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**ROBERT A TOOMBS CAMP #935
IS ERECTING THE FIRST GRAND
CONFEDERATE MONUMENT IN
ALMOST CENTURY**

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The Charge to the Georgia Division

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.



New Compatriots, Inductions, and Awards



👉 Clement A. Evans camp #64 welcomes new members Corbin Douglas (L-R), Walt Douglas, and their father Justin Douglas.



👉 Thomson Guards #91 inducted Mr. Jeffery Martin Hathorn into the camp, Jeffery's ancestor was Private John Younger Hathorn (7th Mississippi infantry). Shown in the photo are (l) 1st Lt Commander Jimmy Crawley reading the ceremony script to Jeffery Hathorn (c) while Commander Tom Holley presents the certificate and pin.



👉 New member, William Head, was inducted into camp #1807 in Cairo, Georgia by Commander Raymond Harrell, while Adjutant Joshua Ward and other members look on.



👉 The General Stand Watie Camp #915 in Calhoun, Ga. welcomes new member David Albritton. Left to right in photo: 2nd Lt. Commander Tony Timms, Compatriot David Albritton, Commander Brandon W. Banks.



👉 McLeod Moring Camp #1386 presented Mr. Keith Lawson with a 40 Year Membership Certificate at its monthly meeting on March 16, 2023. Mr. Lawson officially joined the organization on June 12, 1981, less than a month after it was chartered in May 16, 198.



👉 The General Stand Watie Camp #915 in Calhoun, Ga. welcome new member Ricky Beck. Left to right in photo: Commander Brandon W. Banks, Compatriot Ricky Beck.



👉 Cdr. Judson Barton (Lt. Dickson L. Baker #926) presents the H.L. Hunley medal to Elbert County JROTC Cadet 1st SGT. Josiah Harkins. SGT. Harkins also received the \$250.00 scholarship.



👉 27th Georgia Camp 1404 - Commander Ralph Mills and compatriot Russell Crow welcome new member Brandon Whitmire.



👉 Commander Ralph Mills, 27th Georgia Camp 1404, presented Certificates of Appreciation to four local law enforcement agencies. He stated that all were warmly received. The attached picture is of Commander Mills and Flowery Branch Police Chief Chris Hulsey.

GEORGIA DIVISION

STATE OF THE DIVISION

Gentlemen,

As you can see on the front page the Division is going full stream ahead with re-filing all our lawsuits after the favorable Ga. Supreme Court ruling. The way things are going with the changes the Stone Mountain Memorial Association are making at Stone Mountain and the City of Stone Mountain attempts to remove the Confederate headstone and the cemetery flagpole we will be adding a couple more lawsuits to the list.

This is were the rubber hits the road. We have got to do all we can to win these legal battles to send a message across the State that if you mess with our Confederate monuments there will be a price to pay.

Brothers, we need to build a war chest that will enable us to fight the good and noble fight to project our Veterans Monuments. If all our members could give \$100 each to our Legal Defense Fund that would give us a war chest of \$300,000. If you can only give \$10 per month do it, go to www.ga.scv.org/donate and check the box to give monthly to Heritage Defense. The law is on our side and with the funds to fight the good fight the we could make them howl.

Below is the State of the Division given at Reunion.

STATE OF THE DIVISION ADDRESS:

I'm pleased to report the Georgia Division is stronger than ever. The Georgia Division remains the largest Division in our Confederation, serving over 3,000 members in 101 active Camps.

Like any well run Army our Division has primary objectives to achieve our charge. As you're Division Commander it is been my duty to formulate and execute our battle plan with help from my Division Officers, Division Staff, Camp Officers & our membership.

In order to execute our battle plan we have to engage professional individuals and firms to get the job done right. Do our best the raise the funds needed to support our objectives and call upon our members to give of their time, expertise and resources to help execute our battle plans.

Our primary objectives over the last 8 years include.

Opening a Division Head Quarters Office and staffing the Office with a Division Secretary to maintain our Division operations, supporting our Camps and membership, maintaining our rosters, operating our Division Store and book exchange and taking care of all administrative functions. I'm proud to say this is the 8th year the Georgia Division Headquarters Office has been in operation and in my opinion it has been a great success.

Improve and modernize our internal communications to keep our Division membership informed / motivated.

Create a new, more modern interactive Division webpage. Our new webpage has launched in 2019 and currently is maintained and updated by our Division Web-master Ken Bell.

Create, maintain and update our Division social media accounts regularly. Tony Pilgrim and Nick Tucker

Establish a constant contact account to manage the emails address of our members, friends, and media to post regular notifications and press releases. If you are not receiving these Division post please let Mrs. Kitty know and we'll get on the list.

One of our biggest primary objectives is getting legislation passed that strengthens our Monument protection laws. This was achieved in 2019 with the passage of SB77 that strengthen State Code 50-3-1.

Having a professional lobbyist at the State Capitol to represent the Sons of Confederate Veterans interest and to inform us of any bad legislation. Currently House Bill 794 that removes Stone Mountain as a memorial has been submitted and ready for the 2024 legislative session.

Created a separate 501c4 organization that allows us to engage in unlimited lobbying and legislative activities without involving SCV's 501c3 status.

Create a separate 527 Political Action Committee has been created called the Veterans Memorial Coalition, Inc. that will allow us to help support legislators and candidates financially that supports Veterans monuments. It has been (5) five years since the Georgia Division has create its 501c4 and 527 Political Action Committee.

Maintain a more active presents with the Stone Mountain Memorial Association to monitor and try to influence their actions. Currently we will be working on a documentary to counter the lies the AJC and Atlanta history center has published. With the recent changes in violation of State law we may have no other choice but sue SMMA.

Continue to get legislation submitted and passed that will firm up any loop holes in our current monument protection laws.

As many of you know on October 25, 2022, the Georgia Supreme Court issued a favorable ruling on the lawsuit the Georgia Division, SCV had with Henry and Newton County. Clarifying that the SCV and individual stakeholders had standing to sue local municipalities and counties. Therefore, in January 2023 we started the process of refileing all (7) seven pending law-suits in Henry, Newton, Rockdale, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Muscogee and Glynn Counties. Also, the Division and General Porter Alexander Camp has recently entered into a lawsuit against the City of Augusta for voting to change the name of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Brigade to "Freedom Bridge" that crosses the Savannah River.

We have been aggressively recruiting new members through advertisement initiatives running recruitment ads in local newspapers earlier this year.

We having a Division Genealogist on staff, Hu Daughtry, to assist our Camps with new recruits

We have an associate membership program, where these member's information is sent directly to Hu Daughtry to help them find their Confederate Ancestor to make the eligible to be members.

We have created a Division Head-Quarters Camp for new members who want to join immediately and then find a home Camp.

Our Division Web-site allows recruits to apply and pay for membership direct on line.

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.

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. The 3rd Battalion, Company B of the Mechanized Calvary unit mans a preven-



tative maintenance crew that inspects and make repairs to our Division poles as required.

The Georgia Division fully supports the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp and congratulates the Youth Camp on their 8th 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.

As of Date the Georgia Division has distributed over 305,000 "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 very affordable for individuals and Camps to distribute to folks who need a history lesson. These CDs are available at our Division store.

Currently (2.5) acres in Dahlonge, Ga. has been donated to the Division that we are looking to development it to move the home of Confederate Captain McDonald of the Blue Ridge Rifles to this property & build a pavilion for members to have cook-outs and gatherings.

The Robert Toombs Camp #932 is working on placing a grand monument on a highly visible corner lot off hwy. 280 and using one of the Division's Bronze Confederate Soldiers that will be standing guard on top of the monument.

