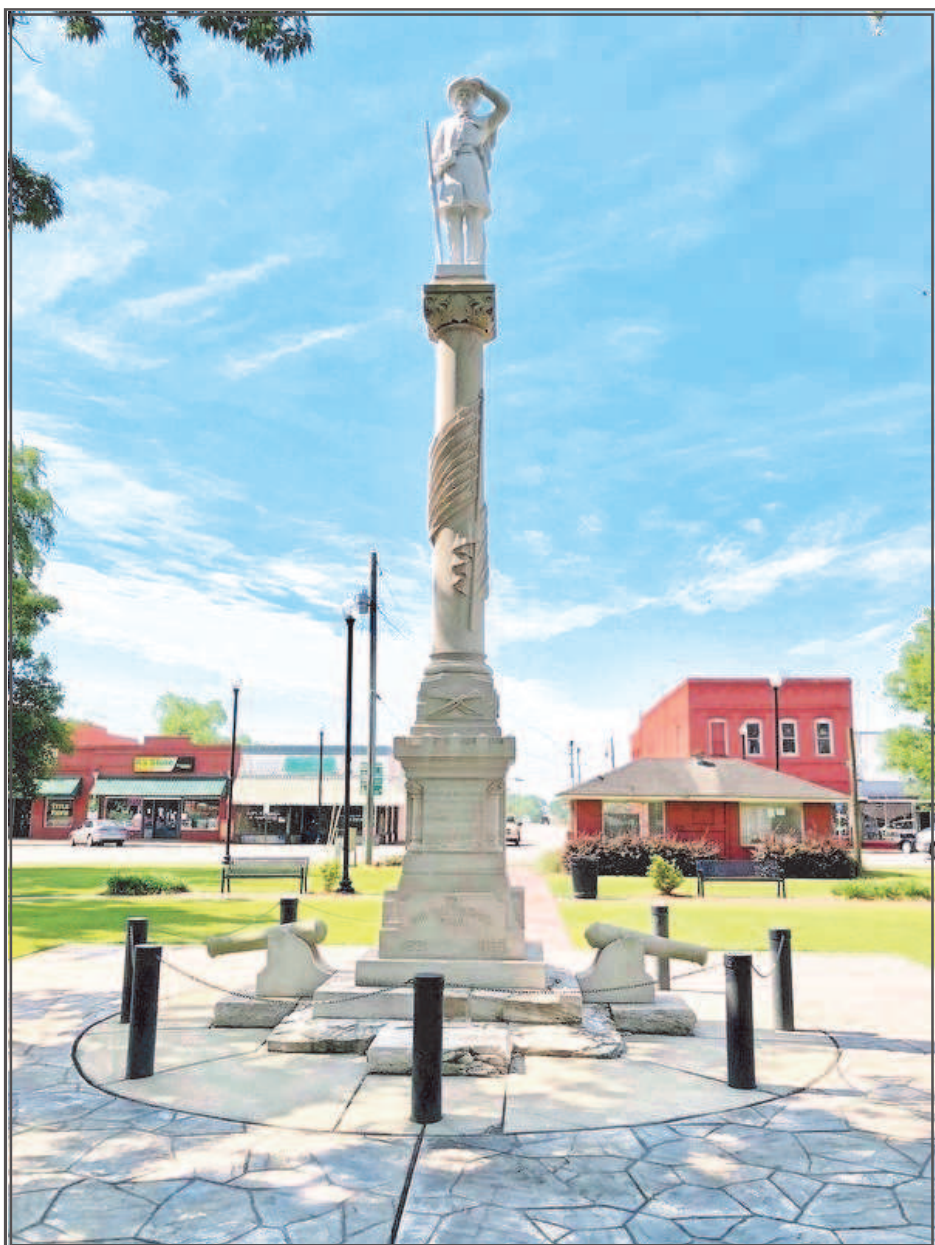




The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans files Lawsuit Against the City of Cuthbert and the City Council Members individually for violation of Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 50-3-1.

On December 14, 2020, the City Council Members of Cuthbert, Ga. voted to violate Georgia Law (Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 50-3-1) by voting to remove the Confederate Veterans Monument located in the town square. The Monument was erected in 1896 by the Randolph County Chapter of the United Confederate Veterans and the Ladies Memorial Association of Randolph County.

Apparently pandering to the “cancel culture” mob was more important than obeying Georgia law. So, the City of Cuthbert Council Members will be in court and spending taxpayers’ money to defend their illegal action.

On January 19, 2021, The Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and the local Calhoun Rifles Camp #1855 filed a lawsuit and a request for a Temporary Restraining Order. The lawsuit names the City Council Members individually and in their official capacity as defendants for violation of the Official

Code of Georgia Annotated § 50-3-1.

The Monument honoring the Confederate veterans is located in the Cuthbert Town Square and was erected to commemorate the Confederate dead. On top of the Monument is a soldier standing at rest with his hand over his brow as if he was looking in the distance for his fallen Brethren. On the base of the Monument is inscribed:

TO
OUR CONFEDERATE DEAD
1861 TO 1865

THEY STRUGGLED FOR
CONSTITUTIONAL
GOVERNMENT
AS ESTABLISHED
BY OUR FATHERS
AND THOUGH DEFEATED,
THEY LEFT
TO POSTERITY
A RECORD OF HONOR
AND GLORY
MORE VALUABLE THAN
POWER OR RICHES

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CALLAHAN, FL 32011
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we
forget*

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👉 Commander Roy Butts (Left) of the Gen. LaFayette McLaws Camp #79, Fayetteville, Georgia presents membership certificate to new member Jeremy Singleton.

General Robert E. Lee Celebration
Jeff Davis Memorial Park
January 16, 2021
Guest Speaker Pastor John Weaver
Honour Guard fires salute at
Jeff Davis Monument 📍



👉 📍 Wreaths Across America, Bethany Cemetery. ! Maj. Ron Udell led the Honour Guard, E Porter Alexander, with Flag Bearer Carl Tommy Miller and Honour Guards as Wreaths were placed on Graves by attendees including members of the UDC and The Confederate Rose. See Page 25



“We have staked the whole future of our new nation, not upon the power of government; far from it. We have staked the future of all our political constitutions upon the capacity of each of ourselves to govern ourselves according to the moral principles of the Ten Commandments.”
~ James Madison ~

★
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Photographer Michael Reither

Commander's Report

Friends,

We have had some rough years in the past but I have got to admit that 2020 has by far been one of our roughest. I am more concerned now with the direction our Country is heading than I have ever been. I believe all our liberties are in jeopardy.

We have all known that the leftist, communists have been infiltrating schools, universities and government offices over the last 60 years. Their major objective is to silence us, take away our 2nd amendment rights, and take away the liberties that are our birth right secured for us by our Forefathers.

Since 2015 the leftist commies have kicked their plans to destroy us in overdrive. That's evident from the last elections we lost, the Presidential election and both Ga. US Senate run-offs.

I'm sure everyone knows who Stacy Abrams is. She is the leftist that ran for Governor in 2018 on the campaign promise to dynamite the carvings off Stone Mountain and remove our Confederate monuments. Thankfully she lost, but since her loss she and her highly motivated "Leftist get out the vote organization" has registered over 300K new voters in the State of Georgia, with 95% of them being from Fulton and DeKalb Counties.

Their efforts paid off they won the day. The metro Atlanta Urbanites are now telling us native Georgians, how we are to live our lives, what's best for us, that our history and heritage means nothing, that they are in control and we better be silent.

We cannot continue down this road to disaster. Georgia State-wide elections are next year, 2022 and if don't act we will lose our Statewide elections and Georgia will go down that same pathway as Virginia has. The leftists are reversing State Laws, tearing

down veterans monuments, violating their citizens constitutional liberties and I assure you the carvings on Stone Mountain will be gone. As liberty loving patriots, we must take immediate action.

That is why, effective immediately, I am calling for a Recruitment and Voter Registration Campaign.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is always the tip of the spear. We are always on the front line, fighting to preserve our Heritage and our Liberties. We don't back down, we don't give in, we never surrender.

Now more than ever we need to get our members energized. As Sons of Confederate Veterans it is our duty to face our challenges with a positive and proactive outlook of our membership, family and supporters. We need to inspire our members to get active, give them hope, let them know that we are fighters and doers, not weak cry-babies. Let's try to get our membership excited about this voter registration and recruitment campaign. Its good medicine, it gets us active and gives us purpose, but most of all it will make a difference in 2022.

Statistics indicate that the young, working males and females who are our supporters are the most untapped, unregistered voters in the State of Georgia. We need to be getting these young folks registered to vote. We need to get anyone who loves liberty of any age registered to vote.

Below is the name and number to the Georgia Secretary of State's office:
470.312.2755 Michelle Simmons
rsimmons@sos.ga.gov

Don't just hand them a voters application and let them go about their way. Have them fill it out in front of you and mail it in for them, the postage is free. Let them know they will be getting a voter registration card and to stay in touch. If they use the excuse

that they have been in trouble with the law, let them know if they are not in jail it's not an issue, register them to vote. Get their email address and phone number, send their email address to Mrs. Kitty so she can put them on our email contact list.

I want every SCV member to order as many voter registration packets as they can. They come in a pack of 100 applications. Get your family and friends passing out voter registration applications and have them available at your public events. Keep some in your vehicle so you have them available all the time. Folks this is serious business. We need to be ready for 2022. Make it your personal goal to get at least 10 people registered to vote. It's time for action.

I'm proud to announce that retired Lt. Col. Perry Bennett of the Gen James Longstreet Camp #1289 is the Georgia Division's new lobbyist. Col Bennett is a retired Army Historian, with an impeccable resume. He has extensive experience dealing with conflict resolution and executive staff members. He is currently working with our previous lobbyist firm Poole and Dunn to get familiar with the lay of the land at the State Capitol.

The Stone Mountain proposal and documentary video is ongoing. They should be done with the written presentation by next week for our review. Then they will start the video documentary promoting more historical events at the Memorial Park.

2022, 127th SCV National Reunion will be held at the Clarence Brown Conference center in Cartersville, Ga. The theme of the Reunion will be the battlefields of the Atlanta Campaign, three days of battlefield tours starting from Chickamauga to Kennesaw Mountain and the 4th day will be a tour to the cyclorama depicting the Battle of Atlanta. The William J. Hardee Camp #1397 and the



Kennesaw Battlefield Camp #700 will be the host Camps.

You'll find on page 8 a full detail update on our current legal fights. We have spent a tremendous amount on these legal fights, nearly 68k since July. It is taking a strain on the Division's resources. I call on our Camps to please make at least a \$500 donation to our Heritage Defense fund. I call on all our members to please make a donation to help us cover our legal costs.

A donation can be made through our Division web-page at www.georgiascv.org/donate Donations can be mailed in to:
Georgia Division, SCV
P.O. Box 1081, Macon, Ga. 31202

Good news: Since we placed our most recent lawsuits against the City of Brunswick and City of Cuthbert, we have negotiated with both Cities to accept a consent stay order that places a legal hold on them doing anything to the monuments. We have three upcoming law suits to be filed against the city of Rome, Gwinnett County and DeKalb County. We have got to let these Cities and Counties know if they vote to remove or do remove our Confederate monuments that they will be sued by the Camps of the Georgia Division. Included in the suit will be the Mayor, council members and County Commissioners, all named individually as well, since they knowingly were breaking State Law.

