



Governor Kemp's Chairman Rev. Mosley indicates “we've just taken our first step today.”

Georgia park with giant Confederate carving approves changes

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STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. (AP) — The board overseeing a mountain park near Atlanta with a giant carving of Confederate leaders voted Monday to relocate Confederate flags from a busy walking trail and create a museum exhibit that acknowledges the site's connection to the Ku Klux Klan.

The moves were part of an effort by the Stone Mountain Memorial Association to address criticism of the park's Confederate legacy and shore up its finances. The chairman of the association's board promised more changes.

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CALL to ACTION: Kemp Broke Campaign Promise, Selling out his Base. We need to hold him Accountable

“As Governor, I will protect Stone Mountain and historical monuments in Georgia from the radical left. We should learn from the past – not attempt to re-write it.”

Brian Kemp July 3, 2018

We need to send Governor Brian Kemp letters, emails, and phone calls to his office immediately. Be sure to do all three (letter, email and call)

Let him know that you were a supporter of his and how disappointed you are that he broke his campaign promise to protect Stone Mountain and our Veterans Monuments. He has sold his base out to the radical left.

Governor Brian P. Kemp
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Call : **(404) 656-1776**

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**Remember,
it is your duty to see that the true his-
tory of the South is presented
to future generations.**



Good judgment comes from
experience,
and a lot of that comes from
bad judgment.

We will never have true civiliza-
tion until we have learned to
recognize the rights of others.

~ Will Rogers

BrainyQuote

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👉 L. Cmdr. Jud Barton presents the *Hunley Award* to Cadet Sgt. Kaden Johnson McLane. R. Cadet Battalion Commander Mary Evelyn Holmes of the Hart County JROTC receives the \$250.00 *Hunley* scholarship for her excellent achievements. Lt. Dickson L. Baker Camp 926 See Page 25



👉 Camp #2314 "CSS Chattahoochee" awarded Cadet Lt Col Shantira Brunam of the Early County High School in Blakely, Georgia, the *Hunley Award*. Presentation done by Captain Jack C. Cowart.



👉 Left to Right: Chaplain John Fusco; Staff Sergeant Barger; Commander Mike Pettus; Senior Airman Long; and Adjutant Jessie Pinson; David W. Payne Camp 1633 *Hunley Award* See Page 25



👉 Cmdr. Miller, R. presented Cadet Seaman Collin Crowe, Naval JRROTC - Greenbrier High School, Columbia County with the Georgia Division *Hunley Medal*, Certificate, and check for \$250 to further his education! We were well received at the Greenbrier Awards Service. A short review of the Hunley was surprising to most. The JRROTC has the Hunley included in one of their programs.



For information on the Georgia Division Cadet Program, check with your Camp Commander or Adjutant



GMI The carriage restoration of the Georgia Military Institute (GMI) cannon at the Marietta Confederate Cemetery is complete and the cannon is now back in position – facing north - at the cemetery. The wooden carriage that supported the cannon was rotten and was replaced by an aluminum carriage funded by the SCV Georgia Division tag fund and SCV Camp donations. Thank you to Camp Commander Wayne Willingham (Gen. William J. Hardee #1397) for leading this project.



124th State of the Division Address

Gentlemen,

I would like to give you a State of the Division Address.

It has been my great honor to serve as your Division Commander in my third year and my second term. It's been another tough year for us. We have had additional Confederate monuments removed illegally for a total of 5 monuments. As many of you are aware, Governor Kemp and the Stone Mountain Memorial Association have approved some unfavorable changes at the Memorial Park that we are solidly against and will likely become a legal challenge.

The Georgia Division has ten major legal battles on-going. One with the City of Alpharetta concerning a 1st Amendment violation and the other nine lawsuits concerning the removal of our Confederate Monuments. The Confederate Monuments in Columbus, DeKalb, Clarke/Athens, Rockdale and Henry Counties were removed illegally in the middle of the night. Currently we have stay orders in Newton, Glynn/Brunswick and Randolph/Cuthbert Counties. Ware/County is pending to be heard before the Ware County Superior Court. The Georgia Court of Appeals has already heard the Newton County case in April and scheduled to hear the Rockdale and Henry County cases in July. We have four lawsuits pending with Gwinnett County, City of Rome, City of Kennesaw and City of Fairburn.

Earlier this year we were informed that Silver Dollar City, who is the entertainment company operating Stone Mountain Memorial Park was terminating their lease agreement which we saw as an opportunity to propose some operational changes that would serve to honor our Confederate Heritage by implement-

ing Heritage Tourism that educates park visitors through living history attractions and events. The Executive Council voted to spend 18K to get a professional video and proposal prepared. We presented the video and proposal to the Governor's Office and the Stone Mountain Memorial Association. Most have commented on how well it was done and even the SMMA consultants commented that our ideas of Heritage Tourism were in line with what they have been trying to recommend to the SMMA. We can just hope that these Heritage Tourism ideas will be discussed further.

Now let me give you some positive news. I'm pleased to report the Georgia Division is stronger than ever. The Georgia Division remains the largest Division in our Confederation, serving approximately 3,300 members in 100 active Camps that are located through-out the largest State East of the Mississippi River.

We contribute much of our strength to our communications efforts. Keeping our Division membership informed is one of our primary objectives. We issue email notifications and press releases through our constant contact account, and our web-page and social media accounts are up-dated regularly. Our Division Newsletter the Georgia Confederate is sent to our membership every two months.

The Georgia Division has created a 501c4 organization that allows the 501c4 organization to engage in funding unlimited lobbyist and legislative activities without involving the SCV's 501c3 status. A separate 527 Political Action Committee the political arm supported by the Georgia Division has been created called the Veterans Memorial Coalition, Inc. to help support candidates that support Veterans monuments. The PAC's

web page address is www.Vetmc.org.

The Division continues its out-reach effort to new and existing JROTC High School programs to make available the *H. L. Hunley* Awards that we have in stock for our Camps at our Division HQ Office. The Division also continues to provide a \$250 scholarship to every *H.L. Hunley* award recipient.

I'm thankful to say this is the 6th year the Georgia Division Headquarters Office has been in operation. We have on staff a Division Secretary, Mrs. Kitty Dorety that manages our Division's daily operations. Maintaining a Division HQ Office has been a key element in taking our Division to the next level of growth.

The Division has decided to get into the used book business by selling used books that have been donated to the Division (tax deductible). These books are being sold through an on-line book broker *AbeBooks.com*, and all proceeds are used to help make our Division office operations and Heritage Defense self supporting. We continue to operate our on-line store making available Confederate Flags, Tags, Stick Flags, lapel pins, and historical literature and CDs.

The Georgia Division's Flags Across Georgia program is going strong. We have 12 large Division Flag poles across the State of Georgia. The Division purchases these oversize Battle Flags for these Division poles and distributes them to the local Camps that maintain these poles. We are always on the lookout for any "prime" locations to erect new flagpoles. The 3rd Battalion, Company B of the Mechanized Calvary unit of the Division mans a preventative maintenance crew that inspects and make repairs to our Division poles as required.

As of Date the Georgia Divi-



sion has distributed over 275,000 "Truth Concerning the Confederate Battle Flag" CDs by Pastor John Weaver throughout the Confederation and the Country.

Very importantly, we have instituted a recruitment and voter registration campaign. We have to get our members and our supporters registered and energized to vote. Our enemies are winning the day getting their supporters registered and energized and we have got to out-do them to keep Georgia from becoming a Virginia. There are stacks of voter registration applications and SCV recruitment brochures available at Reunion. We can make a difference here. Take a pack of voter registration applications with you, keep them in your vehicle, give them out to our supporters and help them get registered to vote.

Gentlemen in closing our membership is comprised of some of the most dedicated Confederates in our Confederation. We are doers, we are fighters, we never give in and we never give up. We have got to keep up the good fight, give to our legal defense efforts, keep active recruiting and living the Charge. As the Gospel says in Galatians 6:9, "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Your humble servant,
Tim Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander



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	Schedule
	Executive Council Meetings June 5th Following Reunion



Call for all Georgia Division Camps to Donate at least \$500 to our Legal Fight to Save our Monuments.

Brothers, we have spent nearly \$146,000.00 on Legal Fees since July 2020 fighting the good fight to save our Confederate Monuments and to protect our 1st Amendment Rights. The Newton County has been heard before the Georgia Court of Appeals and is awaiting a ruling. The Rockdale and Henry County cases go before the Georgia State Appeals Court in June. We either stand or die, having the funds to cover our Attorneys fees is paramount to achieve Victory. Please give to the Division's Legal Fight Fund.

Camps that Answered the Call to Support Heritage Defense Legal Fights:		
1552	Camp McDonald	\$4,005.00
97	Brig. Gen. T.R.R. Cobb	\$3,200.00
91	Thomson Guards	\$2,800.00
78	Alexander H. Stephens	\$2,400.00
485	Thomas Marsh Forman	\$2,000.00
1446	Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp	\$2,000.00
158	Brig. Gen E. Porter Alexander	\$1,900.00
700	Kennesaw Battlefield	\$1,800.00
1404	27th GA Regiment	\$1,490.00
1914	Maj. Gen. Ambrose R. Wright	\$1,375.00
2137	Barnesville Blues	\$1,365.00
1449	John B. Gordon Memorial	\$1,200.00
91	Thomson Guards	\$1,100.00
941	Ogeechee Rifles	\$1,070.00
2102	Buckhead-Ft. Lawton Brigade	\$1,050.00
96	Maj. William E. Simmons	\$1,000.00
1397	Gen. William J. Hardee	\$1,000.00
1642	Col. Hiram Parks Bell	\$1,000.00
1639	Chattahoochee Guards	\$1,000.00
2200	Georgia Division HQ	\$1,000.00
1855	Calhoun Rifles	\$900.00
154	Tattnall Invincibles	\$750.00
517	Gen. Henry L. Benning	\$700.00
926	Lt. Dickson L. Baker	\$700.00
1859	Joseph McConnell	\$572.00
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
141	Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson	\$ 500.00
469	Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest	\$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
1399	Lt. James T. Woodward Camp	\$500.00
1607	Stewart Webster Camp	\$500.00
1807	Ochlocknee Rifles	\$500.00
2164	Montgomery Sharpshooters	\$500.00
2218	The Unknown Soldier	\$434.00
64	Clement A. Evans	\$400.00
1633	David W. Payne Camp	\$250.00
1386	McLeod-Moring Camp	\$200.00
1977	Private John Ingraham	\$180.00
1729	Sharpsburg Sharpshooters	\$105.00
105	Captain Charles W. Baldwin	\$100.00
2313	C.S.S. Chattahoochee	\$100.00
2600	Immortal Six Hundred	\$100.00

Announcement
May 26, 2021

Camp Dues for the
2021 Billing Statements:

Camp Commanders & Adjutants,

We are in the process of getting the 2021 membership billing statements ready to be mailed out to the membership. We hope to have them ready to send out by mid-June.

