\$500.00
64	Clement A. Evans	\$400.00
926	Lt. Dickson L. Baker	\$200.00

Listed are Camps that Made Separate Donations to Heritage Defense as of 7/31/20. If your Camp has made a donation, and your name is not listed here, please contact the Division Secretary:
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Division Spokesman Report

What is to be done?

Somehow, I have gotten on some kind of a left-wing email list. They send an email every day suggesting a course of action for that day. It could be to send a letter. It could be to make a phone call. It could be to read some tract to learn the Bolshevik talking points.

Commander Pilgrim and I were talking about what can be done. Every member and supporter of true Southern history knows what the stakes are today: our ancestors' legacies are to be obliterated.

It was regarded as a joke a few years ago when Stacey Abrams suggested "sand blasting Stone Mountain." It is not a joke today. Indeed, it is more likely that the cultural vandals would prefer a more spectacular stunt. Their intellectual guides, the Taliban, were delighted to use explosives. I can easily see a smiling Stacy leaning into a detonator to the applause of the international corporate media.

So, what can be done?

There are several courses of action that supporters of Southern heritage can take. Ecclesiastes 10:19 says "... money answereth all things..." (KJV). And money can answer a lot. We don't have George Soros on our side, but we do have a lot of people who, by giving what they are able, can make a difference.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is spending plenty of money on legal fights to protect our monuments around the State of Georgia. You can donate to the Heritage Offense fund of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

You can help in the legal fight in other ways.

We need feet on the ground

to do research. ♦Who does the monument belong to? ♦Who paid for it? ♦What was said at the dedication speech according to old newspaper articles? ♦Has your local government gotten recognition of a federal historical district in which the monument is included? ♦If so, was the monument mentioned in the application as a reason for granting the historical district? (Get a copy of the application.)

Most importantly, has your local government asked for any amendment to remove the Confederate monument?

DON'T ASK YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ABOUT THIS.

It may be a pitfall for them. Just find out what communication they have had with the National Park Service or the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office. See if you can review this in a very low-key manner.

Is there a **lawyer in your community** who would be willing to be hired by the SCV to carry on the legal battle in your area? While we would be delighted to have a volunteer, we are willing to pay the going rate for the right legal talent. Trial lawyers would be best. Talk to the lawyers you know. If they cannot or will not do it, do they have a recommendation?

Again, we will pay the lawyer their rate. After all, the worker is worthy of his hire. (Luke 10:7) We are not asking for freebies from good lawyers.

The SCV has formed a 501(c)(4) foundation for lobbying in the Georgia General Assembly. In 2019 we were able to strengthen O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 to better protect our history. Now

that the law is being put into effect, we can see some improvements that need to be made in the next General Assembly. You can donate to the lobbying effort to make sure we can effect change in the legislature in 2021.

Trying to improve O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 will be meaningless if the Georgia General Assembly becomes filled with Stacy Abrams clones.

You can take two steps here. **This is an election year.** Contact your candidates for State Senate and State House. Find out where they stand on heritage issues. Directly ask them if they will vote to strengthen the laws such as O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 to make these protections effective.

Just asking about these issues will have an effect on them. The more voters who ask the candidates, the more they will be responsive to our issues.

If you don't think you can see them in this year of the Plague, write them or email them. (No reason not to do both.)

Regardless of party, if they will support monument protection, then you need to support them. Share this position with other like-minded heritage supporters.

You can volunteer in their campaign. You can at least tell them that based on their statement you will vote for them and encourage all your family and friends to do the same.

Even if your local Senator or Representative is unopposed, contact them!

But, when it comes to giving money, there is a better course. The Veterans Memorial Coalition (VMC) - <https://vetmc.org/> - has been formed to support good candidates for office on a non-partisan basis. Give your money to it so the VMC can have more impact with the candidates when it comes time to vote in the Gen-

eral Assembly. The VMC is what all politicians hate: a no-compromise one issue group.

Try to influence others by letters to your local papers. Make them short and sweet. The shorter, the less likely to be edited. Letters are like a commando raid. Make one point and pull out. You can follow up with another letter.

Call-in radio is also a good outlet. We need to show strength in order to influence others. At present, our voices are being drowned out.

Local SCV Camps should not make any agreements with local governments without talking to the Georgia Division first. There have been some very sneaky efforts by your "public servants." Let us advise you before you get behind the eight ball. Let us review any written agreements.

Finally, if there is a meeting of your city council or county commission with the intention to attack the monument, let your friends know. Attend. Sign up to speak in opposition to changes. Let the Georgia Division know so we can act as well. Heritage Offense is not a spectator sport. If you don't do something, how will you face your Confederate ancestors who were willing to put everything on the line?

Martin K. O'Toole

Georgia Division Spokesman



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20 June 2020

BACKGROUND

While no stranger to disinformation, Confederate heritage has been under consistent attack since 2015 when Dylan Roof murdered nine parishioners in a Charleston, SC church. Because a photo surfaced of Roof holding a Confederate flag at some point in his past, those of Marxist ideology wasted no time in exploiting the tragedy in order to foment social/cultural unrest. To a large degree, their intimidation tactics worked; former South Carolina governor [Nikki Hayley](#) famously folded to cultural Marxists, which has had a snowball effect ever since. To be sure, Marxist individuals and organizations, aided by the media and politicians lacking constitution, regularly attack the low-hanging fruit that is Confederate heritage, primarily Confederate monuments and the public display of the Confederate Battle Flag.

Of particular interest to Marxists are the names of 10 U.S. Army installations named for Confederate officers. These installations are:

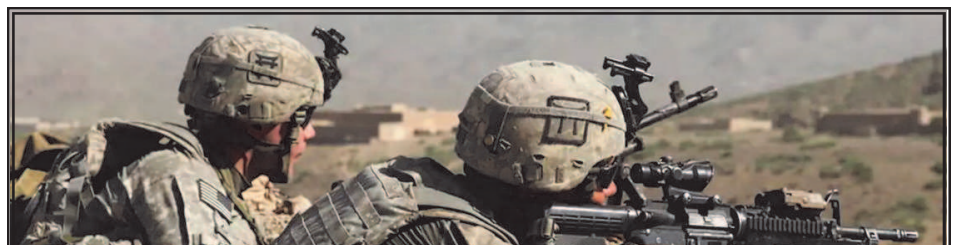
- [Fort A.P. Hill](#), VA
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- [Fort Polk](#), LA
- [Fort Rucker](#), AL
- [Camp Beauregard](#), LA

A cursory Google news search of this topic yields more than 48,000 results.

When the topic was first covered by [Time Magazine](#) in June 2015, the official U.S. Army response to the media, as presented by the then-Chief of Army Public Affairs, Brig. Gen. Malcolm Frost, was, "Every Army installation is named for a soldier who holds a place in our military history. Accordingly, these historic names represent individuals, not causes or ideologies. It should be noted that the naming occurred in the spirit of reconciliation, not division."