Commander's Report:
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Schedule
Executive Council Meetings
June 5, 2021
Macon, Georgia



Sons of Confederate Veterans

Georgia Division

Executive Council Meeting 16 Jan., 2021

Jeff Davis Memorial Park

Executive Council Members Present

Cmdr. Tim Pilgrim	Present
Lt. Cmdr., N. George Crawford	Present
Lt. Cmdr., S. Chuck Griffin	Present
Adj. Richard Straut	Present
J.A. Dan Coleman	Absent
C.O.S. Tim Hawkins	Present
Past Cmdr. Scott Gilbert	Absent
1st Brig. Wendell Bruce	Present
2nd Brig. Michael Dean	Absent
3rd Brig. Eric Cleveland	Present
4th Brig. Kim Beck	Absent
5th Brig. Thomas Miller	Absent
6th Brig. Don Newman	Absent
7th Brig. James Carter	Absent
8th Brig. Hershell Smith	Present
9th Brig. Ken Arvin	Present
10th Brig. Al Medcalf	Absent
11th Brig. Ted Thomas	Present
12th Brig. Michael Reither	Present
13th Brig. Tony Pilgrim	Present

positive outlook to our members. We should inspire our members to be active in their local communities. We can make a difference. Each Brigade Commander should order some voter registration packages to disseminate to the Camps. Encourage our Camps and members to contact the Secretary of State office at 470.312.2755 or email Michelle Simmons rsimmons@sos.ga.gov and ask them to send you some packages of voter registration ap-

plications. Contact Kitty at the Division Office for some SCV Application pamphlets. Each member should make it a personal goal to register at least (10) new voters and (2) new members.

Our new SCV lobbyist is Lt. Col Perry Bennett of the General James Longstreet Camp. Lt Col. Bennett is also the lobbyist for VMC. Lt. Col. Bennett is a retired Army Historian with an impeccable resume with extensive experience in dealing with conflict resolution at the Executive Staff level. He is working with Poole and Dunn to get familiar with the current issues and policies at the State Capital.

We are aggressively working the pending litigations in protection on our Heritage. We recently filed lawsuits against the City of Brunswick and Cuthbert and their Commissioners individually for voting to remove the County's Confederate monuments hence

violating State Law 50-3-1. [See attached summary of pending litigations.]

The 19th Annual National Confederate Memorial Day Service will be held in front of the carvings at Stone Mountain on April 17, 2021 at 12:00 noon. The keynote speaker will be Martin K. O'Toole.

The Georgia Division is working with the Mathews Film Company to develop a professional proposal and a video to present to the Stone Mountain Management Association and Legislators on how the Stone Mountain Park can be utilized as originally intended.

The 127th National Reunion will be held in Cartersville Georgia in 2022. The host Camps are the Kennesaw Battlefield Camp 700 and the William Hardee Camp 1397.

Division Secretary
Kitty Dorety

Everything going good in the Division Office

Donations have increased, sending out thank you packages commensurate with the donation.

Sent out 200 Christmas cards to our State legislators and donors.

Purging the GA Div. Roster of any members that have not paid dues. Updated roster will support the next mailing of the GA Confederate.

Call volume has increased on people seeking membership.

Division store going well, we have flags, lapel pins.

Remember if you call the office to leave a message, Kitty will return your call.

Adjutant Report
Richard Straut

Books are balanced and bills are paid. Adjutant Straut went over the written report with the Executive Council. A motion was made and passed to accept the Adjutants report.

Lt Commander North
George Crawford
Speaking Engagements

I addressed the meeting of The Barnesville Blues Camp #2137 at the Garden Patch Restaurant in Barnesville, GA on Thursday, November 13, 2020. I spoke on West Pointers from Georgia and their service to the Confederacy during the War of Northern Aggression

I addressed the meeting of The General John B. Gordon Memorial Camp #1449 at the Upson County Archives Building in Thomaston, GA on Tuesday, November 29, 2020. I spoke about the meaning of The Charge, what it means to me and how we can use that meaning as an explanation of our Devotion to The Cause.

Heritage Issues

I compiled a brief history of the formation of the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Association (SMCMA) for the Georgia Division to provide to our lobbyists and legislators with talking points highlighting the fact that the initial impetus for the carving was spearheaded by members of the UDC, UCV and SCV. It is our goal to have the Governor appoint a member of the surviving organizations to positions in perpetuity to the current Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) in order to preserve the original intentions and heritage of the Monument and Park.

Brigades

I worked with 1st Brigade Commander Wendell Bruce to help resolve some Camp issues in his brigade. I want the Brigade Commanders under my command to please reach out to me for assistance if needed.

Lt. Commander South
Chuck Griffin

We had a great program today and good turnout for the weather and COVID-19 issues.

South Georgia attorney Clyde Royals has been very busy working on the Brunswick monument case and he is getting ready to

Thank You to the Camps that answered the "Call to Action" to make at least a \$500 donation to help fund our Legal Defense Cost.

Please Camps of the Georgia Division give a Camp donation to help fund these legal fights to protect our Confederate Veteran's Monuments and our 1st Amendment rights. It's up to us to take the stand.

1552	Camp McDonald	\$4,000.00
78	Alexander H. Stephens	\$2,400.00
1404	27th GA Regiment	\$1,490.00
1449	John B. Gordon Memorial	\$1,200.00
91	Thomson Guards	\$1,100.00
941	Ogeechee Rifles	\$1,070.00
2137	Barnesville Blues	\$1,045.00
700	Kennesaw Battlefield	\$1,000.00
1446	Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp	\$1,000.00
1639	Chattahoochee Guards	\$1,000.00
1642	Col. Hiram Parks Bell	\$1,000.00
2200	Georgia Division HQ	\$1,000.00
154	Tattnall Invincibles	\$750.00
517	Gen. Henry L. Benning	\$700.00
926	Lt. Dickson L. Baker	\$700.00
682	Jefferson Davis Cowboys	\$565.00
943	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Glover	\$530.00
18	Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr.	\$500.00
79	Gen. Lafayette McLaws	\$500.00
89	Gilmer Light Guards	\$500.00
96	Maj. William E. Simmons	\$500.00
97	Brig. Gen. T.R.R. Cobb	\$500.00
141	Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson	\$500.00
469	Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest	\$500.00
485	Thomas Marsh Forman	\$500.00
670	Col. Wm. H. Stiles Warren-Aiken	\$500.00
690	W. F. Jenkins	\$500.00
707	State of Dade	\$500.00
863	Joseph Wheeler Camp	\$500.00
914	Cherokee Legion	\$500.00
1397	Gen. William J. Hardee	\$500.00
1399	Lt. James T. Woodward Camp	\$500.00
1807	Ochlocknee Rifles	\$500.00
1859	Joseph McConnell	\$500.00
1914	Maj. Gen. Ambrose R. Wright	\$500.00
64	Clement A. Evans	\$400.00
1633	David W. Payne Camp	\$250.00
1386	McLeod-Moring Camp	\$200.00
158	Brig. Gen. E. Porter Alexander	\$150.00
2600	Immortal Six Hundred	\$100.00

If your Camp has made a donation and is not on the above list, please contact Division Secretary Kitty Dorety so she can make the correction.

Catherine (Kitty) Dorety
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1-866-728-4642

Minutes: Continued start on another case in southwest Georgia next week.

The Toombs County Camp annual toy drive for less fortunate kids in their area made the front page of local newspapers for the Camp's good deeds giving the SCV some great publicity.

I want to make sure we are giving our Camps information about the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp and encourage them to send Campers. Those young men and women are the foundation of what we believe in and if that foundation is not built strong, everything that the SCV is doing to preserve history will be forgotten.

Georgia Confederate
Editor Al Perry

Moved to a new printer for the Georgia Confederate; old printer pulled their support not wanting to do business with the SCV.

New printer is doing a great job; better overall quality printing.

Georgia Confederate Youth Camp going strong. We need involvement from the local Camps to sponsor Campers.

Brigade/Committee
Reports:

1st Brigade Commander
Wendell Bruce
Remember Hunley awards and working with local schools.
See possible issues building with the Dalton Confederate Monument, it may be moved.

3rd Brigade Commander
Report Eric Cleveland

Brigade Camps actively recruiting and growing.
New Camp in Carnesville.

8th Brigade Commander
Report Hershell Smith

New ice machine installed at Jefferson Davis Park.

Camps starting to clean local area Confederate Monuments and headstones.

9th Brigade Commander
Report Ken Arvin

Maintaining awareness of Randall County Lawsuit.

Working with Brigade Camps.
New Business

Commander Pilgrim reinforced the importance of the voter registration packages and the need for each Camp to get involved. The only way we can make a difference is through our vote.

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim to approve April 17, 2021 Confederate Memorial Day celebrations at Stone Mountain.

Motion Passed.

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim for corporate resolutions to proceed with lawsuits/pending litigations against the City of Brunswick and Cuthbert. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Commander South – Chuck Griffin to provide \$200 scholarships up to 30 Campers at the Georgia Confederate Youth Camp. Motion Passed.

Meeting concluded with Benediction by Al Perry.
Singing of Dixie to dismiss at 2:25. ❖



19th Annual National Confederate Memorial Day Service

Service will be held on the Memorial Plaza
in front of the Carvings at Stone Mountain
Confederate Memorial State Park
Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 12:00 noon

★ **Keynote Speaker - Martin K. O'Toole** ★



Sponsored by: Georgia Division,
Sons of Confederate Veterans



MEMORIAL SERVICE AGENDA:

We start to assemble at 12:00 noon the memorial service begins at 12:30 pm., keynote speaker Georgia Division Spokesman Martin K. O'Toole. Cannon and Honor Guard Salute immediately following.

National Confederate Memorial Day Service at Stone Mountain Park in front of the world's largest monument to the Confederate soldier. Be sure to bring family & friends and enjoy a picnic lunch after the service.

Needed Cannon & Honor Guard Reenactors

If you have an artillery piece or serve on a crew of a gun, we need your cannon, we are offering a Cannon Bounty based on the size of the artillery piece. If you are a reenactor and would like to serve in the Honor Guard we would be honored to have you participate. Contact information below, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Contact: Richard Straut at scvbear@bellsouth.net or 770.851.3395

General Order #6 January 20, 2021

Confederate Monuments in Battlefields to be removed!

Compatriots,
First let me thank Tennessee Division Commander Joey Nolan for his foresight in seeing what lies ahead for us from the new Congress. The following words comes from his letter. I do not think this can be worded any better, thus, I am adopting them as a General Order to the organization. The following is that letter:

Congress passed a law to create a committee to spend \$2,000,000 to remove all Confederate imagery from our military. Over the next three years, buildings, ships, streets, bases, barracks, fields, planes associated with Confederates will be renamed. In the next round of tyranny and "wokism", legislators are working feverishly to remove Confederate monuments, plaques, pictures, and literature from American battlefields. Please read the following article here:

<https://www.rollcall.com/2020/12/23/confederate-monuments-at-national-parks-get-reprieve/>

This effort will start again now with the transition of power complete. I urge everyone to contact your legislators, early and often to tell them to vote against this horrible bill. If you do not participate, THE MONUMENTS WILL BE REMOVED AND DESTROYED! Keep your comments short, to the point, and polite. Letters, calls, texts, tweets, and instagrams are all useful tools. Sign your letters as a concerned taxpayer and voter.