I'm pleased to announce the creation of a Division Guardian Program that promotes the adoption and care of our Veteran's grave sites.

Gentlemen, in conclusion, we are at our turning point, we are at the point in our struggle where we either take a stand to preserve our Confederate Monuments and fight our enemies with all we got, or we tuck tail, furl our flags and go home in shame. I know most all of you and you know me, and we don't tucking our tails and run from nothing. We have fought to long and hard to get where we are at. We have the law on our side and a game plan to win this fight, and by God we are going to WIN. But we need your help more than ever now, please give all you can to help to fund this legal fight, every cent donated to the fight I swear to you will go toward the fight.

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, and live the Charge.

Timothy F. Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander

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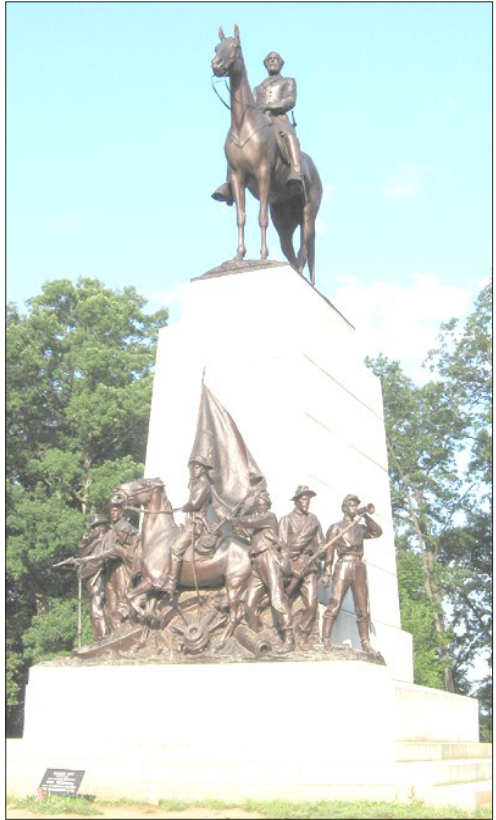
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**Executive Council
Meeting Schedule:**

Sept. 16, 2023 at 10:30 am
Ole Times Country Buffet
Macon, Ga.

THE GEORGIA
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NEEDS YOUR
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The Georgia Division, SCV
is now selling used books
from our Division Office to
help cover our Division
Office expenses to make
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(866) 728-4642.



Sons of Confederate Veterans refiles lawsuit against Gwinnett County for removing the Confederate Veterans' monument at the old County Courthouse.

For Immediate Release:

As most know, the Supreme Court of Georgia on October 22, 2022, upheld the right of stakeholders to vindicate the laws of Georgia in regard to the unlawful removal of monuments to Georgia's veterans.

On February 4, 2021, the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners voted to remove the Confederate soldiers' monument from the Old Courthouse Square in Lawrenceville, Georgia. The monument has been whisked away to an undisclosed hiding place and has not been seen by the public since.

The Lawrenceville Confederate Monument was paid for entirely by the Major William E. Simmons Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans located in Gwinnett County. It was erected with the express permission of the County.

The Gwinnett County Commission has been called to the bar of justice as the Sons of Confederate Veterans and individual members filed suit on April 9, 2023, in the Superior Court of Gwinnett County following the guidelines laid out by the Supreme Court.

In addition, the one-time formidable defense of "Sovereign Immunity" was repealed by 75% of the voters of Georgia, so, in the opinion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans' attorneys handling such cases the way is now open to force the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners to obey the law.

More lawsuits are forthcoming as the Sons of Confederate Veterans catch up with the errant government agencies who thought that they would act with impunity to pander to the mad crowds of iconoclasts.

Sons of Confederate Veterans refiles lawsuit against the City of Brunswick for removing the Confederate Veterans' monument from Hanover Park where it was placed in 1902.

For Immediate Release:

With the Supreme Court decisions in Newton, Henry, and DeKalb Counties clearly showing that the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), its local camps, and its members and supporters have "standing" to maintain cases in the courts under Official Code of Georgia Annotated §50-3-1, cases are being refiled in counties that were previously dismissed under the now-repudiated legal theories used by cities and counties to defend their violations of the law.

The most recent case to be refiled is in Brunswick, Georgia. The Brunswick city government has already removed the Confederate monument from Hanover Park in Brunswick where it stood since 1902.

The two defenses relied upon by the City have been removed by the voters of the State of Georgia repealing sovereign immunity by constitutional amendment effective January 1, 2021, and the recent decisions of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

The road is now clear for the vindication of Georgia law in the courtrooms of Glynn County.

The plaintiffs are the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Thomas Marsh Forman Camp #485, the local SCV camp, and local members and residents of Glynn County. These are all parties deemed to be "stakeholders" by the Supreme Court of Georgia.

The City of Brunswick has claimed that it does not own the

monument. The law of the State of Georgia is quite clear that it does. The SCV is requesting a ruling on this issue from the court.

Additionally, even if the City were entitled to remove the monument – which the plaintiffs hold it does not – it *"shall be relocated to a site of similar prominence, honor, visibility, and access within the same county or municipality in which the monument was originally located."* (Official Code of Georgia Annotated §50-3-1.)

It has not been, and no plans have been disclosed to indicate that it will be relocated. Instead, the City has sought to dispose of the monument to third parties.

As with the other cases, this ruling by the Supreme Court of Georgia gives the SCV, its members, and supporters of honest history a day in Court.

The Georgia Supreme Court reverses the decision of the Superior Court of DeKalb County vindicating the Sons of Confederate Veteran's legal position on the DeKalb County Confederate Veterans' Monument.

For Immediate Release:

The Supreme Court has once more vindicated the Sons of Confederate Veterans' (SCV) legal position by reversing the decision of the Superior Court of DeKalb County and the Georgia Court of Appeals in the case of Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, inc., et al v. Bryan A. Downs, in his official capacity as City Attorney of the City of Decatur, et al, (Case No. S23C0153).

This case is somewhat different in many respects from the other SCV cases because Judge Clarence Seeliger (now retired) of the Superior Court of DeKalb County accepted the argument that the presence of the Confederate Monument in front of the old courthouse constituted a "nuisance" and ordered it removed only three days after the complaint was filed. The Confederate Monument has remained concealed in an undisclosed location in further violation of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated §50-3-1. The Georgia law required that once a monument is removed if done under the guidance of the statute, it must then *"shall be relocated to a site of similar prominence, honor, visibility, and access within the same county or municipality in which the monument was originally located."*

Thus, even if the monument was actually found to be a nuisance (and Georgia law is very specific about that), it must be moved to a site of similar prominence.

As with the other cases, this ruling by the Supreme Court of

Georgia gives the SCV, its members, and supporters of honest history a day in Court.

Sons of Confederate Veterans refiles lawsuit against Henry County Commissioners for illegally removing the Confederate Veterans' monument from the City Square where it was erected in 1911.

For Immediate Release:

In the previous decision of the Georgia Supreme Court in the case of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) versus Henry County, Georgia, the Supreme Court reversed the decisions of the trial court and the Georgia Court of Appeals and laid out a road map for the plaintiff organizations and individuals to have their day in court to vindicate Georgia law.

The opinion clearly showed that the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), its local camps, and its members and supporters have “standing” to maintain cases in the courts under the Official Code of Georgia Annotated §50-3-1. In conformity with the decision of the Supreme Court, the Henry County case has been refiled.

The plaintiffs are the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the local SCV camp, and local members and residents of Henry County. These are all parties deemed to be “stakeholders” by the Supreme Court of Georgia.

