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***** CALL TO ACTION *****
HOUSE BILL 467
STRENGTHENS OUR MONUMENT
PROTECTION LAWS



GEORGIA DIVISION
SONS OF CONFEDERATE
VETERANS
GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE



Issued by: GEORGIA DIVISION COMMANDER - Timothy Pilgrim

February 24, 2025

Friends,

I am pleased to inform you that House Bill 467 has been filed by Patriot Representative Alan Powell and has been placed in the House Governmental Affairs Committee.

House Bill 467 strengthens our monument protection laws in 50-3-1 and closes most of the legal loopholes found through many years of litigation.

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January 1, 2025

For Immediate Release

Georgia Division,
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Press Release

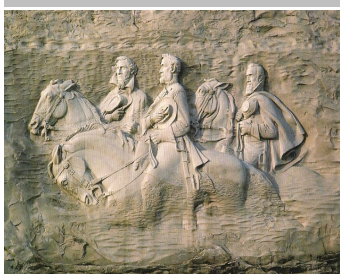


Sons of Confederate Veterans Files Lawsuit
Against the Stone Mountain Memorial
Association for the Removal of the Memorial
Flag Terrace from the Most Travelled Area of
Stone Mountain Memorial Park.

For Immediate Release:

On December 23, 2025 the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) filed a lawsuit against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) for violating Official Code of Georgia Sections 12-3-190, *et seq.*, and 50-3-1.

See Page 5.



22nd Annual National
Confederate Memorial Day Service

Service will be held on the Memorial Plaza
in front of the Carvings at Stone Mountain
Confederate Memorial Park

Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 10 am. to 1 pm.

★ **Keynote Speaker - Commander in Chief Donnie Kennedy** ★



128th Annual
Georgia Division Reunion
Saturday, JUNE 7th, 2025

Gentlemen,

We have our 128th Annual Georgia Division Reunion upcoming on June 7th at Georgia National Fairgrounds again this year.

All Brigade Commanders' positions will be open for elections this year and we need all our Camps to be fully represented with their full delegation.

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.

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Remembering Compatriot Lt. Cdr. North/George Crawford

In Memory of
Lt. Division Commander
North George J. Crawford

Brothers,

I have some sad news to report. Last Sunday morning our Lt. Division Commander George J. Crawford passed away from a massive heart attack. Friends found him this past Tuesday morning at his home.

George was a good friend and one of the finest Confederates I have ever known. He loved the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Mechanized Cavalry. Serving as our Lt. Division Commander was one of his greatest honors and he was my Stonewall Jackson. George was from the old school a true history buff and a collector/appraiser of Antique firearms. He will be greatly missed.



George at the erection of the Toombs Camp Bronze Soldier Monument



George, cadet at West Point



George, receiving Distinguish Service medal.



Stone Mountain Memorial Service



Self Portrait done at young age



Mechanized Cavalry Pallbearers

New Compatriots and Awards



Grady County Georgia Camp #1807 inducts new member Glen Presley .



Cdr. Brantley Thrift (Clement A. Evans Camp #64) welcomes new member James Hayner.



Cdr. Doug Brown (Gen. James Longstreet Camp #1289) presents a new membership certificate to Kin Heyward at the Camp Christmas



Cdr. Mike Waits (L) introduces new member Kirby Maples (Brig. Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy Jr. Camp 18; Macon, Ga).



Thomas W. Barrett has enlisted with the David W. Payne Camp 1633; (L-R): 2nd Brigade Cdr. Michael Dean, Thomas W. Barrett, Adjutant Jessie Pinson).



Brig. Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy Jr. Camp 18 Cdr. (L) Mike Waits introduces new member Gary Howell; his ancestor was Pvt. Henry Howell, Co.I, 26th GA Inf.



Brig. Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy Jr. Camp 18 Cdr. (L) Mike Waits introduces new member Richard Worsham; his ancestor was PVT. William Worsham, Co. E, 3rd GA Inf.



Adj. Charlie Ivey introduces Mike Sacosky as a Friend of the Camp ; Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson Camp 141; Albany, GA.

The Georgia Division Commander's Report

Brothers,

I apologize for the delay in getting this issue of the Georgia Confederate published. I wanted to hold until the House Bill 467 had been file so we could publish that information to you ASAP. I also learned today that a duplicate Senate Bill 301 was filed. Both these Bills strengthen our monument protection laws and closes many of the legal loopholes discovered during 5 years of litigating our monument removal cases.

These Bills will provide what is called Judicial Economy which in short eliminates needless litigation. As most of you know the Georgia Division, SCV has spent nearly \$200K in legal expenses defending the illegal removal of our Veterans monuments.

Please make every effort to contact your Georgia State House Representative and State Senator. Ask them support House Bill 467 and Senate Bill 301.

- Send them and email and copy their legislative office assistant.
- Call their legislative office and district office.
- Send them a hand written note asking to support.
- If you know them personally go visit them.

Remember the rule is always to be polite and precise.

Update on our current lawsuits. As you see on the front page, we have filed our first lawsuit against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) for the removal of the Memorial Flag Terrace which is a blatant violation of State Code 50-3-1. Also, we should have the second lawsuit against the SMMA for the placement of the woke exhibits in Memorial Hall Museum at Stone Mountain Memorial Park filed at the end of March.

Currently our Glynn County / Brunswick and Gwinnett County illegal monument removal lawsuits are in the Georgia Court of Appeals. We expect as ruling from the Court of Appeals by the end of March 2025. Our Henry, Rockdale, Muscogee, and DeKalb Counties lawsuits are still pending in Superior Court

We are scheduled to have our annual Stone Mountain Memorial Service on Saturday, April 19th starting at 10:00am. to 1:00 pm. I'm very grateful that our CIC Donnie Kennedy will be our keynote speaker. Also, we will be having a cook-out luncheon provided by the Georgia Division. I got a call last week from the Stone Mountain Memorial Association letting us know they changed our original date of Saturday April 26th the original date we had on the permit to April 19th which was inconveniencing and disappointing being April 26 is official Confederate Memorial Day in Georgia. It seems

the SMMA tries to do all they can to discourage us from having our annual Confederate Memorial Service at Stone Mountain, but we adapt and overcome. Please try to make this annual event it's important that we have a good showing to show them all we are not going anywhere, Stone Mountain Park and the Memorial Carvings are the largest Confederate monument on the planet, and we have every right to be there to honor our Confederate Heroes.

Our 128th Georgia Division Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 7 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds in Perry, Ga. again this year. In the same building, Heritage Hall with registration starting at 7:00 am. All the forms are online on our Division web-page at www.gascv.org the registration packages are available in our Division store if you want to purchase with your credit card, see page 6 with further details.

All Brigade Commander Positions will be open for election and a special election for Lt. Division Commander North will be voted on. We have a beautiful reunion metal designed as shown on the front page. At the Award Luncheon we will be having a delicious fried chicken dinner with all the fixings with dessert. Please make sure that all your Camp's Delegates are in attendance.

The Georgia Confederate Christian Youth Camp has it 2025 Camp scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2025, to Friday June 27, 2025 for a week of fun and great historical programs. The grand ball is scheduled for Friday night where the Campers dress in their period outfits and dance to period dances. The Mechanized Cavalry, Troop 3 will have their annual fund-raising ride for the Youth Camp on Saturday May 17, starting at the Jefferson Davis Memorial Park, see flyer on page 7.