Ideas for your letters:

- 1. This is a voting issue for millions of Americans.*
- 2. Removing monuments to Confederates will adversely affect tourism and the local economy.*
- 3. The monuments should be protected under the Antiquities Act.*
- 4. Removing monuments will disenfranchise millions of American taxpayers and voters and hurt military recruitment, as most volunteers are from the South per capita.*
- 5. Removing Confederate Monuments is cost prohibitive, money would be better spent on COVID-19 response.*
- 6. Voting to remove monuments enables the movement to remove the rest of American history and culture. Is that what you want your legacy to be?*

If you do not know how to contact your legislators, use this link: <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>

We need everyone to participate in this effort. Talk to your trusted contacts, get them involved. All it takes for evil to win is for good men to do nothing.

Won't you answer this call to action and take the time to write your representatives and stand up for our ancestors?

Deo Vindice,
Larry McCluney, Jr., Commander-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans



124th GEORGIA DIVISION CONVENTION/REUNION



REGISTRATION FORM

JUNE 4th & 5th, 2021

The Marriott Macon City Center
240 Coliseum Drive
Macon, GA 31217

Hosted by: The Georgia Division



Name: _____ & Title: _____
To be used on name badge

Camp Name _____ Camp # _____

Phone # _____ email address: _____

• Registration Fee each (Only Georgia Division members)..... \$25

• Late Registration Fee after May 28, 2021 (only Georgia Division members)... \$35

Friday, June 4th Pre-registration at the Magnolia Room 12 – 6 pm.

• Meet-n-Greet Supper: 6-9 PM Magnolia Room \$22 each..... Qty. _____ (x) \$22

(Carved Roast Supper with the fixings and dessert)

Saturday, June 5th, Convention Starts at 9:30. Registration 7-9am the Centraplex Business Center.

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Georgia Division Pending Litigation

Gentlemen below is an update on the current legal battles . We have two (2) new lawsuits against the City of Brunswick and City of Cuthbert. We need your help more than ever to keep up the fight against these local tyrants who think they are above the law. Please give to the Division's Heritage Defense Fund.

City of Cuthbert, Randolph County - O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 violation

Synopsis:
On December 14, 2020 the City of Cuthbert City Council voted to remove the Randolph County Confederate Monument. The Georgia Division will be filing for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and filed a lawsuit for violation of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1. All the City Council members will be listed individually as defendants.

Status:
On January 19, 2021 the Georgia Division filed for a Temporary Restraining Orders and filed a lawsuit for violation of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 against the City of Cuthbert and the City Council Members as individuals. We are currently awaiting a court date.

City of Brunswick, Glynn County - O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 violation

Synopsis:
On November 18, 2020 the City of Brunswick City Council voted to remove the Glynn County Confederate Monument. The Georgia Division has filed for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and filed a lawsuit for violation of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1. All the City Council members will be listed individually as defendants.

Status:
The City of Brunswick filed a motion to dismiss our case. Then offered a temporary motion to stay, to place a hold on any action to remove the monument. The SCV agreed to the terms of the

motion to stay and the Superior Court Judge issued a consent order.

Gwinnett County - Motion to intervene

Synopsis:
The Gwinnett County Solicitor Brian Whiteside filed a lawsuit claiming the that the Gwinnett County Confederate Monument at the old historic County Courthouse was a "nuisance" and is a public safety issue and could cause injury or even death. The Georgia Division and the Major William E Simmons Camp #96 file a motion to intervene to be a party to the suit.

Status:
Gwinnett County Superior Court Judge issued a ruling in favor of the SCV to grant the motion to intervene. Currently the Camp and Gwinnett County are negotiating a settlement.

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 for violation of O.C.G.A. § 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.

As expected, the Newton County Superior Court Judge John Ott issued an order in favor

of the County Commission's action stating that the doctrine of sovereign immunity applied. The Georgia Division, SCV immediately filed a motion to appeal. The next day the County Commissioner Chairman attempted to have the Confederate Monument removed. This action, violation of the understanding reached at the earlier hearing, prompted Judge Ott to issue an Order to stay and forbid the removal of the Confederate Monument until the final decision is made.

Status:
The Georgia Court of Appeals has set a court date on April 13, 2021 and has agreed to hear oral arguments.

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 under the cover of darkness. Georgia Division filed a suit for violation of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 in Rockdale County Superior Court. We have sued the Chairman both as an individual as well as Chairman of the Commission.

Status:
Rockdale County Superior Court issued a ruling in favor of the County on the basis of sovereign immunity. The Georgia Division has filed the case to be heard by the Georgia Court of Appeals. The Georgia Court of Appeals set the date of January 11, 2021 for the SCV to file their pleadings to the Court of Appeals and was filed on January 7, 2021. We are currently waiting on a ruling from the Georgia court of Appeals.

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 Restraining Order (TRO) and filed a lawsuit for the actions proposed in violation of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1.

The Henry County Superior Court Judge did not issue a TRO. He accepted 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:
Henry County Superior Court issued a ruling in favor of the County on the basis of sovereign immunity. The Georgia Division has filed the case to be heard by the Georgia Court of Appeals. Our Attorney is currently working on the pleadings for the Georgia Court of Appeals.

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

Synopsis:
City of Athens Clarke County Consolidated Government (ACCG) stood by and permitted "mostly peaceful protestors" to vandalize the 1871 Clarke County Confederate Monument located at the intersection of Broad Street and College Avenue. The ACCG 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 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 Or-

Heritage: Continued der (TRO) and filed a lawsuit for ACCG’s violation of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1. The Superior Court of Clarke County denied the Georgia Division a 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 Georgia Division filed an amendment adding the mayor and city commissioners to the lawsuit as individual defendants.

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 firing her when she was exercising her 1st amendment rights at her home.
The case went before United States District Court of the Northern District of 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 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 Georgia Division filed for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) in the United States District Court for the Northern District of 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 “governmental speech” and therefore not a First Amendment violation. The City argued that permitting the Confederate Battle Flag in the City-sponsored parade 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. It displayed a banner. Other businesses advertised their trade with signs and banners. The SCV argued that the City was not concerned about endorsing the Democratic Party or these businesses and therefore censoring the SCV for its viewpoint.
Judge William Ray again ruled against the Georgia Division citing that the parade was governed by the concept of governmental speech. The SCV has filed a motion for reconsideration with the United States District Court of the Northern District of Georgia based on the issue of forum analysis.

Status:
Judge William Ray ruled against the motion to reconsider. The Georgia Division has filed an appeal with the United States 11th Circuit Court of Appeals. Attorney Walker Chandler is working on the pleadings to be filed by date ???????

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

Synopsis:
General Henry Benning Camp #517 entered into an agreement formally adopted by resolution with the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbus on October 4, 1994. The SCV was permitted to erect two 35 foot flag poles flying the Confederate Battle Flags in the Confederate Sec-

tions 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 clearly permitted under the Agreement, a Battle Flag back on one pole. The Mayor and Council responded by having the Memorial Flag poles cut at the base, destroying and removing them.

Status:
Georgia Division filed a suit for violation of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 in Muscogee County Superior Court, awaiting a court day to be set. The Georgia Division filed an amendment adding the mayor and city commissioners to the lawsuit as individual defendants.
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~Martin K. O’Toole
Georgia Division Spokesman



Commander's Report: Cont.

Brothers, when the going gets tough, the tough get going. Fortitude is in our blood. We are the descendants of Confederate Soldiers, the greatest fighting force on the face of the earth. We have got to stand our ground more than ever now. We have got to be Tough and Determined because we owe it to our Families and our Forefathers.
As Pastor Weaver correctly points out in his CD “over 250,000 Confederate Soldiers died trying to prevent what we have in Washington DC today”. Remember they died fighting to preserve their constitutional liberties for themselves and their families. What are we willing to do? Getting our youth and fellow citizens registered to vote and encouraging them to go vote is a small price to pay for our liberties and for the future of our children and grandchildren.
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Always at your service,
Tim Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander



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Lingering issues await city action

By Susan McCord *Augusta Chronicle USA TODAY NETWORK*

With hope for COVID-19 ending its wrath, Augusta's old problems – and new issues – haven't gone away, but a slate of new faces will provide fresh eyes.

The area's continued struggle with the Army Corps of Engineers over a plan to demolish New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, Augusta's proposed non-discrimination ordinance, the removal of Confederate monuments and an upcoming sales tax referendum are likely to be debated in the coming months.

City leaders have yet to take action on a task force's recommendation to move two Confederate monuments.

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Just appointed to the Georgia Ports Authority is former Augusta Commissioner Don Grantham. As owner of the \$1 billion Savannah Harbor Expansion Project, the authority has a level of responsibility for the lock and dam, for which the demolition was deemed environmental remediation for the harbor deepening. Grantham, now the second Augustan on the panel along with authority Chairman Will McKnight, said he has a strong interest in saving the lock and dam, which creates the large "pool" enjoyed by riverfront dwellers and industries in Augusta and North Augusta.

"The way I see it, I've lived in Augusta all my life. I know that river and I know how it benefits this area," Grantham said.

The plan is languishing in the court system, but voters did approve \$10 million to repair or maintain the lock and dam in the upcoming 10-year Transportation Investment Act sales tax.

New to the issue will be Georgia's two new U.S. senators, Democrats Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff. Ossoff's Republican

predecessor, David Perdue, wrote a letter with fellow area Republican lawmakers urging the Corps to stop, while Warnock's predecessor, Republican Kelly Loeffler, said a "compromise" was certain.

The offices of Ossoff and Warnock, which are still being set up, did not return messages seeking comment.

In early December, Augusta Mayor Hardie Davis dropped a model nondiscrimination ordinance on the Augusta Commission agenda. The city would join Decatur, Dunwoody, Brookhaven and other Atlanta-area cities in providing a vehicle for people to file complaints about discrimination based on race, sexual orientation, national origin and other factors by area businesses.

It was panned by the Augusta Metro Chamber of Commerce as a business-unfriendly move and by several commissioners. The commission voted 9-0 for the city law office to instead draft its own ordinance and seek public comment, but so far no ordinance or public forums have surfaced.

But the ordinance and other Augusta issues could gain new legs with three new commissioners on the panel: Jordan Johnson, Francine Scott and Catherine Smith McKnight.

The ordinance "is definitely something that we should turn our attention to," Johnson said Friday. "We have plenty of people who are discriminated against because of the color of their skin or who they love."

Johnson said that when the law department returns with the ordinance, the commission can carefully vet it with community members to ensure it is "comprehensive, and directly speaks to the needs of the community" and one that "leaves little room for interpretation."

Commissioner John Clarke said he thought the ordinance had all but disappeared.

"People can always misunderstand people's intentions," he said.