The Henry County government has already removed the Confederate monument from the square on Keys Ferry Street where it stood since 1911.

The road is now clear for the vindication of Georgia law in the courtrooms of Henry County.

Additionally, even if the County were entitled to remove the monument – which the plaintiffs hold it does not – it “*shall be*

relocated to a site of similar prominence, honor, visibility, and access within the same county or municipality in which the monument was originally located.” (Official Code of Georgia Annotated §50-3-1.)

It has not yet been relocated, and no plans have been disclosed to indicate that it ever will be relocated. Instead, it remains concealed from view in defiance of the clear mandate of Georgia law.

As with the other monument cases, this ruling by the Supreme Court of Georgia gives the SCV, its members, and supporters of honest history a day in Court. That day is coming in Henry County.

Sons of Confederate Veterans refiles lawsuit against Rockdale County & County Commissioner Chairman Oz Nesbitt for illegally removing the Confederate Veterans' monument from the Old County Courthouse where it was erected in 1913.

For Immediate Release:

On June 30, 2020, Rockdale Board of Commissioner Chair Oz Nesbitt, Sr. summoned the news media and proudly announced he was taking “executive action” and ordering the Confederate monument standing on South Main Street and Court Street in Conyers removed. Mr. Nesbitt was unwilling to await even a decision from the entire three member County Commission, such was his haste in getting before television cameras. The monument to the Confederate soldiers of Rockdale County has stood peaceably there since 1913 but Mr. Nesbitt’s urgency could not wait a moment.

In fact, he was unsure as to where the monument would go. He apparently had not consulted with any potential recipient as the news coverage of the next few days made clear.

So, the monument has been bundled off to parts unknown.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans filed suit against Mr. Nesbitt personally and the Rockdale County Commission. The Superior Court of Rockdale County dismissed the suit. That decision was upheld by the Court of Appeals. But the Supreme Court of Georgia rejected the reliance on the Federal rules and reversed the decision of the Superior Court and the Court of Appeals.

The opinion clearly showed that the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), its local camps and its members

and supporters have “standing” to maintain cases in the courts under Official Code of Georgia Annotated §50-3-1. In conformity with the decision of the Supreme Court, the Rockdale County case has now been refiled.

The plaintiffs are the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the local SCV camp and local members and residents of Rockdale County. These are all parties deemed to be “stakeholders” by the Supreme Court of Georgia.

The road is now clear for the vindication of Georgia law in the courtrooms of Rockdale County.

Additionally, even if the County were entitled to remove the monument – which the plaintiffs hold it does not – it “*shall be relocated to a site of similar prominence, honor, visibility, and access within the same county or municipality in which the monument was originally located.*” (Official Code of Georgia Annotated §50-3-1.)

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As with the other monument cases, this ruling by the Supreme Court of Georgia gives the SCV, its members and supporters of honest history a day in Court. While it has been long delayed, that day is coming to Rockdale County.

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126th Annual Georgia Division Reunion Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Commander Pilgrim, followed by the Invocation by Division Chaplain Kim Beck. Sergeant-at-Arms David Aderhold was led the flag allegiances and salutes,

Application of Parliamentarian: Commander Pilgrim appointed Martin O’Toole to act as parliamentarian for the meeting.

Adoption of Order of Business: Order of business was adopted by acclamation.

Credentials Committee: Division Adjutant Tim Hawkins reported of 101 camps, 53 were represented with over 200 attendees, therefore a quorum is satisfied.

State of the Division: - Commander Tim Pilgrim Georgia division is the largest in the SCV and has been for the last 20 years. Below have been our Division’s major objectives in the last 8 years under his leadership.

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- Improve and modernize our internal communications to keep our Division membership informed and motivated.
- Create a new, more modern interactive Division webpage. Our new webpage has launched in 2019 and currently is maintained and updated by our Division Web-master Ken Bell.
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- Maintain a more active presents with the Stone Mountain Memorial Association to monitor and try to influence their actions.
- Continue to get legislation submitted and passed that will firm up any loop holes in our current monument protection laws.

Division Spokesman Report – Martin O’Toole
The Division Spokesman reviewed the status of several legal actions, both ongoing and contemplated.

Muscogee County: Strong position because we had a contract for flag placement in cemetery plus removal of the sovereign immunity defense.

- Augusta-Richmond County: Local government doesn’t have funding to operate transit, but want to fight over several issue including re-naming of Jeff Davis bridge, Calhoun Expresssway, Confederate Monuments including the one on Broad Street. Our position is good.
- Rockdale County: Monument relocation was an “executive decision” which creates a cause of action against the individual as well as the county, and we have re-filed the lawsuit under the Georgia Supreme Court guidelines.
- Gwinnett County: Lawsuit regarding removal of the monument from the Courthouse Square in Lawrenceville has been revived.
- Dekalb County/Decatur: Judge ordered removal of the Confederate Monument to be taken down as a “public nuisance”, a position not supported by law. Lawsuit is proceeding.
- Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA): There is an \$11M grant to Warner Museums to “rename and contextualize” Stone Mountain, including renaming of roads, lakes, Confederate Hall to present the ‘correct’ history of Stone Mountain. All of this deviates from the state statute (O.C.G.A §12-3-192.1) which requires the SMMA “*To maintain an appropriate and suitable memorial for the Confederacy.*” The SCV may have to file suit against SMMA regarding these plans.
- City of Stone Mountain: The city has stated that there is no right to flag the graves of Confederate veterans in the Confederate section of the city cemetery. There also has been a proposal to remove the headstone over mass Confederate graves and use the space for new burials. This is grave desecration, among other offenses.
- Division Adjutant Report** – Tim Hawkins
Budget for 2024 is level with the exception of \$500 increase in phone expenses and \$1,500 to fund office of Division Secretary, for a total change of +\$2,000.
- Division Secretary** – Kitty Dorety
Miss Kitty received a standing ovation as recognition for her efforts. She noted that all rosters are up to date, book sales are good, Ga. Division store sales are good, and the cemetery flags get a positive feedback from phone calls.
- Tag Funding Project** – Michael Dean
This project involves a gift of 2.5 acres of a former roadside park on US 19/GA 9, the primary highway (until GA 400 was built) from the Atlanta area to Dahlonega. We have an excellent partner in Lumpkin County EMC, which has a powerline easement through the property. The EMC has agreed to do some basic clearing and improvements, but at this time the request for SCV funds is for \$34,600 for additional site improvements. The motion to allocate the tag funds passed.
- Brigade Commander Nominations and Vote**
Brigade Commander: Nominations were opened. All current brigade commanders with the exception of the 8th and 13th Brigades were nominated unopposed, and elected by affirmation.
- 8th Brigade: Hershell Smith was nominated from

- the floor, and current Commander Eugene (Bo) Slack did not oppose. Hershell Smith was elected by affirmation to Commander, 8th Brigade.
- 13th Brigade: Tony Pilgrim and Steve Camp were nominated. Mr. Pilgrim gave a brief speech, while Mr. Camp was not present. Representatives of the 13th Brigade voted to re-elect Tony Pilgrim as Commander of the 13th Brigade.
- Georgia Confederate Youth Camp**
The importance of the Youth Camp was emphasized, and there is a desire to obtain our own site to host same.
- Guardian Report** – Ron Edge
The Guardian is simply a member who steps up to locate and preserve Confederate graves. Compatriot Edge would like to see more participation in this effort.
- Toombs Camp** – Cmdr. Bill Woods
Cmdr. Woods reported on the camp’s efforts to erect a Confederate Monument.
- Resolutions** – No resolutions or by-law amendments were presented
- Awards** – Tim Pilgrim
Commander Pilgrim presented awards for Georgia Confederate of the Year to Division Adjutant Tim Hawkins, Georgia Division Distinguished Confederate to 7th Brigade Commander Chris May, Camp of the Year to the General Ambrose Wright Camp #1914, and various awards approved by HQ after last year’s reunion in Cartersville.
- Adjournment**
Business being concluded, there was a motion to adjourn that passed, followed by the benediction and singing of Dixie!
- BE INFORMED AND GET CONNECTED**

Sign up to be on the Georgia Division E-mail Notification List!

