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ROBERT TOOMBS CAMP 932 BRONZE CONFEDERATE SOLDIER MONUMENT RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



On August 3, 2024 the Robert A Toombs Camp #932 hosted the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Bronze Confederate Soldier Monument on Camp property at corner of Hwy. 280 and Hwy 15 in Higgston, Ga. The official monument dedication date will take place after the two memorial walls are in place listing the Confederate Soldiers of Toombs County and the Confederate Ancestors of the members of the Camp. See page 10 for more photos & page 14 for more information on how you can support the monument by purchasing a memorial brick.

UP-COMING EVENTS

September 21, 2024,
Reinterment ceremony for
Pvt. Isaac L. Thornton,
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November 10, 2024,
49th annual Capt. Henry
Wirz Memorial service.
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November 12, 2024,
Vanwert Cemetery Me-
morial Service, see page 7
January 18, 2024,
Annual General R.E. Lee
B-Day Event,

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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.

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New Compatriots, Inductions, and Awards



👉 Appling Grays Camp 918 (Baxley GA) Cdr. Charlie Poarch welcomes new member Dale Sapp (L) to the



👉 Appling Grays Camp 918 Cdr. Charlie Poarch welcomes new member Doyle Garrett (right).



👉 Appling Grays Camp 918 Cdr. Charlie Poarch welcomes new member Justin Davis (left).



👉 George Burkett (L) inducts new member William Edmondson Jr. into the Gen. Leonidas Polk camp.



👉 Mr. Alton Shackelford and Mr. Joseph Melton, sworn in by Lt Commander (10th Brigade Commander) Joseph "Al" Medcalf Jr. (Col. John H. Baker, Camp 1705, Pike County, GA).



👉 William Reither (R) received a National Commendation Medal from Tim Pilgrim (Kennesaw Battlefield 700).



👉 Cdr. Dale Thompson (Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade 2102) received a Military Service Award from the Margaret Jones (UDC Chapter 27).

127th Annual Georgia Division Reunion; Perry, GA - June 1, 2024



👉 Hershell Smith receives a "Distinguished Confederate of the Year" award from Tim Pilgrim (left).



👉 Cdr. Richard Simpson receives a Distinguished Service Award from Tim Pilgrim (L).



👉 Division Cdr. Tim Pilgrim presents the "Confederate of the Year" award to James M. Gaston Jr. of the Alexander H. Stephens camp 78.



👉 Camp of the Year: Thomson Guards Camp



👉 Tim Pilgrim (L) presents a Distinguished Service Award to Gray Smith (W. F. Jenkins #690).



👉 Heritage Hall - the home of the GA Division Reunion.

The Georgia Division Commander’s Report

Brothers,

It’s has been about three months since our Division Reunion. Again I want congratulate our new Lt. Division Commander South Chris May and our new 7th Brigade Commander Hamp Tatum on their new Division Officers positions.

Since the Division Reunion in June we have had some of our legal fights come to a head. On June 14, we had oral arguments on the Gwinnett County Monument case against the County’s motion to dismiss our case. On July 29 we officially filed our appeal on the Brunswick law suit with the Georgia State Court of Appeals. On September 5, we received the order from the Gwinnett County Superior Court that the Judge ruled in favor for the County’s motion to dismiss. September 9 we received an order from the DeKalb County Superior Court that they ruled in favor to dismiss our law suit. On September 12, we had oral arguments in the City of Columbus law suit against their motion to dismiss the flag poles at Linwood Cemetery law suit.

I can report that currently our legal team is working on the Stone Mountain law suits, one for the removal of the Memorial Flag Terrace and the on-going design and placement of the woke exhibits in Memorial Hall Museum. We current also have the National Legal Research Center working on both the Stone Mountain law suits and drafting the Georgia Court of Appeals document against the Gwinnett County order that dismissed our law suit. The legal team is currently reviewing the Dekalb County order to determine if we should appeal that case.

Don’t get discouraged on these local Superior Court orders to dismiss our law suits. All of these orders are coming from liberal/woke counties, they are bad rulings and these local judges are only pandering to their liberal base so they can get reelected rather than follow the plain text rule of law. It’s unfortunate, but its reality of our situation, the only place we are going to get any fair justice on the matter of protecting our Veterans monuments is either in the Georgia State Court of Appeals or the Georgia State Supreme Court. The good news is we had a victory in the Georgia Supreme Court on October 25, 2022. Since then when the Supreme Court ruled that Common Citizens and organizations that were stakeholders in that community had standing to sue these governmental entities when they break the law, there has been NO attempts to remove any Confederate monuments.

We have been in discussions with our friends in the State Legislature about having a house cleaning Bill entered in the 2025 Legislative Session that will clean up some of the ambiguities and loop holes that are currently in our monument protection laws. Many of these items have been discovered during the process of litigating these cases. We are hoping to get that Bill on the Senate and House floor during the 2025 legislative session. More to come on this, once we get a Bill number assigned we will be reaching out to everyone to write, call, email and even visit your local House Representative and State Senator to ask for their support.

I was able to attend with other Georgia Division members the 129th SCV National Reunion in Charleston. We were asked by Heritage Defense Director Ronnie Kennedy if we would give a presentation at the Heritage Luncheon Dinner on some of the initiatives that the Georgia Division is doing. They wanted other Divisions to hear about all the good work we are doing in the Georgia Division and hope it would inspire other Divisions. National elections were held, we have a new CIC Donnie Kennedy and a new Lt. CIC Tony Griffin. We have a new Army of Tennessee Commander Carl Jones and our new AOT Councilman is Roy Hudson. A few amendments that clarified some discrepancy procedures were passed but on the most part the majority of the amendments failed to reach 2/3 majority needed to past. The Georgia Division was awarded the General A.P. Hill Award for the Division with the most growth and received the Edward L. Darling Award for most new members. Also the Mechanized Cavalry was awarded the Christopher G. Memminger Award for contributing the most money to help pay off the debt on the SCV National Museum.

At our Division office our Division Secretary Rosie Price has been getting acclimated to her new position. Dues have been coming in and Rosie has been busy updating our rosters and making deposits. Soon Rosie will be filing all our Division Camps IRS 990 on line tax forms.

The Georgia Confederate Christian Youth Camp had another successful Camp in June. They had over 20 campers this year. They had great historical programs through-out the five days of Camp and had the grand ball on Friday night where the Campers dressed in their period dress and danced period dances. The Camper extended their thanks to the Camps of the Georgia Division and Mechanized Cavalry members for all their contributions to fund the Camp this year.

On August 3 I was honored to be present at and was apart in the ribbon cutting ceremony at Bronze Confederate Soldier Monument erected by the Robert A Toombs Camp 932. There had to be about two hundred attendees at the ribbon cutting, CIC Donnie Kennedy was present to say a few words. The Camp had got the plaza area around the monument poured with decorative stamped concrete and couple of granite benches in place. They are working on the brick paver memorial walls and a couple of granite walls listing the names of the Confederate Soldiers of Toombs County and on the other wall listing the Camp members Confederate Ances-tors names. Once those walls are erected I understand 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.