If you have any changes to your Camp dues please send a notification to Division Secretary Kitty Dorety at Secretary@gascv.org so she can up-date the Division Rosters with your revised Camp dues and be included on the billing statements.

Please have any Camp dues changes to Kitty by June 4, 2021.

Secretary@gascv.org



We Hoist Our Flags
By: George Ray
Houston
Poet Laureate
Georgia Division SCV

We hoist our flags
in all seasons,
During any time and
for heritage reasons;
We fly the battle flag
of glory;
Out of respect
save truth of story,
Great grandchildren of free-
dom whose demands we
set.

The truth of the contest we
ne’er shall forget;
We defend our history with-
out regret.
Abe Lincoln’s invasion we
attest,
Gray clad warriors
lain to rest.
O’er our Southern grave-
yards in suits of gray
They stood defiantly
yesterday.
Protection of homes and
firesides alike
Into the souls of the
enemy fear would strike.
With irony our culture
mocked,
With resistance their
sarcasm blocked.
Our modern day enemy cuts
our skin
With the Bowie knife’s
sharpened steel;
Attempts to destroy our
heritage begins,
It is with honor
and defiant will
We stand poised to fight
again.
Hoist our battle flag
in our Southern wind
Our honored heritage
we shall defend.
The shield of Achilles our
glorious banner
on high,
Across our Confederate
nation; across
our Southern sky,
Saint Andrew’s leaning
cross shall continually fly.



Sons of Confederate Veterans

Georgia Division

Executive Council Meeting 1 May 2021

Macon, Ga.



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	Present
C.O.S. Tim Hawkins	Present
Past Cmdr. Scott Gilbert	Absent
1st Brig. Wendell Bruce	Absent
2nd Brig. Michael Dean	Present
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	Absent
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

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by Commander Tim Pilgrim at 10:30

Invocation given by Al Perry.
Flag Pledge and Salutes led by Joshua Thayer.

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim for the Chief of Staff Tim Hawkins to document meeting minutes; Motion Passed.

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim to adopt previous meeting minutes of 16 Jan., 21; Motion Passed.

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim to the adopt the agenda as written; Motion Passed.

Commanders Report – Tim Pilgrim:

Commander Pilgrim stressed the need to continue the fight for our Confederate Heritage. The fight is real and has no end in sight, so we must stand strong, never giving in and never giving up. We expect no less from our leadership and each of our members.

Commander Pilgrim informed everyone that we are continuing the lawsuits and have excellent support from the attorney’s repre-

senting the Division. We are making progress and hopefully will be establishing standing and setting a precedent if we win any of the ongoing cases. We are aggressively working lawsuits in Newton and Rockdale Counties, Columbus, Alpharetta, Athens, Brunswick, and the City of Waycross.

Commander Pilgrim informed everyone of the debacle within the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) that led to the last-minute removal of the official Confederate Memorial Day celebra-

tion permit. After intense planning, time and money invested by all involved SMMA canceled the permit. Then more recently Governor Kemp appointed Rev. Abraham Mosely as the Chairman of the SMMA. At an April 26 meeting Bill Stephens proposed the following six changes to Stone Mountain.

Change the name of Confederate Hall.

Relocate the Flags from the memorial flag terrace to an obscure area of less prominence.

Rename roads in the Memorial Park to names not related to the Confederacy.

Construct a bell tower chapel on top of Stone Mountain named “Freedom Chapel” unrelated to the Confederacy.

New display in Memorial Hall prominent with the contextual history of the controversial carving -- including “Klan” involvement. Change the SMMA Logo to remove the Stone Mountain carving.

These proposed changes are in violation of SB 50-30-1 and 12-3-

192 the creation of SMMA. Our intentions to file a lawsuit will be made to the SMMA if they follow through with any of the proposed changes.

Commander Pilgrim gave an update on a contracted effort with the Matthew Film Company to prepare a documentary video that promotes the use of Heritage Tourism at Stone Mountain. This would implement more living history demonstrations and attractions. A written proposal was also completed and provided to the SMMA board at the 26 April meeting. We have requested to be added back to the May 17 SMMA agenda to present the full documentary and proposal. The documentary video and the proposal will be presented to Governor Kemp on May 14.

Commander Pilgrim informed the Council on the closing of Hiram Bell Research Center property that was used as the Camp location for the Hiram Bell Camp 1642 for several years. The Camp had an extensive library and had been selling books online. As the property closes the remaining books estimated at a value of \$20,000 will be donated/transferred to the Division. The Division will continue the online sales of books to support the Division Office operations. We are also asking Camps that may have books they wish to donate to contact the Division Secretary.

Commander Pilgrim informed the Council as the Division Operations grow, we again are looking for larger office space with better parking. We are looking in the Barnesville, Jackson and Forsyth areas with easy access to the interstate.

Commander Pilgrim went over the details of the National SCV data breach. The National SCV is looking into how this may have happened and if we can go after those that are sharing the information. This also stresses that we must be vigilant with our data at all levels.

Commander Pilgrim made the following appointments.

David Aderhold was assigned Sergeant at Arms. Joshua Thayer is stepping down due new job work hours.

Lt. Commander North George Crawford is assigned the Division Disciplinary Officer to handle disciplinary issues that arise. He has the authority to appoint permanent or temporary disciplinary committees as needed.

Commander Pilgrim is calling for a division wide voter registration and recruitment campaign. Members need to be energized down through the Camp. As Camp and Division leaders we must maintain a proactive and 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 packets to distribute to the Camps. The Camps should push the voter registration forms, we need people to get out and vote.

Division Spokesman/Litigation Coordinator – Martin O’Toole

Martin gave a summary of the ongoing litigations in the Division. He covered Newton, Rockdale, and Henry Counties; lawsuit on City of Waycross for monument removal and pending lawsuit on SMMA on proposed park changes.

The Brunswick lawsuit will have to wait until the monument is moved. We do not have a case until they actually do something.

The Georgia Division is building a confederacy of attorneys, some that can work legal actions in court, some that can do research, file cases or support other attorneys. If you know of any attorney that may be interested, please have them contact the Division Office.

Division Secretary Kitty Dorety

Everything going good in the Division Office

Heritage donations have been received, sending out Thank You packages commensurate with the donation.

EC minutes: Continued

Reconciling Division Roster.

Call volume has increased on people seeking membership.

Division store going well. We have flags, lapel pins. Looking forward to donated books.

Voter registration forms available at the Division Office.

Hunley awards going well; new schools have been added.

Online registration for Reunion going good but slow. Need everyone to register and support the Division and represent your Camp.

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.

CPA going over books, quarterly review.

Lt Commander North - George Crawford

GA Division Disciplinary Chairman:

Having been appointed Georgia Division Disciplinary Chairman by GA Division Commander Pilgrim, I have been tasked to formulate a structure for dealing with disciplinary issues within the Georgia Division.

Heritage Defense:

Upon notification of the proposed legislation to place a so-called "Let Freedom Ring" bell atop Stone Mountain in the Georgia General Assembly, as you know, our voices were heard loudly in the General Assembly and the legislation was killed in committee. Hear, hear!

Lt. Commander South - Chuck Griffin

I would like to say 'Thank You' to all the attorneys that are handling the court cases around the Georgia Division. I know they have been extremely busy working on these monument cases.

I want to remind everyone that the Georgia Reunion is coming up June 4-5. This is an election year for all Brigade Commanders. In the southern part of the state, it looks like we will have all new Brigade Commanders, as not one of the incumbents for Brigades 4-9 will be seeking re-election. I want to say 'Thank You' to those men who have served their Brigades and wish them the best on their future endeavors. We have been notified of candidates for all those Brigades except the Sixth Brigade. If someone is interested in serving, please announce.

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 have six Boys and five Girls signed up so far for this year. Would like more, but thankful for those signed up.

Brigade/Committee Reports Made By:

2nd Brigade Commander Michael Dean

3rd Brigade Commander Report Eric Cleveland

9th Brigade Commander Report Ken Arvin

12th Brigade Commander Michael Reither

13th Brigade Commander Tony Pilgrim

Thomas Stevens - Ways and Means - Reunion

Old Business

Voter Registration forms

If you need forms, contact the Division Office or the address on the form for more forms.

We need to get these forms out to the Camps.

New Business

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim for the Division store to sell used books. Motion properly seconded and passed.

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim to proceed with lawsuit against the City of Waycross and City Commissioners individually. Motion properly seconded and passed.

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim to bring lawsuit against SMMA if proposed changes to Stone Mountain Park are made. Motion properly seconded and passed.

Georgia Division social media policies in work.

Two amendments to be voted on at the reunion.

Have your nominations ready at the reunion for Camp of the year and Confederate of the year.

Meeting concluded with Benediction by Al Perry. Singing of Dixie to dismiss at 2:00

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2nd Brigade Report 1 May 2021

Alpharetta Parade Suit- No ruling to date from the Appeals court.

Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642 (Cumming) / Bell Research Center - The Bell Research Center (BRC) is closing effective 1 June 2021 due to lose of our building. We could not agree to the proposed new lease imposed by the City of Cumming.