I would like to challenge all our Camps in the Georgia Division to try to sponsor a Camper(s) from your area. The cost for a Camper for the entire week is only \$150.00, if your Camp can't sponsor a Camper for your area, then please consider sponsoring a Camper who needs assistance. All donations can be made to the GCCYC, at P.O. Box 447. Fitzgerald, Ga. 31750. For more information, please contact 8th Brigade Commander and Director of the Youth Camp Hershell Smith at

hershellsmith1861@gamil.com or 229.425.2966.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans Branch Service Medals program has been launched. These medals are for the service of our uniform Infantry Soldiers and uniform Artillery Soldiers. These Metals were created to award these Soldier for attending and support SCV events in their uniforms. Our uniformed Soldiers represents our Confederate Ancestors and helps tell the story of what our organization is all about. The medals will be able to all uniform Soldiers who participates in (10) SCV events, parades, living history, memorial services and functions. Our Camp Commanders will be responsible for signing off on each these events on the Branch Service Medal forms. See page 13 for the announcement and form. The branch service medals form is also available on the Division's webpage.

I'm pleased to announce that the Georgia Division Challenge Coins have been released and are available on the Division Store on the Division webpage. The coins will have the Stone Mountain Carvings on one side and the Real Georgia State Flag on the other. It is going to be a beautiful coin for your collection and a way to support our efforts to protect and preserve. See page 13 for more information.

The Robert A. Toombs Camp 932 is working hard on the brick paver memorial walls and a couple of granite walls listing the names of the Confederate Soldiers of Toombs County. Once those walls are erected, they will be having the official dedication. Please see page 14 in this issue of the Georgia Confederate to see how you can support the erection efforts of this grand monument by purchasing a memorial brick to honor your family and Confederate Ancestor.

Always at your Service,
Timothy F. Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander



Georgia Division Officers & Staff ~ 2024 – 2025

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**Executive Council
Meeting Schedule:**

- **June 7, 2025**
Following Reunion

**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 “Rosie” 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 Rosie your Camp’s e-mail list and she can up-date the Division rosters for these Division notifications.

Press Releases from the Front Page

PRESS RELEASE:

On December 23, 2025 the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) filed a lawsuit against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) for violation of State Codes 50-3-1 and 12-3-190.

In May 2023 the SMMA removed the Memorial Flag Terrace that was completed and dedicated by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 1964 at the bottom of the walk up trail the most traveled area of Stone Mountain Memorial Park. The Memorial Flag Terrace displayed the United States flag and the historical flags of the Confederate States of America with bronze plaques giving a short description and history of each flag. The bricks in the Flag Terrace were sourced from the old Confederate Soldiers Home in Atlanta. See the below link to the Memorial Flag Terrace.

<https://stonemountainguide.com/Flag-Terrace.html>

The Memorial Flag Terrace was moved to the rear corner of the reflecting pond purposely to be out of sight of the general public visiting the Memorial Park. The SMMA made these this change and other changes to the Memorial Park from pressure from the ultra-liberal organization the Stone Mountain Action Coalition made up of woke revisionists that calls out for the removal of the Memorial Flag Terrace, changing of the street names and the removal or covering up of the Memorial Carving by the lack of maintaining it. This is apparent from the disgraceful state of the Memorial Carving which has been left to become discolored from the lack of maintenance and cleaning.

The Son of Confederate Veterans has made several attempts to rectify this violation of State Law with the SMMA, even suggesting a more prominent location for the Memorial Flag Terrace in front of the Carving that would comply with State Law. Unfortunately, the SMMA has become nothing more than a bureaucratic unelected State government entity making changes to the Memorial State Park at their discretion that is in direct conflict with State Code 50-3-1 and 12-3-190 without any legislative oversight and in conflict with their legislative mandate.

Below are some sections from State Code 50-3-1 and 12-3-190 that substantiates our law suit:

O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(2) provides in part that “[n]o officer or agency shall remove or conceal from display any such monument for the purpose of preventing the visible display of the same.”

O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(3) provides in part that “[n]o publicly owned monument erected, constructed, created, or maintained on the public property of this state or its authorities . . . or on real property owned by an agency of the State of Georgia shall be relocated, removed, concealed, obscured, or altered in any fashion”

While O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(7) allows the relocation of monuments under specified circumstances, it specifies that “[a]ny monument relocated for such purposes shall be relocated to a site of similar prominence, honor, visibility, and access. . . .”

O.C.G.A. § 50-3—1(c) provides that “[a]ny other provision of law notwithstanding, the memorial to the heroes of the Confederate States of American graven upon the fact of Stone Mountain shall never be altered, removed, concealed, or obscured in any fashion and shall be preserved and protected for all time as a tribute to the bravery and heroism of the citizens of this state who suffered and died in their cause.”

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 12-3-192.1(3), one of the stated purposes of SMMA is “[t]o maintain an appropriate and suitable memorial for the Confederacy.”

O.C.G.A. § 12-3-194(6) grants SMMA the power to, *inter alia*, “develop, improve, maintain, equip, manage, and operate the project as defined in Code Section 12-3- 191

O.C.G.A. § 12-3-194(12) grants SMMA the power “[t]o do and perform all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers conferred upon the association.”

O.C.G.A. § 12-3-191(7) defines “[p]roject” as “Stone Mountain and property adjacent thereto acquired by the association .and all property, real, personal, or mixed, used or useful . . . in . . . maintaining, managing, and operating Stone Mountain . . . as a Confederate memorial and public recreational area.”

Friends,

I pleased to inform you that House Bill 467 has been filed by Patriot Representative Alan Powell and has been placed the House Governmental Affairs Committee.

House Bill strengthens our monument protection laws in 50-3-1 and closes most the legal loopholes found through many years of litigation.

The primary objective of House Bill 467 is it provides Judicial Economy, which is the opportunity to eliminate needless litigation.

Some of the order major function of the Bill:

- Adds injunctive relief back in the code.
- Provides a process to get the monument relocated in a place similar prominence once all legal remedies are exhausted.
- Protects private monuments on public property.
- Conforming all definitions.
- Removes interpretations.
- Clarifies that firms, etc., are not liable for a misdemeanor.
- Codifies the Supreme Court October 25, 2022 Ruling.
- Specific authority is given to the State Attorney General and the local District Attorneys to act.
- Tasks the Department of Community Affairs with creating a monument registry.

Call to Action:

Please contact you State House Representative and ask them to please support House Bill 467. Please do all three of these actions:

- Send an email to you House Representative and also an email to their legislative assistant (Their assistant will give them a daily tally of the emails they received).
- Call their legislative offices and district office (if they have a district office).
- Write a short letter asking for their support.

Remember, in all you correspondence be polite and to the point. Don’t come off as being angry it may have a reserve effect.

If you don’t know who your State Representative and Senator is then go to:

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/find-my-legislator>

Type in your address and click on submit address. Then when the photo of your State Representative and Senator appears then click on their district number and it will carry you to their contact information.

If you know who your State Representative is then go direct to the below link for their contact information:

<https://www.legis.ga.gov/members/house>

Museum Bank Debt Paid in Full

Gentlemen,

I am pleased to announce to the Sons of Confederate Veterans membership that the outstanding balance on the museum bank-note is now fully paid! As of December 27, 2024, Heritage Bank of Columbia, TN, was paid \$885,516.54 to liquidate our obligation for this loan. This payment was made possible due to the generosity of anonymous benefactors.