I’m pleased to announce the creation of a Sons of Confederate Veterans Branch Service Medal for the service of our uniform Infantry Soldiers and uniform Artillery Soldiers. These medals 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. We should have the program and forms ready to launch in October 2024. Special appreciation to Commander Ron Edge of the Cherokee Legion Camp 914 for coming up with this initiative. See the back page for medals photos.

We have a recruitment index card initiative coming out soon that is being used and is a big success for the Camps of the 9th Brigade. These recruitment index cards give information about the local Camp and where they meet and how to contact their Camp Officers. They are inexpensive and very effective to give out during events and just having on hand to give to interested recruits.

Another initiative coming out is a Georgia Division Challenge Coin for fund raising at the Camp and Division Level. 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.

I look forward seeing you at our annual Division’s Robert E Lee Birthday event celebration at Jefferson Davis Memorial State Park on Saturday January 18, 2025 at 11:00 am. We will have a great keynote speaker and fresh cooked BBQ straight from the pit.

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



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Executive Council Meeting Schedule:

- **Jan. 18, 2025**

Following RE Lee Event

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

Georgia Division Reunion – Minutes of June 1, 2024 Meeting

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

Application of Parliamentarian: Commander Pilgrim appointed Dan Coleman to act as parliamentarian for the meeting.

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

Credentials Committee: Division Adjutant Tim Hawkins reported of 101 camps, 53 were represented with over 300 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. Primary objective are to inform members. We have litigation ongoing in Muscogee, Dekalb, Rockdale, Gwinnett, Richmond, and Glynn counties regarding preserving Confederate monuments and other heritage symbols. Time reported that we have an active litigation team for monument protection, and we are pursuing lawsuits against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association. We did see the Confederate soldier restored to the Myrtle Hill Cemetery in Rome. Tim reported on the Guardian Program, the Soldier Branch Service Medal for reenactors, and outreach to high school JROTC programs for the Hunley Medal. The Division Office and store has been in operation for 9 years, and we are in search of a permanent piece of real estate for this operation. Tim also highlighted the Associate Member program where a prospective and hopeful member can join for \$20 while working on establishing his Confederate ancestor. Tim spoke to the ways that the Division has made it easier to enroll, including on-line application and sign-up using Docusign. Finally, the Georgia Confederate Youth Camp has changed corporate structure to be a non-profit, and is now an independent organization.

Credentials Committee Report – Division Adjutant Tim Hawkins reported 58 camps represented, with 136 delegates, and quorum requirements were satisfied.

Division Reports:

Division Commander- Tim Pilgrim
The Division Commander delivered his report. Of particular note were the Christmas Festival hosted by the Robert Tombs Camp and the ceremony at the Blairsville cemetery. He also announced the formation of a new camp in the 10th Brigade, the John H Baker Camp in Zebulon. The Commander also provided notifications and updates on a number of outrageous heritage defense issues, including: the Obelisk in Dunwoody, the Confederate Monument in removal of designation and plaques on the Jefferson Davis (5th Street) bridge over the Savannah River, and notifications to Glynn, Rockdale, Henry, Gwinnet, and Muscogee counties of notice to refile (*ad litem*) legal actions after the Georgia Supreme Court decision of October, 2022.

Division Spokesman Report – Martin O’Toole

The Division Spokesman reviewed the status of several legal actions, both ongoing and contemplated. Martin re-iterated the remarks of Commander Pilgrim, but added that no monuments have been removed since the Georgia Supreme Court decision in 2022 which granted the SCV standing in any monument issue. He also noted a lawsuit by a black man contesting the name change of Calhoun Square in Savannah, his main argument being that Calhoun was a Vice-President, Secretary of War, and representative to Congress well before the war, and such a statesman deserves recognition...

Division Adjutant Report – Tim Hawkins presented the

budget year-to-date, as well as the 2024-2025 proposal. Bother were adopted without discussion.

Division Secretary
Miss Kitty noted her retirement and introduced received a standing ovation as recognition for her efforts. She introduced Rosie Price as the next Division Secretary, and we all look forward to working with her in the future.

Lieutenant Commander and Brigade Commander Nominations and Vote
Lieutenant Commander and Brigade Commander Voting: Nominations were opened. All current lieutenant commanders and brigade commanders were nominated unopposed, and elected by affirmation. The only change in leadership was the Lieutenant Commander South, where Chris May succeeded Ken Arvin, who did not pursue re-election.

Lumpkin County Roadside Park Project
2nd Brigade Commander Michael Dean updated the reunion on the Lumpkin County project on Ga Hwy 9. He said that we were able to get the grading and clearing done at no cost with the assistance of Judge Advocate Dan Coleman, and that although there a number of variances the Lumpkin Count Planning & Zoning Commission have granted our permits to move forward.

Toombs County Monument
The Toombs Count Monument has now been erected and our GA SCV bronze soldier is on top! Next steps are completion of the memorial plaza.

Georgia Confederate Youth Camp
Hershell Smith (8th Brig. Commander & Youth Camp CEO) reported the re-chartering of the Youth Camp as the Georgia Confederate Christian Youth Camp as a 501©4 non-profit organization, independent of the Georgia Division SCV. Of course the Ga. Div. will continue to support the camp in any way possible. Hershell asked for any volunteers that might be able to act as camp counselors or provide camp programs/presentations to contact him. He also thanked the reunion attendees for the \$504 in donations contributed at the reunion.

Lobbyist Report
Out division lobbyist, Perry Bennett, commented that we are in good shape going into the election cycle. The year heading into an election cycle is normally quiet, as incumbents don’t want to upset the waters. However, we are putting together alliances that should benefit us in the next legislative session. Perry also commented regarding the value of different types of communication, in that a mailed letter is better than 20 emails. Yes, it takes more effort (and expense) on your part, but that effort pays off on the receiving end.

Resolutions – No resolutions or by-law amendments were presented

Guest Speaker – David McAllister
Compatriot McAllister of the Judah P. Benjamin Camp in Tampa, FL remarked on the three-prong strategy that is being employed to restore the Reconciliation Monument in Arlington National Cemetery, designed by the first Jewish VMI graduate and lifelong Confederate Moses Ezekial. This includes judicial action, legislative action (amendment to the Defense Authorization Act by Andy Clyde of Georgia), and finally a hope that a change of executive in November can make things happen.

Awards – Tim Pilgrim
Commander Pilgrim presented awards for Confederate of the Year, Camp of the Year, and various other awards..

Adjournment
Business being concluded, there was a motion to adjourn that passed, followed by the benediction and singing of Dixie!

CAPT. HENRY WIRZ
MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 49th annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service will be held in the town of Andersonville on Sunday afternoon, November 10, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the Service will be held in the Old Village Hall in Andersonville. The public is invited to attend. The annual Memorial Service is sponsored by the Alexander H. Stephens SCV Camp 78 in Americus.