The core collection of regimental histories, genealogical books, cemetery records, etc. has gone to the Forsyth Historical Society and will remain available to the public.

910 books we had listed for sale on ABE-books have been donated to the Division, as were 400 surplus WBTS books. Division will take over the ABE storefront, with sales to benefit the Georgia SCV.

The Camp will meet in the Old Schoolhouse in Cumming until a better location can be found. Heritage Violations - Camp 1642 (Cumming) maintains the McAfee cemetery, near Hog Mountain. Two Iron Crosses there were pushed over, but otherwise undamaged. We have uprighted them and will renew the concrete on our next maintenance visit. Our PVC pipe flag pole was cut down as well, and has been repaired.

This was all found two weeks ago, and seems the work of teens from the nearby neighborhood.

Camp 914 (Canton): Karl Haun, long time Camp Commander and past Brigade Commander, has passed away. No one has (yet) committed to taking the vacated position. There are 11 current members on the roster. They are now considering membership transfer to neighboring camps, and subsequent closure of the camp.

Camp 1860 (Dahlonega): Tim Ragland, long time Camp Commander, has passed away. Jeff Martin has stepped up to be commander, very much to his credit. Camp 1860 held a triple grave marker dedication on 4/26.

Camp 0089 (Ellijay): The Camp held a CMD ceremony at City Cemetery on 4/25, attended also by other 2nd Brigade members. The pouring rain did little to dampen the fine Southern spirit of the day.

At 2:00 that afternoon the SCV were invited guests at the first CMD ceremony held by a new chapter of the UDC in Ellijay. This was also a fine event.

Deo Vindice, Michael Dean, 2nd Brigade Commander

Georgia Division Pending Litigation Report

Update: May 27, 2021

City of Waycross, Ware County - O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 violation

Synopsis:

On April 1, 2021, three (3) members of the City Commission of the City of Waycross, Georgia voted to remove the Confederate Monument from its historic location in Phoenix Park in Waycross, Georgia in violation of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1. On April 29, 2021, The Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Gen. Clement A. Evans Camp #64 filed a lawsuit and a request for a Temporary Restraining Order. The lawsuit names the three (3) City Commissioners individually and in their official capacity as defendants for violation of Official Code of Georgia Annotated § 50-3-1.

Status:

The TRO and lawsuit are pending to be heard by the Ware County Superior court.

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 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:

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. The City offered a motion to temporarily

stay any legal action while ageing not to remove the monument during the stay. The SCV agreed to the terms of the motion to stay and the Superior Court Judge issued a consent order. It is expected that once the appeals in the Newton, Rockdale and Henry cases come to a final decision that this case will be disposed of – one way or the other.

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 issued a resolution to halt all actions to remove the monument until the Georgia Court of Appeals rules on the Newton and Rockdale County cases. The Glynn County Superior Court issued a stay order and dismissed the SCV case without prejudice (meaning it can be refiling within six months).

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 a final ruling was is-

sued when all appeals were exhausted.

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 an appeal. The next day the County Commissioner Chairman was 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. He also ordered the Sheriff of Newton County to arrest anyone trying to remove the monument while ordering that the Commission Chairman be personally served with a copy of the order to ensure he had notice.

Status:

Oral Arguments were heard by The Georgia Court of Appeals on April 13, 2021. We are awaiting a ruling.

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 very 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 with the Georgia Court of Appeals. The Georgia Court of Appeals is scheduled to rule on the case in July.

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 an appeal of the ruling to be heard by the Georgia Court of Appeals in July.

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 then voted to remove the Confed-

Lawsuits: Continued erate monu- ment 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 shows that proposed relo- cation of the Confederate monu- ment was not considered until May 2020. The Georgia Division filed for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and filed a lawsuit for ACCG’s violation of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1. The Superior County 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 re-filed the law- suit adding the mayor and city commissioners to the lawsuit as individual defendants and asking for a restraining order until the case is resolved. Because the Court did not issue a restraining order , the City is erecting the monument at the dead end road location and workers have dam- aged and continue to damage the monument. <u>Gwinnett County - O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 violation</u> Synopsis: The Gwinnett County Solicitor Brian Whiteside filed a lawsuit claiming the that the Gwinnett County Confederate Monument at the old historic County Court- house 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. On January 24, 2021 Gwinnett County removed the monument in the middle of the night. Status: <u>City of Rome - O.C.G.A. § 50-3- 1 violation</u> Synopsis: On January 18, 2021, the City of Rome removed the General Nathan Bedford Forrest statue from the top of the monument base in the middle of the night. (Do you notice a pattern in these actions? Does John 3:19 come to mind?) Status: Again, the Georgia Division is waiting for the decision in the Court of Appeals in the Newton County case before we file a law- suit against Rome. This will per- mit us to craft the new Complaint to incorporate any new issues in the Court of Appeals decision. <u>City of Alpharetta - Old Sol- diers Day Parade- 1st Amend- ment violation</u> Synopsis: The Georgia Division filed for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) in the United States Dis- trict Court for the Northern Dis- trict 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. Status: Judge William Ray again ruled against the Georgia Division cit- ing that the parade was governed by the concept of governmental speech. The SCV has filed a mo- tion for reconsideration with the United States District Court of the Northern District of Georgia based on based upon the issue of forum analysis. Status: <u>City of Columbus - Linwood Cemetery - O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 violation</u> 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 Octo- ber 4, 1994. The SCV was permit- ted to erect two 35 foot flag poles flying the Confederate Battle Flags in the Confederate Sections of the Linwood Cemetery. Some- time 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 to permit any flag bearing the familiar Saint An- drews cross to be displayed. The Camp then placed, as clearly per- mitted 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 amend- ment adding the mayor and city commissioners to the lawsuit as individual defendants. We are <u>DeKalb County - O.C.G.A. § 50- 3-1 violation</u> Synopsis: June 18th the City of Decatur quietly slipped in a crane and re- moved the DeKalb County Con- federate Monument from the grounds in front of the Old Court- house Building. This was done following a court order declaring the monument a "nuisance." The SCV believes it can show that DeKalb County and the City of Decatur were acting in collusion to get the court order issued. Status: The Georgia Division is cur- rently having an attorney draft a complaint against the DeKalb County and plan to file before June 17th. <u>City of Kennesaw - O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 violation</u> Synopsis: On June 16, the city of Kenne- saw removed the Confederate Battle Flag displayed at the Me- morial Park as a monument to Captain William Fuller, hero of the Great Locomotive Chase, as well as part of the Memorial to Phillip’s Legion – a Confederate unit largely raised locally. The Mayor, before being better ad- vised, boasted he knew he was breaking the law. Now the posi- tion of the City is that replacing the Battle Flag for the less- recognizable Georgia Militia flag is an interpretation permitted un- der the law. Status: The Georgia Division is waiting for the decision in the Court of Appeals in the Newton County case before we file a lawsuit against the City of Kennesaw. This will permit us to craft the new Complaint to incorporate any new issues in the Court of Ap- peals decision. <u>Cottriss Case - 1st Amendment</u> <u>awaiting court date in Superior Court.</u> Lawsuits: Continued Next Page >

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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 he was deeply offended as he walked by her house because she had a city police car parked at her home. According to her attorney, the police car was actually 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. Additionally, she was just fired without any warning or hearing.

The case went before United States District Court of the Northern District of Georgia and Judge William Ray (again) 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 by paying the expenses in this vital case. If upheld, the precedent could be set that no Confederate heritage supporter has a right to any government job.

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Georgia Division 2020/21 Annual Report

Greetings from the Georgia Division,

I'm pleased to report the Georgia Division is stronger than ever. The Georgia Division remains the largest Division in our Confederation, serving over 3,300 members in 101 active Camps that are located throughout the largest State East of the Mississippi River.

We contribute much of our strength through our communications efforts. Keeping our Division membership informed is one of our primary objectives. We issue email notifications and press releases through our constant contact accounts, our web-page and social media accounts are updated regularly. Our Division Newsletter the Georgia Confederate is sent to our membership every two months.

The Georgia Division has nine (9) major legal battles on-going. One (1) with the City of Alpharetta concerning a 1st Amendment violation and the other Eight (8) lawsuits concern the removal of our Confederate Monuments. The Confederate Monuments in DeKalb, Clarke/Athens, Rockdale and Henry Counties were removed illegally in the middle of the night. Currently we have stay orders in Newton, Glynn/Brunswick and Randolph/Cuthbert Counties. Ware County is pending to be heard before the Ware County Superior Court. The Georgia Court of Appeals has already heard the Newton County case in April and scheduled to hear the Rockdale case in June with the Henry County case to follow thereafter. We have two (2) lawsuits pending with Gwinnett County and the City of Rome. We have solid monument protection laws and when we get rulings that follow the letter of the law we should prevail.

The Georgia Division has created a 501c4 organization that allows the 501c4 organization to engage in funding unlimited lobbyist and legislative activities without involving the SCV's 501c3 status. A separate 527 Political Action Committee has been created called the Veterans Memorial Coalition, Inc. to help support candidates

that support Veterans monuments. The PAC's webpage address is www.Vetmc.org.

As of date the Georgia Division has allocated approximately \$597,200 from our specialty tag funds to help our Camps fund local Heritage projects and Division wide projects. In March, 2021 a new Confederate monument was erected at the Greenwood Cemetery honoring 152 Confederate Heroes by the Calhoun Rifles Camp #1855; an aluminum replacement carriage for the GMI memorial cannon at the Marietta Confederate Cemetery has been completed; and two new Bronze Confederate Soldier monuments have been casted awaiting to be erected, all completed using our specialty tag funds.

The Division continues its out-reach effort to new and existing JROTC High School programs to make available the H. L. Hunley Awards that we have in stock for our Camps at our Division HQ Office. The Division also continues to provide a \$250 scholarship to every H.L. Hunley award recipient.