While we all are very impressed and thankful for the generosity of our anonymous benefactors, their donations would not have been possible if not for the hard work and sacrifice of our members and friends. You, the members, have worked hard and sacrificed much to reduce a two-and-a-half million-dollar debt to less than one million dollars. Your willingness to do so much to reduce this debt assured our benefactors that their generosity would not be a wasted effort. Our benefactors in essence matched the many donations made by our members and friends. The ongoing *21st Century Campaign* is now opening the door for to the possibility for other donors to match your donations.

For several years, the SCV has been paying for two museum loans: a bank loan and a loan from our Brooks Medical Fund. The loan from the bank was the most troubling. The bank loan was due for renewal in July of this year. That renewal would have been at a substantially higher interest rate. This potential increase in cost would have hampered our efforts to protect our heritage and, therefore, was an issue that had to be dealt with. Paying off this loan became one of the GEC's highest priorities. The SCV can now use the ten to thirteen thousand dollars spent monthly on bank payments to initiate a robust campaign to promote the truth about the SCV and our honorable Confederate heritage. We now look forward to keeping our museum open on more weekends.

We still have a loan borrowed from "ourselves" via the Brooks Medical Fund. The payment on that loan is a fully budgeted item. The SCV will continue repaying that loan. Any increase in interest on that loan will be paid directly to the Brooks Medical Fund.

We are continuing the *21st Century Confederate Heroes Campaign* and will use the additional funds to restore the Forrest Plaza, pay down the loan to the Brooks Fund, and assist in special projects to promote Southern heritage.

We are on the verge of a new and more robust defense of Southern heritage and, most importantly, VINDICATING the Cause for which our Confederate ancestors fought.

Deo Vindice,
Walter Donald Kennedy
Commander-in-Chief, SCV 2024-26

128th Annual Georgia Division Reunion

Saturday, JUNE 7th, 2025

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LOCATION:
GEORGIA NATIONAL FAIRGROUNDS
HERITAGE HALL
401 LARRY WALKER PKWY., PERRY, GA. 31069-1367

[Google Map Link](#)

128th GEORGIA DIVISION REUNION AGENDA:
SATURDAY, JUNE 7th

- REGISTRATION 7-9 AM AT HERITAGE HALL
- REUNION BUSINESS MEETING - STARTS AT 9:30 AM PROMPTLY
- DIVISION ELECTIONS
- SATURDAY DINNER & AWARD PRESENTATION (Fried Chicken Dinner with fixings, desserts and tea)



128th GEORGIA DIVISION CONVENTION/REUNION



REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, JUNE 7th, 2025

The Georgia National Fairgrounds
Heritage Hall
401 Larry Walker Pkwy.
Perry, Ga. 31069

Hosted by: The Georgia Division



Name: _____ & Title: _____

To be used on name badge

Camp Name _____ Camp # _____

Phone # _____ email address: _____

- Registration Fee each (Only Georgia Division members)..... \$30 _____
- Late Registration Fee after May 30, 2025 (only Georgia Division members)..... \$40 _____

Saturday, June 7th, Convention Starts at 9:30, Registration 7-9am , Heritage Hall

Saturday Award Luncheon at business meeting \$25 each Qty. _____ (x) \$25 _____
(Fried Chicken Dinner with all the fixings, dessert & Tea)

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Make Checks Payable To:
Georgia Division, SCV

Return this form with Payment to:
Georgia Division, SCV, P.O. Box 1081, Macon, Ga. 31202

Any Questions or Additional Information Contact:
Division Secretary Rosie Price at secretary@gascv.org or 478.305.7862

Official Georgia Division, SCV State Flag Challenge Coins are now Available



GEORGIA DIVISION
SONS OF CONFEDERATE
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Issued by: **GEORGIA DIVISION COMMANDER - Timothy Pilgrim**

Georgia Division, SCV Georgia State Flag Challenge Coins are now Available.

Gentlemen,
I'm pleased to announce the creation of the official Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Challenge Coins.

We have two beautiful designs that feature the Real Georgia State Flag full-faced and another one of the Real Georgia State Flag waving both with Georgia's Stone Mountain Memorial Carvings on the back side.

They are available for purchase in the Division Store on the Georgia Division web-page. All proceeds will placed in our Heritage Defense Legal Fight funds that funds our legal cost for our Stone Mountain lawsuits and our current Confederate monument lawsuits in Rockdale, Henry, Gwinnett, DeKalb, Glynn, Richmond, and Muscogee Counties.

See the below links to purchase a challenge coin and support our efforts to protect and preserve.



Georgia Confederates Youth Camp

POC: 2nd LT Bubba Bradshaw or 1st LT Kevin "K9" Swails
78-952-3085 706-601-1912

Benefit Ride & Fundraiser



Presented by GA Mechanized Cavalry
TROOP - 3



SCVMC 3rd Battalion Company B
May 17, 2025

Where: Jefferson Davis State Park, 338 Jeff Davis Park Rd, Fitzgerald GA

50/50 Drawing
5 for \$10

Time: Gates open @ 8 AM
Registration: 10 AM – 11 AM

Door Prize Raffle
Tickets
\$1 ea or 6 for \$5

\$20.00 Per Rider/Driver & \$5.00 Per Passenger

- **RIDE STARTS: 11 AM**
- **RETURN TO: Jefferson Davis State Park**
- **TOTAL RIDE TIME: 1 – 2 hours round trip**
- **LUNCH: 1:30 PM – Backwoods BBQ will be the food vendor for the event**

All donations from SCVMC, Troops, SCVMC Platoons, & OCR need to be turned in to 2nd LT. Big Bubba Bradshaw no later than 2 PM day of the event.

SCVMC Troops & Platoons are welcome to setup merchandise tents.

All SCVMC, OCR, friends, family, kids, and guests are welcome!
A GOOD TIME FOR ALL FOR A GREAT CAUSE!
Grand Prize to be Announced at later date.



Major Eugene F Baldwin
Gen. T.R.R. Cobb
Camp # 97

Lt. Division Cmdr. North
George James Crawford Gen.
John B. Gordon
Memorial Camp 1449

Camp Commander
Joseph Boatwright Jordan
Gen. John B. Gordon
Camp # 46

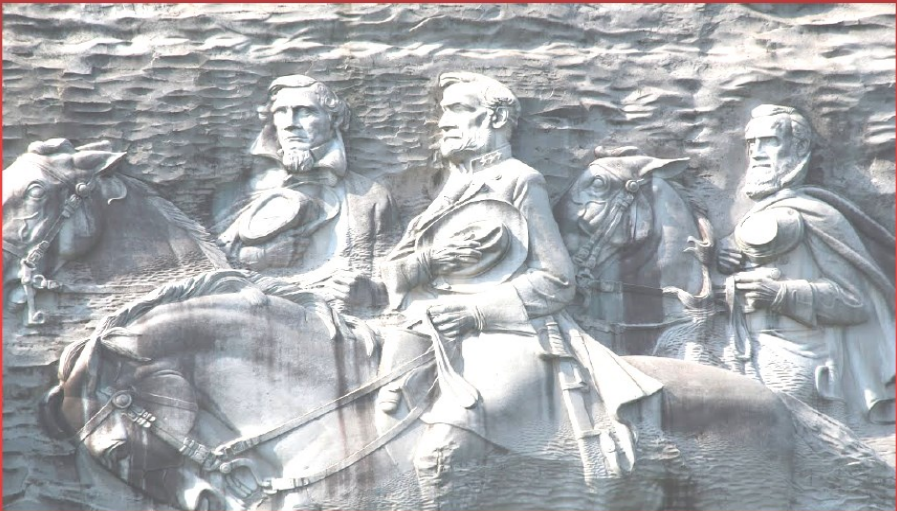
William Peyton Grimm
Immortal Six Hundred
Camp #2600