Davis did not respond to requests for comment on the ordinance, lock and dam or another controversial matter, Augusta's array of Confederate monuments and namesakes.

Davis created a task force to look at changing the relics in the aftermath of George Floyd's death at the knee of a Minneapolis police officer and other acts of racism and police brutality. The task force met and returned in October with several recommendations: Rename John C. Calhoun Expressway, Gordon Highway and Fort Gordon, all named for pro-slavery politicians; remove markers designating Jefferson Davis Highway; and relocate two Confederate monuments, including the 76-foot obelisk in the Broad Street median.

After several delays, the commission received the report earlier this month but took no action. Davis said he is "looking forward to convening a broader discussion with the community" about how to proceed.

Johnson, at 27 the youngest commission member, was optimistic and ready to move forward with the recommendations, particularly removing the large obelisk from the middle of downtown.

"The task force came up with some great recommendations and the commission should act on them," Johnson said. "On the Confederate monument, my position still stands that I believe it should come down. We need to find a funding source to remove the statue and it's just that."

The Army could move the Fort Gordon issue forward as required in the National Defense Authorization Act, which calls for 10 large military installations named



for Confederate generals be renamed.

Likely in the forefront in coming days is the March 16 referendum on special purpose local option sales tax 8, with advance voting starting Feb. 22.

The referendum, approved for the ballot by the commission last week, provides for the city to borrow up to \$30 million up front for projects, ahead of collections that are expected to be \$250 million over the next six or seven years.

The package includes millions for city parks, facilities, cemeteries, vehicles, roads, drainage, tree work, eradicating blight and attracting economic development, but its big-ticket items include \$5 million in seed money for a regional water attraction and \$25 million toward replacing James Brown Arena, a \$250 million project.

Former Commission Moses Todd, who is advocating for the package, said he's telling voters to support it because the sales tax is shouldered by people other than residents.

"It's just one penny, and a large percentage of that one penny is paid for by industry, vendors and visitors to Augusta," Todd said.

He's personally supporting it because of the cemetery funding, water park, James Brown Arena and juvenile court and training facilities, Todd said. Highway and Fort Gordon, all named for pro-slavery politicians; remove markers designating Jefferson Davis Highway; and relocate two Confederate monuments, including the 76-foot obelisk in the Broad Street median.



Sons of Confederate Veterans *Georgia Division* *Confederate Graves Registry*



I hope all had a joyous holiday season and ready to move forward into a productive and improved 2021.

We have added 1,958 soldiers to the Division's Graves project thus far the fiscal year which is 2/3 of that added last year and 38% of the total growth of the Confederate Graves Registry from all SCV Divisions over the same period. There are now 34,194 Georgia Soldiers and Sailors in the Registry. Of that approximately 3,000 are buried outside Georgia.

Our contribution rate is down in that we contributed 66% last year and 56% two years ago. However, I expect that rate to change significantly by June as contributions continue to arrive. I have been working on Clarke and Oconee Counties for the past few months and while not yet finished, expect to add close to 2,000 related to those two counties.

The participation from within our Division is also down in that this year's additions have come from 5 members as opposed to 8 members last year and 15 the year before. We could really use help in this area. If you are interested coordinating your area of the state, contact me or your Brigade Commander.

Our thanks goes out to Barry Colbaugh, Terry Grizzle, Roy Mixon, and James Saxon along with The Friends of Elmira Prison Camp and the ladies of the Savannah Chapter of The Order of the Cherokee Rose for their efforts.

Georgia soldiers who died at Elmira Prison, NY and the entire Confederate section of Laurel Grove North, Savannah are now in the CGR. Laurel Grove includes over 100 that died and were buried at Gettysburg and reinterred in Savannah in 1871.

We still have a long way to go as of the 159 counties in Georgia, as only 43 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; and Bonaventure, Savannah are incomplete at this time. Rose Hill in Macon has been 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 those 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.

Deo Vindice, Garry Daniell

Chairman, Georgia Division Graves Project

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Battle of West Point

By Garry Daniell

The Battle of West Point, Georgia formed part of the Union campaign through Alabama and Georgia, known as Wilson's Raid, in the final month of the War Between the States.

While West Point was not the manufacturing prize that existed with Columbus, it was the location of a transportation hub and major crossing over the Chattahoochee River. The gauge of the railroad tracks changed here and all cargo had to be reloaded on another train before continuing which created an extensive rail yard with many locomotives and rail cars being present.

After capturing Montgomery, Gen. Wilson (US) divided his army into two columns at Auburn, Alabama. The main body moved to Columbus, Georgia while Col. Oscar H. LaGrange (US) moved to take the bridge and railway yard at West Point.

The key feature of the battlefield is Fort Tyler, a square earthwork fort where Confederate forces made their last stand. Fort Tyler was located on a high hill overlooking West Point and was commanded by Gen. Robert C. Tyler (CSA) who had lost a leg at Missionary Ridge, Tennessee. The fort was equipped with one 32 pound siege gun and two 12 pounder field pieces and was defended by approximately 230 troops comprised of soldiers on medical furlough, militia and volunteers from the area armed with smoothbore muskets.

On the morning of April 16, 1865 (one week after Lee's surrender) Col. LaGrange (US) arrived at West Point with 3,750 cavalymen from Indiana, Wisconsin and Kentucky armed with repeating rifles and an artillery battery from Indiana. At 10 a.m. skirmishing began with the Confederate pickets being driven back. The artillery battery set up a half mile away and began shelling the fort. Dismounted cavalry pressed the fort and

were within 50 yards directing sniper fire toward the fort's defenders.

Col. LaGrange (US) used the distraction to lead the 4th Indiana Cavalry on a dash for the bridge over the river, which was his primary objective, before it could be burned. He was successful in capturing the bridge and turned his attention to Fort Tyler where the defenders were now pinned.

During the battle for the fort, Union cannon shot cut the halyard on the flag staff causing the flag to fall. A 17 year old Sergeant named Charlie McNeill climbed the pole, nailed the flag back in place, saluted the Union gunners and slid back down the flagpole to a roar of Rebel Yells from the defenders.

As the day wore on, one by one, the Confederate artillery in the fort was disabled by Union shellfire and Gen. Tyler (CSA) was killed by sniper fire. About 6 p.m. the fort surrendered, its garrison trapped and running low on ammunition.

Confederate losses were stated at 19 killed, 28 wounded and 218 captured. The Union forces suffered 7 deaths and 29 wounded. The dead from the battle were interred at Fort Tyler Cemetery.

There are 76 graves at Fort Tyler Cemetery. Of those 29 Confederate and 1 Union soldier have been identified and have been recorded in SCV's Confederate Graves Registry. The remaining 46 graves are unmarked and known only to God at this point.

Fort Tyler has been reconstructed on 6th Avenue, ½ block north of 10th Street. It and the cemetery stand as silent reminders of the determination exercised by Confederate troops against a force with repeating rifles over 16 times their size as they held out for 8 long hours before being overpowered.

Garry Daniell

Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp 1446

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*Camp #932
CHRISTmas in DIXIE !*

On December 5, 2020, the **Robert Toombs Camp #932** hosted the first Annual Christmas in Dixie Festival.
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☞ L. Camp Newsletter Editor Harold Glenn Goodson awarded The Sons of Confederate Veterans Commendation Medal; R. Camp Adjutant Jason Hughlette Shepard awarded The Sons of Confederate Veterans Distinguished Service Medal. Deo Vindice! General John B. Gordon Memorial Camp #1449

☞ Members of the SCV Camps 2314, (CSS Chattahoochee); 2071 (Lt. Allen Lovett Tulley); and 703 (The Finley Brigade) prepared and rode a float in the 2020 Christmas Parade in Colquitt, Georgia. The float was called “Christmas in Dixie” and it featured a Brass Mountain Howitzer belonging to the Mickey Henley family of Miller County, Georgia. Again, three camps (and two divisions) working together to promote the SCV, the Confederacy, and fellowship among the compatriots.





Scvmc Troop 3 Clinchs crew's: Brittney White Confederate Ancestor Corporal Ryals gets a new Headstone.



4th Brigade Commander Beck welcomes Com-patriot Russ Murray into the Pine Barrens Volun-teers Camp 2039, Eastman.

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which takes
away our
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our property and
comforts to those
who did not earn
them, and eats
the food belong-
ing to others.”
John Taylor
(1753-1803)*



Wreaths placed to honour Confederate Veterans at Hanover Park, Oak Grove Cemetery, and Palmetto Cemetery in Brunswick by members of the Thomas Marsh Forman Camp #485. See Page 24.



This wreath was placed by Mike Waits (Snake), DEC 10th, representing Camp #18 BRIG GEN Edward Dorr Tracy Jr and the SCVMC, 3rd BAT CO B at McCowen Family Cemetery. Here resides 8 Confederate Sons, Brothers, Fathers and Brothers-n-law of the extended McCowen Family.

Member Scott Ledford of David W. Payne Camp 1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans, swore-in the 2021 officers at the camp's annual Lee-Jackson dinner in Blairsville, January 16th. (L-R): Scott Ledford; Chaplain John Fusco; Commander Mike Pettus; Lieut. Commander David Jung-hans; Adjutant Jessie Pinson; and Treasurer Pete White.

The David W. Payne Camp 1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans, held its fifth annual Lee-Jackson dinner January 16th at The View Grill in Blairsville. (Left to right): Camp Commander Mike Pettus and guest speaker Dr. Dan Eichenbaum.



Habersham Guard Camp 716, Clarkesville, Ga-- Commander Wallace Lewallen presents a \$500 donation to Linda Johnson, Executive Director, of the Family Resource Center. The Family Resource Center supports children, teens, and adults through providing Supervised Visitation, In-Home Visitation, Counseling Services, and Educational Training Classes.



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Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp #2039 newest member [L] Matthew Foster. [R] Scvmc Troop 3 Clinchs crew install new SCV signs and new flag pole

“There is no safety for honest men, but by believing all possible evil of evil men, and by acting with promptitude, decision, and steadiness on that belief.” ~Edmund Burke



My New Grandson Born Dec.4, 2020
B. Alexander King See Page 25



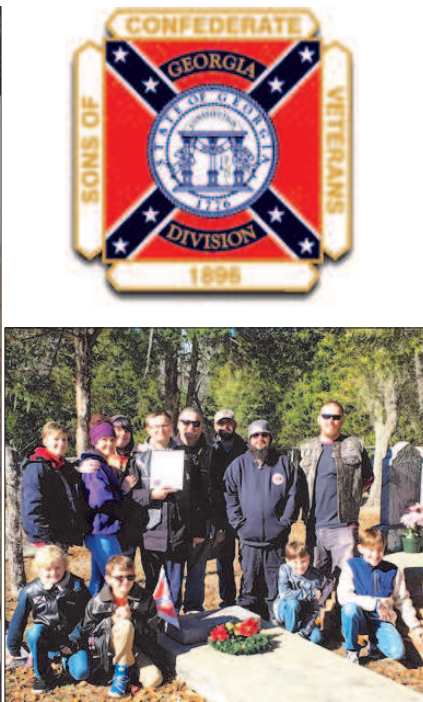
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1. Wayne Gilliland, Billy Todd, Fred Chitwood; 2. Wayne and Dianne Gilliland; 3. L to R Wayne Gilliland, Billy Todd, Fred Chitwood, and Tim Culbreth. Charles T. Zachry Camp #108
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Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp #2039 Cadets cleaning there Ancestors family cemetery.
Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp #2039 Cadets at Robert E Lee Birthday memorial lunch at the Jefferson Davis Captured site in Irwinville, Ga.
Brock Harrelson joins Sons of Confederate Veterans Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp #2039.