I'm proud to say this is the 6th year the Georgia Division Headquarters Office has been in operation. We have on staff a Division Secretary, Mrs. Kitty Dorety that manages our Division's daily operations. Our Division Office is located in the American Federal Building at 544 Mulberry Street, Ste. 310, Macon, Ga. 31202, 1-866-728-4642. Maintaining a Division HQ Office has been a key element in taking our Division to the next level of growth. The Division has decided to get into the used book business by selling used books that has been donated to the Division (tax deductible). These books are being sold through an on-line book broker AbeBooks.com, and all proceeds are used to help make our Division office operations self supporting. We continue to operate an on-line store making available Confederate Flags, Tags, Stick Flags, lapel pins, and historical literature and CDs. Please visit our Division's web-site at www.gascv.org to see the store items we have to offer.

Our Camps are aggressively recruiting new members through advertise-

ment initiatives, the implementation of our associate membership program, having a Division Genealogist on staff and having a Division Headquarters Camp for new members who are looking for a home Camp.

The Georgia Division's Flags Across Georgia program is going strong. We have 12 large Division Flag poles across the State of Georgia. The Division purchases these oversize Battle Flags for these Division poles and distributes them to the local Camps that maintain these poles. We are always on the lookout for any "prime" locations to erect new flagpoles. The 3rd Battalion, Company B of the Mechanized Calvary unit of the Division mans a preventative maintenance crew that inspects and make repairs to our Division poles as required.

As of Date the Georgia Division has distributed over 275,000 "Truth Concerning the Confederate Battle Flag" CDs by Pastor John Weaver throughout the Confederation and the Country. These CDs are distributed by the Division at our bulk purchase cost of .35 cents each which makes our minimum order of 100 CDs for \$35 plus shipping very affordable for individuals and Camps to distribute to folks who need a history lesson and all they have to do is listen. These CDs are available at our Division store.

The Georgia Division fully supports the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp and congratulates the Youth Camp on their 5th year of successful operations. The Division continues to support the Youth Camp by offering a \$200 scholarship to young men and women to attend a full week of Southern /Confederate Heritage education curriculum modeled after the Sam Davis Christian Youth Camp.

In conclusion, the Georgia Division is the largest and most proactive Division in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Our membership is comprised of some of the most dedicated Confederates in our Confederation. We will continue to lead and to do what we do best, to honor our Confederate Heroes. Live the Charge,

Timothy F. Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander

Captain Henry Wirz, C.S.A.
Excerpts from an address by
Rev. Fr. Alister C. Anderson
at Mt. Olivet Cemetery,
November 9, 2002.

This morning I dedicate this address to Captain Henry Wirz. Through what we call in theological terms “the communion of saints” I want to tell him that as the years pass, his memory will be honored as a dedicated Christian soldier who did all he could to alleviate the suffering of the prisoners at Andersonville. He will be recognized as a true Christian, Southern martyr, not only by those of us who know the truth about his good life and work, but by people all over our country and in Europe as well. We will not rest until he has been officially pardoned by the United States Government. May his good soul rest in peace.

Captain Henry Wirz was born in Zurich, Switzerland in 1823. He immigrated to the United States in 1849 and settled in Louisiana. When the War for Southern Independence began, he enlisted in the 4th Louisiana Infantry. After being wounded at the Battle of Seven Pines on 31 May, 1862, he was assigned as assistant adjutant to the staff of Brigadier General John H. Winder, Superintendent of Confederate Military Prisons and promoted to Captain. His wound in the right arm was very severe and he was in great pain the rest of his life. In December, 1862 President Jefferson Davis sent Captain Wirz on a secret mission to the Confederate Commissioners James Mason in London and John Slidell in Paris. He returned to the Confederate States of America in February, 1864 and was ordered as commandant at Camp Ft. Sumter, Andersonville, Georgia. In May, 1865 while releasing the last Federal prisoners at Andersonville, he was arrested

and taken to Washington, D.C. for trial. After a long and tormenting trial, he was condemned to death and hanged in the yard of Old Capitol Prison, the present site of the Supreme Court building of the United States. When the Federal officer commanding the execution said to Captain Wirz, “I have my orders,” Wirz replied, “I know what orders are Major, I am being hanged for obeying them.”

Over the years the trial of Captain Wirz has been studied by many fine legal scholars and historians. The definitive and conclusive opinion of these scholarly experts has been summarized by Major Glen W. LaForce of the Judge Advocate Corps of the United States Army. He wrote these words in his report:

“The trial and execution of Captain Henry Wirz was worse than a mistake, worse than even a miscarriage of justice: it was a national disgrace. Wirz was a scapegoat and was tried in order to incriminate the Confederate leaders and to deflect criticism from Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton.”

Friends, we all know that Secretary Stanton was a very bad man. He was a conniving and evil and he had plans for the trial and execution of President Jefferson Davis and General Robert E. Lee and other prominent Confederate political and military leaders.

Mr. Louis Schade was Captain Wirz’s defense attorney and believed that the trial was nothing but a mock trial modeled after the horrible trials of the French Revolution. In Wirz’s last message to Mr. Louis Schade written just hours before his execution he said: “My life is demanded as an atonement. I am willing to give it and hope that after a while, I will be judged differently from how I am now.” And thank our Good and Merciful Lord God, he is judged differently by those who

really know the history of the War Between the States.

Mr. Louis Schade, Wirz’s Defense Attorney wanted to have Wirz’s body removed from the Washington Arsenal where it had been buried in an unmarked grave. The Washington Arsenal stood where the buildings of Ft. McNair and the National War College on Haines Point now stand. On 23 February, 1869 Mr. Schade petitioned the Federal Government to allow Captain Wirz’s body to be removed to Mt. Olivet Cemetery. At Mt. Olivet Cemetery a small five inch square stone with just the name *Wirz* carved on it was placed over his grave. Some years later, we do not know when, the stone was probably stolen. On 27 December, 1956, Colonel and Mrs. Thomas Spencer placed another larger stone at the head of the grave. It reads, “*Captain Henry Wirz, CSA Confederate Hero-Martyr, died November 10, 1865.*”

Immediately after the War, a vindictive, revengeful Federal Government, which had already completely destroyed the material substance of the Southern States, and had killed hundreds of thousands of soldiers and innocent civilians, launched a vicious policy to “reconstruct” the Southern society and her culture. We know that policy by the name of the Reconstruction Era which lasted in some Southern states for more than ten years. Under Reconstruction doctrine, the South was divided into military districts and ruled by Federal Army generals. Under this doctrine, paroled officers who returned to their own homes could not vote or hold public office. During Reconstruction, paroled soldiers and sailors could not vote. They could not reclaim the land they owned which in many cases had been given away illegally to [former] slaves. Many negroes who could neither read nor write were elected to public offices by

the Federal armed troops. Under their doctrine, Southern historians, educators and politicians were not permitted to write or teach in the new Federal Government schools that sprang up all over the South. Only Federally approved text books could be used. It is obvious why we only hear about Andersonville. The entire South was blamed for Andersonville and Captain Heinrich [Henry] Wirz, the Commandant, was made out to be an inhumane devil. He was illegally hanged and made the scape-goat for a huge Federal cover-up for their own infamous POW camps.

What I have been saying is that the Federal Government wanted to cover-up their own brutal POW camps, and the best way to do that was to single out Confederate POW camps and particularly the one at Andersonville, Georgia. And, my friends, that cover-up is still going on today [2002]. It is going on and has been vastly expanded into what I call a new kind of Reconstruction of the entire United States, but particularly the Old South and her culture. Anti-Southern and Anti-Confederacy demagogues who display contemptuous bigotry and ignorance are cursing Southern monuments and statues and in cases removing them from public view where they have stood for over a hundred years of more. These same bigots who do not by number or opinion represent the American people at all, rail against the flags of the Confederacy. They have declared a war against Southern heritage and cultural organizations such as the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the League of the South and the Southern Historical Association. These bigots would have the American people believe that we all are “right-wing-fanatics” who would support the reintroduction of slavery and whose

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Wirz: Continued flags are comparable to the Nazi flag.

We all know who these people are and for what they stand. We can hardly call them true Americans. They seem to hate the whole country and especially the South and our history and culture.

Now as I look at his grave I say to this Christian Confederate soldier, “Henry, you know these words of Holy Scripture. They have always applied to your life. I repeat them for you and for all us here. From the Book of Job and the Gospel of John, I read:

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

Rev. Fr. Alister C. Anderson

Wirz’ bones:

Captain Wirz’ body was dismembered and paraded around the north for a time. His descendants spent time and money petitioning the courts to recover his body for proper burial.

Most was recovered and handled as you read in Rev. Fr. Anderson’s article. However, a display is still made today in a Government museum containing some of Wirz’ bones.



HISTORY OF THE HANOVER SQUARE CONFEDERATE MONUMENT, BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
by Meredith Drew Trawick
(August 2020)

The Monument in Hanover Square is the ONLY Monument dedicated to the Civil War erected in Glynn County, Georgia.

Confederate Monuments are usually community memorials and that is certainly the case with this Monument that was erected by the Ladies Memorial Association of Brunswick, Georgia in Hanover Park. It was dedicated on April 26th, 1902 as “a Tribute of Love to the Heroes of the Confederacy 1861-1865”. It took these women 15 years starting in 1887 to collect enough donations to pay for the Monument. In 1902, when the Monument was erected, common sense tells us that nothing could have been erected on City-owned property, such as Hanover Park, without the permission of the governing body, the City of Brunswick. We know that the City accepted this Monument as a Gift or it never would have been erected. Another way the City showed acceptance of the Monument was by paying to prepare the solid mound on which the monument was placed. This was a huge undertaking and is why the monument is still standing staunchly today after 118 years honoring Confederate dead.

This Monument is a sacred memorial to the dead. Confederate soldiers, sailors, and Marines that fought in the Civil War were made United States Veterans by at least four separate acts of Congress. If a Confederate statue, monument, or headstone is removed; the entity is in fact, removing a statue, monument, or headstone of a U. S. VETERAN; therefore, this Memorial should NOT ever be Removed.