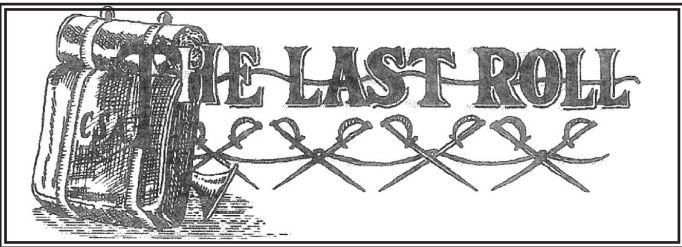
 - **Get Updates on Division, Brigade and Camp Events.**
 - **Get Notified on Division Announcements and Calls for Action.**
 - **Be the First to Receive Division and National Press Releases.**

Its easy just send our Division Secretary “Kitty” an e-mail at Secretary@gascv.org And ask her to add you to our Division E-mail notification list (include your Camp #).

Camp Commanders and Adjutants please Send Kitty your Camp’s e-mail list and she can up-date the Division rosters for these Division notifications.

GEORGIA DIVISION CAMPS CALL TO ACTION TO GIVE TO OUR LEGAL DEFENSE

158	Brig. Gen. E. Porter Alexander	\$ 21,634.30
91	Thomson Guards	\$ 10,659.00
1914	Maj. Gen. Ambrose R. Wright	\$ 8,597.00
700	Kennesaw Battlefield	\$ 8,150.00
1552	Camp McDonald	\$ 7,005.00
485	Thomas Marsh Forman	\$ 5,500.00
2102	Buckhead-Ft. Lawton Brigade	\$ 4,050.00
97	Brig. Gen. T.R.R. Cobb	\$ 3,950.00
78	Alexander H. Stephens	\$ 3,400.00
96	Maj. William E. Simmons	\$ 2,700.00
1404	27th GA Regiment	\$ 2,380.00
941	Ogeechee Rifles	\$ 2,310.00
1449	John B. Gordon Memorial	\$ 2,200.00
926	Lt. Dickson L. Baker	\$ 2,100.00
1446	Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp	\$ 2,000.00
1724	Eli P. Landers	\$ 2,000.00
1639	Chattahoochee Guards	\$ 1,700.00
2137	Barnesville Blues	\$ 1,565.00
18	Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr.	\$ 1,445.00
2200	Georgia Division HQ	\$ 1,400.00
914	Cherokee Legion	\$ 1,345.21
517	Gen. Henry L. Benning	\$ 1,325.00
1633	David W. Payne Camp	\$ 1,270.00
154	Tattnall Invincibles	\$ 1,250.00
1397	Gen. William J. Hardee	\$ 1,225.00
1642	Col. Hiram Parks Bell	\$ 1,150.00
863	Joseph Wheeler Camp	\$ 1,100.00
1289	General James Longstreet	\$ 1,100.00
108	Col. Charles T. Zachry	\$ 1,003.00
690	W.F. Jenkins	\$ 1,000.00
2218	The Unknown Soldier	\$ 990.00
64	Clement A. Evans	\$ 900.00
1432	The Confederate Memorial	\$ 900.00
1855	Calhoun Rifles	\$ 900.00
688	Old Capitol	\$ 750.00
682	Jefferson Davis Cowboys	\$ 615.00
89	Gilmer Light Guards	\$ 600.00
141	Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson	\$ 600.00
670	Col. Wm. H. Stiles Warren-Aiken	\$ 600.00
1859	Joseph McConnell	\$ 572.00
943	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Glover	\$ 530.00
1399	Lt. James T. Woodward Camp	\$ 525.00
79	Gen. Lafayette McLaws	\$ 500.00
469	Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest	\$ 500.00
680	Col. Edmund N. Atkinson	\$ 500.00
707	State of Dade	\$ 500.00
915	Gen. Stand Watie	\$ 500.00
1547	The Roswell Mills	\$ 500.00
1607	Steward/Webster Camp	\$ 500.00
1807	Ochlocknee Rifles	\$ 500.00
2164	Montgomery Sharpshooters	\$ 500.00
1729	Sharpsburg Sharpshooters	\$ 355.00
1705	Col. John H. Baker	\$ 231.00
1977	Private John Ingraham	\$ 230.00
549	Black Creek Volunteers	\$ 200.00
1386	McLeod-Mooring Camp	\$ 200.00
716	Habersham Guard	\$ 150.00
105	Captain Charles W. Baldwin	\$ 100.00
674	John K. McNeil	\$ 100.00
918	Appling County Grays	\$ 100.00
1929	Rabun Gap Riflemen	\$ 100.00
2314	C.S.S. Chattahoochee	\$ 100.00
2600	Immortal Six Hundred	\$ 100.00
46	John B. Gordon	\$ 20.00



Last Roll Call. June 2023

William Jenkins Allen
Gen. William J. Hardee #1397

Franklin Daniel Russell
William E. Simmons #96

Nathan Gerald New
Gen. Joseph Wheeler #863

Capt. Robert E. Thornton
Brig. Gen. T. R. R. Cobb #97

Georgia Division Executive Committee
Minutes of June 10, 2023 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Commander Pilgrim, followed by the In-vocation and flag salutes

Roll Call was conducted. Present were the following:
All Executive Council Members were present except for:
Ken Arvin – Lieutenant-Commander South -Excused
Daniel Coleman – Division Judge Advocate (Excused)

Division Commander- Tim Pilgrim

Commander Pilgrim welcomes new Brigade Commanders and Indicates that we will forego any Division reports at this EC meeting.

New Business

The Division contemplates future legal action against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) (O.C.G.A.§50-3-1) particularly with the contract contemplated with the Warner Museum. A motion was presented that a law-suit against the SMMA can proceed at the discretion of Division Commander, passed by the EC.

City of Stone Mountain: A motion was made that we proceed with a lawsuit against the City of Stone Mountain (if necessary) and request for a declaratory judgment against the City of Stone Mountain regarding the Confederate cemetery and flagpole at the discretion of Division Commander, passed by the EC.

A proposal was made to reduce the publishing of the Georgia Confederate to quarterly rather than bi-monthly due to lack of content. The paper can be extended in pages to compensate for the less frequent delivery. There was also a proposal to allow compatriots to opt-in to a e-version, which for those who desire that format can reduce the cost. Some members expressed the need to maintain the print version, so it was agreed that an e-version would be an opt-in, not an opt-out.

It was announced that the preliminary dates for the R.E. Lee Event is 1.13.24 & Stone Mountain Memorial Service is 4.27.24

The EC meeting concluded with a benediction, and business was concluded.

Call to Action
Contact Governor Kemp to protect
Stone Mountain

Please continue to write, call and email the Governor to op-pose any changes to Stone Mountain and remind him of his promise he made to protect Stone Mountain from the radical left.

Address:
Governor Brian P. Kemp
206 Washington Street
Suite 203, State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Call : (404) 656-1776

Brian.Kemp@georgia.gov

Trey.Kilpatrick@georgia.gov
Chief of Staff

Burt.Brantley@georgia.gov
Deputy Chief of Staff

20th Annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at Stone Mountain (April 29, 2023)



The traveling Hunley exhibition in front of Stone Mountain.