William Autry
Gen. Stand Watie
Camp #915



GEORGIA DIVISION CAMPS CALL TO ACTION TO GIVE TO OUR LEGAL DEFENSE		
158	Brig. Gen. E. Porter Alexander	\$ 25,388.30
700	Kennesaw Battlefield	\$ 17,816.00
91	Thomson Guards	\$ 14,059.00
1914	Maj. Gen. Ambrose R. Wright	\$ 11,332.00
1552	Camp McDonald	\$ 7,675.00
2102	Buckhead-Ft. Lawton Brigade	\$ 6,427.00
485	Thomas Marsh Forman	\$ 5,805.00
97	Brig. Gen. T.R.R. Cobb	\$ 5,465.00
941	Ogeechee Rifles	\$ 4,870.00
1404	27th GA Regiment	\$ 4,610.00
78	Alexander H. Stephens	\$ 4,500.00
18	Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr.	\$ 4,276.65
96	Maj. William E. Simmons	\$ 3,656.00
1432	The Confederate Memorial	\$ 3,097.00
1397	Gen. William J. Hardee	\$ 3,050.00
1724	Eli P. Landers	\$ 3,000.00
1633	David W. Payne Camp	\$ 2,955.00
1639	Chattahoochee Guards	\$ 2,762.00
1446	Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp	\$ 2,694.00
141	Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson	\$ 2,521.00
469	Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest	\$ 2,325.00
2200	Georgia Division HQ	\$ 2,315.00
2137	Barnesville Blues	\$ 2,300.00
1449	John B. Gordon Memorial	\$ 2,210.00
914	Cherokee Legion	\$ 2,182.01
926	Lt. Dickson L. Baker	\$ 2,150.00
1642	Col. Hiram Parks Bell	\$ 1,803.00
108	Col. Charles T. Zachry	\$ 1,762.00
915	Gen. Stand Watie	\$ 1,754.00
1289	General James Longstreet	\$ 1,754.00
674	John K. McNeil	\$ 1,660.00
2218	The Unknown Soldier	\$ 1,639.00
517	Gen. Henry L. Benning	\$ 1,520.00
688	Old Capitol	\$ 1,505.00
46	John B. Gordon	\$ 1,335.00
1399	Lt. James T. Woodward Camp	\$ 1,326.00
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107	John McIntosh Kell	\$ 1,262.00
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1418	52nd Georgia Regiment	\$ 30.00

New Compatriots and Awards



Col John H. Baker 1705 inducted two new members at their December 3, 2024 meeting by Chaplain Eddie Rainey; (L-R) Chad Brooks, Eddie Rainey and Slade Gregory.



7th Brigade Cdr. Hamp Tatum presents Cdr. Robert Smith (Capt. James Knox Camp # 2022) with his National Distinguished Service



John W. Spradley (R) receives a Dixie Club Award from Cdr. Robert Smith (Capt. James Knox Camp 2202).



7th Brigade Cdr. Hamp Tatum (left) presents James Wendell Harrell (Thomas Marsh Foreman Camp #458)with the Distinguished Service Award and medal.



Left Photo: Lt. Cdr. Al Medcalf Jr. presents a membership certificate to Brian Earls. Right Photo: Medcalf presents Camp Cdr./Roy Butts Jr. with the Distinguished Service Medal.



David Junghams received the Meritorious Service Medal during the Nov. 14, 2024 meeting of the David W. Payne Camp 1633. Junghams, a Vietnam War veteran and retired law enforcement officer, has been a SCV member for many years and served as Commander and Lieutenant-Cdr; (L-R): 2nd Brigade Cdr./ Michael Dean and David Junghams.



John 9th Brigade Cdr./Jack Cowart (left) is awarded the Chaplain J. Williams Jones Christian Service Award. This was given by Army of Tennessee Chaplain Gary Carlyle (middle) and Georgia Div. Cdr. Tim Pilgrim.



Cdr. George Larsen of the Alexander H Stephens Camp #78 (Americus, GA) 1as awarded "Honorary Farmer at the Annual Georgia Sugar Cane Festival in Leslie, Georgia.



During the Thomson City Council meeting (Nov. 14,2024) Mayor Pro Tem Keryl Corley presented Certificates of Appreciation to the two local groups responsible for restoring the Thomson Memorial Cemetery - the Thomson Memorial Cemetery Committee and the Thomson Guards Camp 91. Photo (left to right): Bubba Hunt, Ron Awe, Damon Davis (back row), JoAnn and Lewis Smith, Karen and Tom Holley, Liz Yarborough, and David B. Moore, with Mayor Pro Tem Keryl Corley.



The Mechanized Cavalry led by Kevin (Knine) Swails and Andrew Meeks (Boggins) replaced a worn Confederate flag at Oaklawn Cemetery in Fort Valley (Nov. 16).





The restored Judge Richard Johnson Law Office in Clinton, GA (1830s era); originally located on Madison Street, it was moved to the old Schoolhouse in Clinton. Judge Johnson's granddaughter (pictured seated near fireplace) and Patsy Johnson Childs (OCHS board member) was on hand for the dedication ceremony.



Around the Confederacy



Compatriot Chase Trawick stands with the 1/2 scale replica H L Hunley at it's display in Leslie, Georgia's Sugar Cane Festival.

The Official Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Challenge Coins available at the Division Store www.gascv.org.



Full Face Coin



Waving Flag Coin



Stone Mountain Carving on the back of both coins.



Appling Grays Camp 918 (Baxley, GA) collected over 50 toys for the Appling County Sheriffs Department Adopt-a-Family program for Christmas 2024. Cmdr. Charles Poarch and Mech. Cav. Sgt. Arthur Quinn delivered the toys to the Sheriff. Accepting the toys is CPL. Sturgill and Sherrieff Mark Melton.



Col John H. Baker Camp 1705 Cdr. Roy Butts Jr and Keith Edmondson made a fun trip down to Andersonville, GA (Nov.2, 2024). Keith donated a painting that he painted to the Drummer Boy Civil War museum on behalf of camp. The curator will commission a plaque acknowledging Keith and the John H. Baker Camp #1705 for their donation.



A table full of period weapons, firearms, and cutlery were displayed and discussed during the Gen. Henry L. Benning camp 517 meeting on January 2, 2025; (L-R): Paul Getskow, David Pilgrim.



Compatriots from the Albany Georgia Camp #141 participated in the Leesburg, GA Christmas Parade with the Hunley.



The Col. John H. Baker Camp 1705 (Pike County) participated in the Concord Jubilee parade (Concord, GA) on October 19, 2024.



Col. John H. Baker Camp 1705 at Eastview Cemetery (Zebulon, GA) for Wreaths Across America (12/14/ 2025).



Yancy Independents Camp 693; Cdr Rod Hutchinson and Dr. Renee Sullivan (guest speaker).



Cdr. Robert Smith and Brent Whitaker (Capt. James Knox camp 2022) donated 275 bags of chips to counties suffering from Hurricane Helene.

Great North State Coat Drive

Commander Ron Edge with NC Pastor at the donation supply center



Members of the disaster relief team of the Cherokee Legion Camp 914 unloading winter clothing and gear.