Erecting the Monument was a way for the community to memorialize its losses right here in our coastal community. Hundreds of people wearing black mourning attire came on foot and in horse-drawn buggies to watch the unveiling of the Monument.

After the Civil War, Union and Confederate burials were not treated the same. Since the Confederacy lost the War, there were many thousands that never received a proper burial. So, the Ladies Memorial Association wanted Memorials for the men

who sacrificed their lives and never returned home. These monuments do NOT promote the Confederacy, but those men and boys who had daddies, mothers, brothers, and sisters, just as the soldiers from the North did. These monuments are very innocent. They are not wicked, they only honor the fallen soldiers.

The Ladies Memorial Association made up of many chapters across the South were known for their primary objectives of providing decent burial for Southern soldiers and erecting monuments in their honor. The members took to the gruesome task of dis-interring bodies, many buried hastily in mass graves after battles and some just left on battlefields to decay. On many occasions, they collected bones, put the remains in individual boxes, and tried to contact family members.

Maria Morris Madden founder and President of the Ladies Memorial Association of Brunswick also mourned the loss of so many local men including Adjutant General Thomas McIntosh her first husband of only 14 months who was killed at the Battle of Sharpsburg (Antietam). Five years after his death, she married former battlefield surgeon Dr. James M. Madden and they resided in Brunswick.

The text on the Hanover Monument does not mention Slavery. Fewer than ten percent of Southerners owned slaves. The Confederate soldiers did NOT fight to preserve Slavery. They fought because of high Taxes and Tariffs put on the South by the North. The North INVADED the South and the Confederates fought for States’ Rights and Free Trade and to protect their families, homes, farms, and businesses. That is why the War is often rightly referred to as The War of Northern Aggression because the North invaded the South -The South did not attempt to overthrow the United States government. The War was between two sovereign and independent countries (what was left of The United States of America & the new Confederate States of America).

Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence that governments “...derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that, whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government”. Thus, the forming of the Confederate

States of America (CSA) was not Treason as you hear so often said.

The twenty-foot tall, obelisk-type Monument made of sandstone with the statue of a lone Confederate Soldier on top made of white, Italian marble, after many years, was cleaned by the Old Town District residents. The North facing statue with its downward gaze appears to be in dignified reflection, but not defeated or disgraced. This common soldier’s booted foot is placed forward into the future.

Ninety-four years after the Hanover Monument was erected, local citizens were still passionate about the Monument and in 1996, the Thomas Marsh Forman Camp of Brunswick, Sons of Confederate Veterans headed a campaign to collect donations for a restoration that was completed in December 1996. The Monument was Rededicated on April 26th, 1997 with a parade from Oak Grove Cemetery to Hanover Square. The Brunswick Civic Orchestra provided music in solemn form. The Thomas Marsh Forman Camp and the Lanier of Glynn Chapter of Brunswick, United Daughters of the Confederacy were in charge of the Program.

Anyone born or raised below the Mason-Dixon Line, is most likely a descendant of a soldier who fought during the Civil War for the Confederate States of America. (Which we all are.) This War was fought on AMERICAN soil between AMERICANS and upwards of 850,000 Northern and Southern men died of wounds or diseases. This was more men than we have lost in ALL the wars we have ever participated in from The American Revolution to Afghanistan. Therefore, this Civil War is a huge part of our American history which should NOT be destroyed.

Healthy societies do NOT destroy their own history; tearing down history does NOT help others RISE. If you don’t know what happened in the past THEN you can’t learn from it, and if you can’t learn from it, you’re doomed to repeat it.

We can debate the War of 155 years ago until the cows come home, but what will it accomplish to tear down this Monument which has stood for 118 years in this same location with beautiful surroundings maintained by Signature Squares? Nothing, absolutely NOTHING!!!





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John Taylor (1753-1803) wrote,
“Tyranny is something which takes away our money,
transfers our property and comforts to those who did not earn them,
and eats the food belonging to others.”



👉 Commander Roy Butts of the General LaFayette McLaws Camp #79, in Fayetteville accepted the Confederate History Month Proclamation from Fayette County Commissioner Charles Oddo

Members and friends of Gen. McLaws Camp #79 March in Fayette County Bicentennial Parade



👉 General Ambrose Ransom Wright SCV Camp 1914 and Troop2, CSRA Squad Confederate Memorial Day Service at our Columbia County Monument.



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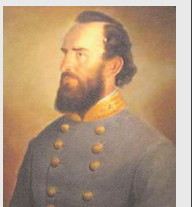


👉 Top: grave marker detail, Ellijay: 2nd Lt. William Holloway; Co. F 11th GA Inf./#1 L to R Joe N. Carver; Steve Farist; Johnathan Davis; Mike Davis; Rick Fountain; Bobby Bradford. Gilmer Light Guards Camp 89

Lower: CMD, April 24, 2021 [pouring rain] Camps Gilmer Light Guards 89, Col. Hiram Parks Bell 1642, Blue Ridge Rifles 1860, 27th Georgia Reg. 1404

"I myself see in this war, if the North triumph, a dissolution of the bonds of all society. It is not alone the destruction of our property, but the prelude to anarchy, infidelity and the ultimate loss of free responsible government on this continent."

Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson





Thank you to new member Rick Hollingsworth and future member Samuel Bazemore for working at the Humphreys Cemetery this morning! Thanks is also due to neighbor Wayne Anderson who assisted with his tractor. Those buried there include Curtis Humphreys, Sr., Screven County’s secession convention delegate, and J. Emmett Williamson who served with him in Col. Wright’s 12th Georgia Cavalry (State Guards). Cmdr. Adam Bazemore Black Creek Volunteers Camp #549



Camp 1432 Member Dennis Elm received National Medal for Meritorious Service also Camp 1432 The Confederate Memorial camp meeting Richard Straut

Lest we forget



Lt. Dickson L. Baker Camp 926 had a very nice BBQ dinner on Lake Hartwell to celebrate Confederate History and Heritage Month Two members receive 25 year membership pins. See Page 25



☞ Thomson Guards, Camp 91, met to mark the 110 Confederate soldier's graves in the Old Thomson Cemetery See Page 25

☞ I want to thank all my Steadfast Brothers and Sisters that felt the pulse of their Ancestors Blood and Our Heritage of Defiance against Tyranny. You Felt the Call and made the Ride to Stone Mountain. It was a Grand Time. (TBo) Carl T. Miller Camp #1914 General Ambrose R. Wright Columbia County, GA



☞ My 14 year old son Tyler helping me put out the flags on the Confederate graves
Carl Tommy Miller, Jr.



☞ 17 April 2021 Confederate Memorial Day Atop of Stone Mountain John Hall and Billy Bearden



☞ Confederate Memorial Day at the Confederate Powder Works chimney, Augusta in accordance with Col. George W. Rains wishes. L to R: Ron Udell, Carl T. Miller, Sr, Tommy Chappell

☞ Newest member of Gen. James Longstreet Camp 1289. Robert Laborde (left) , who joined on his ancestor Jean Pierre Guillory, Hotton's Company La. Artillery(Crescent Artillery), being presented his certificate by Commander Doug Brown..



☞ J.C.Carter, member of Thomas Marsh Foreman Camp 485, along with his wife Libby and Oak Grove Cemetery Society member Troop Nightingale placed the Confederate Iron Crosses back into the old city cemetery. They had been removed last spring after threats were made from extreme groups to destroy the Confederate grave markers as well as the Confederate monument located in downtown Brunswick.



☞ Carl T Miller Jr.> Thomas Reynolds > Teddy Forbes> Chuck Moore >+ Stone MTN, Confederate Memorial Day Celebration



☞ Thomson: On Thursday evening, May 25, The Thomson Guards, Camp 91, Thomson, Georgia, welcomed three new members. Shown are l to r: Adjutant David Butler, Dobbie Lambert, Casey Harris, Lee Spradling and Camp Commander Tom Holley



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March 17, 2021

Division Recruitment and Voter Registration Campaign

Gentlemen,

Following up on the Division's Recruitment and Voter Registration Campaign: We have received 100 packs of voter registration applications at our Division Office ready for distribution.

Brothers, I can't emphasize enough how serious our situation is. If we don't get our like-minded Georgians registered and out to vote, Georgia will be headed down the same path as Virginia has gone. We can't let the leftist in Fulton and DeKalb Counties determine our State's future.

This Recruitment and Voter Registration Campaign is an action that we all can take part in, and it will make a substantial difference. Make it a personal goal to get 5 to 10 like-minded Georgians registered to vote and try to recruit them in the ranks of the SCV.

Have a stack of voter registration applications available at Camp events, booths, and meetings along with SCV membership applications. A copy of the individual's ID is required to submit along with the application. Purchase a cheap printer so you can make a copy for them on the spot to get it ready to mail.

We have made it easy to get voter registration applications and recruitment brochures:

Email or Call Division Secretary Kitty Dorety at secretary@gascv.org or (866) 728-4642. We have both voter applications and SCV membership brochures available that she can mail to you.

Email the Secretary of State's office, Rachell Simmons at rsimmons@sos.ga.gov and request that she ship you a few packs of voter registration applications.

Go to your County's Board of Elections office and ask for a pack of voter registration applications.

Go on line to the Secretary of State web-page and register to vote on line : www.registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR/beginRegistration.do

Brothers, we can do something about the direction our State is heading. Get some voter registration applications and SCV membership applications on hand to give out. Keep some in your vehicle, you never know when the opportunity will present itself. We have plenty of like-minded young men and women that need to be registered to vote and in the ranks of the SCV.

If you're interested in serving as the Voter / Recruitment coordinator for your Camp or Brigade please email me or give me a call. timfpilgrim@yahoo.com or 404.456.3393.

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**“I hold concession or compromise to be
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follow compromise,
until our ranks would be so broken
that effectual resistance would be impossible.”
~ John C. Calhoun**

Why Remember?