Guest speaker for the Service will be National SCV Chaplain-in-Chief Gary Carlyle from Guntersville, Alabama. He is Past Division Commander of the Alabama SCV. A replica of the Hunley Submarine provided by Georgia SCV 9th Brigade Commander Jack Cowart will be on exhibit.

Capt. Henry Wirz, Commandant of Andersonville Prison Camp for 14 months, was hanged on November 10, 1865 after a trial in Washington, D. C. Many historians have said it was the most unfair trial ever held in the United States. Afterwards, the barbaric Yankees cut his head, arms, and legs off and exhibited the bones about the country. It took his attorney 4 years to get enough of the bones back to have a burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Washington. To this day, some of his bones are on PUBLIC EXHIBIT at a museum in Maryland.

Please come to the Memorial Service on November 10th and show your support to the memory of a man who gave his life for our Southern Independence Cause. For more information call/text James Gaston (229-938-9115) or email gaston7460@bellsouth.net





On June 1, 2024, the Georgia Order of Confederate Rose Society held its Annual Reunion meeting simultaneously as the Georgia Division SCV held it's in Perry, Georgia. At this meeting, Buffy Hill was installed as the Georgia Division State President for the 2024-2026 term. Also installed as State Officers for the Georgia Division for the 2024-2026 term were Vice President Brittany White, Secretary/Treasurer Megan Swails, Communication Director Nikki Mullins, Rosebud Program Director Jenny Mize Williams, Black Rose Director Marcelle Jones, Rambling Rose Director South Tiffany Oliver, Rambling Rose Director North Kristin Molina and Chaplain Jaime Coleman.



Each year Roses and Thorns (SCV Members who are also members of the OCR) are recognized for their outstanding service to the organization. This year's Roses and Thorns were: Thorns Kyle White and Kevin Swails, Nick Kraus, David Thomasson and Anthony Rowland. Roses recognized this year for their outstanding service to the OCR were Brittany White, Megan Swails, Buffy Hill, Nikki Mullins, Jaime Coleman, and Kristine Thomasson.

During the year the Chapters put together Scrapbooks documenting their activities and bring them to the State Reunion to be judged. This year the Heritage Roses, Chapter 15 won 1st place, their scrapbook will now represent Georgia at the OCR Confederation of States Reunion in Charleston. The Chapters also bring the mascot that represents their Chapter to the state reunion, this year's winner was the Rising Daughters #20 it will also represent Georgia and compete in July in Charleston against the other states.

This year the first Kimberly Walls Scholarship was awarded to a student pursuing a higher education. Each student submitted an essay on the importance of Confederate Women Spies to the War of Northern Aggression. This year's winner was Ms. Miranda Martin a member of the Rising Daughters Chapter #20 which serves Laurens County. Ms. Martin was accepted into the Phlebotomy Degree Program at Southeastern Technical College.

The Order of Confederate Rose was formed in 1993 with a mission to assist the Sons of Confederate Veterans in its historical preservation, educational, benevolent and social functions. Georgia currently has OCR Chapters that serve 10 SCV Camps, with Chapters in 6 of the 13 Brigades in addition to their at large members. The goal is that there would be an Order of Confederate Rose Chapter in every Brigade in Georgia.

If you are interested in having an Order of Confederate Rose Chapter in your SCV Camp please contact Buffy Hill at heritagetroseorder@gmail.com.

Col. John H. Baker Camp #1705 provides markers for two unmarked Confederate Soldiers

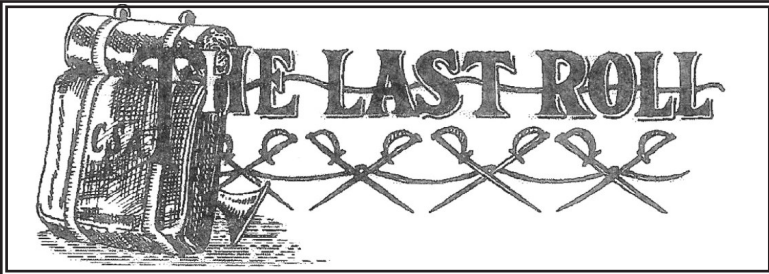
Back in January 2024 the Pike County Historical Society approached the Col. John H. Baker camp about a unmarked Confederate soldiers grave in East View Cemetery located in Zebulon Ga. to see if this would be something our camp is interested in. Our camp Commander Roy Butts brought up this matter at our next meeting and it was decided to provide a marker for the soldiers grave. Camp member Keith Edmondson volunteered to head up this project. Upon more research Keith uncovered a second unmarked soldiers grave and it was decided to provide markers for both graves. The camp members began by organizing fund raising events and Keith started searching for the best price for the markers. In August it all came together, the money had been raised and a amazing monument company had been located (Watkins & Carver Monuments) in Talking Rock, Georgia. The camp set up a work day for August 17 and Camp Commander Roy Butts, Camp Chaplain Eddie Rainey along with members Josh Blackston, Ed Cunningham, Reggie Corley and Keith Edmondson placed the stones. Thanks to the John H. Baker Camp #1705, after over 100 years in unmarked graves Pvt. Christopher C. Presley Co. I 2nd Georgia State Line Troops and 2nd. Lt Thomas J. Blasingame Co. I 32nd Reg. Georgia Inf. now have their markers. Many thanks to everyone involved in this project. Deo Vindice

See photos on page 11.

Millen, Georgia Historic Tour

The Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp No. 2102, in Millen, recently provided free refreshments for Jenkins County Elementary School students participating in Millen's annual 5th Grade Historic Tour of the city's Historic District. As a part of the tour, Compatriot Phil Brinson also led student discussions on the Camp's U.S. Model 1841 12-Pounder Field Howitzer.

See photos on page 11.



Harry Spikes
Clement A. Evans Camp #64

Brett A. Martin
27th Regiment Camp #1404

Charles “Chuck” Sumter
Col. John H. Baker Camp #1705

Robert C. Lane
Buckhead-Ft. Lawton Brigade 2102

Jeremy C. Allen Sr.
Buckhead-Ft. Lawton Brigade 2102



Georgia Division Executive Committee –
Minutes of June 1, 2024 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Commander Pilgrim, followed by the Invocation and flag salutes
Roll Call was conducted. Present were the following:
Timothy F. Pilgrim – Georgia Division Commander
George James Crawford – Lieutenant-Commander North
Chris May – Lieutenant-Commander South
James Bonds – Division Chief of Staff
Timothy Hawkins – Division Adjutant
Daniel Coleman – Division Judge Advocate
Kim Beck – Division Chaplain
Martin O'Toole – Division Spokesman
Wendell Bruce – 1st Brigade Commander
Michael C. Dean – 2nd Brigade Commander
Eric Cleveland – 3rd Brigade Commander (Excused)
William Scott Dooley – 4th Brigade Commander
Carl Thomas Miller, Jr. – 5th Brigade Commander
William Hagin – 6th Brigade Commander
Christopher May – 7th Brigade Commander
Virgil Smith – 8th Brigade Commander
Jack Cowart – 9th Brigade Commander
Joseph Alfred Medcalf, Jr. – 10th Brigade Commander (Excused)
Teddy Thomas – 11th Brigade Commander
Michael Reither – 12th Brigade Commander
Tony Pilgrim – 13th Brigade Commander
Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. – Immediate Past Division Commander

Adoption of previous minutes
The minutes of the January 13, 2024 Executive Council Meeting were adopted.