Sons of Confederate Veterans

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👉 Chuck Griffin swearing in our newest member John Bennett into the Camp. Mr. John will be 90 years old in January and is very proud to be the great grandson of Captain Richard Henry Bennett of the 54th Georgia Infantry.



**Lt. Col. John Stith
Pemberton
3rd Calvary Btn., CSA**



👉 While out of school Compatriot William Griffin was staying busy by changing out recruitment signs and cleaning grounds around Camp Flag on Hwy. 82. Compatriots Mike Griffin & William Griffin are putting out new flags on Veterans graves on Confederate Memorial Day.
(L-R), Chuck Griffin, William Griffin, and Robert Smith set up a recruiting and information table at Waycross Clement A. Evans Camp 64 ; Waycross. GA

👉 Jubilee performing at Georgia Division Reunion July 10th. 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵



👉 Roswell Mills #1547 inducted new members: L to R Richard McCrary whose ancestor was Pvt. Tillman Smith, Co. C, 9th Btn., Georgia Cavalry/State Guards; Steven Kendall, whose ancestor was Pvt. William Franklin Kendall, 5th Reg, Tn Inf.; Jonathan Leake, whose ancestor was Col. Henry Eaton Coleman, NC 12th Inf.; Rev. Jim Moore, Chaplain; and Cmdr. Josh Hyde.



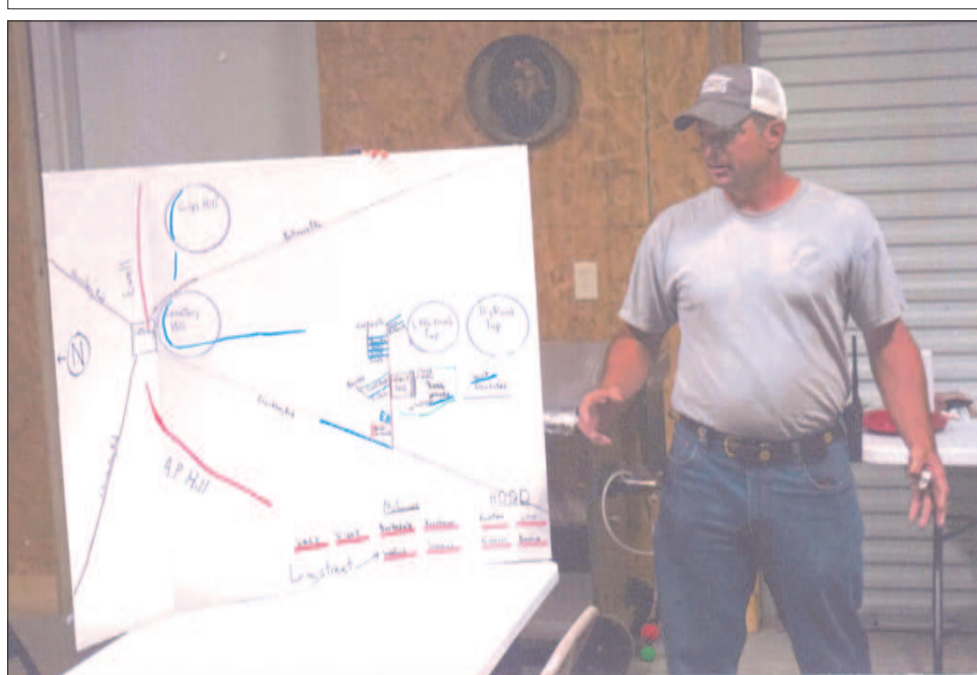
☞ “The Sons of Confederate Veterans” Hunley Award, was presented to Cadet Petty Officer, Christopher Hart of Greenbrier High Schools, Jr. Naval ROTC Program by Lt. Cmdr. Carl Tommy Miller, Sr. and Adjutant Jim Davis, Camp # 1914 General Ambrose R. Wright. Chris also received a Scholarship check from the Georgia Division. Cmdr. Carl Tommy Miller, Jr.



☞ Brig. Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr. Camp #18 delegates to the 123rd Georgia Division SCV Reunion in Macon: L to R, Terry Cross, Rocky Ferrera, Mike Waits, JETT Smith, Scott Dooly, Fred Bone.



☞ Cmdr. Miller swears in new member to the General Ambrose R. Wright Camp #1914.



☞ Rod Bryan speaks to the Lt. Lovett Allen Tully Camp #2071 on the Battle of Gettysburg on the 157th anniversary of the Battle.



☞ The Georgia Division Golf Team: L to R - Joel Coleman, Rhett Coleman, Senator Jeff Mullis, Dan Coleman, Drew Coleman. All the Colemans are from the SCV/ Chattahoochee Guards Camp # 1639.

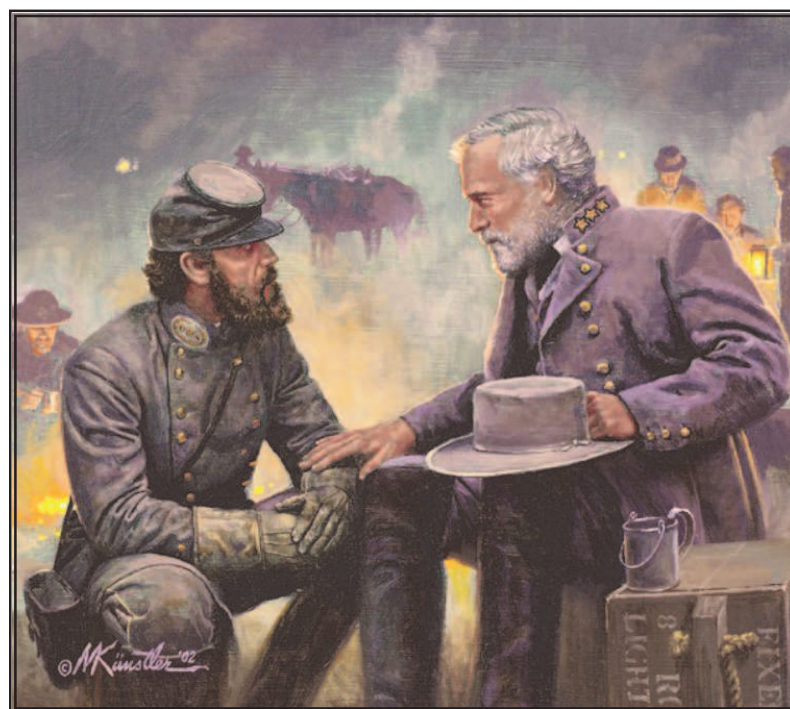


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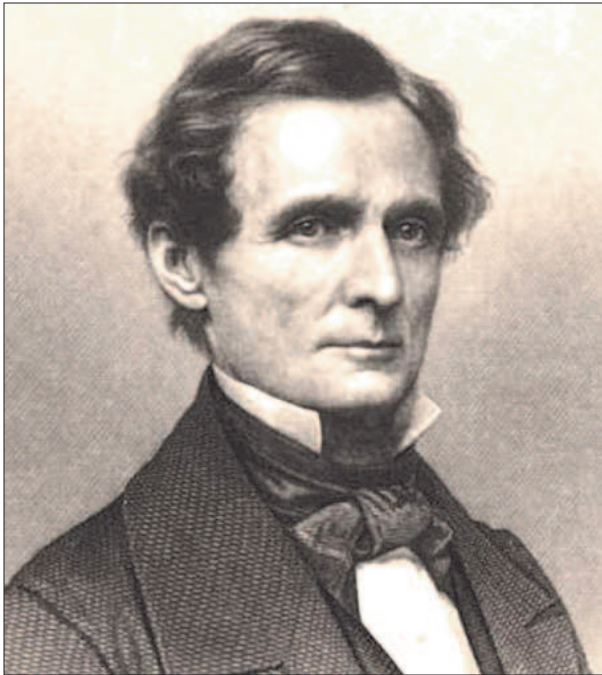
2. Think about your background.