By Martin O'Toole

Before the Sesquicentennial, over 50,000 books and pamphlets since the firing on Fort Sumter - roughly one published every day. Certainly, that number has not slacked in the last few years.

The War is remembered - by whom and why? Some people today do not know anything about our past.

Take Confederate Memorial Day. I was shocked to see in that font of all knowledge, *Wikipedia*, this assertion posted by one savant *"Having lived in Mississippi for my whole life and never having heard about this 'holiday,' it seems to be just some paltry attempt at either humor or insult to people south of the Mason-Dixon line."*

Recently an Open Records Request from Brunswick brought an email from a mother who had explained to her son that the statue on their square was put up for "bad people."

On Saturday, the local police demanded that an SCV Confederate Memorial Day service immediately furl the Confederate Battle Flag in the last five minutes of the event lest a snowflake see it and melt. Juvenal, the Roman historian moaned: That we have been reduced to this!

The War is being remembered - in often bizarre ways completely severed from real history.

For example, former Congressman Jesse Jackson, Jr. proposed, and Congress mandated a requirement that all National Parks with "civil war" themes integrate civil rights messages into their presentations.

Well, the Honorable Mr. Jackson was sent to federal prison for theft. He stole money in order to buy such necessities of life as Michael Jackson fedoras and cashmere capes, but his mandate lives on. Recently I heard it said that the presentations at Kennesaw Mountain will run "From Civil

War to Civil Rights." I am unaware that any civil rights national parks are incorporating Civil War themes into their presentations.

Why should we in the South remember? What was the cost of the unsuccessful War for Southern Independence?

Let us take a look at the war itself as expressed in numbers.

10,000 engagements

Traditional estimation of 620,000 combat dead. Now raised to as high as 850,000 with 750,000 being accepted as a working minimal estimate.

That today would be as if 8 million soldiers died in 4 years. Recall our Vietnam experience: we lost about 58,000 men between 1945 and 1975 and the nation reeled under the weight of the casualties.

The total of casualties in the "Civil War" was greater than all killed in Colonial Wars, American Revolution, War of 1812, Mexican War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam as well as our operations in Grenada, Panama, Iraq - twice—and Afghanistan.

"Civil War", six to eight times the death rate of World War II:

750 - 850,000 men served the South under arms. 75 - 80% of military age white men of the South.

At least 260,000 died. Probably more in the neighborhood of 350,000. 200,000 seriously wounded

This is at least a 30 to 35% death rate. About 1 in 5 maimed. Largest expenditure for Southern state budgets for some years after the war was for artificial limbs. There was no assistance - no Marshall plan such as defeated Germany and Japan enjoyed - from the federal government for "rebels."

The Vietnam War had the next highest death rate at 7%. A total of 92 Confederate generals killed. Similar rates of death among the

field grade and company grade officers showed that the leadership of the pre-war South was decimated. By comparison, we lost four generals and admirals in World War II—one of whom was killed by friendly fire courtesy of the United States Army Air Force.

50,000 civilians - almost all in the South - died from causes that historians say are war related: Disease, exposure, malnutrition and outright starvation.

As only one example, Sherman emptied Atlanta driving the civilian population out into the coming fall and winter before he began his march to the sea. It would be said that a crow flying over Georgia would have to carry its own rations because of the deliberate policy of destruction the Union army conducted.

But there is seldom any focus on what it meant to the women and children at home whether on a plantation "big house" or, more commonly, a log hut when all their supplies were taken or deliberately destroyed. Wells were destroyed or polluted. If you will read "Children of Pride" you will learn what this meant. Federals would tell a Georgia woman she and her children that "You have no right to even wood or water."

Sherman's Christmas present to Lincoln was quite different from his Christmas present to Georgia.

A family note: My great-grandfather, R. L. Hope, told my mother that when he was a child, he observed federal cavalry come to their home outside Atlanta. They emptied the possessions and furniture from the house piling them in the yard. Everything was then set afire. Most of the cavalry rode off to repeat the process at other unfortunate homes. Several troopers stayed behind and when the flames were almost burned out, they picked up embers and threw them into the house causing it to burn to the ground as well. These were civilian homes,

and this all took place before the burning of Atlanta.

Sherman wrote his wife Ellen that the Southern civilians *"regard us just as the Romans regarded the Goths and the parallel is not unjust."* This from the man who succeeded in his promise to *"make Georgia howl."*

His antics in Mississippi and the Carolinas show that Georgia was not a fluke.

In modern times, the civilian death rate is only matched in World War II by the civilians on the Ruhr in Germany and Russians on the Volga.

Two-Thirds of Southern assessed wealth was "gone with the wind." Freed slaves, burned farms and houses, looted silver was the legacy of the passage of Federal troops. The unseen losses of the war would include the promise of those dead who would never make any further contribution to Southern society. They would write no poems, make no inventions, build no homes or businesses.

Many of the surviving women would find no husbands. There would be no family of descendants. It is hard to calculate precisely what might have been - but is not hard to understand the lost promise of a lost war.

To the victors belonged the spoils. Now the North had its all-time high tariff rates and added discriminatory freight rates to keep the South in a form of mercantile subjugation. A piano or finished manufactured product shipped north from Georgia cost much more than the same article shipped south into Georgia. Georgians were explained that this was fair because cotton or peanuts would cost more to ship into Georgia from, say, Minnesota, than it would cost to ship from Georgia to Minnesota.

In effect, Dixie remained an economic colony until World War II when Georgia's then-Gov -

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Why?: Continued ernor Ellis Arnall got the Supreme Court to declare the discriminatory freight rates unconstitutional. It took Hitler and Hirohito knocking at the door to get the North's attention on this matter.

For the decades that followed, as Dixie labored under this system designed to keep it in poverty, Southerners had to endure Northern jibes that somehow it was the South's fault that she was poor.

Keep in mind that it is the argument of the descendants of the abolitionists today that it is bad environment that creates poverty and ignorance. If they were correct, the economic policies formulated during Reconstruction and maintained for the next seven decades were designed to create an inferior environment in the South.

After the war, the Federal government allocated \$4 million to establish cemeteries for Northern soldiers. Despite Lincoln's argument that the South had never left the Union, Southern dead were excluded from burial in national cemeteries. Worse, Southern bodies were sometimes exhumed from hasty battlefield graves after the war by federal squads and then, when it was discovered, these were the remains of Confederate soldiers, the bodies were often abandoned above ground and ignored.

This dishonorable and ignoble policy horrified decent Northerners such as one correspondent for the *Atlantic Monthly* shared his disgust with his readers. At this time, the Southern political leadership was at a minimum disenfranchised or in exile when not clapped in irons and rotting in dungeons like Jefferson Davis.

In this poverty and deprivation our ancestors undertook, from their little remaining resources, to form private associations and tend to their sacred dead. While the federal program – supported

by taxes from the entire nation – became a bureaucracy with all that suggests, the South paid out of its own meager resources the necessary funds to honor and remember its lost soldiers as well as their cause. It was, in truth, an affirmation and purification.

Across the South, from small groups in small towns or county seats to large memorial associations such as the ladies of the Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond or the Atlanta Ladies' Memorial Association, the South remembered.

The modest tablet and plaque that graces Fayetteville was erected during the Great Depression as a sacrificial testament to the spirit of the soldiers who fought for the Southland. Such remembrance is now hated by the professionally tolerant.

The Southland honored its dead by actions from the women's groups who with loving hands tended the graves of their dead sons, brothers and husbands. In the poverty of defeat, the South looked to itself to create monuments, memorials and even its own holiday: Confederate Memorial Day.

Georgia took April 26th as the date of remembrance. It was the day that General Joseph E. Johnston's troops surrendered and ended the war in the east as Robert E. Lee had already surrendered. Other dates selected across the South included Jefferson Davis' birthday and the date of Jefferson Davis' capture.

Why a separate holiday or separate cemeteries? Federal General John Logan, in his proclamation as Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic (some said Grand Army of the Republicans) in 1868 named May 30 as the day to remember the dead and their sacrifices of the late unpleasantness. At the time it was called Decoration Day. He stated that the purpose of the holiday was “*strewing with flowers or other-*

wise decorating the graves of comrades who died in the defense of their country during the late rebellion.” The South, explained Logan, was engaged in “rebellious tyranny.” Later the day became known as Memorial Day, diluting the name of Confederate Memorial Day.

Obviously, the South was excluded from the celebrations. So, we made and maintained our own commemoration of our people's independence struggles. Despite the talk of all Americans, back in one great union again, General Logan and many others made it clear that for some the former Confederacy was excluded.

One of the over 260,000 who died was General Patrick Cleburne. In a prophetic statement the General said: “*It means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers; will learn from Northern school books their version of the war; will be impressed by all the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, our maimed veterans as fit objects for derision. It means the crushing of Southern manhood, the hatred of our former slaves, who will, on a spy system, be our secret police.*”

What a vision of the future! Is there anything in this paragraph which has not, to some extent come true?

So, we must remember the sacrifices of those who went before us. The defamatory language poured on them today by the ruling classes of academia, media and the corporate world is more of a reflection on our masters than our ancestors. And the virtues of our ancestors were at one time recognized, respected and celebrated around the world.

The Confederates would be pleased – maybe even surprised – to know that we think of them today over a century and a half later. Indeed, the ancient Greeks

believed that the soul never died so long as someone remembered them.

But we must keep in mind that our ancestors did not fight for markers. They wanted to survive the war and continue with their lives, work, raising families, farming, worshiping at church, or simply enjoying life in an independent Southland.

But, for practically all Southerners, the pressure of events had other plans for their lives following the election of Abraham Lincoln and the final split between North and South that had been brewing for years.

So, the South fought. They fought in their neighborhoods – often in their own back yards. Southerners fought afar on land and on sea – girdling the earth at a time when few people went more than a few miles from home.

The Confederates on the battlefield and on the home front did not fight for markers or memorials. They fought for us. They sought to make this land a better place for us. They sought to elevate our morals, educate our minds and ensure liberty for us.

The truth be told, they fought that we might have a better life.