Division Reports:
Division Commander- Tim Pilgrim
Commander Pilgrim stated that the reports were presented to the reunion immediately preceeding. Commander Pilgrim did specifically reiterate his intention to pursue litigation against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, identify a property to purchase for the division headquarters, and pursue recruitment/retention efforts.

Division Spokesman
Martin O'Toole stated that his report to the reunion was comprehensive, with nothing to add.

Division Judge Advocate
Dan Coleman provided an update on the Tom Brown litigation.

Lt. Commander Reports
Lt. Commander North reported that things are going well with the city of La Grange and their cemetery restoration. The city agreed to buy the chemicals for gravestone restoration if the SCV would provide the labor to do so.

Brigade Commander Reports
Most brigade commanders had no issues to report.

2nd Brigade: Cleveland camp is becoming more active.
4th Brigade: A new camp has been established.
7th Brigade: Due to 7th Brigade Commander Chris Mays' ascension to the position of Lieutenant Commander South, Compatriot May nominated Hamp Tatum to the position of 7th Brigade Commander (acting). Commander Pilgrim accepted this appointment.
9th Brigade: A new flag has been put up. Also, Commander Cowart reminded the availability of the Hunley as a recruiting tool. He also noted that the Newton camp is struggling with attendance.
12th Brigade: The Marietta July 4th parade is approaching, and participation by re-enactors is appreciated.

Old Business
Commander Pilgrim reminded everyone of the voter registration efforts and the availability of the materials from the Georgia Secretary of State Office.

New Business
Recruitment: Ideas discussed included welcome cards signs, promoting the online sign-up options and appearance at gun shows.

Georgia Confederate Christian Youth Camp: once again, needs counselors and presenters.

2025 Lobbyist Efforts – Fix loop holes in OCA 50-3-1.

2024 National Reunion in Charleston July 17-20: This is an election year, so the division should have a good turnout.

Division Uniform Soldiers Medals – Details are under development, but we want to make this something to recognize those who dress out.

JOIN US FOR THE REINTERMENT
CEREMONY OF
PVT. ISSAC L THORNTON



GEORGIA DIVISION
SONS OF CONFEDERATE
VETERANS
GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE



Issued by: GEORGIA DIVISION COMMANDER - Timothy Pilgrim

The Appling Grays Camp #918 will be
Hosting the Reinterment Ceremony of
Pvt. Issac L. Thornton of Company A,
1st Georgia State Troops, CSA

Friends,

September 21, 2024, the Appling Grays Camp will be hosting the reinterment ceremony of Pvt. Isaac L Thornton of Company A, 1st Georgia State Troops, CSA.

Born: 20 March 1830 - Died: 18 June 1907

He has been moved from Thornton Cemetery #2.

The reinterment ceremony will be on September 21, 2024, at 10:00 am at Big Creek Primitive Baptist Church, 918 Big Creek Church Rd. Odum GA. 31555.

The Memorial Ceremony will include speakers, the laying of wreaths, musket-firing salutes, and cannon-firing salutes.

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Appling Grays Camp 918

Memorial Service at the Vanwert Cemetery

The Douglasville Camp #943 will be hosting a Memorial Service at the Vanwert Cemetery (Rockmart, Ga.) on Saturday October 12, 2024 at 10:00 am. For more information please contact Leonard Draper at 404-401-5591 or email draper.leonardc@gmail.com.

Thank you.
Leonard Draper



GEORGIA DIVISION CAMPS CALL TO ACTION TO GIVE TO OUR LEGAL DEFENSE		
158	Brig. Gen. E. Porter Alexander	\$ 24,334.30
700	Kennesaw Battlefield	\$ 13,816.00
91	Thomson Guards	\$ 13,709.00
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
18	Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr.	\$ 4,076.65
1404	27th GA Regiment	\$ 3,905.00
96	Maj. William E. Simmons	\$ 3,656.00
941	Ogeechee Rifles	\$ 3,625.00
78	Alexander H. Stephens	\$ 3,500.00
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
1432	The Confederate Memorial	\$ 2,243.00
1449	John B. Gordon Memorial	\$ 2,210.00
914	Cherokee Legion	\$ 2,182.01
926	Lt. Dickson L. Baker	\$ 2,150.00
2137	Barnesville Blues	\$ 2,145.00
1642	Col. Hiram Parks Bell	\$ 1,803.00
915	Gen. Stand Watie	\$ 1,754.00
1289	General James Longstreet	\$ 1,754.00
2218	The Unknown Soldier	\$ 1,639.00
517	Gen. Henry L. Benning	\$ 1,520.00
688	Old Capitol	\$ 1,505.00
674	John K. McNeil	\$ 1,395.00
154	Tattnall Invincibles	\$ 1,290.00
108	Col. Charles T. Zachry	\$ 1,217.00
107	John McIntosh Kell	\$ 1,155.00
64	Clement A. Evans	\$ 1,115.00
690	W.F. Jenkins	\$ 1,114.00
1547	The Roswell Mills	\$ 1,112.00
863	Joseph Wheeler Camp	\$ 1,100.00
89	Gilmer Light Guards	\$ 1,040.00
1399	Lt. James T. Woodward Camp	\$ 969.00
943	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Glover	\$ 954.00
1855	Calhoun Rifles	\$ 934.00
79	Gen. Lafayette McLaws	\$ 902.00
1929	Rabun Gap Riflemen	\$ 805.00
670	Col. Wm. H. Stiles Warren-Aiken	\$ 750.00
680	Col. Edmund N. Atkinson	\$ 670.00

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The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, PO Box 1081, Macon, Ga. 31202 - 1-866-SCV-IN-GA (728-4642)

682	Jefferson Davis Cowboys	\$ 655.00
2164	Montgomery Sharpshooters	\$ 640.00
2039	Pine Barrens Volunteers	\$ 635.00
1807	Ochlocknee Rifles	\$ 600.00
46	John B. Gordon	\$ 577.00
1859	Joseph McConnell	\$ 572.00
707	State of Dade	\$ 500.00
1607	Steward/Webster Camp	\$ 500.00
1729	Sharpsburg Sharpshooters	\$ 464.00
2600	Immortal Six Hundred	\$ 383.00
549	Black Creek Volunteers	\$ 382.00
1705	Col. John H. Baker	\$ 356.00
918	Appling County Grays	\$ 342.00
105	Captain Charles W. Baldwin	\$ 300.00
1977	Private John Ingraham	\$ 280.00
715	Wm. Thos. Overby Guards	\$ 255.00
2071	Lt. Lovett A. Tully	\$ 245.00
2135	Concord Rangers	\$ 245.00
1942	Dixie Guards	\$ 230.00
716	Habersham Guard	\$ 210.00
1901	Ebenezer Rifles	\$ 209.00
1386	McLeod-Mooring Camp	\$ 200.00
207	B.G. John C. Carter	\$ 128.00
671	Gen. Joseph E. Johnston	\$ 125.00
2314	C.S.S. Chattahoochee	\$ 110.00
1919	B/G Robert H. Anderson	\$ 73.00
599	John B. Gordon	\$ 60.00
942	Greene Rifles	\$ 55.00
104	Capt. Hardy B. Smith	\$ 40.00
1418	52nd Georgia Regiment	\$ 30.00