3. Fill the lens with your subject so that you don't include any unwanted images. .editor.

☞ 2020 Georgia Confederates Youth Camp Campers and Counselors. Div. Cmdr. Tim Pilgrim was the guest speaker at the Friday Ball & Banquet.



☞ Charles Barry Whitney, Jr. was an active member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #158 B/Gen. E Porter Alexander Augusta, Georgia. Scene from funeral. See Page 22



The Confederate States of America:
A government of the people, by the
people, and for the people.
A Representative Republic

Georgian Deaths at Elmira

Elmira Prison in New York was located 241 miles (by car) northwest of New York City in the city of Elmira. Originally known as Camp Rathbun and Camp Chemung, it was originally established as a training camp for Union troops. In May of 1863, Colonel William Hoffman, Commissary General of Prisoners ordered it to be converted into a prison camp. The camp's first Commandant was Major Henry V. Colt (brother to Samuel Colt, maker of the Colt revolver).

The camp was designed to hold 4,000 prisoners, but by August, 1864 the numbers had swelled to 12,123. Prisoners were forced to sleep outside in the open, having to rely upon their own ingenuity for constructing drafty shelters consisting of sticks, blankets and logs. The winter of 1864-65 was lethally cold. The temperature dropped to -18 degrees twice and a storm in February dumped over two feet of snow. A spring thaw flooded the camp and disease ran rampant. After hearing reports of the conditions Union soldiers faced in Confederate prison camps, Col. Hoffman reduced rations in retaliation. A tent served as a hospital and there was not an assigned surgeon. Instead the camp relied upon the services of William C. Wey, a local civilian. By the end of the war, 2,970 men had perished – a death rate of 25%.

To add insult to injury, the outside of the prison took on a festive type atmosphere. Two observatories, as well as food and beverage stands were erected. Curious onlookers could view inside the camp for a fee of 10-15 cents.

Men from Georgia accounted for 345 (11.6%) of the deaths. 41% of those were from the northeastern part of the State, 16% from the northwest, 16% from the southwest and 27% were from southeastern Georgia.

Upon reviewing the Georgia Rosters, we find that 78% of these soldiers served in infantry units, 20% in the cavalry and 2% in light artillery regiments. Most of the men who served in the cavalry belonged to the 7th Georgia Cavalry and were captured at Trevillian Station, Virginia on June 11, 1864.

As would be expected due to the conditions the men were forced to endure, disease was the primary cause of death. Dysentery was the number one killer claiming 34% of the deaths, followed by pneumonia (24%), variola (18%) and typhoid fever (12%). The remaining 12% died from other causes which includes freezing to death. From February, 1864 through July, 1865 an average of 2 Georgians died per day.

Elmira was one of the deadliest Union operated Prisoner of War camps and is referred to as "Hellmira" by those who were imprisoned there.

The soldiers who perished there were interred at Woodlawn Cemetery, located 1.5 miles to the north. The Confederate Graves Registry, maintained by the SCV, contains the names of the Georgia soldiers along with their rank, assigned unit, place of capture, cause of death and date died.

Garry Daniell; Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp 1446; June 22, 2020

Sources:

Confederate Graves Registry; Friends of Elmira Association; Georgia Rosters; National Parks Service, Soldiers and Sailors System; Find-A-Grave; battlefields.org; Wikipedia.org



Sons of Confederate Veterans Georgia Division Confederate Graves Registry



The results from our Division's efforts toward it's Graves Project to date follow. Over the last fiscal year, 3,077 Georgia Soldiers have been added to the Registry. At the end of May, 2020 there are 33,052 Georgia soldiers and 4,194 Georgia cemeteries recorded within the CGR. Of the 33,000 approximately 3,000 are buried outside Georgia.

During the same period the total number of solders/sailors recorded in the National CGR increased by 4,638. Accordingly, our Division contributed 3,077 (66%) of the total growth of the registry during the last year..

Of the 3,077 soldiers added in the last year by our Division, 1,410 came from 7 members with the balance from my research. This is a drop in participation as 14 members contributed 1,147 to the CGR last year. We could really use help in this area. If you are interested coordinating your area of the state, contact me or your Brigade Commander.

We still have a long way to go as of the 159 counties in Georgia, as only 40 counties have been completely enumerated. A listing is available, but is too lengthy to include here. Contact me if you wish a copy.

Some of the very large cemeteries such as Oakland, Atlanta; Magnolia, Augusta; Linwood, Columbus; Laurel Grove North and Bonaventure, Savannah are incomplete at this time. Riverside in Macon has done to last names beginning with "S".

If you have information, whether it is a County, cemetery, or a single grave send it to us. If your information relates to soldiers buried outside Georgia, we need those records too.

Visit the Georgia Division website at <http://gascv.org/>; select the "About Us" option in the banner, then "Graves Registry" to access the link that will take you to the CGR where you may view what has already been recorded.

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Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Position on Monument Removal, Defacement and Name Changes.

The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans condemns in the strongest terms possible the vandalism, removal and defacement of any Veteran's monuments, memorials, or grave markers and will assist law enforcement in any way possible to vigorously pursue the prosecution of these heinous violations to the fullest extent of the law.

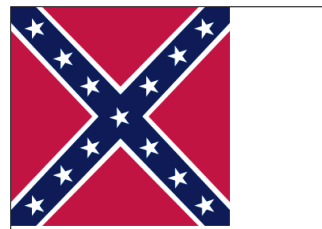
We hold the services and sacrifices of our American veterans to be sacred and any acts against these heroes and patriots should be deemed by all patriotic Americans as an act of terrorism, equivalent to the atrocities performed by the Taliban and ISIS to erase the heritage and culture in their region.

Our organization also opposes in the strongest terms possible the removal, renaming, modification, or reinterpretation of any monument, memorials, or the names of streets and governmental institutions that are named after and that honors veterans of *any* conflict, or the Founding Fathers and Historical figures. Removal and modification are nothing more than an attack on true historical facts and is highly dangerous and evil.

Most of the Confederate monuments were erected over 100 years ago. They were financed by the mothers, wives, daughters, and sisters of Confederate veterans to honor their service and sacrifices.

Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines are American veterans designated by an act of Congress in U.S. **Public Law 85-425: Sec. 410 approved 23 May 1958**. They deserve the same respect as all American veterans and we believe that an attack on one set of veterans is an attack on all American veterans.

Issued by Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Executive Council, November 10, 2018



Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Resolution and Position on the Confederate Battle Flag

WHEREAS, the Confederate Battle Flag is the most recognized symbol of the Confederate States of America, the Southern region of America and has always been a symbol of Southern Patriotism and Valor; and **WHEREAS**, the Confederate Battle Flag is a symbol recognized world-wide as a symbol of a people's struggle against tyranny, fighting against over-whelming odds, and the struggle for freedom and liberty; and **WHEREAS**, the Confederate Battle Flag was not a governmental flag, but was the primary flag of the common Confederate soldier that flew with them during battle, while on the march, and in Camp; and **WHEREAS**, most of the early Southern people of the Americas were of Scottish and Irish descent and recognized the Saint Andrews cross on the Confederate Battle Flag, (sometimes referred to as the "Southern Cross") as a symbol on the flags of their ancestral countries of Scotland and Ireland, which had spiritual meaning to them; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans are the true inheritors of the legacy and symbols for which the Confederate Veterans fought and died; and

WHEREAS, the Sons of Confederate Veterans has always condemned the misuse of the Confederate Battle Flag or any of our Nation's flags or symbols by any extremist group or individual, by whatever name they may use,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans does hereby condemn in the strongest terms possible the slander spoken against the Confederate Battle Flag, or the removal and banning of the Confederate Battle Flag from any memorial, forum and display where the Confederate Battle Flag is being flown as tribute and in honor to the services and sacrifices of the Confederate Soldier.

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans encourages the citizens of Georgia, America and the people of the world to learn more about the true meaning and history of the War for Southern Independence and to display the Confederate Battle Flag with gratitude in honor of the Confederate Veterans and the principles for which they fought.

Issued by the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Executive Council, November 10, 2019



The Sons of Confederate Veterans Increases Reward to \$3,000 for Information leading to the Arrest and Conviction for Acts of Vandalism to Veteran's Monuments. *Press Release*

Since the Press Release issued on June 7, 2020 two (2) more Veteran's Monuments in Georgia have been vandalized. The Gwinnett County Monument in Lawrenceville and the Bibb County Monument in Macon. Therefore, the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans has authorized an increase of the reward amount \$3,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties on any of the below recently damaged monuments.

- The Confederate Lion at Oakland Cemetery, Atlanta, Ga. where over 3,000 unknown Confederate soldiers are buried.
- City of Athens/Clarke County Confederate Monument, erected by the Athens Ladies Auxiliary in 1871.
- City of Gainesville/Hall County Confederate Monument.
- Spaulding County Confederate Monument in Griffin, Ga.
- Stonewall Cemetery Confederate Monument in Griffin, Ga.
- Dodge County Confederate Monument.
- Henry County Confederate Monument in McDonough.
- Gwinnett County Confederate Monument in Lawrenceville.
- Bibb County Confederate Monument in Macon.

The lawlessness vandalism of all our Nation's Monuments are under attack by the Marxist mobs while our City and County politicians to do nothing to control the chaos. The Christopher Columbus monument was toppled, the monument to the fallen police officers vandalized and even the Revolutionary War Tomb of the Unknown Soldier vandalized.

We call on all Georgia Municipalities and County governments to do their sworn duty and protect your citizens and property in your jurisdiction by allowing the local Police and Deputies to do their job and arrest these cowardly vandals.

Please contact Secretary@gascv.org or call 1.866.728.4642 with any information on these crimes.

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...to collect and disseminate the truth.

Everyone should do all in his power to collect and disseminate the truth, in the hope that 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... Robert E. Lee

I wanted to share some experiences recently with both the Atlanta History Center and the Atlanta Fulton County Library. I was looking for specific resources and in both cases the resources were misplaced and or stored away. With the library they were actually mocking me about the fact the resources were stored away. I have come to realize that as we see monuments and markers torn down that also our books and information will also be purged in one form or fashion by academia. We can even see this on social media like Facebook and Twitter with the removal of free speech and ideas. I feel we need to start safeguarding all of our data just as we are trying to do with our monuments.

I have found a resource called the Digital Library of Georgia. This resource is available online and you can google the name. There are newspaper resources, books, pictures, videos and information including The Truth of The War Conspiracy of 1861 by Johnstone. I would encourage everyone to visit the site when you get the chance and search the information there especially the newspapers. This is a great genealogical resource in those newspapers. It occurred to me that the SCV needs its own digital library. I am not sure what it would cost but to have a server and a backup for redundancy we can have our own digital library. Imagine if we could store all Confederate and Southern related books, videos and resources

in a central location for download and viewing at home. My legs and feet can tell you how difficult it is to access the libraries like Emory and the University of Georgia.

In the meantime, we could start collecting all data related to your Camp. Newsletters, pictures, documents and everything you can collect, and save them to a USB thumb drive. The cost of a thumb drive is around \$5 to \$10 dollars at either Wal-Mart or a computer outlet. The larger the thumb drive data size, the larger the cost for example 32, 64 or 128 Gigabyte drives. It all depends on your needs and the number of items the Camp wants to store. For hard copy items you should be able to go to the local library and scan documents to the thumb drive for free. I have done this with personal photographs, diplomas and birth certificates having a backup copy of valuable documents. The librarian should be able to help. This way if the SCV ever gets a digital library Camps could be able to save the data there to share with future generations. This will also be useful for Camps to catalog and pass on their data from Adjutant to Adjutant and Commander to Commander.

The UDC has many of their conventions and records in book form. If we could have our past conventions, bylaw changes, resolutions and voting stored online, Camps could access that data before proposing any changes in the future and make corrections where there might have been some disputes in the past. Good record keeping would be a benefit to us all. Currently the SCV has Georgia Confederate Newsletters back to 2013 and most of that information is there. Many of our records are at www.georgiascv.org.

**I would be happy to help if you want to save or archive any of your records onto a thumb drive, contact me at barrycdog@yahoo.com
Barry Colbaugh
Stiles/Akin Camp #670**

Letter emailed to all the local municipalities and police departments concerning the protection of American veterans' monuments.

Dishonoring American Veterans

In almost every county and parish across the South, there stands a statue and/or memorial marker on the courthouse lawn to the local boys who went off to our many American wars and did not return. Usually most prominent among them is the monument to their Confederate soldiers.

These are not, nor have they ever been monuments to slavery. For 90% of the rank and file who served the South were NOT slaveholders, but rather, were small farmers who competed in the production of cotton with those who employed slave labor. While Southerners have always served in this nation's military arms in disproportionate numbers to their total population (as they do to this day), they never before or after represent so many homes as they did in the years of 1861-65.