The beautiful lawn in front of the Stone Mountain carving.



SCV C-in-C/Jason Boschers delivers opening remarks.



GA Division Commander/Tim Pilgrim



Keynote speaker -Paster John Weaver addresses the large crowd of SCV members, friends, and family.



The band Jubilee provided outstanding entertainment.



The back lawn decorated with the real Georgia state flag

Confederate Memorial Day Service at Mt. Zion Baptist Cemetery - Hiram Parks Bell #1642



Confederate Memorial Day Events



To commemorate Confederate Memorial Day, the Black Creek Volunteers Camp #549 hosted a ceremony at the Confederate Monument in Sylvania on April 11. Chaplain Kerry Mallard opened with the invocation. After pledges, awards were given to Adjutant Don Bazemore for 20 years of service in the SCV, and to Bill Arthur for being “Confederate of the Year.” Commander Adam Bazemore read the roll call of 157 Screven Countians who died in defense of the South. The honor guard fired a rifle salute, and the bugler played “Taps.” The service concluded when everyone sang “Dixie.” Visitors from the Millen and Metter SCV camps were in attendance.



Stone Mountain.



The B/G John C. Carter, Camp #207 (Waynesboro, GA) hosted a Confederate Memorial Service on Sunday, April 23, 2023. The ceremony was held at the historic Waynesboro Confederate Memorial Cemetery.



The 2nd Annual Cordele Confederate Memorial Service was held at the City Community Club House by the Crisp Camp.

The Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade #2102, in Millen, held its 2023 Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony at the Confederate Veterans' Monument on the Jenkins County Courthouse Square. Although the changing political landscape has made such efforts more challenging over the years, the Camp continues to honor its Confederate ancestors, while reinforcing its legal standing as stakeholders in the monument's future. Shown from left are: Adjutant James Saxon, First Lieutenant Commander Neil Dickey, Assistant Chaplain Tommy Lane, Second Lieutenant Commander Ricky Lane, Compatriot Joe Wilson, Historian Steve Rathbun, Commander Dale Thompson, Judge Advocate Mike Scott, Compatriot Larry Fleming, and Darryl Drake.

Around the Confederacy



👉 Roswell Mills Camp placed flowers in lieu of flags at two cemeteries due to theft and vandalism while placing flags at a third. Left to Right: Lt Cdr. Van Wing and Wife Donna placed flowers on his ancestor, Jehu Wing’s grave; Scott Lawton and his family placed flowers on many graves; Richard McCrary placing flag and flowers on his ancestor, Tillman Smith; Adjutant Rick Leake removed briars and overgrowth from several Confederate graves.



👉 Troop 3 held its 1st annual night ride to the Cordele Confederate Monument in Cordele, GA (April 2023).



👉 he B/G John C. Carter #207 of Waynesboro, Georgia, hosted a Confederate Memorial Service on Sunday, April 23, 2023. This is a continued tradition of observing Confederate Memorial Day in our area. This local event is held on or near April 26 of each year. The ceremony was held at the historic Waynesboro Confederate Memorial Cemetery in Waynesboro.



👉 The Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp No. 2102, in Millen, recently initiated a long-term cleanup and restoration effort at the historic Little Buckhead Cemetery, in Jenkins County. The adjacent church has long since disappeared, leaving the cemetery to fall into disrepair over the years. Although the Camp has been flagging the graves of Confederate veterans at the location for many years, it has now taken on routine grounds maintenance and begun repairing and remounting broken, sunken, and overturned headstones. Pictured leveling and resetting a Confederate veteran's headstone (flag temporarily removed during repair) are from left; Compatriots Steve Burke, Larry Fleming, and Dale Wiggins.

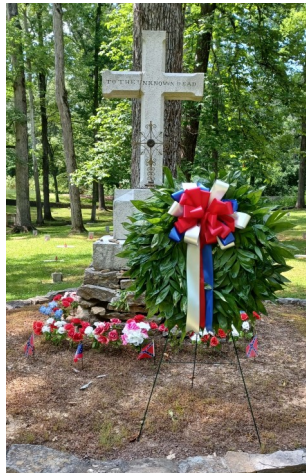


👉 Cdr. Judson Barton presented the H. L. Hunley Medal and Certificate to Cadet Staff Sgt. Yeepheng Moua (Hart County High School JROTC Battalion); April 2023

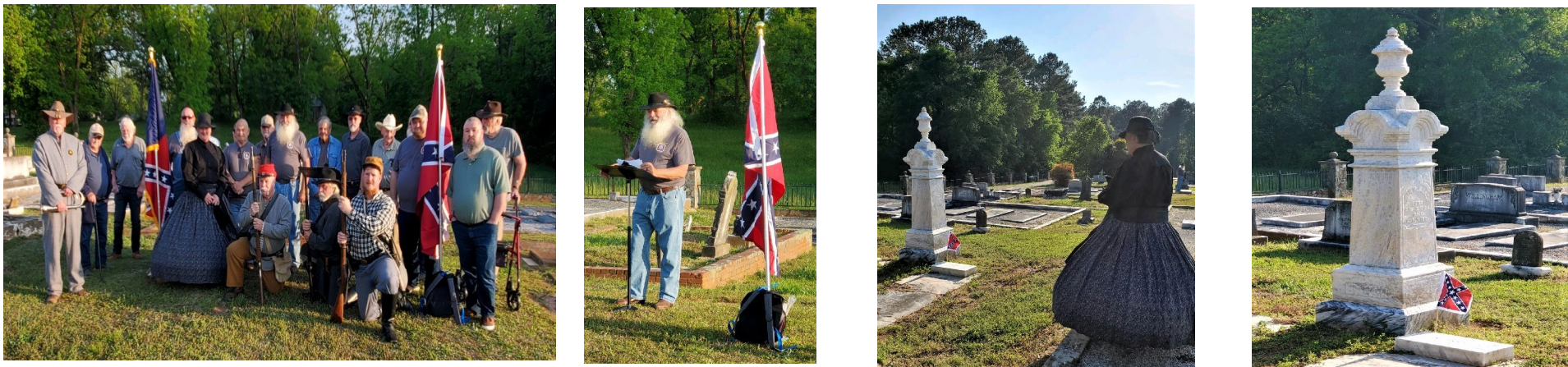


👉 On Saturday, April 1, Camp 91 Thomson Guards flagged the 110 Confederate veterans graves in the Thomson Memorial Cemetery. Shown L to R: Ron Awe, Durham Milburn, Jimmy Crawley, Jimmy McDaniel and Jerry Holley.

👉 Resaca Confederate Cemetery; the unknown soldier memorial is decorated for the Battle of Resaca reenactment (May 2023).