Flag Event at McRae-Helena, Georgia



It was a Beautiful Day today for the Hwy 441 Flag Event in McRae-Helena, GA. We raised \$716.00 and after some expenses were paid we will be donating \$300.00 to Pine Barrens Camp 2039 and \$300.00 to Montgomery Sharp Shooters Camp 2164 for there help and support with getting materials to put flag pole up last year. It was a great day of fellowship with SCV/SCVMC Brothers and OCR/UDC Sisters Honoring Our Ancestors. We also visited the General Bush grave site in Fitzgerald, GA.

12th & 2th Brigade - Marietta Independence Day Parade



Cannon Crew (L-R): Jerry Bryan - Camp 1404, Terry Grizzle-Camp 1860, Steve Pitts - Camp 1642, Mike McAlpin -Camp 1642 ,and Ralph Mills-Camp 1404.



Larry Blair (Kennesaw Battlefield 700) guards the Hunley submarine



Confederate soldiers (L-R): William, Reither, Mark Rowell, Dan Coleman Jr., Tim Pilgrim, Dan Coleman Sr.



Maeve Coleman and Martin O'Toole.



Southern Lady Danni Cowart stands next to the Hunley submarine



The SCV parade entry walks through downtown Marietta, GA lead by Rhett Coleman (Chattahoochee Guards) carrying the "Sons of Confederate Veterans" parade banner.



Jack Cowart's truck pulls the Hunley submarine and his daughter Elizabeth Cowart waves the flag in the back.



Brothers Mark Rowell and William Reither (Kennesaw Battlefield 700); Mark has marched in the parade for the last 8 years while this is William's 2nd year.

Dedication: New Bronze Confederate Soldier Monument - August 3, 2024



👉 The Robert A. Toombs Camp #932 of Vidalia - Higgston, GA dedicated a new 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 includes a Memorial Park plaza area with a high pedestal with one of the Georgia Division Bronze Confederate Soldiers proudly on top of the monument. The Bronze Confederate Soldier was provided by the Georgia Division SCV and the name of the Soldier is "Old Al", after recently departed Division Officer Al Perry who was the founder of the Youth Camp in Georgia. We humbly ask you to support the construction this new Grand monument in Georgia. 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. <https://polarengraving.com/sonsofscv932>

Around the Confederacy



👉 Arthur Quinn (Appling Grays) was presented his Georgia Division Guardian Award and medal.



👉 John H Baker Camp 1705: During the July 2nd camp meeting, Kieth Edmonson and Chaplain Eddie Rainey both received Brigade Commander's Award presented by 10th Brigade Cdr. Al Medcalf, Jr..



👉 The 27th Georgia Regiment Camp 1404 presented a Certificate of Appreciation to past Cdr. Harold Morris (seated). L-R: Mike Couch, Stan McDaniel, and Cdr. Ralph Mills.



👉 The Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp No. 2102, in Millen, recently represented the SCV in the City of Millen's annual "Fair on the Square Parade." Adjutant James Saxon towed the Camp's U.S. Model 1841 12-Pounder Field Howitzer and Limber, which was accompanied by, from left, Compatriot Larry Fleming, Sergeant-at-Arms Ben Graham, and Historian **Steve Rathbun**, wearing uniforms that were historically accurate for artillery units in the Southeast Georgia area.



👉 Members of Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039, Eastman, obtained permission from the county to clean the Dodge County Confederate monument. A lift was obtained, and the monument was coated with D2 from top of hat to the base. .

Around the Confederacy



The 441 GA Division Flag Ceremony held June 8th. Joint effort from the Montgomery Sharpshooters Camp 2164 and Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039. Special thanks to our SCV/SCVMC brothers and OCR/UDC sisters.

Camp 91 Thomson Guards and the Thomson Memorial Cemetery committee added two large pots with flowers at the main entrance. Diane Wood of Peacock Hill graciously donated the large beautiful pots. SCV/Damon Davis (right) assists Liz Yarborough.



The Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp No. 2102, in Millen, hosted its second multi-Camp Lee-Jackson Banquet on January 19, 2024. The catered event, held in honor of two of the South's greatest heroes, was attended by more than 90 Compatriots and family members from nine Camps, some wearing period uniforms and dresses. The Guest Speaker was Pastor John Weaver (standing at



Appling Grays Camp 918 met at Hazlehurst-Jeff Davis Museum. Lt. Cdr. Lamar Deen loaned the print "The Last Meeting" by Everett B.D. Julio to the museum. Sargent at Arms Steve Land accepting for the museum.



Millen, Georgia Historic Tour: Pictured from left serving refreshments on the city's Train Watching Platform are Compatriot Larry Fleming, Compatriot Dale Wiggins, Chaplain Tommy Lane, Historian Steve Rathbun, and Adjutant James Saxon. See the story on page 6.



Col. John H. Baker Camp #1705 provides markers for two unmarked Confederate Soldiers. See the story on page 6.



Brothers James and Roger Saxon (Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade 2102) placed a Confederate Cross of Honor on the grave of their ancestor, Private Edward D. Saxon, Company A, 27th Battalion, Georgia Volunteer Infantry.



The Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp No. 2102, in Millen, held its annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at the Confederate Veterans' monument on the Jenkins County Courthouse Square. The service included a wreath laying and reading of the names of 187 Confederate veterans from the area that is now Jenkins County. Pictured from left are Adjutant James Saxon, Judge Advocate Mike Scott, Chaplain Tommy Lane, Compatriot Dale Wiggins, and Historian Steve Rathbun. Photo by Compatriot

Around the Confederacy



👉 (1 to r): Janet Manning, Dollie & Mike Lacefield, Tim Pilgrim, Tom & Karen Holley



👉 Kennesaw Battlefield #700 cleaned the tombstones of brothers Marcus and William Davenport (KIA Sept. 1862 at the Battle of Sharpsburg) at the Davenport Family Cemetery in Marietta, GA.



👉 The Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp No. 2102, in Millen, recently spent a Saturday morning adding fresh gravel to family plots and individual Confederate veteran graves as part of its ongoing effort to restore the historic Little Buckhead Cemetery, in Jenkins County. The Camp also routinely maintains the cemetery grounds and plans to complete additional improvements throughout the summer.