It would have been most difficult in those years to have found a family who did not supply a member(s) to the local companies mustered, and of those numbers a staggering 25% never returned home! Thus the reason for monument lists which usually outnumber the sum total of all other war dead on county memorials. More Southern boys gave their lives during the War Between the States than in all other American conflicts combined.

While most of these listed on Confederate memorials were white, tens of thousands of Southern blacks (free and slave), served honorably in Confederate ranks, and in the years following the war fellowshipped with their white comrades-in-arms at old soldier reunions often held on the same courthouse grounds that today bear their monuments.

But whether white or black, Jew or Gentile, each of these Confederate veterans are recognized by multiple US Congressional acts as American veterans with the same standing as any other American veteran. To seek to demolish their memorials and to tarnish their devotion to duty, is to unequivocally dishonor American veterans just as one would with such injury to any other American veteran who has served this nation and their state with honor. To dishonor a Confederate veteran is to dishonor an American veteran, which should never be excused at any time in these United States of America.

Ralph West Mills
Comdr., "27th Georgia Regiment"
Camp 1404, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Gainesville, GA

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"For such a time as this..."

[update]

Please consider helping the descendants of Capt. Henry Wirz, Commandant of Andersonville Prison Camp (1864-1865), apply for a Presidential Pardon for him.

After the War, Capt. Wirz was taken to Washington and tried before a Military Tribunal.

He was found guilty of murdering Yankee prisoners (no body NOR no prisoner name was ever given), and hung on November 10, 1865. Many historians have called the trial a national disgrace, and the most unfair trial ever held in the United States.

After the hanging, the Yankees cut off Capt. Wirz' head, arms, and legs, and publicly exhibited the bones about the country. In 2020 some of the bones are still on public exhibit at a museum in Maryland.

The descendants of Capt. Wirz and a number of their friends have acquired the services of Attorney David McCallister from near Tampa, Florida to apply for the Pardon. Mr. McCallister has been involved in several lawsuits involving Southern civil rights plus city and county governments moving CSA monuments.

Mr. McCallister has volunteered his personal legal services at no charge. However, there will be a number of expenses in applying for the Pardon. These include a trip to Washington to determine the exact legal procedure, plus a second trip to take all the paperwork required for the Pardon request. Several trips to Andersonville Prison Camp (now Andersonville National Historic Site) to gather information are expected. A trip to Louisiana will be needed to discuss things with a number of the Capt. Wirz direct descendants living there, along with calls and correspondence with Col. Heinrich Wirz (great grand nephew) of Switzerland. A lot of other legal research by the attorney's secretaries will be needed.

We friends of the Wirz family have set a target of raising \$ 8,500.00 to cover these expenses and any others that may come up. Thus far, a total of \$2,000.00 has been donated by the Americus Camp and a total of \$4,500.00 has been raised.

If you see fit to donate towards the expenses involved in the Presidential Pardon Request, please make the check out to "Capt. Wirz Book Account" and mail to James Gaston, 2220 GA Hwy. 30 West, Americus, GA 31719. Those making a donation of \$ 50.00 or more will receive a copy of the booklet "Andersonville Prison and Capt. Henry Wirz Trial."

Thank you in advance for your help.

James Gaston, Chairman of the annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service (held in Andersonville) for the past 20 years. For more information, call or text me at 229-938-9115 or email gaston7460@bellsouth.net

The 44th Annual Memorial Service this year will be on Sunday, November 8, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the town of Andersonville, and all are invited to attend.



GOD KEEPS IT SIMPLE

“The LORD preserveth the simple...”

Psalm 116:6

Most of us consider ourselves simple folks (not simple-minded) but we tend to live complicated lives. The Bible may seem hard to understand - like a text book may be difficult without an instructor. Our personal instructor is none other than the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD. No one ever understood a word of Scripture without HIM explaining it.

This much everyone needs to understand: GOD wants one thing, YOU. Forget about your money, your time or anything else you think you could do for GOD. If HE has YOU, HE has it all, anyway! This is to say HE wants your heart and the fellowship of a close relationship. Let's face it, GOD went to a lot of trouble for us – the death of HIS only SON. What more could HE do? What does HE want in return for all HE did – again, the answer is YOU.

Considering that HE gave HIS only SON, HE does expect something in return. Again, it is YOU. Moreover, HE does not want it to be hard for you to get to know HIM. HE keeps it real simple.

No one really wants to go to Hell regardless of what they say or do. Some joke about “going there to meet friends” or “taking the place over when they arrive.”

They will do no such thing. Let's face it, JESUS knows more about Hell than you because HE has been there. (Ephesians 4:8-10)

The good news is that you do not have to go to Hell. Never say that “GOD sends anyone to Hell” ... that is a lie! Hell was made for the devil and his angles, not humans (Matthew 25:41). Maybe you do not believe Hell exists. That's a gamble you can take - “you pays your money and you takes your chances.”

Do not buy into the lie that you are too bad for Heaven. Some folks reckon they are too good. GOD paid the price for you to enter with the blood of HIS very own SON. That is enough to cover all the sins of the world. Take HIM up on this offer. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. GOD keeps it simple. Just get alone and say to GOD, “I have sinned. I believe JESUS came to earth and died for ALL of my sins. Forgive me of my sins, help me to live for YOU and grant that I might go to Heaven when I die.” That will do it. If you will have HIM, HE will surely have you. HE keeps things simple.

~ John Wayne Dobson

“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.”

– Psalm 19:7

Innocenti

In 1852 a man named Innocenti was bathing in the Arno River [Italy] and found a Bible. The binding was damaged, but not the leaves, as it had been tied together. The fact that it was a forbidden book caused many persons to read it secretly. The Prince of Tuscany was a bitter persecutor at that time, and it was supposed that the tide had brought it down from Florence, where someone had been forced to throw it into the river. Among others who read the Bible was a woodworker, who not only read for himself, but also read aloud to others. One of his hearers was a stone-mason named Georgi, in whose soul a longing desire for peace was awakened, which for twenty years he could not get rid of. In his ignorance he once attended a meeting of the Freethinkers, but came away more unhappy than ever he was before. The Good Shepherd led him to the shop of one of the Bible Society's agents, where he told his story to Signor Fabbioni, who gave him a New Testament. He read it carefully, and became a diligent and earnest worker for the salvation of souls. Dr. Mazzinghi, Ross, Francesco Madiati, and others were imprisoned or banished in 1852. The Bible was distributed under circumstances of great danger. The Arno River did, without doubt, what no colporter would have dared to do. It carried the Word to Signa, and we rejoice over its fruits.

“‘So mightily’—literally, ‘thus, with overcoming power, the word of God’ (the Gospel of Christ,) ‘grew’ (extended, spread,) ‘and prevailed,’ as where a citadel is taken by military force,” Melancthon W. Jacobus.

Source: A Lord's Day Snippet

Dr. Ron Rumburg

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Charles Barry Whitney, Jr.

Member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #158 B/General E. Porter Alexander, Augusta, Georgia. Barry was a GGrandson of General E. Porter Alexander and A GGrandson of Eli Whitney.