Herein is the lesson of the lives of our Confederate ancestors. Just as they did, we should dedicate our lives and our energies to those who come next – those born and those yet to be born.

Our Confederate ancestors, being human, made mistakes. We should learn from those mistakes and profit thereby. After all, the cost of some of these mistakes has been enormous.

But, their lives, whether it be Jefferson Davis or Robert E. Lee or a mere private like Lawson Henderson Hope of the Georgia Militia cavalry, despite their post-war poverty, were rich, leaving us a heritage of honor.

Our Confederate ancestors' concern for us today is evident in their

Historical Markers

By Barry Colbaugh

In September 2020 the State Marker "End of Confederate Line" was reported damaged with a broken post on Hwy 61 in front of Paulding County High School on Facebook. The Gen William J. Hardee Camp # 1397 in Dallas, Georgia responded quickly and ordered a new aluminum post of the Georgia Historical Society. The Camp commander Wayne Willingham said that his Camp used to help maintain the markers in his county. I was curious about this and wondered if Bartow County was listed. I spoke via email with Elyse Butler of the Georgia Historical Society and she shared a list of the markers in Bartow County. The Georgia Historical Society does not have the resources to monitor the condition of all of the markers statewide so it seemed like a perfect camp project. As you can see from the photo above most of the original poles are made of cement with a metal skirt to hide the cement and prevent damage. There is also a piece of rebar in the center which is keeping the plaque from falling. This particular marker was damaged by vandals but they do often take a beating from bush hogs and lawn mowers. Being close to the road also make them targets for cars and drunk drivers.



Most of these markers were first placed back in the 1950s by the Georgia Historical Commission in February of 1951. It's no mere coincidence that this com-

mission was approved with the passing of aged Confederate veterans and also the 1956 Confederate Battle Flag in the state flag. The commission's other major work was erecting some 1,800 historical markers. In 1962, the approaching American Civil War Centennial inspired the commission to set 750 Civil War markers in place before the observance in 1965. Slowly but surely these markers are slowly aging and need repair and some are gone all together. Maintaining the markers most related to the War is important and anything a camp can do to report them damaged, missing or stolen is important.



This marker is among the first you may see when you come into Bartow County via Adairsville. Notice how all the paint is chipping. The marker is located between Highway 41 and what is called Old 41. It is in the center median and gets a lot of exposure to the sun. To add to the chipping paint a mystery lichen covers some of the opposite side. I call it a mystery because while there are trees across the street there is nothing but open pasture and a church lawn nearby. I cleaned off most of the lichen with distilled water and a soft brush but the sign is still in need of painting and I reported the results to the Georgia Historical Society. The post is in fine condition.

In this picture [next] you can see a common problem with the older markers. The red circle that appears in the center. This marker represents the location of the McKelvey House where General



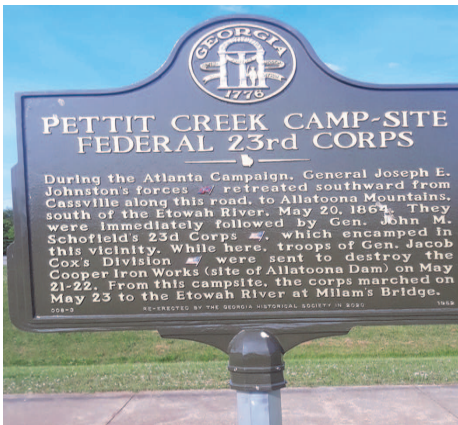
Leonidas Polk had his headquarters. The red circle usually appears when the signs are exposed to the sun. This particular spot was covered in brush and briars and it took me a bit to clear. In cutting back the brush I discovered something else nearby.



This smaller marker was at the base of a tree and a cement mount put there in 1948 by the Patriots of Bartow and one member was Colonel Spencer who wrote historical articles in the Daily Tribune newspaper about the War and the history of the County. The GHS historical marker was placed around 1952 sometime after this plaque. Along with this project we will include all the markers of Bartow County for inventory with the Camp project.

These plaques use allen key screws to attach the plaque to the post. While the screws are effective at attaching the plaque to the post, one lick with a bush hog and you start the sign spinning. The screws are not meant for this force and not only strip the screws but damage the concrete underneath. Making the plaque difficult to reattach, stripping the screws and needing the screw holes re-tapped. The GHS sent me some replacement screws for the rusted out ones but so far they have been ineffective.

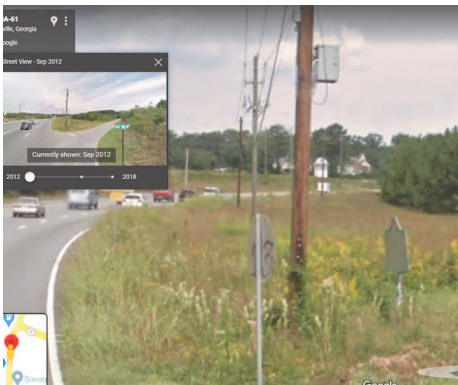
This particular marker [next] was replaced in 2020 and it is freshly painted. This marker is



located in the Atco mill Village in Cartersville as a part of the area sidewalk trail. So you can see what a new and repaired marker looks like. Our goal is to clean up all markers like this.



Here in Oak Hill Cemetery is a marker the Stiles/Akin Camp installed for the memory of General P.M.B. Young using donations to the Camp and matching Georgia SCV funds. The marker has our logo. The designer is Sewah Studios and if a camp wants to place new historical markers this may be an option.



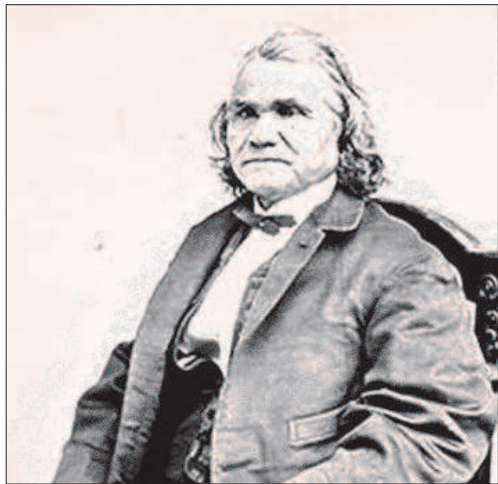
We discovered 6 historical markers were missing mostly to development. If we can determine the markers where abouts it will cost significantly less to replace them. One such marker was the historic Felton Home located along Hwy 411 but due to the

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Markers: Continued road construction along Hwy 411, Hwy 20 and Peebles Valley Road the marker is missing. Using Google Maps time feature we see the markers location in 2012. The next date in 2018, we can see the marker is gone so it gives a rough timeline for the time the marker was missing. We contacted the State and County DOT and other government entities but no luck in recovering the marker.

This is why I want to encourage you to consider this as a camp project. The Georgia Historical Society will appreciate the help and we can identify possible theft and damage of these markers. Keeping track of these markers will help keep you connected to the history of the county. It might be possible to move the markers to more appropriate locations where they are safer and easier to visit. This is a worthwhile project. You can contact Elyse Butler with the Georgia Historical Society at 912-651-2125 or 404-382-5410 or email at ebutler@georgiahistory.com She can get you a list of all the counties markers and will appreciate the help. ♦

Barry Colbaugh
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Why?: Continued actions and their sacrifices. We would be deeply unworthy if we did not recall them, study them, learn from them and improve, where possible, upon them.

What did they want from us? Very little has actually been requested.

Listen to General Stephen D. Lee's charge given in 1906 to the next generation of Southerners:

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But we have other debts to pay. We also owe our posterity our best efforts to make their world a better place. And above all, we owe them the truth.

That is what is expected of us both by those who have gone before and those to whom we will pass the torch. Will you be equal to the task?

As Jefferson Davis reminded us, these issues will come again in another form.

In many cases they already have.

We must remember,
learn and act.

Martin K. O'Toole
Division Spokesman
Fayetteville, GA
April 26, 2021

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David W. Payne Camp 1633
 At the May 13th meeting of the David W. Payne Camp 1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Judy Carpenter, President of the Union County Historical Society, was presented with the SCV's certificate of appreciation. Carpenter spoke to Camp 1633 about the numerous past accomplishments of the UCHS and its ongoing efforts to preserve Union County records and landmarks and educate the public on the county's considerable history. ❖

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Freedom Ministries Fitzgerald, GA



Dear Editor,

It was my privilege and honor to attend the reenactment of the Battle at Resaca, Georgia. A daughter, a couple of my grandchildren, and friends from our SCV Camp in South Georgia enjoyed the day. Afterwards we went to the Cemetery. Moved by what I saw, I penned these words.

Today I walked on Hallowed Ground.
 Amidst the musket fire and the powerful cannon thunder,
 I did cringe at the smell and awful sound,
 My thought went to those whose bodies were torn asunder.

I saw their men and horses crossing that field,
 And yes, I knew they were actors playing a part.
 And I knew that one side by history did yield,
 But today I walked on ground that broke my heart.

With many of their lives the payment was paid.
 The soil was soaked with their blood, now made hallow.
 On that day, this field their sacrifice was made.
 In the heat of the battle that day they were frail and fallow.

Now among the tombstones and markers we do walk,
 Reminded by the many whose name here is not known.
 With hat in hand and flags to place, it is hard to talk.
 Knowing that here, the youth have their blood sown.

Sleep on my lads gathered on that far away shore.
 Nobler men the world has not crowned.
 This day I remember you and your place in that war,
 For today, I walked on Hallowed Ground.