👉 Above two photos: The Hardaway House; Mrs. Julie Hardaway



👉 Montgomery Sharpshooters Camp #2164, Mt. Vernon, GA, has recently placed over a dozen Confederate tombstones. Shown is the placing of a tombstone on the previously totally unmarked grave of Pvt. Lewis Franklin Brantley, who served in Co. E, 32nd Reg't. GA Infantry. Brantley's grave is located in the Walker Cemetery near Alston, GA. Pictured are camp members and camp historian/genealogist: A.L. Wilkes, Doyle Waller, Mary Wilkes, Junior Adams, and David Moncus.



👉 Thomson Memorial Cemetery Restoration Celebration - Saturday, September 21 at 10 AM. After three years of extensive restoration, the TMC Committee and the Thomson Guards will welcome the public to visit and enjoy this important historical site. Burials include citizens who were significant to our community's growth and prosperity, as well as 110 Confederate soldiers and fifteen veterans from other wars including the Mexican War, the Philippine Uprising, World War I, World War II, and Vietnam; all a part of our heritage. This community event will attempt to recreate the historical tradition associated with the 19th century "Rural Cemetery Movement," known for families gathering in cemetery gardens for picnics and visiting neighbors.

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3 September, 2024

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RE: DOAS File Number GL202305091; Stone Mountain Memorial Association.

Dear Mr. Strickland:

This is a follow up to your letter of November 28, 2023.

We have never heard anything further about our inquiry concerning the violation by the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) of O.G.C.A. § 50-3-1 and O.C.G.A. § 12-3-191, *et seq.*

We are preparing to file a complaint in the Superior Court of DeKalb County unless we can work out some negotiated settlement.

We believe that the facts show that the removal of the Flags from the trailhead and placement in their present locations clearly violates O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1(b)(1)(C)(7) states:

Nothing in this Code section shall prevent an agency from relocating a monument when relocation is necessary for the construction, expansion, or alteration of edifices, buildings, roads, streets, highways, or other transportation construction projects. Any monument relocated for such purposes 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....

The statements of the Chief Executive Officer Bill Stephens to the media make it clear that this was not done.

For example, Mr. Stephens said: “We will be taking them [the Confederate flags] off the most heavily travelled area of the Park and putting them at the base of the mountain where if someone wants to go see them, the confederate flags, then they can go see them.”

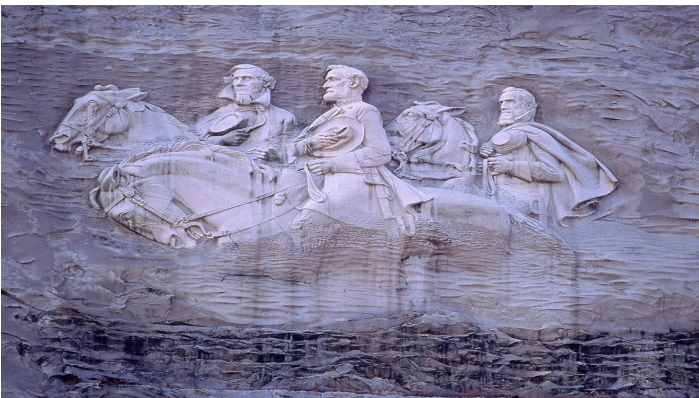
In lieu of litigation, we would propose that the SMMA place the flags in a more visible location. Such can be confirmed by traffic counts, for example. The area in front of the carving would seem to be a possible site.

Additionally, the SMMA has gotten a bond issue with the announced intention of placing a “woke” display in the now-renamed Confederate Hall. This proposed display is clearly outside of the legislative mandate of O.C.G.A. §12-3-191, *et seq.*

For your information, I have attached a brochure prepared by the Warner Company describing its plans for the new exhibit. We have inserted a commentary in a different font to make clear our objections to this proposal.

Clearly, the portions of this new, expensive display do not comport with the legislative mandate concerning the park as laid out in O.C.G.A. § 12-3-191(7):

"Project" means Stone Mountain and property adjacent thereto acquired by the association and all accommodations, utilities, facilities, services, and equipment necessary or convenient, and all property, real, personal, or mixed, used or useful, including franchises and easements, in constructing, erecting, improving, remodeling, developing, equipping, adding to, extending, maintaining, managing, and operating Stone Mountain, located in DeKalb County, Georgia, and property adjacent thereto, **as a Confederate memorial** and public recreational area, and the construction, improvement, development, maintenance, management, operation, and extension of any part thereof, as to which the association has undertaken or agreed to undertake any action permitted by this part.



The history as delineated in the proposed Warner exhibit is simply an attack on the traditional Southland and even the American nation and does not serve as a fitting memorial to the Confederacy. Almost all of the proposed displays have noting to do with the Confederacy and those which do mention the Southern republic only drip with hostility and contempt.

The legislative intent as to the purpose of the Stone Mountain Memorial Park is made even clear by referring to the concluding paragraph of O.C.G.A. § 50-3-1 which reads:

Any other provision of law notwithstanding, the memorial to the heroes of the Confederate States of America graven upon the face 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.

Regrettably, unlike relocating the Flags, the Warner proposal is so seriously defective that it cannot be repaired; it must be abandoned.

However, a use for the bond issue could be to adopt a great emphasis on historical tourism as we proposed to the SMMA board a few year back. You can view a summary of this proposal on the SCV website at: <https://www.georgiascv.org/stone-mountain/>

Here you will find a written proposal, a power point presentation and a video.

We would appreciate a response to these points.

If I can provide any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to call or write.

With every best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Martin K. O’Toole

Martin K. O’Toole

MKO/hs

cc: Stone Mountain Memorial Association CEO Bill Stephens
Hon. Chris Carr, Attorney General of Georgia
Georgia Division SCV Commander Timothy F. Pilgrim
Georgia Division SCV Judge Advocate General Daniel Coleman
Georgia SCV Chief of Heritage Defense Tony Pilgrim

Enc: Warner brochure

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.

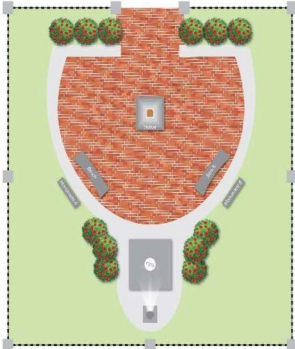
For more information Contract Commander Bill Wood at woodbill@bellsouth.net or 912.245.4279



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.



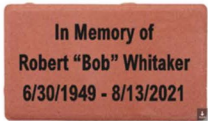
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Example: 20 Character Spaces per line

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



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



Sons of Confederate Veterans
Georgia Division
Confederate Graves Registry



Compatriots:

I apologize for not regularly reporting to you as I have been required to attend to issues that have prevented doing so. Research has continued, but I am amiss for advising updates.

As of the end of March, 2024 187,000 soldiers have been recorded in the database of which 48,000 (26%) served in Georgia units. Contributions from our Division has contributed to over half of the growth of the Confederate Graves Registry since 2021. Of the 48,000 Georgia soldiers, 36,000 have been submitted by our Division.