Mr. Charles Barry Whitney, Jr., age 92, entered into rest on July 24, 2020. He was the loving husband to Laure Bailie Whitney. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Augusta where he was an Elder in the church.

Mr. Whitney was born in Augusta, Georgia. He was a graduate of The Academy of Richmond County, and received a Bachelor's degree from Bob Jones University.

He served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

Mr. Whitney was the President of the S.M. Whitney Company, Augusta Fertilizer Company, Whitney Grain Company and The Cotton Exchange of Augusta. He also served as the Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer of several restaurant companies located in North Carolina. Mr. Whitney also served as a director of Georgia Railroad and Banking Company. Mr. Whitney also served as the Vice President of the Georgia Cotton Warehouse Association. He was a president of the Augusta Gideons Association and the Kiwanis Club of Uptown Augusta and Chairman of the Augusta Area Young Life Association.

He enjoyed spending time playing golf at the Augusta Country Club and was an avid baseball fan.

A private graveside service was held Tuesday, July 28, at 10:00 am at Magnolia Cemetery.

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Our Christian/Southern Heritage:

"Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ",

*And protecting the good name of the
Confederate Veteran.*

Jehovah-Jireh

Though troubles assail us, and dangers affright,
Though friends should all fail us,
and foes all unite,
Yet one thing secures us, whatever betide,
The promise assures us, "The Lord will provide."

The birds, without garner or storehouse, are fed;
From them let us learn to trust God for our bread:
His saints what is fitting shall ne'er be denied
So long as 'tis written, "The Lord will provide."

When Satan assails us to stop up our path,
And courage all fails us, we triumph by faith.
He cannot take from us, though oft he has tried,
This heart-cheering promise,
"The Lord will provide."

No strength of our own,
and no goodness we claim;
Yet, since we have known
of the Saviour's great name,

In this our strong tower for safety we hide:
The Lord is our power, "The Lord will provide."

John Newton (1725-1807)

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**I will NOT comply.**

My Daddy at age 17 as did many,
went to fight a war for
my freedoms.

I will NOT comply with the fear
mongering being generated.

I will NOT comply with the Social-
ist agenda being attempted.

I will NOT comply with being told
"I have to" like someone because
of the color God made their skin.

I base my acceptance on whom
they chose to become.

I will not comply with
Unconstitutional authority.

I WILL back the blue over
lawless thugs,

I WILL honor my ancestors
whether anyone likes it or not.

I WILL honor the sacrifices made
by my Daddy and all the others.

And all the sacrifices made by
many members of my family.

I'm not falling for the political
propaganda being pushed.

There is no coin shortage

There is no killer virus.

Anyone with a lick of sense can see
what's happening.

I'm OK if I die in this battle, I will
die with a spine and backbone.

I have no Fear.

My Faith has always been
in my Maker,

He has me every step of the way.

Wanda Jean King

THANK YOU, Georgia Division

The 2020 Georgia Confederates Youth Camp [GCYC] enjoyed some new features. The *Ebenezer Artillery*, sponsored by Gil Zeigler and Michele and Brian Shuman attended 2020 GCYC to salute the memory of our Confederate ancestors.

The Shumans are involved in re-enactments and brought several period features including Campers making their own knapsacks.

Listed are the 2020 Campers and sponsoring SCV Camps:

Emma Pittman

David W. Payne Camp #1633

Joseph Buggay

Kennesaw Battlefield #700

Dalton Shuman

Camp Davis #2073

Thomas Dorety

Edward Dorr Tracy #18

Wendy Arthur

Black Creek Volunteers #549

Marin Arthur

Black Creek Volunteers #549

Keiran Joiner

Black Creek Volunteers #549

We're looking for parents and grandparents who believe it's time to make sure our young folks hear the truth about their Confederate ancestors.

Look for the **2021** Announcement this fall.

Web Site: gcyouthcamp.org

The 45th annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service will be held in the town of Andersonville on Sunday afternoon, November 8, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.



The annual Service is sponsored by the Alexander H. Stephens Camp 78 in Americus and is held to honor the memory of Capt. Henry Wirz, Commandant of Andersonville Prison Camp. The public is invited to attend. In case of inclement weather, the Service will be held in the Village Hall in Andersonville.

Guest speaker for the Memorial Service will be Mrs. Lunelle McCallister, a 5th generation Floridian and a noted speaker on the history of the Confederacy. Mrs. McCallister has served as founder and director of the Tampa Bay Sesquicentennial Commission. She is the founding President of the United Daughters of the Confederacy Chapter in Temple Terrace, Florida where she and her husband, attorney David McCallister, live. She is also the Executive Director of "Save Southern Heritage" Florida Chapter.

For more information, please contact James Gaston, Capt. Wirz Memorial Service Committee Chairman, at gaston7460@bellsouth.net or call or text at 229-938-9115.



David W. Payne SCV Camp 1633

David W. Payne Camp #1633 has a new monthly meeting place, effective immediately.

We will continue to meet the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 7PM. Our new meeting place is the Davenport Veterans Building in Blairsville, off the 4-lane directly across from the Longhorn restaurant.

Greg C. White Editor, *Mountain Muster*, newsletter of David W. Payne Camp #1633 Blairsville, Georgia

General Ambrose Ransom Wright, SCV Camp 1914

Monthly Meeting of SCV Camp 1914, Columbia County

23 June, 2020 Today 6 PM · Cracker Barrel

The meeting is back on! we met at the Cracker Barrel off the Bel Air Road Exit. Cracker Barrel has a Private Meeting Room and we reserved it Grovetown; 460 Parkwest Dr., I-20 & Bel Air Rd., Grovetown, GA.

The speaker was Compatriot B. Martin, from Waynesboro with a new program.

We are a Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp located in Columbia County, Georgia. Which includes Appling, Evans, Grovetown, Harlem, and Martinez, GA.

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McLeod-Moring SCV Camp 1386

The Georgia Society Order of Confederate Rose held the Charter Ceremony for the Heritage Roses at the monthly meeting for the McLeod-Moring Camp Sons of Confederate Veterans held on Thursday, May 21, 2020. There to present the Charter was OCR State President Marcelle Cail and OCR State Treasurer Shelia LeClair. President Cail presented Certificates and membership cards to the new members: Buffy Hill, President; Gena Taylor, Vice President; Alice Webb, Treasurer; Roses - Jenny Williams, Jill Bailey, Elaine Bailey, Mary Grimes. President Cail also presented to certificates and cards to the Thorns of the Heritage Rose Chapter: Daryl Hill, Glenn Grimes, Anthony Bailey, Larry Bailey. The Sons of Confederate Veterans made future plans to clean another local cemetery, discussed ways to raise funds for preservation projects, and day trips for the members. Anyone interested in joining the Sons of Confederate Veterans may contact the Camp Commander B. Daryl Hill at cableman68@att.net. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Heritage Roses may contact President Buffy Hill at hill.buffy10@gmail.com.