The Cherokee Legion and Buckhead Fort Lawton Camps disaster relief team's trailers arrive in North Carolina



Tim Pilgrim, Chris May, Scott Dooley, Wayne Scarborough and Tim Hawkins at the coat drive pick-up location in Perry,



Tom and Karen Holley meets with Tim Pilgrim with coat drive donations from Camp 91.



Lt Division Cmdr Chris May welcomes Barbara Griffin who brought donations for the coat drive



Trailer loaded ready for North Carolina.



Around the Confederacy



Descendants of Pvt. Issac L. Thornton.

Appling Grays Camp 918 (Baxley, GA) hosted the reinterment ceremony for Pvt. Isaac L. Thornton at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. Speakers were Georgia Division Commander Tim Pilgrim and Camp 918 Chaplin Neil Thorton. Thanks to Clyde Royals and crew for the cannon salute and Charlie Parks, Pete Cowart, and Lamar Dean for the rifle salute. The Georgia Society Order of Confederate Rose performed the Black Rose Procession. Many of Private Thorton's ancestors were in attendance along with SCV members from across the southeast.



Camp Commander Charles Poarch of the Appling Greys heading up the event.

Descendant of Pvt. Issac L. Thornton.

Compatriot Clyde Royals Receives SCV National Heritage Defense Award

Georgia Society Order of the Confederate Rose.



Camp Commander Charles Poarch of the Appling Greys receives Meritorious Service Medal.

All Veterans at the Service being Honored



Thomson Guards camp 91, working with the Thomson Memorial Cemetery Committee, held a grand restoration celebration on Sept. 21, 2024.

Georgia Division Branch Service Medal Initiative for our Uniformed Soldiers



GEORGIA DIVISION SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE



Issued by: GEORGIA DIVISION COMMANDER - Timothy Pilgrim

Georgia Division Branch Service Medals

Gentlemen,

I'm pleased to announce the creation of a Sons of Confederate Veterans Branch Service Medals for the service of our uniformed Infantry and Artillery Soldiers. These Metals were created to award these Soldiers for attending and supporting SCV events in their uniforms. Our uniformed Soldiers represent our Confederate Ancestors and helps us tell the story of what our organization is all about and add authentically to our events.

The medals will be available to all uniform Soldiers who participate in (10) SCV events, parades, living history, memorial services, school events, and Camp recruitment functions. Camp Commanders will be responsible for signing off on these events on the Branch Service Medal Applications. Non-members can participate but must be sponsored by the Camp and signed off by the Camp Commander.

The starting date for events that can be listed on the Application is Nov 1, 2025.

Special appreciation to Commander Ron Edge of the Cherokee Legion Camp 914 for coming up with this initiative.



Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Branch Service Medal Application Form

Applicant's Name _____, Phone _____

Email _____, Address _____

Check Service Branch Applying for _____ Infantry _____ Artillery

Camp or Sponsoring SCV Camp _____, Camp No. _____

No.	Event Description & Location	Date	Commander Signature
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The Georgia Division, SCV Branch Service Medal is awarded to men who dress out in Confederate Soldier's uniform to support Sons of Confederate Veterans events.

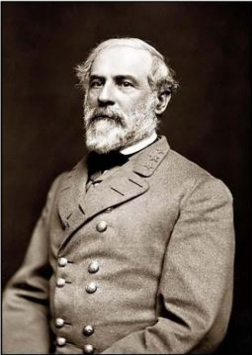
Below is the list of instructions:

1. Dress out in a Confederate Soldier uniform for (10) ten Sons of Confederate (SCV) events.
2. SCV events include, but not limited to, Memorial Services, Parades, Living Histories, Public Reenactments, School events and Camp Recruitment events.
3. SCV Member Applicant must get their Camp Commander to sign off on each event.
4. Non SCV Member must be sponsored by an SCV Camp and have Camp Commander to sign off on each event.
5. Applicant can apply for multiple medals after each (10) events or receive a Silver Star after each (10) events.



Confederate Infantry Service Medal

Confederate Artillery Service Medal



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..... **General Robert E. Lee**

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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.

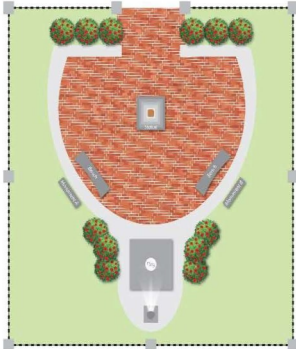
For more information Contract Commander Bill Wood at woodbill@bellsouth.net or 912.245.4279



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

See the order link below:
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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.



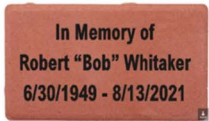
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Example: 20 Character Spaces per line

Line 1 In Memory Of
Line 2 John Doe
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Donation Amount (\$) _____



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

Savannah's St. Patrick's Day Parade:

Compatriots, for over 16 decades the St. Patrick's Day parade in Savannah, which occurs each year on the Holliday, has had a contingent of Confederates marching. Due to the Covid scam, time and attrition, CMDR Don Newman of the Savannah Militia camp 1657 SCV is no longer able to organize SCV participation.

This is a Nationally and Internationally recognized event and is the 2nd largest St. Patrick's Day parade behind New York City. This weeklong celebration brings in HUNDREDS of THOUSANDS of folks from all over the US, some internationally and is televised. In past parades, our contingency has included a Color Guard, dignitaries & politicians, visiting military members, a marching column of Soldiers in gray, armed & FIRING, a trailer/float, living historians in period attire and safety walkers. I wish to see this activity continue rather than becoming just a memory.

For this great Confederate Participation to continue, we will need Compatriots and camps to step up, organize, COMMIT and SHOW UP. Needed will be funds, re-enactors in uniform, a sharp Color Guard, period living historians, safety walkers, a float/trailer along with a vehicle & driver. This could easily become a Regional or National event and gathering for SCV, UDC and like minded Patriots generating massive public exposure for the Cause.

Please stay tuned for more information as hopefully the Georgia Division SCV will support this event. Should the commitment be made to continue this Savannah tradition, plans will need to be buttoned down before November. Feel free to contact me for more information.

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African American Slavery in Historical Perspective, by Clyde N. Wilson – a Review by Gene Kizer, Jr.

Posted on [May 16, 2024](#) by [Gene Kizer, Jr.](#)

One of Shotwell Publishing's latest books is Dr. Clyde Norman Wilson's 80 page *African American Slavery in Historical Perspective* (Amazon, softcover, \$11.95; Kindle, \$4.99).

This is an extremely important book because putting slavery in historical perspective puts the lie to the worthless presentist history regurgitated ad nauseam by academia and the fake news media. You can not learn from history when the history being taught is a fraud.

Few, if any, have done more for American history than Clyde Wilson, who is an Emeritus Distinguished Professor of History with a 35 year career at the University of South Carolina. He is primary editor of the voluminous *The Papers of John C. Calhoun* and just finished editing an acclaimed 28-volume edition. He is author or editor of over 30 other books and over 800 articles, essays, reviews, etc. He has lectured all over the world. I have had the pleasure of attending many of them.

His professional accomplishments and awards are too many to list here but include founding director of the Society of Independent Southern Historians, the Bostick Prize for Contributions to South Carolina Letters, the Robert E. Lee Medal of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, founding dean of the SCV's Stephen D. Lee Institute, co-founder of Shotwell Publishing, and the M. E. Bradford Distinguished Professor of the Abbeville Institute. A book like this has been badly needed for a long time. Everybody knows how pathetic and lacking the study of history is, in this day and age. The degradation of American History began in the 1960s when truth as the standard for history, began being replaced by leftist politics, as Marxists began their long march through the institutions.