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December 14, 1939
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[Excerpt from Wilbur Kurtz]

In the South, it was necessary to consume all parts of the pig that could not be smoked, as quickly as possible after slaughtering. One device to avoid waste was the barbecue, the history of which was studied by Kurtz. Originally a barbecue was held so that as many neighbors as possible to eat the meat while it was still fresh. Later the social aspects of the occasion was fully realized. The event became sort of a neighbor get together party. a delectable hash like confection known as Brunswick Stew was invented to use the head, feet and giblets of the pig.

Brunswick stew was first consumed by negroes only, but so delicious a product did the colored cooks turn out that by time of the War between the States in North Georgia at least no barbecue of quality was complete without a steaming bowl of this elaborate delicacy. The old recipe calls for more cooking time than a modern house wife might desire to spend on one dish. In the old days there was always plenty of help. to avoid the continuous stirring of the gruel like mixture Kurtz suggest using a double boiler.

Original Recipe, Georgia Brunswick Stew:

- 1 pigs head, liver and heart.
- 3 quarts peeled tomatoes

- 3 1/2 quarts peeled Irish potatoes
- 3 pints of okra cut fine
- 2 dozen ears of corn on the cob or 3 cans of Corn
- 4 large onions
- 2 garlic buds minced fine
- 1 tablespoon of dry mustard
- Juice of 2 lemons and grated rind of 1
- 1 bottle of Worcestershire sauce
- 1 small bottle of chili sauce
- 1 pint of tomato ketchup
- 1/2 pound of butter, salt, black and red pepper to taste
- 3 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons of chili powder

Thoroughly wash the pigs head and feet and remove the teeth then put the head, feet, liver and heart in boiling water and let cook until meat falls from the bones and will drop to pieces. Take this from the stock and remove all bones and gristle parts, mash or chop fine. Skim the scum from the liquor or stock and replace meat in the same. add all vegetables and seasoning, cook slowly for several hours. If too thin add bread crumbs and if too thick add hot water. When ready to serve add the butter. Stir constantly during the cooking. The stew must be thick enough to eat with a fork when served.

[This recipe more than a hundred years old was obtained by Mrs. W.A. Fuller of Atlanta anta]

CHRISTmas
In Dixie

Robert A. Toombs Camp #932

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On December 5, 2020, the **Robert Toombs Camp#932** hosted the first Annual Christmas in Dixie Festival. Of course, the work for such an event started long before then with securing sponsors, getting the word out to possible vendors and car show enthusiast, planning a parade entry in the local Christmas Parade in Vidalia Georgia. The Camp was assisted by their Georgia Society Order of Confederate Rose(OCR) Chapter the Confederate Belles #16, parade entry by the SCV McLeod Moring Camp #1386 and their OCR Chapter #15 Heritage Roses from Swainsboro, and members of the Mechanized Calvary Battleground Guard, CSRA and Clinches Crew. Entertainment was provided by country music artist Zach Haywood, Brandon Bing, Austin Bishop and Dustin Herring. The festival drew an estimated 2500 visitors and 100 Car Show entries.

Funds were raised and many toys were collected for the 16 families that have been blessed by this event. The families are being provided with turkeys, hams and all the trimmings as well as toys for their children. One family who suffered a fire loss to their home are even being assisted further with their needs.

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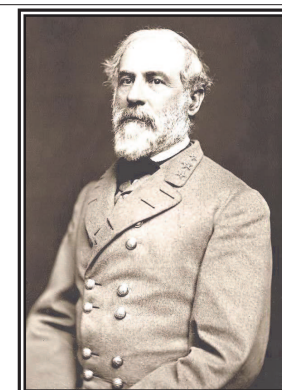
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Captain Evan P. Howell, CSA

I have always been interested in the Battle of Atlanta. One reason is probably because my wife and I grew up and went to school in the area in which the battle was fought. Also, several of my ancestors fought in the battles around Atlanta. One of my great grandfathers was in the 29th GA, Stevens' Georgia Brigade, Walker's Division, Hardee's Corps.

One of my great uncles, David B. Tanner, was in Howell's Battery, Martin's Artillery Battalion. Captain Evan P. Howell's Battery served with distinction throughout the WBTS. This battery served under Jackson in Virginia before being transferred to the Western Army. At the three-day fight at Chickamauga this battery rendered particularly brilliant service. After Chickamauga, Howell's Battery fell back to Atlanta with General Johnston and participated in several engagements between Johnston and Sherman.

Howell's Battery was entrenched on one of the hills overlooking the battlefield of Peachtree Creek. Two days later it was in the very center of the Battle of Atlanta. Howell was ordered to take his battery across the field under fire to silence the guns of a Federal battery that was doing great damage to the Confederate line. He had his horse shot from under him and lost half of his company. The Federal battery was, however, silenced and captured.

After the war Captain Howell became as active a factor in the work of rebuilding the city and state as he had been in war. He worked for nearly two years cutting and sawing the timber from his family's land for use in rebuilding Atlanta.

He worked as a reporter for the *Atlanta Intelligencer* and was involved in city and state politics. He eventually took advantage of an opportunity to buy half interest in *The Atlanta Constitution*. He was then editor of the paper and through that connection became

associated with William A. Hemphill who owned the other half. Mr. Hemphill, also a gallant Confederate veteran, was the business manager. And sometime afterward, Henry W. Grady became associated with *The Atlanta Constitution* through an offer from Captain Howell.

Captain Howell remained at the head of *The Atlanta Constitution* until he retired in 1897 and was succeeded by his son, Clark Howell. Captain Howell died in 1905.

William R. Scaife quoted 1st Lt. Stephen Pierson, Adjutant of the 33rd New Jersey Regiment in his book *The Campaign for Atlanta*:

"A few years afterwards, I visited the battlefield with a party of southern gentlemen. The ground located, I mentioned the fact that a Rebel battery, which seemed to have our range perfectly, as their shells came quick and fast and exploded in just the right place every time.

As I was talking, one of the party, Captain Evan Howell of *The Atlanta Constitution* turned to me and said..."Do you know whose battery that was? -Well, it was my battery; furthermore, this battle was fought on my grandfather's plantation, where I was born and raised and you may believe that I made my guns talk for all they were worth that day!"

I took off my hat to him and gave him my hand. I thanked my God then, as I do now, that he and thousands of other brave men who fought on his side are today fellow citizens of the United States of America. I believed that afternoon, just as firmly as I did that July day in '64, and do now, that he was wrong and we were right. But, as I listened to him and tried to put myself in his place, I gained a clearer conception of why it was that he believed he was right and I was wrong. I gave to him then, as I give to him now, my honor and respect." ❖

Joe Tanner, member at large, Brig. Gen., T.R.R. Cobb Camp #79, Athens, GA.

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HONORING LEE AND JACKSON Romans 13:7

We are commanded to give honor to whom honor is due. We are never commanded to honor dishonorable men. ***In order to be honored; one must live an honorable life.*** It is impossible to relate the dishonorable conduct and lives of men like Lincoln, Grant, Sheridan, Sherman, and Hunter in just a brief period of time. Likewise, it is impossible to tell of the greatness, humility, character, and courage of men like Lee and Jackson in a brief period of time. Contrary to what the critics and politically correct crowd say, the Confederate cause was an honorable cause and there is no shame for our Confederate ancestors nor is there any shame in owning their cause today.

Jefferson Davis, after all his sacrifice and suffering said:

“Nothing fills me with deeper sadness than to see a Southern man apologizing for the defense we made of our inheritance. Our cause was so just, so sacred, that had I known all that has come to pass, had I known what was to be inflicted upon me, all that my country was to suffer, all that our posterity was to endure, I would do it all over again.”

Similarly, **Robert E. Lee** in a letter to Gen. Wade Hampton in June of 1868 wrote:

“We could have pursued no other course without dishonor. And as sad as the results have been, if it had all to be done over again, we should be compelled to act in precisely the same manner.” *The New American*, Oct. 27, 1997, page 29; *The Soul of Lee*, McKim, page 35.

Likewise, **Stonewall Jackson** said: “I do not desire to survive the independence of my country.”

Again **Lee** said: “We had, I was satisfied, sacred principles to maintain and rights to defend, for which we were in duty bound to do our best, even if we perished

in the endeavor.” *The Soul of Lee*, McKim, page 29.

Lee, Jackson and those who fought for liberty and freedom under the Confederate cause were men of honor, fortitude, and integrity.

Billy Sunday, Presbyterian evangelist said that it was easy to measure a man. He gave five points. He said that you measure a man by:

His Character – what he is

His Conduct – what he does

His Companions – who he associates with

His Contribution – what he gives

His Creed – what he believes

Any way you measure Lee and Jackson – they were men. ***They were men in every sense of the word – noble men, men of character and integrity, men who knew truth and were willing to stand for it. They were and are the epitome of men who fought with honor.*** Each believed that one was not only to do his duty but to do it to the best of his ability for God’s honor and glory.

Jackson defined “***the right sort of man***” to an aide. He said “such an individual was one always striving to do his duty and never satisfied if anything can be done better.” *Stonewall Jackson’s Book of Maxims*, J.I. Robertson, page 63.

Let us use a few of the five points that Billy Sunday gave and examine the lives of Lee and Jackson.

I. THEIR CHARACTER

It has been stated that “character is what a man is in the dark.” Tell me what you would do if you knew that no one would ever find out about it and I will tell you exactly what you are.

Again, the test of your character is what it takes to stop you. If you quickly and easily give into rumors, criticism, slander, and hurt feelings, it is a manifestation of a lack of character. Lee and Jackson had no such faults – they

were men of character.

British Gen. Garnet Joseph Wolseley said of Lee:

“I have met with many of the great men of my time, but Lee alone impressed me with the feeling that I was in the presence of a man who was cast in a grander mould and made of different and finer metal than all other men. He is stamped upon my memory as being apart and superior to all others in every way, a man with whom none I ever knew and few of whom I have read are worthy to be classed.” Wilkins, *Call to Duty*, page 185.

After Lee’s death, **Gen. Wolseley** again wrote concerning Lee:

“I desire to make known to the reader not only the renowned soldier, whom I believe to have been the greatest of his age, but to give some insight into the character on one whom I have always considered the most perfect man I have ever met.” *R.E. Lee the Christian*, page 248.

Stonewall’s character is manifest not only in his writings but also in the testimony of others. In a letter to his wife Anna he wrote:

“Yesterday we fought a great battle, and gained a great victory, for which all the glory is due to God alone. Though under a heavy fire for several continuous hours, I only received one wound, the breaking of the largest finger on the left hand, but the doctor says the finger can be saved. My horse was wounded, but not killed. My coat got an ugly wound near the hip. My preservation was entirely due, as was the glorious victory, to our God, to whom be all the glory, honor, and praise. Whilst great credit is due to other parts of our gallant army, God made my brigade more instrumental than any other in repulsing the main attack. This is for your information only...say nothing about it. Let another



speak praise and not myself.”