Pictured left to right: President Buffy Hill and State President Marcelle Cail



Left to right: Heritage Rose member Jenny Williams, Heritage Rose President Buffy Hill and OCR State President Marcelle Cail



Seated back left State Treasurer Sheila LeClair. Receiving his Thorn Certificate member Glenn Grimes. In white blouse Heritage Rose Vice President Gena Taylor. Presenting membership certificate and card Heritage Rose President Buffy Hill and OCR State President Marcelle Cail.

48 Stars in the Trunk Part 2

By Hu Daughtry

According to several of these sacred epistles from late 1950 / early 1951, I was able to ascertain that Howard had been dating Bernice Marsh since March of 1950. Therefore, when he left for his Army induction, they had been seeing each other for more than eight months. On November 27th, just eight days prior to his departure, he had given her an engagement ring. During the final weeks of his life, his correspondences strongly suggest that he regretted not capitalizing upon the opportunity to espouse Bernice before he was compelled "to march off to war." But, quite laconically, "it just wasn't meant to be...."

All available sources confirm that Howard was stationed at Fort Jackson, located in Columbia, South Carolina, from early December of 1950 until mid-April of 1951. This is inclusive of his basic training as well as his advanced marksmanship schooling.

The letters contained in the old trunk / locker are filled with references to "24 hour passes." It seems that he was sometimes able to obtain a 24 hour pass on certain Saturday nights. Being creative, innovative and also incredibly homesick, he used these passes "as an opportunity to purchase a bus ticket and head home for a few hours." After all, it was only a three-hour ride to Candler County. Of course, with communication being severely limited in those days, "the home folks" were often unaware of his imminent arrival. On one occasion, my grandfather got out his "Winchester Pump" because he thought Howard was a night prowler.

As long as he was back on

the base by 1 AM on Monday, all was well. When my grandmother scolded him about his loss of sleep, he replied that he could get all the rest that he needed during the bus ride back to Fort Jackson.

Disappointingly, he was unable to get a pass home for Christmas. In a more specific sense, he writes his parents that he now truly understands the sadness and pejorative connotations associated with Ernest Tubb's "Blue Christmas" and Bing Crosby's "I'll Be Home For Christmas." As long as he was living at home, these two popular Yuletide tunes had much less meaning. On a personal level, I am inclined to believe that he may have had a foreboding or a premonition that The Christmas of 1950 would be his very last on God's Earth....

In early January of 1951, he contracted some type of respiratory illness and was hospitalized in the base infirmary for nearly three weeks. This definitely put him behind with his basic training schedule. Of course, by this time, Penicillin was available and he definitely benefited from this monumental discovery. In his comments to his mother, he "extols heavy accolades and plaudits upon this new miracle drug." He also remarks that his "backside had become somewhat of a pin cushion."

By mid-April of 1951, Private Walter Howard Daughtry had completed all of his training and military schooling. Hence, he was done with Fort Jackson. After a one week furlough at home, he was bound for The Far East. He told his parents that he wasn't sure if his destination was Japan or Korea. However, in a private letter to my dad, who was an agriculture student at The University of Georgia at

the time, he confided that he was bound for the killing fields of Korea.

Following his furlough, Private Daughtry reported back to Fort Jackson for the last time. The next step was to board a troop train that was destined for the west coast. In some of his letters penciled home, he describes the Louisiana bayous, as well as the barren plains of the colossal state of Texas. By early May, he has arrived at Camp Stoneman, California, which, ominously, is the namesake of a Yankee Cavalry General. Despite the confirmed genealogical fact that his mother's paternal grandfather, William Bowen, nearly lost his arm to a Federal Minie Ball during The Wilderness Campaign of 1864, he likely was unaware of this morsel of Southern History. Private William Bowen, late of Company I of The Ninth Georgia Infantry Regiment, which was an integral part of Robert E. Lee's once-indomitable Army of Northern Virginia, is also in a state of perpetual repose in Metter's Lake Cemetery.

But, at any rate, after a few days at Camp Stoneman, Private W. Howard Daughtry is ordered to San Francisco, and soon finds himself aboard The USS *J. C. Breckinridge*. It is interesting to note that this vessel was the namesake of the youngest Vice President of The United States, as well as a Confederate Major General who subsequently became The Confederate Secretary of War.

Howard is fully aware that his next stop will be The Far East. As he sails out into The Mighty Pacific, he takes the time to inform his parents that he has actually seen The Famous Golden Gate Bridge, as well as That Infamous Penitentiary



known as Alcatraz.

The first stop for Howard and his fellow servicemen was the island of Guam. He was mesmerized by the whiteness of the sands on the beaches of Guam. After one night in Guam, The American GIs on board headed for Japan. This would be their final stop before they would finally land at Inchon, South Korea.

If my memory serves me correctly, May 28th, 1951 was the exact date that my uncle arrived in Korea. From Inchon, he was ordered to Seoul, the capital city of South Korea. His first impression of Seoul is not favorable. He describes, in depth, the high level of poverty, hunger, etc that he witnesses while he is there. Additionally, he writes about "the funny clothes and hats that the Korean women and children are wearing." I'm sure that it was all a major culture shock to a country boy from rural Georgia.

June 3rd, 1951 fell on a Sunday. History tells us that this was the final day that my uncle was allowed to spend in The Land of Mankind. While on a reconnaissance / scouting mission, he was killed by a Chinese Communist Sniper. This took place just a few clicks north of The 38th Parallel. Available records place his venue of death as

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“near the small obscure village of Kotan, North Korea.” Deplorably, upon finally obtaining his personnel records, I was horrified to learn that he lay on the battlefield for six days before he was buried. The enemy marksmen were positioned in the hills for days and would not allow any of The United Nations Troops into the area. So, his comrades were unable to retrieve his body until the following Saturday. I am truly thankful that my dad and my grandparents were never aware of this gruesome aspect of Howard’s death.

My uncle possessed superb marksmanship. While at Fort Jackson, he impressed his superiors with his shooting prowess and firearms skills. As a direct result, he was trained to be The Browning Automatic Rifle Man for his squad. Since The BAR Man was the largest threat to the enemy (as he could fire his assault weapon as many as 550 times per minute), he was usually the first soldier in the company or squad to be targeted. Therefore, as alluded to earlier, his outstanding shooting skills likely cost him his life.

So, my Uncle Howard had been in Korea for six days when he was killed in action. According to his letters, it rained every day that he was there. He was initially interred in The United Nations Cemetery near Tanggok, South Korea. Then, roughly a month after his first burial, his remains were disinterred. Unsurprisingly, my grandparents wanted his final resting place to be back home in Candler County.

On June 19th, my grandparents were notified of their son’s untimely death. In my inventory of epistles, I have several letters

that my grandmother wrote to my uncle, not knowing that he was no longer alive. Of course, they came back to her with VERIFIED DECEASED / RETURN TO WRITER stamped on the front of each envelope.