That replacement is largely complete today with academia 100% liberal, and free speech and inquiry non-existent on so many campuses run by mediocre DEI appointees like Harvard's Claudine Gay, and the racists at Columbia who allow Jewish students to be attacked or prevented from going to class by violent mobs. Those mobs support terrorists and are driven by hate-America agitators from around the world.

I know the actual number of liberals in academia is closer to 90% but the few independent thinkers, especially in the humanities, are not going to speak up and have the screaming mob come to their office, or lose their chance for tenure. The entire atmosphere is sick and twisted, as always happens when woke politics takes over.

Academia, much of the time, does not promote knowledge or wisdom for young people. It interprets almost everything according to leftist, anti-white racist precepts such as Critical Race Theory, DEI and other Marxist imperatives.

Dr. Wilson states that slavery today is still a powerful, emotional force in public life and many have weaponized the word slavery though they "have no knowledge or understanding of what life was like in past times" thus "historical perspective is needed."

That is exactly right because the prime problem today is idiotic leftist standards such as 1) men can menstruate and get pregnant, and 2) it is fair for men to compete in women's sports because, if they say they are women, they really are women. That's all it takes to become a woman.

Biden just signed an Executive Order changing Title IX so bigger, stronger men can compete with girls and women though that puts women in danger (think rugby, lacrosse, basketball, and everything else). It is outrageous and degrading for women and girls to have to endure that along with men snooping around their bathrooms when they are most vulnerable, giving them no privacy or respect.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders, governor of Arkansas, [praised legislation just passed in Arkansas](#), that negates Biden's absurdity. She said:

Biden thinks anybody can be a woman just because they say so. As a woman, the mother of a daughter and our state's first chief executive to give birth ... I can't think of anything more offensive or dismissive of the very real, very scientific traits that all women share and that no man does. To understand the past you have to view the past the way people who lived in the past viewed it. It was not the past to them. It was their present. Wilson writes that "before the invention of labour-saving machinery, beginning [with] Britain in the late 1700s, the master-servant relationship was normal in almost every human society. ... Servitude was the everyday condition of great numbers of people who did most of the world's hard and dirty work." (p1)

There was slavery in the Bible though Christians "were urged to be good masters and good servants."

There was slavery in ancient Greece and Rome in their greatest days, slavery everywhere in the Islamic world including of whites, slavery in Asian civilizations, and for 500 years, Europe's serfs and peasants had "little more freedom from labour and inferior status than African American slaves." (p2)

Black Africans themselves were the source of most of the slavery of their black brothers and sisters.

African tribal chieftains waging never-ending warfare caused slavery in Africa to flourish "longer than any other part of the world" and it still exists there today.

The plantation economy of the pre-industrial world needed labor and black slaves were Africa's largest export for perhaps a millennium:

There is scarcely an African American person in the New World whose ancestors had not originally been enslaved by fellow Africans. (p2)

That is an amazing statistic. Only 5% of blacks in the African Diaspora came to the United States.

Read the famous African American anthropologist, Zora Neale Hurston, in her book, *Barracoon*, from my article ["The Washington Poop, I mean Post: Fake News AND Fake History,"](#) when she discovered it was fellow blacks in Africa selling her ancestors into slavery. Slaves did not voluntarily go onto slave ships because the slavers waved a red handkerchief and the blacks were curious and got captured.

Black slaves were captured by other blacks in incessant tribal warfare then shackled and held behind bars for months in slave forts on Africa's coast such as Bunce Island off today's Sierra Leone, waiting on the slave trader to pull up. Those slave traders were mostly New Englanders and New Yorkers and, before them, Europeans.

Then poor slaves faced months through the Middle Passage, chained side by side in the bowels of scorching hot slave ships with no ventilation, in vomit, feces, and the stench of death.

It might make DEI racists sad but:

No movement against slavery and the slave trade ever arose in Africa. Slavery was abolished due to the efforts of [white] European soldiers, officials, and missionaries, often against stiff native resistance. (p2)

For the South-haters out there, Dr. Wilson writes:

... as John Adams point out to Thomas Jefferson, "slave" was just a word while the condition of the labouring poor in the North could scarcely be differentiated from that of Southern blacks. Despite the false information conveyed by television, John Adams was never an abolitionist. Adams and Jefferson agreed that American slaves, despite their situation, were in a far happier condition than the lower classes in Britain. The abolitionist Wendell Phillips discovered a boy working in a stable in Boston who did not know that he was a slave. (pp2-3).

The population increase of blacks in the United States is some proof of their condition, especially when black slaves in the Caribbean and other places did not increase at all. Mortality was high in the Caribbean because their lives were brutal. New slaves had to be brought in constantly, which caused many insurrections non-existent in the American South:

In North America the black population from the beginning increased abundantly, at a rate almost equal to the white, suggesting relatively good conditions. In 1780 the African American population was 566,000. In 1860 it was 4.4 million. (p3)

Even in the North, when "Slaves were 10 per cent of the New York population and household slaves were commonplace" Yale president Timothy Dwight "wrote a long poem about how much happier the slaves were in Connecticut than elsewhere." (p3)

Even though the slave trade was outlawed in 1808 by the United States Constitution, New Englanders, who loved the lucrative profits, carried on an illegal slave trade until after the War Between the States. See W. E. B. Du Bois's famous book, *The Suppression of the African Slave-trade to the United States of America, 1838-1870*. On page 179, he writes:

The number of persons engaged in the slave-trade, and the amount of capital embarked in it, exceed our powers of calculation. The city of New York has been until of late [1862] the principal port of the world for this infamous commerce; although the cities of Portland and Boston are only second to her in that distinction. Slave dealers added largely to the wealth of our commercial me-

African American Slavery in Historical Perspective

tropolis; they contributed liberally to the treasuries of political organizations, and their bank accounts were largely depleted to carry elections in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut.

The New England Yankee attitude toward slave trading is stated well by John Brown, the founder of Brown University, not the infamous John Brown of Harpers Ferry but John Brown, American patriot of Providence, Rhode Island: [T]here was no more crime in bringing off a cargo of slaves than in bringing off a cargo of jackasses.

That quotation comes from the excellent book by Anne Farrow, Joel Lang, and Jenifer Frank, *Complicity, How the North Promoted, Prolonged, and Profited from Slavery* (New York: Ballantine Books, Copyright 2005 by The Hartford Courant Company).

Dr. Wilson gives us a prime example of the North versus the South on slavery: In 1860 a U.S. Navy vessel near the coast of Cuba intercepted a slave ship, the *Echo* from Providence, Rhode Island. There were 400 Africans on board, in miserable condition, the mortality rate on the voyage having been 30%. The U.S. vessel that captured the slave ship was commanded by John N. Maffitt who a few short years later would be an outstanding Confederate Navy officer. The captain and owner of the *Echo* was Edward Townsend, an educated man from an affluent Rhode Island family. (p6)

Townsend said he had "saved the Africans from death in their own land, which may well have been true." He was to make \$130,000 on this trip which was a huge sum back then.