Jack Cowart, Capt. Camp #2313

**“If you are a Christian, you are not a citizen of this world trying to get to heaven;
 you are a citizen of heaven making your way through this world.”**

~ Vance Havner

CAMP NEWS

David W. Payne Camp 1633 Hunley Awards

The Sons of Confederate Veterans have a Junior ROTC Hunley Awards Program, named after the *C.S.S. Hunley*, the first submarine in history to sink an enemy warship, and its designer, Horace L. Hunley. The award is presented to a Cadet who best exemplifies the characteristics of the crew and commander of the famed Confederate submarine - honor, courage and commitment. The David W. Payne Camp 1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans, recently presented the Hunley Award to Staff Sergeant Benjamin Kyle Barger and Senior Airman Dawson Thomas Long, students of Mountain Area Christian Academy in Morganton, Georgia. ❖

Thomson Guards Camp 91

On April 17, 2021, the Thomson Guards, Camp 91, met to mark the 110 Confederate soldier's graves in the Old Thomson Cemetery. There was a short memorial service in which the camp poet, Mr. Phil Turner read "The Last Rebel Yell". The photo was taken in front of the five previously unknown soldiers that were wounded in the Battle of Atlanta. In transit by train to the hospitals in Augusta, they died and were removed and buried in Thomson. In recent years, four of the five have been identified with their graves marked appropriately. Those participating included, L to R, Tom Holley, Bob Gibson, Phil Turner, David Butler, Mike Lacefield and Mr. Durham Milburn. Not shown Lewis Smith.

Photo credit: Dollie Lacefield
Tom Holley, Thomson Guards ❖

Lt. Dickson L. Baker Camp 926

Hunley Awards

Cadet Battalion Commander Mary Evelyn Holmes of the Hart County JROTC is a Senior and won several awards at the program this evening. After graduation she is planning to attend University of North Georgia and participate in "Corp of Cadets" to earn her commission as an officer in the United States Army

Cadet Sgt. Kaden Johnson McLane. Kaden clearly distinguishes himself above his peers through his willingness to serve in many capacities to include: JROTC, Athletics, and his Church. ❖

Lt. Dickson L. Baker Camp 926

Lt. Dickson L. Baker Camp 926 had a very nice BBQ dinner on Lake Hartwell to celebrate Confederate History and Heritage Month. Members and their wives and lady friends had a very enjoyable time and lots of good BBQ from Backstreet BBQ in Hartwell.

It was a good celebration,
Cmdr. Judson Barton

[Photo Page 11]Compatriot Eddie Grizzle on left and Compatriot Keith Norris on right received their 25 year Membership medals from Lt. Dickson L. Baker Camp 926 Commander Judson Barton in center. The Baker camp had a nice BBQ dinner on Lake Hartwell with lots of members attending to celebrate Confederate History and Heritage Month. ❖

"Charged with Treason: The Roswell Mill Workers"

Michael Hitt, Historian
for the

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

Historical Presentations Series

The program for the **May 6 (2021)** regular meeting of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, TRR Cobb Camp #97, will be provided by the above historian.

Roswell, Georgia, in 1864, was an important textile town to the Confederate government supplying cotton and wool materials to the Quartermaster Department in Atlanta. During the Atlanta Campaign, the mill employees were expected to help defend the industries at Roswell if attacked. In July of 1864, Federal Cavalry was sent to capture the Roswell Bridge spanning the Chattahoochee River, setting in motion events that would lead to treason charges being leveled against most of the citizens of Roswell. Two French flags were flown in defiance by the town, as well as other defiant acts, at the woolen mill which would cause the deportation of 400 men, women, and children. Who was the person behind the idea of flying the French flags and what happened to the mill employees once in prison? Their physical abuse, at the hands of the prison doctor, has to be understood by understanding who the doctor was. The ordeal this contract surgeon experienced,

prior to being charged with the prisoners' care, will be looked at. These two important points will give a

greater understanding of the *Charged with Treason* incident.

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 (706-769-9770).

Photo: Roswell Mill Workers housing.



David W. Payne Camp # 1633

Sunday, April 25th, at the Union County War Memorial in Blairsville, the David W. Payne Camp 1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans, held its annual Confederate Memorial Day ceremony at the Union County War Memorial in Blairsville. The ceremony was delayed a full day due to inclement weather the previous day. In spite of the delay, a good crowd was on hand to hear keynote speaker Dr. Dan Eichenbaum. In spite of its small population, Union County raised at least eleven military companies in the 1861-1865 *War for Southern Independence*. ❖

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Confederate Memorial Day
Sylvester

A large crowd gathered on a beautiful Sunday, 25 April around 4PM in Sylvester, GA for the 29th annual Confederate Memorial Service. Chaplain Bobby Joe Brown opened the service with a moving prayer. Commander Eugene “Bo” Slack started with the announcements of VIP’s present, former 9th Brigade Commander Raymond Harrell was on hand for the celebration along with other dignitaries, former 8th Brigade Commander Charlie Parks and Camp Commanders Pete Cowart of the Moultrie John K McNeil Camp, Commander Jack Cowart of the CSS Chattahoochee Camp, Charlie Ivey from the Albany Lt Colonel Nelson Camp, {retired} Lt Colonel Perry Bennett, Confederate Re-enactors Andy Carson, Charlie Parks, Pete Cowart, Mike Kennedy and Tommy Parramore, the Order of Confederate Rose, escorted by the GA Mechanized Cavalry from the Perry, GA area and many others were present. Colors were posted and our beloved Confederate Flags were proudly waving in the Southwest Georgia wind.

Judge Advocate Charles Rodney Hutchinson was awarded a special Certificate of Achievement for becoming a lifetime member of the International Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Commander Slack read to the audience the Charge of General Stephen Dill Lee from the general’s speech of 1896. The salute to the Confederate Flag was recited by Reverend Jerry Etheredge, pledge of allegiance to the Real GA Flag of 1956 was recited by 1st Lt Commander Ronald Chapman and the Farewell Address of General Robert E. Lee was recited by Judge Advocate Charles Rodney Hutchinson, Keith Ford led the group in our Southern National Anthem, Dixie and George Ray Houston, Poet Laureate of the Georgia Division, read his poem, “The Legends of Gray”. The names were read of all the Worth County Confederate Soldiers who died in the war defending their young nation from a brutal invasion by another nation, the United States. Two motivating and exciting speeches were made by Commander Jack Cowart and Lt Colonel Perry Bennett. Wreathes were laid by the Order of Confederate Rose, the Confederate Re-enactors shot a three volley salute with muskets and George Ray Houston played Taps. The service ended with a prayer by the Yancy Independents Chaplain and 2nd Lt Commander Bobby Joe Brown. Photos were made and the 29th Annual Confederate Memorial Service was now in history. ❖

If I ever disown, repudiate, or apologize
for the Cause for which Lee fought
and Jackson died, let the lightnings of
Heaven rend me, and the scorn of all good
men and true women be my portion.
Sun, moon, stars, all fall on me when I cease
to love the Confederacy.
‘ ‘Tis the Cause, not the fate of the Cause,
that is glorious!

9th Brigade

Americus, Georgia Camp #78 Alexander H. Stephens, Commander Martin A. McDonald, Guest Speaker Jack C. Cowart, Bagpipes Dan Bray.

Bainbridge, Georgia Celebrated by Camp # 1689 "The Decatur Grays" Commander John Fisher, Speaker Dale Cox.

Camp #2071 "Lt. Lovett Allen Tully" celebrated Confederate Memorial Day on the Square of Colquitt, Georgia.

Submitted by Capt. Jack Cowart
CSS Chattahoochee Camp # 2313

John K. McNeill #674

Apparently several Iron Crosses were pulled up by vandals at the Westview Cemetery, Moultrie, GA. The Camp will install them again with cement foundations. Charles Parks reported the vandalism to the city police.

Submitted by Bo Slack



SW Georgia Confederate Memorial Park

A crowd gathered at the Southwest Georgia Confederate Memorial Park in Albany on Saturday, May 8 for our Confederate Memorial service 2021. Commander James King was the master of ceremony and introduced the VIP’s. Chaplain Bobby Joe Brown of the Yancy Independents, Camp 693 of Sylvester was in charge of all prayers for the day. George Ray Houston of the Yancy Independents and Poet Laureate of the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans read his poem “The Long Lonesome Road”. The Key Note Speaker for the event was one of the great speakers of our era, Commander Eugene “Bo” Slack of the Yancy Independents. Commander Slack received a standing ovation for his spectacular speech on General Robert E. Lee and Lt General Thomas Jonathan “Stonewall” Jackson. Commander King read off the names of each seceding state of the Confederate States of America by date of secession while individuals stood when their state was named. Flowers were placed at the foot of the Confederate Monument as each state was called. Confederate Re-enactors saluted the Confederate dead with musket and cannon volleys. All had a great time honoring our Confederate kin and heroes.

Georgia Division Spokesman, Martin K. O’Toole

Georgia Division Spokesman, Martin K. O’Toole addresses the crowd at Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony , presented by General LaFayette McLaws Camp #79, in Fayetteville, Ga.





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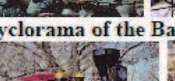
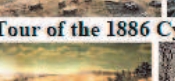
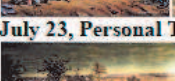
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☞ David W. Payne Camp 1633(Left to Right): Camp Commander Mike Pettus; Judy Carpenter; Treasurer Pete White

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☞SCV Camp 1914, Columbia County, Georgia, Cmdr. Carl T Miller Jr., swore in a new Compatriot Raymond Williams.
Below, Left:
General Ambrose Ransom Wright, Camp 1914 meeting with Speaker, compatriot, David Moncus on the History of the Georgia Flags.



☞ David W. Payne Camp 1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans, held its annual Confederate Memorial Day, [R] Dr. Dan Eichenbaum delivers the keynote address



☞ Dublin , Ga. Confederate memorial services with the Dublin SCV Camp along with the Mechanized Cavalry



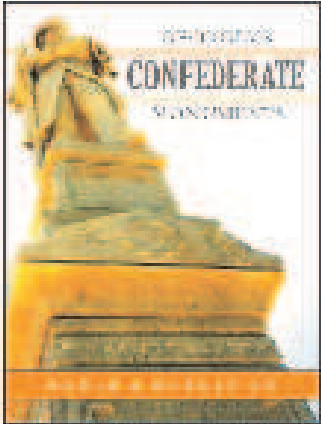
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