Stonewall certainly understood scriptural principles. **Prov. 20:6** declares: “Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?” In **Prov. 27:2** we read: “Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.”

One biographer said of Jackson:

Jackson’s personal character was absolutely without blemish. His habits were of the manliest that a Puritan could wish, his honor clean, and his courage superlative, while as a gentleman in expression and action, he had no superior.” *Stonewall Jackson’s Book of Maxims*, J.I. Robertson, page 91.

Dr. Hunter McGuire, Jackson’s personal physician said:

“As I look back on the two years that I was daily, indeed hourly, with him, his gentleness as a man, his great kindness, his tenderness to those in trouble and affliction...impressed me more than his wonderful prowess as a great warrior.” *Stonewall Jackson’s Book of Maxims*, J.I. Robertson, page 101.

Character is that which is lacking in today’s society. We think we have progressed with all of our inventions and gadgets; the truth is that we have regressed. We have forgotten the absolute necessity of character and integrity. We need to use Generals Lee and Jackson as our examples.

II. THEIR CONDUCT

The conduct of Lee and Jackson is manifest in many areas. Each

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one was a gentleman. Each one refused to bring up another's faults unless it was to help overcome the faults. **Lee said:** "The gentleman does not needlessly or unnecessarily remind an offender of a wrong he may have committed against him. He can not only forgive, he can forget; and he strives for that nobleness of self and mildness of character which impart sufficient strength to let the past be the past. A true man of honour feels humbled himself when he cannot help humbling others."

Gen. Lee wrote to President Davis and said: "I have no fault to find with any one but myself." **The Soul of Lee**, McKim, page 126.

Rev. Steve Wilkins, in his book **Call of Duty** which deals with the life of Robert E. Lee, noted that: "To Lee, there was no contradiction between the two at all. There was no possibility of being a gentleman without first being a Christian. And there should be no such thing as a Christian who was not a gentleman."

Conduct is vitally important. It is the manifestation of the heart. Scripture declares in **Prov. 23:7**: "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

I suppose the one great sphere that really reveals one's character is his conduct under pressure. **We must remember that circumstances never make or break a man – they simply reveal him.** For instance, a battle does not make a man a coward or a hero – the battle brings out what is already in the man. How a man conducts himself in times of stress, trouble and danger is exceedingly revealing.

In the book, **I Rode with Stonewall**, Henry Kyd Douglas, the youngest officer on Jackson's staff gives us an amusing anecdote of Jackson's conduct and courage displayed during the Battle of Malvern Hill.



"During the heat of the battle, Jackson spotted a large berry patch. He stopped to enjoy the luscious blackberries, although bullets were whizzing everywhere. Douglas was flabbergasted. He was ready to leave while Jackson stood leisurely eating the berries as if at a picnic. With a large berry between his fingers, Jackson paused and asked Douglas, if you were to be shot, what part of your body would you prefer to shot?"

Douglas responded, "I prefer to be shot in the clothes. But if it is a question of my body, I prefer to be shot anywhere except my face or my joints."

Jackson replied: "Well, I have that old-fashioned horror of being shot in the back, so great is my prejudice on the subject that I often find myself turning my face to the enemies' fire."

At that point a bullet smashed through a limb and spooked one of the horses, Jackson said: "well, let's move on before one of the horses is hit." Douglas said he gladly rode away without casting a longing look back." **I Rode with Stonewall**, Henry Kyd Douglas, pages 113-114.

A young man in Lexington described Jackson, and said: "Old

Jack is a character. He lives quietly and don't meddle. He is as systematic as a multiplication table and full of things military as an arsenal." **Old Jack**, Marta Kastner, page 44; **I Rode with Stonewall**, Henry Kyd Douglas, page 233.

Gen. Lee loved to tell the story about one of the Negro cooks in the Southern Army. While he was at Petersburg one black cook came up to Gen. Lee and said:

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

Ah, said Lee, "to what army do you belong – to the Union Army or the Southern Army?" "Oh, General, I belong to your army." "Well have you been shot?" "No sah, I ain't been shot yet." How is that? Nearly all our men get shot?" "Why, general," the cook replied, "I ain't been shot 'cause I stays back whar de generals stays." **Robert E. Lee's Lighter Side**, Thomas Forehand, Jr., page 25.

On one occasion at the Battle of the Wilderness when the Southern Army was being overwhelmed, Lee spotted a group of soldiers. When he discovered they were from Hood's Texas Brigade, he shouted for them to form a line. Lee spurred Traveler to lead them

into battle. When they realized what was happening, they cried, "Go back Gen. Lee, go back!" Lee ignored their cries. The men slackened their pace and said, "We won't go unless you go back." Gen. Maxie Gregg tried to head him off but to no avail. Finally Col. Venable arrived and caught Lee and asked him to turn back and give Longstreet his orders. He finally yielded but sat and waved his arms encouraging the charging Texans.

Gen. Jubal A. Early said of Lee: "He was the head and front, the very life and soul of the army." **The Soul of Lee**, McKim, page 116.

III.THEIR CONSISTENCY

One of the greatest needs in our lives is consistency. One of the least attained attributes is consistency. Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson were two of the most consistent and methodical men who ever lived. They were consistent in their duty, consistent in their faith, consistent in their family life, consistent in devotion and consistent in prosecuting the war. Everyone knew of their devotion and consistency.

One of Stonewall's brigade spoke thusly: "I wish all Yankees were in hell", said a tired, lean member of the Stonewall Brigade. "I don't", said another, "because Old Jack would have us standing picket at the gate before night and in there before morning." **Sidelights and Lighter sides of the War Between the States: A Feast of History in Small Bites Cooked Up** by Ralph Green, Past Commander-in-Chief Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Stonewall was also consistently silent about his plans and his ability to keep his plans to himself. **One young lieutenant** wrote home and said: "Ma, we don't know one hour where we may be the next. Col. Jackson never lets anyone know his intentions."

One humorous story tells how

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Lee/Jackson: Continued w e l l known was Jackson's consistent attitude of secrecy.

Such silence became infectious with his troops. Jackson once accosted a straggler and asked the man to what unit he was attached. "I don't know," came the reply. Jackson continued questioning the soldier. The same answer was all he got. Finally, Jackson snapped, "What do you know, sir?"

The private replied promptly: "I know that Old Stonewall ordered us not to know anything, and damned if I ain't going to stick to it." *Stonewall Jackson's Book of Maxims*, J.I. Robertson, page 73.

Stonewall's secretive plans often caused great consternation as well as surprise to his subordinates. *Major General Richard Ewell*, Jackson's second in command, said he never saw a courier from Jackson approaching without anticipating orders to attack the North Pole.

Jackson himself reportedly said: "If my coat knew what I intended to do, I'd take it off and throw it away." *I Rode with Stonewall*, Henry Kyd Douglas, page 235.

Gen. Ewell did not appreciate Jackson at first but he learned that Jackson knew what he was doing. Stonewall Jackson's leadership in the Valley Campaign was evaluated by General Richard S. Ewell:

"Well, sir, when he commenced it, I thought him crazy; before he ended it, I thought him inspired."

Lee said of Stonewall: "He is a man of contrasts so complete that he appears one day a Presbyterian deacon who delights in theological discussion and, the next, a re-incarnated Joshua. He lives by the New Testament and fights by the Old."

Jackson said of Lee: "Lee is a phenomenon. He is the only man I would follow blindfold – this man was clothed with humility." *The Soul of Lee*, McKim, page 206

Lee wrote in July, 1861, concerning the war and said:

"As far as my voice and counsel go, it will be continued on our side as long as there is one horse that can carry his rider and one arm to wield a sword. I prefer annihilation to submission. They may destroy us, but I trust they will never conquer us. I bear no malice, have no animosities to indulge, no selfish purpose to gratify. My only object is to repel the invaders of our peace and the spoilers of our homes. I hope in time they will see the injustice of their course and return to their better nature." *The Soul of Lee*, McKim, page 29.

Lee said: "I have a self imposed task which I must accomplish. I have led the young men of the South in battle; I have seen many of them fall under my standard. I shall devote my life now to training young men to do their duty in life." *The Soul of Lee*, McKim, page 176.

Lee and Jackson were consistent in every area of their lives. Whatever they did, they did for the honor and glory of God and for the good of the South.

IV. THEIR CREED

Jackson and Lee were dedicated Christians. They believed firmly in the Word of God. In fact, most of their characteristics that we admire were rooted and grounded in their Christian faith.

A minister friend of Stonewall stated: "To the glory of a soldier always invincible in battle, he added the high moral glory of a Christian always faithful to the Lord. While eminent for many things, he was pre-eminent for his abiding trust in God. He was a man of God first and last, and always." *Stonewall Jackson's Book of Maxims*, J.I. Robertson, page 67.

Jefferson Davis said of Lee: "This good citizen, this gallant soldier, this great general, this true patriot, had yet a higher praise than this, or these, - he was a true Christian." *The Soul of*

Lee, McKim, page 208.

Pastor Randolph McKim preached a message on Oct. 16, 1870 on the occasion of the death of Robert E. Lee. His closing words in that sermon were these:

"So true is the saying of the beloved Disciple, 'this is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith.' It is this feature, my brethren, in the character of Lee which above all other should be studied in order to have a correct understanding of his life, and a just estimate of his services to the world. This is the key to his whole career; this is the secret of his transcendent greatness – he was a sincere and devout Christian. He might have been a great soldier, he might have been a self-sacrificing patriot, but he could not have been the Robert Lee at whose grave today all good men drop a tear, had he not sat at the feet of Jesus and learned of Him who is 'meek and lowly' in heart." *The Soul of Lee*, McKim, page 270 -271.

Lee joined the Episcopal Church in 1853 and remained therein throughout the rest of his life. All his years thereafter he lived as a humble and devoted Christian and stated: "*My chief concern is to try to be a humble, earnest Christian.*" This motive was at the bottom of all that Lee did in his life. In response to Chaplain Beverly Tucker Lacey, General Lee said "I can only say that I am a poor sinner, trusting in Christ alone for salvation and that I need all the prayers you can offer for me."

General Lee was unashamedly a Christian but Lee understood that being a Christian does not mean that one is morose. Lee could find humor even in religion. A telling incident is revealed by Douglas Southall Freeman, Lee's biographer.

General Pendleton was Lee's chief of artillery but he was also an Episcopal rector. Some of the

college students had been deserting the Episcopal Church and attending the Presbyterian Church and Gen. Pendleton complained to Gen. Lee.

"The General understood the ways of boys in church-going, however, and he was not mystified when his old chief of artillery, General Pendleton, the Episcopal rector, complained that many of the collegians of that denomination were attending the Presbyterian church, drawn no doubt, the old gunner gamely admitted, *by the eloquence of the minister, Doctor Pratt.*" As Lee well knew, Doctor Pratt had a very charming daughter, *Grace*, whom the young men of the dormitories much admired. So, when General Pendleton voiced his distress that Episcopal boys were flocking to the church of the Presbyterian orator, General Lee had the answer. "*I rather think," said he, "that the attraction is not so much Doctor Pratt's eloquence as it is Doctor Pratt's Grace."* *Lee*, Douglas Southall Freeman, page 283.