The Southerner Maffitt took the slave-trading criminal Yankee Townsend to the Northern-born U.S. judge in Key West. That judge refused to take jurisdiction over the *Echo* for its U.S. and international crime and directed the case to Boston, the supposed point of origin of the voyage. Townsend had "friends" and the Boston judge allowed him to walk free. (p6)

The *Echo* with its 400 Africans was sent to Charleston, South Carolina "where they were received sympathetically and provided with food and clothing." Dr. Wilson continues:

I once read an ignorant leftist novel which portrays Charlestonians chortling crudely over having new slaves. But that is not what happened. The U.S. Attorney James Conner, who was later to lose a leg fighting in the Confederate army, was unable to get hold of Townsend who had been sent to Boston to be freed, but prosecuted the crew of the slave ship. One "historian" falsely states that the Africans were made slaves in South Carolina. In fact they were returned to their homeland, though most did not want to go. In Charleston they were treated well and supplied with their needs. (pp6-7)

Over time, many "believed that entering into Western Civilisation and Christianity, even in a subordinate status, was a net benefit for Africans." The Spanish Bishop of the Indies in the 1500s, Las Casas: preached against the enslavement of Indians but thought that slavery was a benefit for Africans. The Episcopal bishop of Vermont wrote just before the war that never in history had so much been done for the uplift of Africans as by the American South. (p7)

White Southerners had a relationship with black Southerners "that was not entirely negative" while blacks were "virtually absent" from the rest of the United States. That is one reason why so many blacks were enthusiastic to become Confederate soldiers.

Dr. Lewis H. Steiner, Inspector of the United States Sanitary Commission, observed the exit of Stonewall Jackson's army from Frederick, Maryland in 1862. He wrote in his report:

Wednesday, September 10, 1862: At 4 o'clock this morning the Rebel army began to move from our town, Jackson's force taking the advance. The movement continued until 8 o'clock P.M., occupying 16 hours. The most liberal calculation could not give them more than 64,000 men. Over 3,000 Negroes must be included in the number. They had arms, rifles, muskets, sabers, bowie-knives, dirks, etc. They were supplied, in many instances, with knapsacks, haversacks, canteens, etc., and they were manifestly an integral portion of the Southern Confederacy army. They were seen riding on horses and mules, driving wagons, riding on caissons, in ambulances, with the staff of generals and promiscuously mixed up with all the Rebel horde.

There could have been many more blacks than "over 3,000" since Dr. Steiner began observing at 4:00 a.m., before light, and could have missed many light-skinned blacks.

Steiner's is only one small example.

Contrast that to the laws in numerous Northern states that forbid blacks from even visiting, much less living there, including Lincoln's Illinois.

Six slave states fought for the North the entire war. West Virginia came into

the Union as a slave state in 1863, ironically just weeks after the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed no slaves or few. The EP exempted all the Union slave states and all Southern territory already captured by the Union army.

Dr. Wilson writes that "Western civilization, the greatest achievement of mankind so far, was white." They believed in white supremacy. "Non-whites they encountered were either savages or of very strange cultures." This was reality and "People in those days did not feel a drive to 'fix' it." Wilson writes:

The only disagreement was over whether the superiority was permanent or could be changed, a subject of speculation by Jefferson. Southerners were guided by everyday experience - abolitionists by puritan rage against the sins of Southern white people. The welfare of black people was not a strong motive for them. (p8)

Abraham Lincoln believed in white supremacy. He said in the Lincoln-Douglas Debates he wanted the West reserved for white people from all over the world. That was the driving force behind the "no expansion of slavery into the West" argument. It was not concern for black people. Indeed, they did not want slavery in the West because they did not want blacks in the West.

All of the above, except for my additions, comes from just the Introduction.

Dr. Wilson sets the stage for the rest of the book with this:

Slavery involved several million people over 10 or so generations and a vast territory, the great part of what was the antebellum United States. You can find an example of anything you want to find. However, it is proper for our understanding to consider the general life of Southern blacks and whites at a particular time rather than chosen examples. (p8)

In Chapter 2, Antebellum Bondage, Wilson writes:

The definitive work on slavery in antebellum America, largely ignored since its appearance in 1975, is *Time on the Cross* by Robert W. Fogel, a Nobel Laureate, and Stanley L. Engerman. These economic historians, neither of whom can be accused of sympathy with slavery or the South, showed that in general antebellum slaves fared well in nutrition, housing, leisure - superior to the norm for the working poor in the North and Europe and were, contrary to Northern claims, more productive than Northern workers. They reported that Southern slaves received a 90% lifetime return on their labour. . . . (p12)

He writes that "Plantations had no barbed wire, watchtowers, or attack dogs, or even very many locks. . . . Corporal punishment was used on the plantation, although not as often as alleged. It was also common in the army, navy, merchant marine, factories, as punishment for crime, and in nearly every family." (p13)

About day-to-day life, Wilson writes:

The plantation was a place where people lived and grew crops, often over several generations. African Americans were part of a joint enterprise where all rose or fell together. Incentive rewards were normal. Work was directed by black foremen more often than by hired white overseers. A significant portion of the slave population could be classified as skilled artisans, necessary to run the self-sufficient community, of immense value to them after emancipation. African Americans commonly had their own garden plots with produce to consume or sell. Northern soldiers were shocked to find that slaves had watches and fine clothes and spending money. There were puritanical Yankee visitors who thought Southern slaves were undisciplined, rowdy, and had too much freedom. (pp13-14)

Wilson writes that "history is the sad record of the crimes, follies, and misfortunes of mankind, antebellum American bondage was an evil not near the top of the list." Southerners, white and black: made a livable society that had the moral resources for evolution toward a better society than that created by invasion and conquest and rivers of blood. (p17)

In contrast, Northern society was cold and hard:

In New York City in 1860 there were women and children working 16-hour days for starvation wages, 150,000 unemployed, 40,000 homeless, 600 brothels (some with girls as young as 10), and 9,000 grog shops where the poor could temporarily drown their sorrows. Half the children in the city did not live past the age of five (unlike slave children in the South). (p17)

Wilson points out that economic control of the country is what Northerners were fighting for. They had huge advantages and thought they could win easily. They saw the Western lands as markets to exploit, railroads to build, wealth that would flow back to New York, Boston and the entire North.

I could write volumes about the foaming-at-the-mouth determination of the North to control the taxes and tariffs of the country but here is one quote from the *Daily Chicago Times*, "The Value of the Union," December 10, 1860, 10 days before South Carolina voted unanimously 169-0 in a Convention of the

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People to secede from the Union. It comes from my book, *Slavery Was Not the Cause of the War Between the States: The Irrefutable Argument*. Here is what secession and an independent Southern republic meant to the North, and this is why Abraham Lincoln sent five naval missions into Southern waters in March and April, 1861, to start a war:

In one single blow our foreign commerce must be reduced to less than one-half what it now is. Our coastwise trade would pass into other hands. One-half of our shipping would lie idle at our wharves. We should lose our trade with the South, with all its immense profits. Our manufactories would be in utter ruins. Let the South adopt the free-trade system, or that of a tariff for revenue, and these results would likely follow. If protection be wholly withdrawn from our labor, it could not compete, with all the prejudices against it, with the labor of Europe. We should be driven from the market, and millions of our people would be compelled to go out of employment.