Sheriff Fred Wallace was notified by The War Department of the death of Private Walter Howard Daughtry. The bad news came via telegram. Sheriff Wallace contacted Ethan A. “Pat” Patterson, one of Howard’s uncles (he had married Myrtle Bowen, a younger sister of Howard’s mother), and they sorrowfully drove out to inform my grandparents of their son’s death.

The carnal remains for Private Walter Howard Daughtry, late of Company F of The Second Battalion of The Seventh Cavalry Regiment, First Division, arrived in Swainsboro, Georgia via train on Saturday morning, November 3rd. V.H. Hooks, the proprietor of Hooks Mortuary, as well as a close friend of my grandparents, picked up his remains in his hearse. Of course, a military guard had accompanied the body (via railroad) from Brooklyn, New York to Swainsboro.

As was often the custom in those days, the casket containing the remains of my uncle was placed in the front room of the house that he had grown up in. It remained there Saturday night until it was moved to The Metter Primitive Baptist Church on the following afternoon. The military personnel were there on guard – to ensure that no one would try to open the coffin.

Elders J. Walter Hendricks and V. F. Agan officiated at my uncle’s funeral. He and Brother Agan had enjoyed a special relationship – as they had exchanged several letters during Howard’s

six months in military service. During his childhood, Howard had also gotten acquainted with Elder J. Walter Hendricks. As a matter of fact, my grandparents possessed such a high opinion of Brother Hendricks that they assigned his middle name to their youngest son (Walter Howard Daughtry).

Over the past several months, I have been successful in my quest to procure the medals and commendations that my uncle paid for with his life. However, without the able assistance of a close friend, who is a retired Army Captain who served several tours in Vietnam, these acquisitions would not have been possible. As he wishes to remain unnamed, I feel compelled to issue him an anonymous “Thank You.....”

Now I have in my office a shadow box – complete with his Fort Jackson photo, his Purple Heart, his Combat Infantryman’s Badge, his Expert Marksman Badge (for both rifles and auto rifles), and others. Old Glory, complete with its four dozen stars, is also nearby in a triangular shadow box. All of the mementoes relative to the life and times of my uncle have now been rescued from the obscurity associated with the old trunk and locker. It seems as if my office is now the new shrine for Private Walter Howard Daughtry.

As I sit at my desk and look around at the bits and pieces which now define the very existence of Private Walter Howard Daughtry, I cannot help but feel honored to claim kinship with this intrepid warrior of yesteryear. In fact, I feel the same type of pride that I associate with my special connection to my numerous Confederate Ancestors.

His “wall portrait” conveys

the message that he will forever be frozen in time as a young man who has just begun to live his life. Of course, making the ultimate sacrifice for his country changed all of that.

While I stare at his likeness on my wall, it appears that he is watching me rather closely. I pray that my actions are pleasing to him. His stamp of approval is definitely very important to me.

But, this impromptu article is just the beginning. At some point in the not-so-distant future, I plan to pen his biography. Knowing what I know, it would be a desecration of his memory not to do so.....

Hu Daughtry
March 9th, 2020

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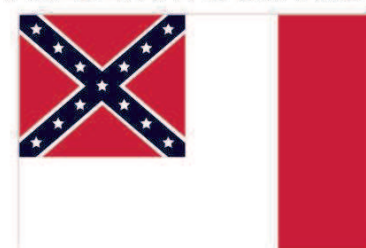
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Join us, if you will. Help make this event everything it can be by spreading the word and planning to attend. Also, if you, or someone you know, has an idea, suggestion or just needs more information, please feel free to contact one of us via email.

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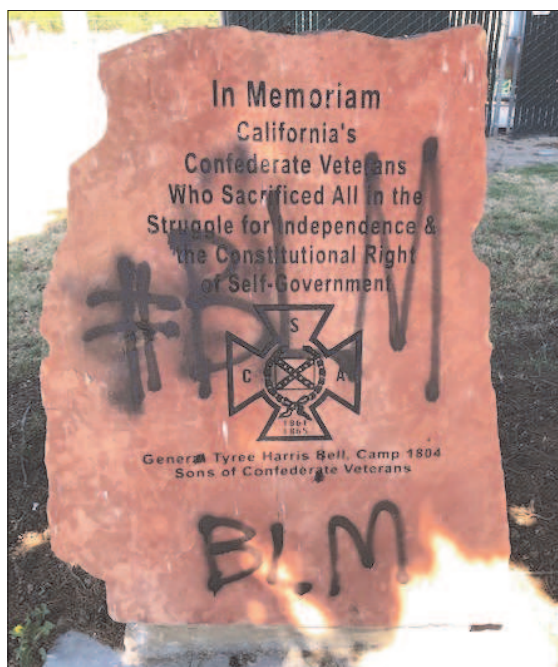
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 Of our Confederate heroes
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 Through our daughters and sons forever,
 unforgiving;
 From the battlefields of yesteryear
 The Battle Flags flew
 Their defying destruction would appear
 From a pillaging crew,
 The terrorists of our nation must now abide,
 Stand and fight or cowardly hide;
 Our ancestors battled the British clad of red,
 Upon the bloody fields they fought and bled;
 Carrying our standards of red, white and blue,
 The colonial army, our patriots true;
 Our ancestral dead in valor and story,
 Their death in gallantry
 is on the pages of glory.
 Just as our fathers on the honored field
 Sacrificed death never to yield;
 In the wars of the world; the haunted story,
 Craving freedom in death;
 so gruesomely gory,
 The end in appearance upon a free nation,
 Yet, the power and wrath
 of our God's creation,
 The strength to withstand the annihilation
 Of our compatriots in retaliation;
 An honored family member dies,
 Tears of sadness from his mother's eyes,
 Duty fulfilled o'er our ancestors' graves,
 Our duty to save the heritage we crave.

*{...in dying still living} Our Confederate
 heroes still live through the blood of their de-
 scendants.

George Ray Houston

Lest We Forget



If one studies history, one can read about past similar actions by specific leadership. In 1917, Lenin took over Russia and had all monuments to the past destroyed. In 1922, Hitler created the “Brown Shirts,” his Storm Troopers, who systemically erased specific history of Germany. In 1922 – 1949, the Chinese Communist Party took control of China and publicly broadcast their intent to erase “5,000 years of history.” In 1975, the Khmer Rouge took control of Cambodia and erased all history. In 1996, the Taliban took control of Afghanistan and erased history. In 2011, the ISIS took control of parts of Syria and Iraq and started erasing history. All these stated events were led by Marxists, Communists or terrorists.

Tommy Clack
Viet Nam Veteran

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God is not mocked:
for whatsoever a man soweth,
that shall he also reap.

Galatians 6: 7

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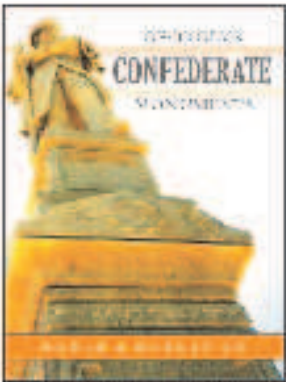
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