Of the 159 counties in Georgia, only 60 counties have been completely enumerated, most of which are located northern third of the state (with the exception of the middle part of Fulton Co around Atlanta). The other counties have some soldiers listed, but are far from complete. A listing of the number recorded in each county is available, but is too lengthy to include here. Contact me if you wish a copy.

Participation from our Division has dropped significantly as I only received 32 soldiers to add last year from two of our members.

If you have information that has not been recorded, whether it is a County, cemetery, or a single grave please send it to us. If your information relates to soldiers buried outside Georgia, we also record those. Information may be submitted electronically or on paper. The directions for doing so are published under the "Graves Registry Tab" within our Division's WebPages.

To view what has been recorded, visit the Georgia Division website at <http://gascv.org/>; select the "About Us" option in the banner, then "Graves Registry" to access the links that will take you to the Graves Registry as well as to directions for submitting information to the CGR database. Make sure that you are following directions published at our Division's website for submitting info rather than those at the National website.

Deo Vindice,
 Garry Daniell
 Chairman, Georgia Division Graves Project
 Email: scvgagraves@gmail.com
 May 28, 2024

The Thomson Guards Holds its August 2024 Meeting

On Tuesday, August 27th, the monthly meeting of the Thomson Guards, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 91, met at 7:00 at the Library to enjoy a presentation by Mrs. Julie Hardaway about the unique 'band of sisters' known as the Nancy Harts Militia. Mrs. Hardaway, the organizing regent of the Esther Marion Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Aiken, is the Speakers Staff Coordinator for the South Carolina DAR and is a National Vice Chair serving DAR President General Pamela Wright. Since its founding in 1890, a million women have joined the DAR. To reunite the country after the Civil War, love of country was used by them to try to connect women from the North and the South. Today the DAR promotes patriotism, preserves American history, and secures better education for our children.

The James L. Hardaway house, one of the most historic homes here in Thomson, was built in 1842 by George Washington Hardaway, Mrs. Hardaway's husband's ancestor. After purchasing the home over 20 years ago, the Reverend D. Alan Smith and his family restored it almost entirely by themselves.

Mrs. Hardaway is the present Vice President General of the National United Daughters of the Confederacy which collects, preserves and displays historical records relating to the Civil War. On the local, state and national level, the Daughters work with homeless shelters, homes for battered women and children, hospital associations, and food banks. Mrs. Hardaway entertained and educated our camp with her excellent program about the 40-member all-female Confederate Militia of Troup County, GA. In April 1861, the LaGrange Light Guards of the Fourth Georgia Infantry left their homes to fight for the Confederacy. The deployment of 1,300 men during that year left LaGrange vulnerable to Union attacks to sever the midway-link between Atlanta and the Confederacy's first capital at Montgomery. Soon after the men departed, the women formed their own military company and armed themselves with weapons their husbands and brothers left behind. The women called themselves the "Nancy Harts," or "Nancies," in honor of Nancy Hart, a Patriot spy who outwitted and killed a group of Tories near Elberton, GA during the Revolutionary War. Although the Nancy Harts organized as a military unit, they served primarily as nurses. Unlike other female militias, these women actually faced Union troops as an armed regiment. In April 1865, Major General James Wilson led a Union raid into west Georgia. As the Union troops approached LaGrange from West Point, the local Confederate cavalrymen fled, and the Nancy Harts stepped in to protect the town. When the Union cavalry arrived, the women opposed them, their rifles and muskets locked and loaded, but then peacefully surrendered when the Yankees agreed they would not burn their homes. The Union troops destroyed factories, stores, and railroad tracks helpful to the Confederate war effort, but did spare most private homes and property.

Learning about southern history, protecting its heritage and honoring its ancestors is our purpose. We do nothing and say nothing that might bring dishonor to our camp or to our Confederate heroes. All meetings are fully open to the public. Look us up online. Attend a meeting. Contact commander Tom Holley at 706-466-3678 or thomas3456@aol.com or [\[thomsonguardscamp91gascv.com\]](http://thomsonguardscamp91gascv.com). Come join us at the Thomson Memorial Cemetery Restoration Celebration on September 21st at 10:00 at the cemetery.

See photos of the Hardaway House on page 12.

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Kennesaw Battlefield #700 Rediscovered the Davenport Family Cemetery

During the Battle of Sharpsburg on 17 September 1862, two brothers from Acworth, Cobb County— Marcus Davenport (age 28) and William Davenport (age 23) - were killed by a mortar shell in the infamous “cornfield” section of the battlefield. Both brothers enlisted in Company A, 18th Georgia Infantry (aka “The Acworth Infantry”). After the war, the bodies of the soldiers were recovered from their burial location at Sharpsburg and reburied in the Davenport Family Cemetery near Marietta, GA.

In 1991 members of Kennesaw Battlefield #700 worked to install two new marble military headstones for Marcus & William Davenport. On January 25, 1992, Kennesaw Battlefield and the Cobb County Cemetery Preservation Commission held a grave rededication ceremony at the Davenport Family Cemetery which was attended by over 250 people - including a dozen present-day Davenport family members.

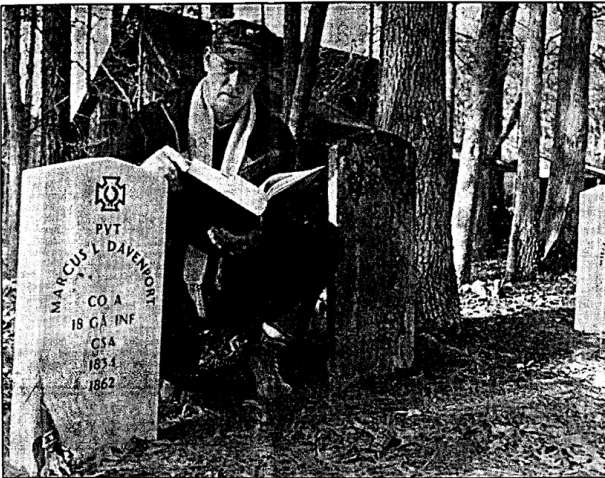
The rededication ceremony was big news at the time—with the story being positively covered by the Atlanta Journal Constitution (my how times have changed!).

In 1992 Kennesaw Battlefield #700 became the first heritage organization to formally adopt and maintain the Davenport Cemetery as part of the Cobb County Adopt-A-Cemetery Program.

If you wish to visit the Davenport Family Cemetery, the address is: 1932 Keith Drive, Marietta, GA 30064

Cobb brothers laid to rest

A dedication ceremony is planned Saturday at 2 p.m. for the newly marked graves of Confederate veterans Marcus and William Davenport on Keith Drive in west Cobb. Larry Blair of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, seen here consulting a reference book on Cobb cemeteries, is one of the SCV members planning the ceremony, which will include Civil War reenactors.



Graves of Civil War casualties discovered

By Joe Kirby
Marietta Daily Journal Staff Writer

The recently rediscovered and marked graves of two Cobb County brothers will be rededicated Saturday — 129 years after they were killed by the same artillery shell at the Battle of Sharpsburg during the Civil War. “Neither of them knew his brother had been killed,” said Larry Blair of Marietta, one of three members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) who cleaned and marked the family cemetery where Marcus Lafayette Davenport and William Alexander Davenport are buried.