Concern for the black man was nowhere in their minds, as Dr. Wilson continues: Abolitionists spewed hatred at the south without ever once suggesting any steps toward a gradual and practical solution. (p24)

Said Emerson, "The abolitionist wishes to abolish slavery because he wishes to abolish the black man." (p24)

Much abolition propaganda "was also a disguised form of closet pornography for puritans, dwelling on illicit sex, brandings, whippings, and the like." (p24)

Democrat New Jersey governor, Joel Parker, said:

'Slavery is no more the cause of this war than gold is the cause of robbery.' (p25)

About blacks during the war, Wilson quotes Allan Nevins in *The War for the Union*, "long the standard mainstream history of this period":

The story of the freedmen in wartime is one of gross mismanagement and neglect. The problem was neither vigilantly foreseen by the government nor dealt with vigorously and promptly ... The abolitionists who had called for so long for emancipation should have seen that the mere ending of slavery was far from a solution ... All too often squalor, hunger, and disease haunted the refugees, the camps becoming social cancers that were a reproach to the North ... Deaths were frequent, disease was universal, and the future so bleak that many of the refugees talked of returning to their slave masters. And some did so.

.... Many [of the Union officers and soldiers] had an instinctive dislike of Negroes.... (p40)

Wilson writes that the following is from the "official history of the 24th Massachusetts Regiment":

...the men had a spell of that almost universal horseplay known in those days as "tossing niggers" in a blanket Of course the poor victims screamed and yelled, but the louder the cries, the greater the fun for the lusty fellow at the blanket's edge ... (p41)

Wilson quotes Frederick Douglas, "the foremost African American spokesman of the 19th century" who later said that "everything Lincoln did was for white people. Any benefit to black people was incidental. He [Douglas] acknowledged twenty-five years after the war that blacks were worse off than under slavery and that the fault was mainly with the central government in relation to which the black man is":

a deserted, a defrauded, a swindled, and an outcast man - in law free, in fact a slave. I here and now denounce his so-called emancipation as a stupendous fraud - a fraud upon him, a fraud upon the world. (p43)

Nathan Bedford Forrest's "elite headquarters company contained several black men." Forrest

took 30 of his men with him to the war, promising freedom if they served faithfully. All but one did. Black Confederates were welcomed at veterans' reunions and received pensions from Southern States. (p43)

The words of former slaves are powerful evidence of their lives. Wilson writes: The best evidence we have from the slaves themselves is contained in the library of Congress's multi-volume *Slave Narratives: A Folk History of American Slavery*. The narratives contain over 2,300 interviews with surviving slaves made 1936-1938. These materials have been criticized in various ways, but they cover every State and are fairly consistent in what they tell. Some terrible stories are told, but in general the narratives show no great resentment against slavery and masters, and many complain of the decline in the living standards after emancipation. (p44)

One of the former slaves said:

The Yankees done a lot of mischief. I knows because I was there. They robbed the folks and a whole lot of darkies who ain't never been whipped by the master got a whipping from the Yankees. (p45)

Wilson quotes Jim Downs's, *Sick from Freedom: African-American Illness and Suffering During the Civil War and Reconstruction* (2015). Downs said the

black death toll was 1,000,000 and "We must also take account of the postwar toll of malnutrition, homelessness, and debilitation from wounds, leading to early death. There were in 1866-1867 epidemics in the South recalling the death toll of the Spanish Flu after World War I." (p48)

About Reconstruction, Wilson writes:

The primary description of Reconstruction, long and almost universally accepted, was as an era of corruption and oppression. A common motif of current historians is that Reconstruction was a noble effort to raise the black people to first-class citizenship. Much of later interpretation is based on that proposition, but it is a lie. This assumes that Northerners had dedicated themselves to a crusade for equality, a goal that never existed. That is not what Reconstruction and giving the vote to the freedmen was about. (p52)

In Chapter 6, Conclusion, Wilson writes:

In the long run of history, the story of America is the settlement by Europeans of a continental wilderness and their establishing of free institutions and a widespread prosperity that has been the envy of the world. African American slavery is a sidebar to this history, not the main feature. (p59)

Wilson is right when he writes:

The subject of slavery is today so entwined with unhealthy and present-centered emotions and motives - guilt, shame, hypocrisy, projection, prurient imagination, propaganda, vengeance, extortion, virtue signaling - as to defy normal historical discussion. (p59)

About the comparison of the South to Nazism, Wilson writes:

The proper analogy to Nazism is with the U.S. government and its war of conquest to punish disobedience to centralized government. If Americans knew anything real about the faction who forced through and carried out the war against the South other than a few pretty phrases from Lincoln's speeches, they would see how strong the motivation was related to greed and the will to power and how little to humanitarian thought and action. 'The Righteous Union Myth' is falsier, stronger, and more destructive than the supposed 'Lost Cause Myth.' (p62)

Wilson writes that "Those who want the war to be about slavery and nothing but slavery are often hateful, disdainful, ignorant, and unwilling to engage in honest discussion. Reason, evidence, and fair discussion do not enter the question for them." And:

Even worse are the professors, plutocrats, politicians, and even high-ranking military officers who have taken a recent occasion to announce that Robert E. Lee was 'a traitor.' One wonders why Eisenhower had a portrait of Lee in the Oval Office while people without any observable merit of accomplishment, intellect, or character gloat over destroying his monuments. Fortunately, Lee is so much greater than his current critics that in the long view of history he will always stand tall.

People who reduce the complexities of American history to 'Lee, a traitor,' as many of high rank are doing . . . are pygmies and clowns in intelligence, ethics, and patriotism to anybody who is familiar with Lee and the leaders of his time and earlier. (p64)

Clyde Wilson's *African American Slavery in Historical Perspective* helps one understand history and see things the way the people of the past saw them. That is how you truly understand the past.

He points out George Orwell's statement that "'The most effective way to destroy a people is to deny and obliterate their own understanding of their history.'" (p67)

Today's politicized "emphasis on slavery has less to do with the real feelings of African Americans than with the deluded minds of white people seeking cheap virtue." Elizabeth Warren, Ty Seidule and Nikki Haley top the list.

This outstanding books ends with:

Critical investigation and examination of history has been a hallmark of Western man, not present in other civilisations. . . . We are now getting close to a Soviet-style official interpretation of the nature and meaning of our history, where anything not serving the rulers is suppressed and even punished. An imagined history of African Americans is the dangerous rock rolling down hill and smashing everything in its path. (p67)



Chief of Staff James Bond receives distinguish service medal.



9th Brigade Cmdr. Jack Cowart receives a distinguish service medal.



7th Brigade Commander Hamp Tatum presents Marsh Foreman Lt Cmdr. Wendell Harrell with a Distinguish Service.



Top two photos; SCV recruitment sign being repaired from Hurricane Helene by Copperhead / Ladies of Liberty members outside of McRae, Ga.



Adjutant Preston Lewis presents Compatriot Jeff Kilgore with his membership certificate



Members of the Benning Camp 517 at Muscogee County Courthouse with Attorney Kyle King, Tim Pilgrim, Dan Coleman and Martin O'Toole to hear oral arguments on the Linwood Cemetery case



Division Cmdr Pilgrim is proud to present his two new voters who votes like their daddy. MAGA



The Hunley at the Peanut Festival parade in Sylvester, Ga. with the Yancy Independents Camp #693



A Confederate grave marker was placed for 1st Lt. Walter T. Moody at the Moody Cemetery near Girard, GA by B/G John C. Carter Camp 207 of Waynesboro, GA on 2 Dec 2024. (L-R): Bill Lively, Mike Lively, & Tim Lively



The State of Dade camp 707 hosted an information booth at the Dalton Civil War Show (Feb. 1&2).



9th Brigade Cdr. Jack Cowart and Cdr. Bo Slack presents New Member Lance Logan with a membership certificate



Past CIC Paul Gramling speaks at the R. E. Lee Birthday event in Fitzgerald, GA (Jan. 25).



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