Col. John H. Baker Camp #1705 - Confederate Memorial Day Service

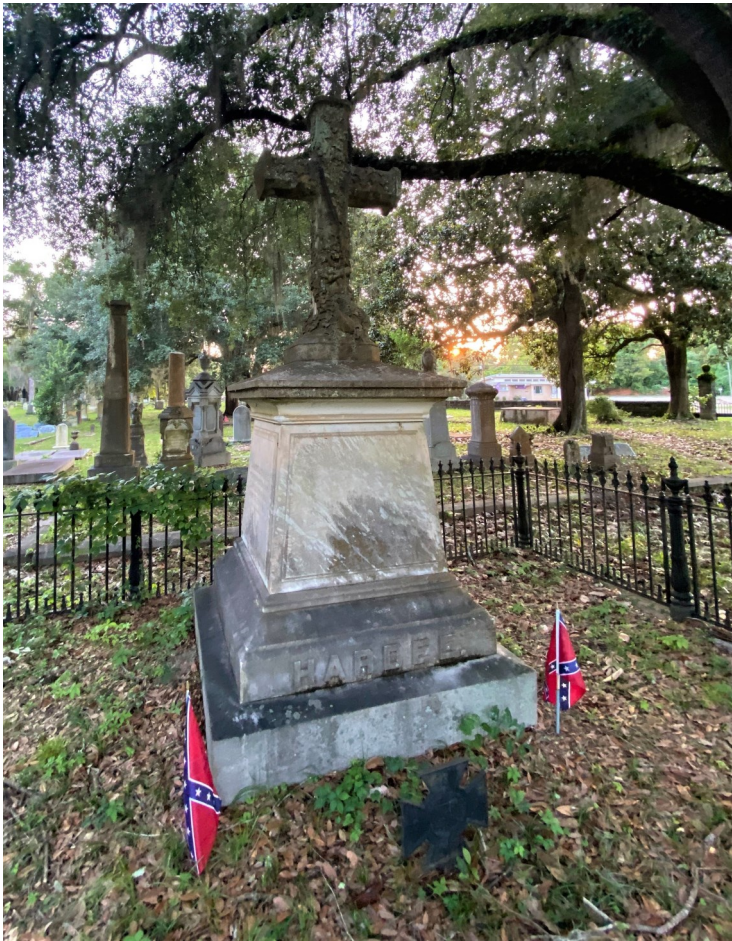


👉 Col. John H. Baker #1705 (Pike County, GA) held a Confederate Memorial Day Service on April 26 at the Eastview Cemetery in Zebulon, GA, which is also the resting place of our camp's namesake.

Around the Confederacy



👉 Troop 3 Mid State Defenders members Switch promoted to Corporal and Snowman promoted to Sgt. at March monthly squad meeting.



👉 The gravesite of Confederate Lt. General, William Joseph Hardee, a native of Camden County, Georgia. Hardee was involved in some of the most important battles of the War, namely Shiloh and Atlanta. This grave is located at the Old Live Oak Cemetery in Selma, Alabama. Photo submitted by Cdr. Ward Sullivan; Camp McDonald #1552.



👉 Susan Lee Holyfield (Virginia Flaggers) speaking to Camp 693 Yancy Independents in Sylvester.



👉 The SCV booth at the Battle of Resaca Reenactment (May 2023) courtesy of the General Stand Watie Camp #915.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION GUARDIAN PROGRAM

Issued by: GEORGIA DIVISION COMMANDER - Timothy Pilgrim

Gentlemen,

It's my pleasure to announce the creation of the Georgia Division Guardian Program. I have also appointed Commander Ron Edge of the Cherokee Legion Camp #914 as the Director of the program.

Ron came to me a few months ago with a desire to create a Division Guardian Program, I was a bit reluctant being there was an SCV National Guardian program, but the positives of having a Division program were well worth the efforts.

The Guardian program is an opportunity to adopt a Confederate Veteran(s) grave site, to be the official caretaker of that Veteran or Veterans final resting place. A Guardian will be responsible for documenting the grave(s), along with the cleaning, restoration, and caretaking of the grave(s) site to bring dignity back to the grave(s) site and maintaining an honorable final resting place for that Veteran.

Each Guardian will have to submit an application to Commander Edge

through the Division HQ Office. Upon approval, the Guardian will receive a Guardian crest pin (designed by Ron Edge) and a Guardian certificate. The attached handbook explains the details of the program.

It's a wonderful and rewarding program, being a Guardian is truly a noble task. I would encourage all members and supporters to find a Veterans' final resting place and be the Guardian of that Soldier who sacrificed their all in defense of their family, home, and Country.

Please contact Commander Ron Edge for any questions:
ronwilder85@yahoo.com or (770) 670-8171



Georgia Guardian Program Application

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone # (_____) _____ - _____

GRAVESITE DETAILS

Confederate Veterans Name: _____

Rank: _____ Regiment: _____ Co: _____

Born: ____/____/____ Died: ____/____/____

Condition of Grave: POOR / FAIR / GOOD / EXCELLENT (Circle One)

Location of Gravesite (Cemetery Name, County, City): _____

Documentation of Honorable Confederate Service (Headstone Confederate Service Seal, or Fold3)

If the grave has no Confederate emblems denoting honorable service, an SCV Southern Cross of Honor Memorial Service can be arranged

I, _____, affirm that all information provided here is true and accurate. I agree to faithfully care for and protect this Confederate Veterans final resting place in accordance with the Georgia Guardian Program rules as well as all National Guardian Program rules for as long as I am able. In the event I cannot carry out my duties, I shall notify the Review Committee immediately. I also understand that the Review Committee may revoke my status as a GUARDIAN for good cause.

Applicant Signature: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH PHOTOS, CHECKS (payable to Georgia Division SCV), AND ALL NECESSARY SERVICE DOCUMENTATION TO:

Attn: Kitty Doerty
GA Division SCV
PO Box 1081
Macon, Ga 31202

*****FOR COMMITTEE USE BELOW*****

Application: ACCEPTED / REJECTED

Date Reviewed: ____/____/____

Wilderness Grave: YES / NO

Approval Signature: _____

NOTE: A new application must be filled out for each grave you wish to have assigned. If multiple graves in the same plot are being cared for, please make note of that on this application



ROBERT A TOOMBS CAMP #935
IS ERECTING THE FIRST GRAND
CONFEDERATE MONUMENT IN
ALMOST CENTURY

Gentlemen,

The Robert A. Toombs Camp #932 of Vidalia / Higgston, Georgia is in the process of erecting a Grand Monument at the highly visible location at the corner of Hwy 280 and Hwy 15 where they already have a 60 ft. flagpole flying the Battle Flag.

The Monument will include a Memorial Park plaza area with a high pedestal with one of the Georgia Division Bronze Confederate Soldiers proudly on top of the monument. Currently, as a fundraiser the Toombs Camp is selling memorial brick pavers for the memorial park plaza surrounding the monument as shown below.

Please help support the Toombs Camp and be a part of the erection of this great grand Monument.

Message from the Robert A. Toombs Camp:

In cooperation with the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, we are proud to announce the construction of a grand monument and memorial park honoring our ancestors.

In a society of constant attacks on our heritage, this is a momentous undertaking for all of us involved. We ask for your support as we start the construction of a new Grand monument in Georgia. The first in almost a century. Reserve your place in history with the purchase of an engraved brick paver honoring your Confederate ancestor, in memory of loved ones, or for yourself. The bricks are \$60 each, you may order as many as you would like, and can be ordered no matter where you live. The bricks will be shipped to the monument site and placed as a walkway around the monument.

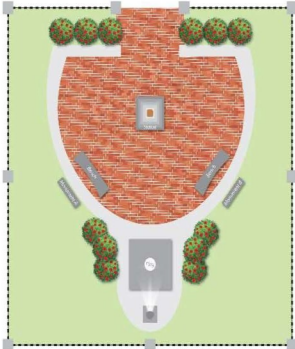
For more information Contract Commander Bill Wood at woodbill@bellsouth.net or 912.245.4279



Col. John Robert A. Toombs Camp #932
Monument and Memorial Park

See the order link below:
<https://polarengraving.com/sonsofscv932>

Individuals will be able to order as many bricks as they would like straight from the company and they will be shipped to the Monument Site.