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

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

Robert E. Lee said: "The Bible is the Book of books, a book which supplies the place of all others and cannot be replaced."

Later, he said: "There are many things in the old Book that I may never be able to explain, but I accept them as the infallible Word of God, and receive its teaching as inspired by the Holy Ghost. I

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prefer the Bible to any other book. There is enough in that to satisfy the most ardent thirst for knowledge, to open the way to true wisdom and to teach the only road to salvation and eternal happiness. It is not above human comprehension and is sufficient to satisfy all desires.”

Jackson, as well as Lee, was known for his faith in Christ and obedience to the Word of God. He was also a man of prayer.

“Jackson’s servant Jim used the prayers as a barometer. He said that he always knew when a big battle was near, ‘The General is a great man for praying, night and mornings – all times. But when I see him get up and pray several times during the night besides, then I know there is going to be something to pay; and I go straight and pack his haversack because I know he will call for it in the morning.’” *Old Jack*, Marta Kastner, pages 86-87.

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

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

It was indeed their faith that made them such strong, courageous soldiers. They believed in the absolute sovereign providence of God. An illustration of this fact is readily available in the life of Jackson.

At 1st Manassas, Jackson received a painful wound in his hand, yet, he remained calm and deliberate. He continued to command with great resolution and courage. A few days after the

battle, Captain John Imbolden asked him, “How is it that you remained calm and appeared so cool and utterly insensitive to danger in such a storm of shell and bullets as rained upon you when your hand was hit?”

Jackson replied: “Captain, my religious belief teaches me to feel as safe in battle as in bed. God has ordained the time of my death; I do not concern myself about it, but to be always ready when ever it may overtake me.” After a pause, he added: “Captain, that is the way all men should live and then they would all be equally brave.” Lt. General Thomas Jackson speaking to then Captain John D. Imbolden, *Stonewall Jackson and the American Civil War*, G.F.R Henderson, Vol. 1, p. 163.”

What a blessing it would be to have men like Lee and Jackson today. How can we best honor these two giants in the faith? I believe the answer is simple. **We can best honor them by emulating their character, their courage, their consistency, their convictions, and their Christianity.** We can re-build the old waste places, regain our history and our heritage if we will once again, repent and come back to the foundations of the Word of God. We may pray, “God save the South!” However, when and if He does, it will be by His grace in giving us repentance and faith, which will cause us to turn from our sins and live in obedience to Him.

“For not to the Southern people alone shall be limited the tribute of a tear over the dead Virginian...we have claimed him as one of ourselves; have cherished and felt proud of his military genius as belonging to us; have recounted and recorded his triumphs as our own; have extolled his virtue as reflecting upon us – for Robert Edward Lee was an American, and the great nation which gave him birth would be today unworthy of such a son if he regarded

him lightly. Never had mother a nobler son. In him the military genius of America developed to a greater extent than ever before. In him all that was pure and lofty in mind and purpose found lodgment. Dignified without resumption, affable without familiarity, he united all those charms of manner which made him the idol of his friends and of his soldiers, and won for him the respect and admiration of the world.”

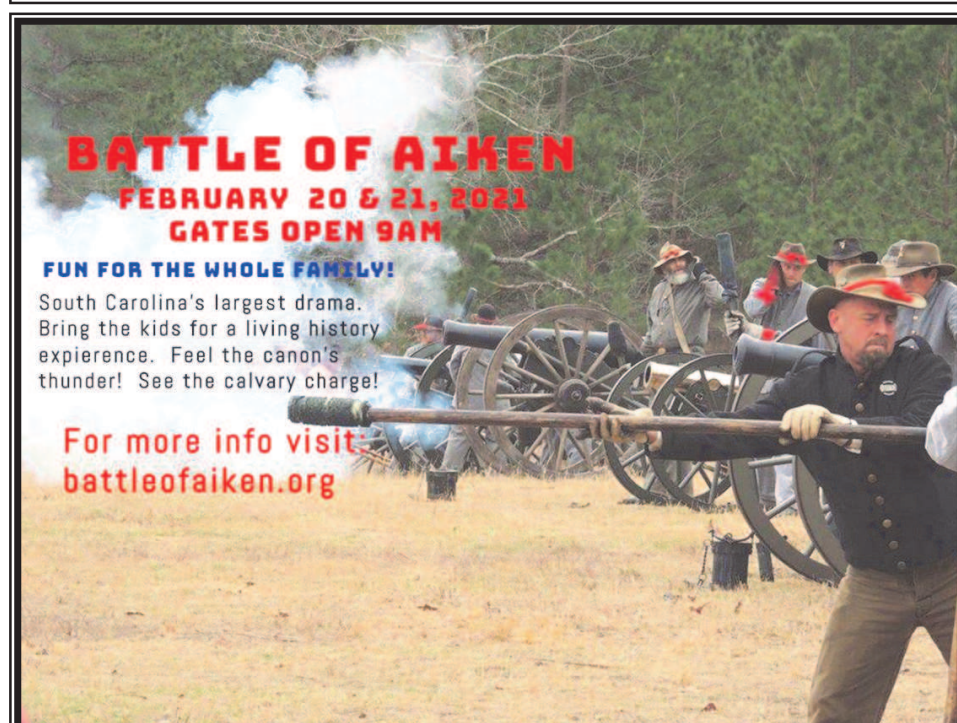
-- Excerpt from an editorial in the New York Herald the day after Lee's death. ❖

~ Pastor John Weaver
Past Chaplain-in-Chief
Sons of Confederate Veterans
January 16, 2021
Jeff Davis Memorial Park

“The sword of justice is God’s, and if princes and rulers fail to use it, others may.”
~ John Knox

Source:
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My Friends February 19-21 the battle of Aiken explodes on the scene. My reenactor Brothers will understand you will smell the gunpowder in the air, the cries of the wounded gunfire will happen. The Battle of Aiken was February 11, 1865 it was the last Confederate victory East of the Mississippi of the entire war between the states. Its like going back in a time machine. Visit the camps see what war was like then. Talk to the soldiers see how they lived. See how they cooked their food. General Robert E. Lee, General James Longstreet, and your own General Wade Hampton will be there. Talk to them hear the stories they tell and ask them Questions, they not only have battle stories but can tell you how it was to live in the 1800's. The Sutlers (our stores) will be there to shop in. There will be 9 food vendors there and much more. If you have any questions about the Battle of Aiken ask me and I will get you an answer. Its a fun weekend so come on out and enjoy!!!!



CAMP NEWS



Thomas Marsh Forman #485

Today several members of the camp placed wreaths at three (3) locations. Our first location was at the memorial for Thomas Marsh Forman. He is the person that the camp is named for. It is Oak Grove Cemetery, Brunswick, Georgia. However, Thomas' body is up in Savannah. Camp Vice Commander Wendell Harrell and Friend of Camp "Doc" Watson participated here. While there I also met with another SCV member that is requesting to be transferred to our camp.

Then we went to the Confederate Veteran Memorial located at Hanover Park, Brunswick, Ga. And we place a wreath there. All four (4) of us placed a wreath there.

And, finally we went over to Palmetto Cemetery, Brunswick, GA and placed a wreath at the Confederate memorial. The Camp had placed it there over a year ago. All four of us were there also.

It was a very good day and I appreciate the Camp members that helped. Thank you. Bennie Williams, Commander; Thomas Marsh Forman Camp # 485

**The Yancy Independents,
SCV Camp 693,
Confederate Memorial Service has
been scheduled for Sunday, April 25 @
4:00 p.m.
Worth County
Court House
Downtown Sylvester.
Our keynote speaker is Retired Lt.
Colonel
L. Perry Bennett, Jr.**

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Col. Charles T. Zachry Camp #108

[See photos Page 16]

January 19, 2021, the 214th Birthday of General Robert Edward Lee, Members of the Col. Charles T. Zachry Camp 108 in Henry County met at Heritage Park in McDonough. These men made their public stand to recognize and honor the birthday of our beloved General Lee and prayed about the current state of our country. Our Brigade, the 13th, is deep in enemy territory, but we are not made to quit.

Wayne Gilliland, retired police officer and Army Airborne veteran, Billy Todd, retired truck driver, Vietnam vet, 9th Infantry Division, Fred Chitwood, retired Air Force, Vietnam vet, and has a son serving today, and Tim Culbreth, retired truck driver and strong supporter of the military especially since he has a son serving today. Three of the four of us are members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Wayne's wife, Dianne, was also present. ❖

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KEEP OUR CEMETERY GATES OPEN!

We wish to bring to your attention a very urgent matter. Due to the pandemic, we are unable to conduct our annual public walking tour which in recent years raised the funds necessary for the proper maintenance and preservation of our historic Confederate Cemetery.

We have only been successful over the years because of concerned people like you who appreciate this hallowed ground and its historical significance. Please don't miss this important opportunity to invest in our cemetery's maintenance and preservation! Past fund-raising efforts have provided benches with sculptures for the walking tours. Several statues and granite walls have been erected that list the names of the known dead who lie in the Confederate Cemetery.

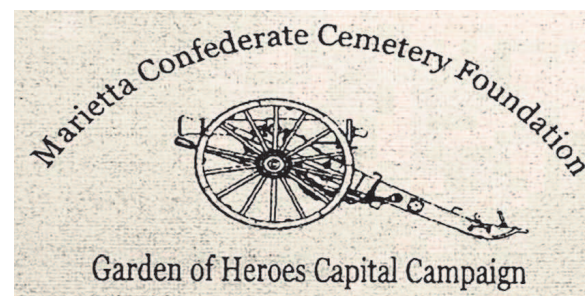
**PLEASE MAKE A GENEROUS GIFT OF \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500 or more
tell the story of the cemetery and of the 3,000 "Men in Gray" buried there.**

Tax deductible donations can be made out to and mailed to:

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251 Lakewood Drive, Marietta, GA 30060. (contributions are tax-deductible.)**

Or contribute via PayPal at www.mariettaconfederatecemetery.org

AN URGENT FUND-RAISING APPEAL



CAMP NEWS



“1863: Turning Point of the Civil War”

By Robert Jones

Researcher, Author, and Historian
for the

TRR Cobb, Camp #97, Sons of Confederate Veterans’

Historical Presentations Series

The program for the **January 7 (2021)** regular meeting of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, TRR Cobb Camp #97, will be provided by the above historian

The *Turning Point of The Civil War* examines



the tumultuous year which started out with a key victory for the Confederacy at Chancellorsville, but then devolved into a series of defeats at Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Tullahoma and Chattanooga. The year, 1863, marked the death of Stonewall Jackson, probably Lee's greatest general, and the emergence of Grant, Sherman, Thomas and Sheridan as the leading generals in the Union army. The speaker will explore these events and changes in leaderships.