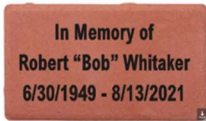
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Example: 20 Character Spaces per line

Line 1 In Memory Of
Line 2 John Doe
Line 3 Forever In Our Hearts



Donor Information Name _____ Address _____
Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Donation Amount (\$) _____



Make Checks Payable to:
Robert A. Toombs Camp #932, 103 Hudson Dr, Vidalia GA 30474
For More Information: Bill Wood, Camp Commander (912) 245-4279 or Buffy Hill (478) 455-0216
Email completed forms to: woodbill@bellsouth.net
You may purchase more than one and also may email the form and pay via PayPal
robertatoombs932@gmail.com or Cash App \$robertatoombs932

Order Online at:
<https://polarengraving.com/sonsofscv932>

In Memory of
Robert "Bob" Whitaker
6/30/1949 - 8/13/2021

\$60

Please contact me with any questions, woodbill@bellsouth.net

STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION VOTES TO CONTEXTUALIZE STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL PARK

The Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA), who are Governor Kemp's appointees is violating the mandate of the General Assembly by turning the memorial to the Confederacy into a civil rights park and an attack on the South, through contextualization exhibits in the memorial hall and on the memorial lawn in front of the carvings.

On Thursday, June 15, 2023, the SMMA voted to approve a contract with the "liberal woke" Warner Museum to provide interpretive contextualization exhibits and themes in Memorial Hall and on the Memorial Lawn. These exhibits slander the South and the Confederate veterans and are nothing more than revisionist lies and opinions.

This contract is clearly outside the legislative language as prescribed in 12-3-194 and the SMMA working outside of its legislative jurisdiction. Only the Georgia General Assembly has the authority to the change purpose of the Memorial Park. Please contact Governor Kemp's Office to ask him to stop this contextualization that slanders our Southern Ancestors and Heroes.

These actions will enrage the citizens of Georgia who care deeply about their Southern Heritage and keeping Stone Mountain a Memorial to the Confederacy. This could have the same turnover effect that happened to one term Governor Roy Barnes and the Democratic majority held on the State for 150 years when the changed the State Flag in 2001.

Please continue to write, call and email the Governor to oppose any changes to Stone Mountain and remind him of the promise he made to protect Stone Mountain from the radical left.

Address:

Governor Brian P. Kemp
206 Washington Street, Suite 203, State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334

Call : (404) 656-1776
Brian.Kemp@georgia.gov

On the right and on pages 16, and 17 see the descriptions of the interpretive exhibits that Warner Museums are proposing at Memorial Hall and on Memorial Lawn in front of the memorial Carvings. This clearly outside the SMMA charter.

Ironically there are 10 museums in Fulton and DeKalb Counties that are exclusively are for the civil rights and african american story. Why do they need to tell their story at a Confederate Memorial by slandering our Ancestors?



PRESENTED TO

STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MAIN THEME AND THE POWER OF COLLECTIVE MEMORY

History and Memory: Memorial Hall will explore the role that Stone Mountain Park's Confederate monument has played in shaping, perpetuating, and using the South's collective memory of the Civil War and their Confederate past.

Since the early nineteenth century, various collective memories have been created that attempt to define the country's numerous national identities. These memories, in general, are a product of both perceived and real threats inherent in the market realities created by capitalism. Even among the populations who have prospered – indeed, especially among them – fear, doubts, mistrust, and uneasiness have been constants. As a result, the collective memories created by various peoples in our society over the years have all been grounded in a sense of peril. Even when memories exalt triumph, vindication, or heroism, the footing rests on anxiety

INTERPRETIVE DIRECTION

The interpretive themes developed for Stone Mountain will explore how the collective memory created by Southerners in response to the real and imagined threats to the very foundation of Southern society, the institution of slavery, by westward expansion, a destructive war, and eventual military defeat, was fertile ground for the development of the Lost Cause movement amidst the social and economic disruptions that followed. Using various interpretive methods, techniques, media, and public engagement, while employing the most current scholarship, we seek to create an exhibit not just about the past but about the future and place this vanquished history has in our national discourse.

THE STONE MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCE

Stone Mountain, as a place, first attracted pre-historic indigenous people more than 8,000 years ago. Gradually, these peoples disagreed due to maladies, famine, war, or a combination of all three. New Tribes emerged by the early seventeenth century, but European diseases followed, killing thousands. The 1821 Treaty of Indian Springs with the Creek Nation, which ceded land east of the Flint River, expelled indigenous tribes, and opened up land to white settlers.

Though most antebellum Stone Mountain Village residents were small farmers, the growth of the local granite industry enhanced by railroad development after the Civil War generated quarries where millions of tons of rock was harvested for such prominent projects as the foundation of the Georgia Capitol building, the steps of the east wing of the U.S. Capitol, the dome of the Federal Gold Depository at Fort Knox, and, ironically, the Lincoln Memorial where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., would deliver his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech referencing Stone Mountain.

GEORGIA, THE ROAD TO DISUNION, AND THE CIVIL WAR: MANIFEST DESTINY AND WINNING THE WEST

This exhibit will contextualize and define for visitors how the country became disunited over the issue of slavery in the decades between the end of the War of 1812 and the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861. Before the conflict slavery and its products, such as cotton, generated national wealth in both sections of the country. However, the very potency (political and economic) of the slave-owning system began to create fear in the non-slave-owning states. Outside slave-owning areas, the United States was largely a society of small farmers, small towns, and small businesses, and most Americans in the free states sought to keep it that way. Indeed, it was for this very reason they wage-earning already beginning to dominate places like New England. The west, therefore, was imagined as a place where history could be

Yet, the slave-owning states – the Slave Power – coveted this same west, and, because the plantation was a form of industrialization, the power of wealth and degradation of work represented by the slave system was seen as a threat to the hopes of many in the free states – particularly young white males who wanted to see the small-scale world of farm and shop spread west. Georgia was a major player in the slavery debate and its expansion into emerging western territories. Using primary source documents and materials from the period, including writings and speeches from characters like Robert Toombs, Alexander Stephens, and others, we will demonstrate how, up until the Civil War, the slave system was the Union's most important and profitable recourse, at the same time the nation's most divisive issue.

Continued on page 16.....

Monuments and Mythmaking: The evolution of commemorating Civil War dead

This exhibit area will impress on visitors how those who died during the war were memorialized during and immediately after the conflict ended. This interpretation will make use of artifacts, imagery, personal stories, and interactive technology to illustrate how monuments moving from cemeteries to the center of town as iconic statues representing the South’s reverence for the character of the Confederate soldier. It should be noted that the importance and contributions of African Americans to Union victory were overshadowed and marginalized by efforts to commemorate the valor of white soldiers.

The Myth of Reconciliation and Reunion: Emancipation, the Failure of National Reconstruction, the African American Experience

Although the Federal war effort against the Confederacy was to defeat the secession movement and restore the Union, it quickly evolved into a war to destroy the slave system itself. Many factors combined to produce this transformation, but the shift was quickly enshrined in the nation’s collective memory as a benevolent deliverance for former slaves, with Abraham Lincoln beautified as the Great Emancipator. Even as this memory was being created, it was divorced from the reality of Reconstruction’s attempt to reorder the former slave states and the insurgency war led by ex-Confederates to regain control of southern legislatures through intimidation and violence. However, by the late 1870s, a new collective memory of the war emerged to help soothe the trauma of defeat that had little to do with national reconciliation or reunion, and at the expense of social justice and racial equality for African Americans whose own collective memory of slavery and Reconstruction became a casualty of Manifest Destiny. Black leaders, such as Frederick Douglass, battled with Confederate sympathizers over the emerging black collective memory and significance of slavery and the Civil War as a struggle for freedom.