The meeting is open to the public. This presentation is part of the Sons Confederate Veterans Camp #97 monthly series of historical talks about the South, the War Between the States, the Confederacy, and other historical aspects of the era, and is provided as a public service. The talks are presented by authors, historians, and researchers. The meeting is held at 7:00 pm, the first Thursday of each month, at the Smith House, 1760 Old Epps Bridge Road, Athens, 30605. Because of the increase in corona-virus in Georgia and that we have many members in the ‘at-risk’ group, social distancing will be practiced and masks are strongly encouraged. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available at the door.

For more information, please contact Lowry Harper (lowry.harper@gmail.com).

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Will you help?

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.



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 one individual.

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.”

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

Bethany Cemetery

Wreaths Across America, Bethany Cemetery holds about 75 Confederates from Georgia and South Carolina! Maj. Ron Udell led the Honour Guard, E Porter Alexander, with Flag Bearer Carl Tommy Miller and Honour Guards as Wreaths were placed on Graves by attendees including members of the UDC and The Confederate Rose with others. A chilly but great day to Remember, Honor, Teach with Wreaths Across America. I love my sisters in UDC and DAR! Judy Machany, Julia Hardaway and friends. ~Carl Tommy Miller

My New Grandson

Born Dec.4, 2020

B. Alexander King

6th Great grandson of Duncan King born 1729 in Comrie Perth Scotland who came to America as an officer in the British Navy and fought in the 1759 Battle of Quebec. Given a land grant in North Carolina by England's King George III.

6th Great grandson of William Coram born 1756 in Virginia and a body guard for George Washington in the Revolutionary War. Commander-In-Chief's Guard

5th Great grandson of Gen. John E. Coffee-- commander Georgia Militia War of 1812 for whom Coffee County Georgia is named.

5th Great grandson of Dempsey Taylor-- Revolutionary War soldier Minute Man at Wilmington North Carolina. Moved to Irwin County Ga. 1739-1837 98 years old.

5th Great grandson of Frederick Land-- Irwin County GA. War of 1812 veteran.

7th Great grandson of Col. John Bryan-- Craven County North Carolina Militia Revolutionary War.

3rd Great grandson of Confederate soldiers Edward B. King--18th North Carolina and Joshua Soles Bryan--Company A Florida State Guard. Both survived the war.

4th Great grandson of William J. Clemmons--Confederate Cavalry Early County Georgia Hussars. Wounded at Gettysburg. Survived until July 8th.

I have great hope that my grandson can live in peace and prosperity in America but if his services are required against the enemies of America both foreign and domestic I trust that he will fight with the will and tenacity exhibited by his notable ancestors.

James W. King

SCV Camp 141 Commander
Albany Georgia

Why the Yankees Didn't Burn Howell's Mill

*Told to Helen Kilpatrick Lyon by
Rosalie Howell, Daughter of Evan
P. Howell, Sr.*

A lucky mistake saved Howell's Mill that summer day in 1864 when Sherman was carrying out his scorched earth policy around Atlanta. It was fortunate for the Clark Howell family, whose plantation home on the banks of the Chattahooogie (Chattahoochee) was, you might say, the first house Sherman burned in the battle for Atlanta. The miller's house became their only refuge after the war.

The Yankees meant to burn the grist mill, too. And the mistake that saved it makes an amusing little anecdote that enlightens the heart-breaking story of the Battle of Atlanta, and gives you and me a little story to think about as we speed down the present-day thoroughfare known as Howell Mill Road.

One of Atlanta's best-known and oldest arteries, Howell Mill Road starts at Marietta Street and connects downtown Atlanta with the beautiful Northside residential section, ending at the Marietta Highway cloverleaf where it formerly entered old Paces Ferry Road.

Newcomers to Atlanta, and even many of the old-timers if they stop to think about it, may wonder why so many of metropolitan Atlanta's modern thoroughfares bear such quaint names as Howell's Hill, Pace's Ferry, Powers' Ferry, Moore's Mill. They're all woven into the history and early settlement of Atlanta. When you turn into Paces Ferry Road at Buckhead, it is hard to believe that once this was a country road leading to the ferry that Hardy Pace ran back and forth across the Chattahooogie (Chattahoochee) near his home at Vinings. Nor, when you wind past beautiful homes and the lovely Trinity Presbyterian Church on Howell Mill Road, would you visualize how the road looked over a hundred years ago. It was then a rutted, country dirt road, worn hard by famers' wagons as they traveled from the old Peachtree Trail to the grist mill Clark Howell ran beside Peachtree Creek. The Peachtree Trail, later to become Peachtree Road, was made by Indians on their way to the trading village of Standing Peachtree, on the Chattahooogie

(Chattahoochee) River.

The Atlanta historian, Franklin Garrett, has written that more people now travel Howell Mill Road each day than ever took grain to Howell's Mill.

Judge Clark Howell, an Atlanta pioneer, was the first of this name. He received the honorary title of judge when on the commission then named Fulton County and drew up its boundaries.

The grist mill beside Peachtree Creek was only one of the many enterprises of Judge Clark Howell. Among other businesses he managed a sawmill, on Nancy's Creek. (Located on the steep hillside which now rises from West Wesley Road beside the bridge that spans the creek) And thereby hangs our tale.

At the time of the Civil War (WBTS), the Clark Howell family lived in a two-storied wooden home on their plantation about ten miles from the then small town of Atlanta. A sketch of the house, made from memory, can be seen at The Atlanta Historical Society (2011 found it at the Piedmont Driving Club). It was a simple plantation house of that day, of white clapboard, with a one-story portico and two columns. The Howell plantation ranged from what is now Collier Road to Wesley Road, from Northside Drive to the Chattahooogie (Chattahoochee) River. The Howell's home was near the point where Nancy Creek connected with Peachtree Creek, just before Peachtree Creek empties into the Chattahooogie (Chattahoochee) River. The site of the old house is today located on Ridgewood Road, at Ridgewood Circle.

With his four grown sons away fighting for the Confederacy, Judge Howell had leased his sawmill to a neighboring farmer. The farmer was a Northern sympathizer.

As the July heat enveloped the countryside that fateful summer of 1864, Judge Howell was the only grown man with the family in the columned house that faced the enemy across the narrow river. With him was his third wife and their children, his teen-age son, Clark and sixteen year old daughter, Martha (who later married Major Nathan Lyon of Wheeler's Calvary) and the wife and baby of his son, Evan. (Evan Park Howell, who later established *The Atlanta Constitution* and

helped to make it famous along with Henry W. Grady and Joel Chandler Harris, was fighting nearby and was later to command a battery at the Battle of Peachtree Creek.)

Sherman's Army was a blue horde on the Cobb County side of the Chattahooogie (Chattahoochee). The Confederates were behind hastily erected breastworks, on the Fulton side of the river, all around the Howell home. (You can see them today in that area) The Federal Army of the Cumberland formed a strong line from Power's Ferry, Pace's Ferry to Bolton. Sherman had headquarters at Vinings nearby. One of his generals, General O. O. Howard, was headquartered at the Hardy Pace home there. The Paces were friends of the Howells...the Pace girls had attended many house parties at the Howell home in happier times. These must have been terror-filled days for the Howell family facing the Chattahooogie (Chattahoochee), but they stayed on...hoping against hope their home would be saved and the Yankees driven back.

This was not to be. Only July 17, Sherman's armies forded the Chattahooogie (Chattahoochee).

When the Yankees crossed the river, the farmer who was renting Judge Howell's sawmill on Nancy's Creek sent word to the Federal command that he was loyal to the Union. He asked for protection for his mill. A detachment of soldiers were sent to guard it. When they asked to be directed to Howell's Mill, they were sent to the grist mill on Peachtree Creek, instead of the sawmill on Nancy's Creek...by mistake. Or was it a mistake? It may have been a trick on the part of some loyal Southern to help save his friend's property? We'll never know. Judge Howell was a match for the Federal soldiers and this turn of fortune.

When the blue uniformed soldiers appeared, Judge Howell asked them why they had come. "To guard the mill", the leader of the Yankee group said. Judge Howell, of course, could not understand the concern of the Yankees for his mill, but he accepted their protection, with relief. And this is how Howell's Mill was saved. And lucky for the large family of Howells that it was not burned! They were not so fortunate with their home on the river.

When the Federal Army crossed

the river, they overran the plantation, ransacked the house...and burned it...even cutting down the locust trees in front of the house that extended down the hillside to the river-bank.

As the army approached, the young boy, Clark, drove the cattle from their pastures and barns near the river to a wooded spot along what is today's Wesley Road to hide them.

Mrs. Howell had servants cook up food. Julia Erwin Howell, wife of Evan, put on an apron, made a pocket of it by pinning the sides together, and filled it full of biscuit. The family ate these on the road to Macon as they refuged to Saundersville (Sandersville).

They piled the most precious household possessions in a wagon. Judge Howell, his wife and young lady daughter, Martha, and the two children rode in the family carriage. Julia Howell made a bed for her baby, Clark (later the editor, Clark Howell) in a wagon and rode behind the carriage. She had a cow hitched to the back of the wagon so her baby would have milk to drink. The family had wondered if this may not have been how Margaret Mitchell got the idea of having Scarlett tie cow to the back of the wagon so Melanie's baby could have milk. Margaret Mitchell's father was a friend of this generation of Howells and may have passed the story on to her.

The Howells must have fled as the Federal Army was sweeping through the countryside around their home. Martha Howell (Lyon) saw two of their best dresses on bayonets being carried by Yankee soldiers, as their carriage passed among them struggling southward. The wagon with the family portraits and other household treasures was captured. We do not know whether or not the refugeeing family knew the son, Captain Evan Howell was fighting nearby. He, a few days later, commanded an artillery battle at the Battle of Peachtree Creek. They (the family) spent the night on the roadside between Atlanta and Macon, then traveled on to Saundersville (Sandersville), where they lived with friends until the war was over. ❖

Submitted by: Joe Tanner, member at large, Brig. Gen., T.R.R. Cobb Camp #79, Athens, GA.



Sons of Confederate Veterans



Last night at the monthly meeting of the Maj. Gen. A.R. Wright camp, our speaker was Bernard Martin from the Statesboro Camp. He said he had his presentation done yesterday morning, when God told him to start over! So he did, and it was well received!



L. New member Danny Barnes on right is sworn in by Commander Thrift at December meeting.
R. Georgia Division Lt. Commander-South Chuck Griffin presents a national Meritorious Certificate and medal to Lt. Commander Dennis Evans.
[Below]
General Clement A. Evans [center] and Camp Members at annual Lee-Jackson supper.
Clement A. Evans Camp #64



Lest we forget



Christmas get-together Camp # 1914 at Compatriot Fred Day's place.
L to R Camp # 1914 Adjutant Jim Davis; Lt. Cdr. Carl Tommy Miller; Compatriots Fred Day; and Greg Murphy.

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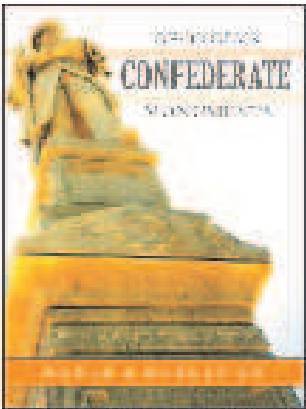
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