Remembering the War: How collective memory reshaped the cause, outcome, and meaning of the Civil War

This exhibit will immerse visitors in the role white Southerners played in the decade following the end of regional Reconstruction in fashioning a collective memory of the war that justified secession (states’ rights) and discarded slavery (a central canon of every seceding southern state constitution) as a Confederate cause. Though defeated, they refused to acknowledge they had been on the wrong side of the nation’s divine history and should be recognized once more as an integral part of another emerging collective memory - the American military tradition - being brought to bear against the enemies of westward expansion - specifically Native Americans. In the 1890s, organizations like the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Confederate Veterans materialized as promoters of Lost Cause ideology, using the Lost Cause memory of the war to build monuments and veterans’ homes, support Confederate-based education initiatives, encouraged federal and state-mandated racial segregation and the disfranchisement of African Americans.

Shermantown: Living in the Shadow of Stone Mountain

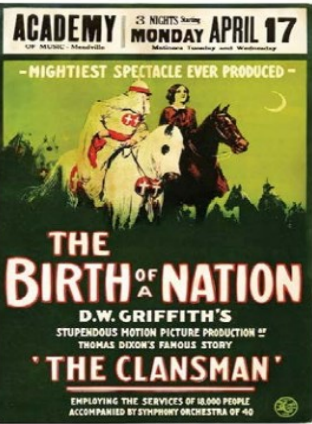
In the decade following the war, Shermantown, named in recognition of Union Gen. William T. Sherman, emerged as a small African American community at the base of Stone Mountain. Many black residents, like their white neighbors, worked as both farmers, with the railroad, or in the granite mines. It is unknown who or how many were once enslaved or who were slave descendants but many of their stories have been lost in time or have been overshadowed by Stone Mountain’s descent into the abyss of post-Confederate ideology. Their collective memory of the past has taken a much different trajectory. This exhibit is an opportunity to explore the evolution of Shermantown, their distinct relationship to Stone Mountain, and possibly make use of the 200 interviews collected by Federal Writers’ Project in the 1930s with former enslaved Georgians on the conditions of the institution & life in the post-war South.

Reinventing the Lost Cause: Stone Mountain and the emergence of the “American Way”

This section of the main gallery will immerse visitors in the expanding urban environment that denied the country leading up the entry of the United States in World War I. As African Americans left the Jim Crow South and new waves of European immigrants flooded American’s industrial cities, the Ku Klux Klan reemerged as a national organization using elements of the Lost Cause to promote racial segregation, anti-immigration, along with anti-Catholic and antisemitic violence in not just the South but in major northern and western cities, too. Fittingly, D.W.Griffith’s 1915

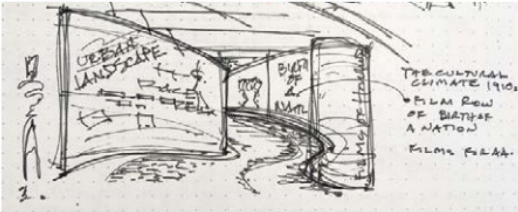
landmark -film, Birth of a Nation, a play on protecting Anglo-Saxon heritage, helped to inspire the formation of the new Klan and served as a catalyst for the creation of the Stone Mountain monument. post-Confederate ideology. Their collective memory of the past has taken a much different trajectory. This exhibit is an opportunity to explore the evolution of Shermantown, their distinct relationship to Stone Mountain, and possibly make use of the 200 interviews collected by Federal Writers’ Project in the 1930s with former enslaved Georgians on the conditions of the institution and life in the post-war South. In the late 1920s, however, the movement lost momentum as the Great Depression transpired. The twin shocks of the market collapse and the rise of dictatorships in other parts of the world caused numerous Americans to search for a way to imagine (a new collective memory) a United States that represented a contrast to this world of failure and extremism. The result became an imagined “American Way”: a narrative in which the nation represented a source of stability, order, and prosperity that made the country exceptional in a world order lost to aggression and conquest, revolution, and massive destruction.

Crumble into Dust: Stone Mountain and the Civil Right Movement



After the

U.S. Supreme Court ordered the desegregation of public schools in its 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision, white demagogues pledged to defy federal law and oppose the movement for civil rights. Their response also included embracing Confederate symbols. In 1956, the Georgia legislature replaced horizontal red and white stripes on the state -ag with the Confederate battle -ag that featured a St. Andrew’s cross. The State of Georgia, who purchased the Stone Mountain site in 1958, officially resumed construction in July 1964, less than a year after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. recognized Stone Mountain in his “I Have a Dream” speech, during the March on Washington. 8 years later the carving was completed. A dedication ceremony for the monument was held May 9, 1970, with Vice President Spiro Agnew in attendance.



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Continuation from page 17 - Warner Museum Proposal for Stone Mountain Memorial Park

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The garden will feature historic African American characters who fought for social justice and whose work reached the entire nation. In the center is a sculpture of Martin Luther King, Jr., standing on Stone Mountain granite steps, not unlike the Lincoln Memorial, with Jackie Robinson, Andrew Young, John Lewis, and Julian Bond close by. The intent is to symbolically recreate King's "I Have a Dream" speech where he references Stone Mountain. All the supporting characters are considered Georgians and were at the March on Washington, with Lewis also speaking.

Other statues of significant Georgia Civil Rights leaders in the garden include Walter White, Benjamin Mays, Grace Towns Hamilton, Bernice Johnson, Hosea Williams, Julian Bond, Vernon Jordan, and Charlayne Hunter. The garden is juxtaposed with the Stone Mountain bas-relief of David, Lee, and Jackson. The experience will allow visitors to walk among these sculptures and learn about their contributions



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We Are the Dead

By: George Ray Houston
Poet Laureate Georgia SCV

We are the dead, we do not live,
Into battles our lives we give.
Our hearts shall bleed for history,
Our martyrs lie in victory.

We ne'er retreated, fought instead,
Into a thousand fields we bled.
We are Dixie born, Southern bred,
We do not live; we are the dead.

O brave soldiers in clad of gray,
Victories marked along the way.
We stood our ground and justly fought,
O graves upon the ground we bought.

The price paid for a shallow grave,
Fighting beside the gallant brave.
We ran the fields against the foe,
Death angels sing when buglers blow.

Do not confirm our lives in vain,
Dealing with war we felt the pain.
Hearts to our motherland we give,
We are the dead; we do not live.

On battlefields wildflowers flow,
O Father your hands make them grow.
We have entered our dwelling place,
Heaven's comfort, our Lord's embrace.

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Original Recipe, Georgia Brunswick Stew

December 14, 1939, Atlanta Constitution

Excerpt from Wilbur Kurtz

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

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

Original Recipe, Georgia Brunswick Stew:

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

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

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



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Landon Johnson with Commander B. Daryl Hill



Nick Kraus, Adjutant with Commander B. Daryl Hill



Ricky Winfrey with Commander B. Daryl Hill



Commander B. Daryl Hill with Jerry C. Warren

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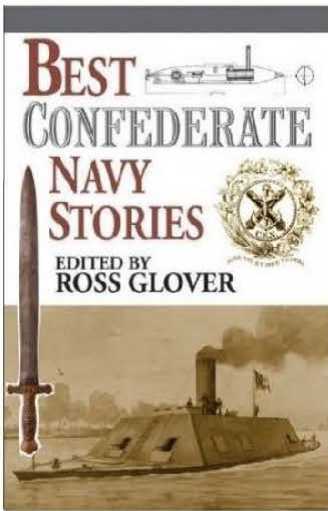
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Admiral Semmes' Mobile Monument was taken down. What will be next? Captain Fontaine Maury's monument in Richmond? The Naval Academy is changing the Superintendent's Quarters from Buchanan House (honoring Confederate Admiral Franklin Buchanan) to Halsey House.

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