Marcus, 28, and William, 23, were privates in Company A of the 18th Georgia Volunteer Regiment, known as “The Acworth Infantry,” part of Gen. John Bell Hood’s division of Gen. Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia. The Davenports were killed Sept. 17, 1862, in Maryland in the Battle of Sharpsburg (known in the North as the Battle of Antietam), the bloodiest one-day battle of the war. The 18th had the dubious distinction of having the highest proportion of casualties in a one-day battle — 57.3 percent — of any unit on either side during the war, according to Marcus Thayer III, of the Kennesaw Battlefield Camp No. 700 of the SCV. Some 101 of the regiment’s 176 officers and men were casualties that day, he said.

Their deaths in the portion of the battlefield known as “The Cornfield” were witnessed by their brother-in-law and commander, Capt. Jim Lemon — who earlier that year had persuaded the brothers to enlist.

“I assume [Lemon] felt protective of them,” Blair said. “They probably had never been more than five or 10 miles from their homes (before the war).”

Lemon made a mental note of where the two were hastily buried on the battlefield, and after the war — and



New headstones: Ralph B. Palmer Jr. (left) and Charles M. Clements III lay wreaths at the Davenports' graves.

‘Now they can rest in peace...’

Grave rite for two brothers killed in the Civil War ends family’s century of heartache

By Reid Warren
STAFF WRITER

When Dorothy Davenport Brazelton was a little girl in Acworth, her grandfather used to retire to his favorite rocking chair after supper, put her on his lap and regale her with Civil War stories.

“When he would get to the part about Antietam, his voice would choke up and

tears would fill his eyes and he’d have to stop,” she said.

That’s because Mrs. Brazelton’s grandfather knew only that his father and his father’s younger brother were killed instantly by a mortar shell as they fought side by side in a cornfield during the bloody battle of Antietam, or Sharpsburg, fought in Maryland and northern Virginia in 1862. He never learned what became of their bodies or where they were buried.

The unknown fate of the two Cobb County brothers was a lingering heartache for family members. In vain, they

searched fields, graveyards and records for some hint of the whereabouts of the Davenport boys’ burial sites.

It took the curiosity of a west Cobb couple to finally lay to rest the mystery of the two brothers and bring about last Saturday’s dedication of their burial site.

The couple, Caroline and Frank Ferguson, moved into a home halfway between Marietta and Powder Springs a few years ago and became intrigued by the small, unkempt plot of some 20 graves on their property. The largest tombstone, by then cracked and weathered.

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Dorothy Davenport Brazelton receives a plaque at the ceremony for her great-grandfather and his brother.

Confederates: Grave rite ends family’s heartache

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ered almost beyond recognition, listed the two Davenport brothers killed in battle together, as well as an earlier family death.

The Fergusons contacted state and local historical officials, the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) and other groups about the marker, and ultimately the Davenport family was contacted.

Mrs. Brazelton’s reaction from her Virginia home when told the news: “Amazement. Utter amazement.”

The SCV’s Kennesaw Battlefield Camp No. 700, in conjunction with the Cobb Cemetery Preservation Commission’s new Adopt-a-Cemetery Program, sponsored Saturday’s dedication.

The ceremony was attended by 250 people, including about a dozen Davenport family members. It began with a procession of the 35th Tennessee Volunteer Infantry and 18th Georgia Infantry accompanied by women in hoop skirts, children in period dress and the solemn rat-a-tat-tat of drums.

Two new marble headstones bearing the names of Marcus L. Davenport and William A. Davenport flanked the original faded marker. Tiny Confederate flags sat atop the fallen leaves and pine straw in front of the stones while a reproduction of the brothers’ 18th Georgia Volunteer Regiment flag fluttered behind. Red and white wreaths were placed on each grave. A 21-gun musket salute blasted into the air; children laid daisies on the ground.

Marcus Thayer III, of SCV Camp No. 700, told how the two brothers, both married with children, left their Cobb farms to enlist together, only to meet the same fate as some 21,000 other soldiers who fought at Antietam. “Perhaps now they can rest in peace knowing that they have not been forgotten,” he said.

Mrs. Brazelton, 73, still doesn’t know if the brothers’ parents knew where their sons were buried, and, if they did, why they didn’t tell her grandfather. But at least the family knows where they are now.

As she was handed a framed copy of the ceremony program, Mrs. Brazelton clutched it and, eyes welling, whispered, “This is for Grandpa.”

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New Monuments in Forsyth County, GA. by Col. Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642

Col. Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642, Cumming, has erected the second of three monuments planned to commemorate Confederate sites in Forsyth County. Each of these bears a cast bronze plaque set onto thick Georgia granite.

The first monument commemorates the three Confederates at rest in the McAfee family cemetery north of Cumming.

The second monument is in the Shady Grove Baptist cemetery in Big Creek, where Sam Street is buried. As the cemetery is located down a short road behind the church, we also installed a permanent historic marker at the roadside which tells his story, and directs readers to the monument at his grave site.

The marker was provided free of charge, with aluminum stand, by the Georgia Civil War Commission (GCWC), a Georgia governmental organization. We encourage other camps to apply to the GCWC for markers to identify historic war sites in their area. It’s an easy and friendly process – let’s put our tax dollars to work for us! Our text on the GCWC provided roadside marker is:

“On July the 30th, 1864, a group of Confederate cavalry were relaxing and having a leisurely meal at an old gin mill in the Shakerag - Sheltonville community. Their horses were grazing in a nearby field behind the home of John and Cynthia Rogers Lowe. The Lowe House still stands today and is about a quarter mile west of the present intersection of McGinnis Ferry and Old Atlanta Road on the Fulton County side of the road.



The horsemen were part of an elite group, the 8th Texas Cavalry, who were widely known as “Terry’s Texas Rangers.” They had been sent north of Atlanta to scout the upper Chattahoochee River crossings.

On this day, the main body of the 8th was south of Atlanta, in the process of defeating Colonel E. M. McCook’s Union cavalry and protecting vital Southern rail lines. This small group of Rebel scouts resting on the Lowe farm were caught by surprise by a large Union foraging party riding down McGinnis Ferry Road, by way of Alpharetta. The Federal troopers were probably from Garrards' Division of Union Cavalry. Upon spotting the idle Confederates, the Federals briskly advanced and opened a steady fire with their carbines. The Texans found themselves running across an open field to gain their mounts and make a hasty escape.

Two Texans fell before reaching their horses. One was 23-year-old Sam Street, who died instantly of a head wound. Street had been a blacksmith from Plum Grove, Texas before the war. Falling with a serious chest wound was 32-year-old George Zimpelman. A native of Bavaria, Zimpelman was a hard-nosed fighter who had been wounded multiple times in previous scraps. The rest of the Confederate Scouts managed to reach their horses and make a successful escape.

The body of Sam Street was laid to rest here at Shady Grove cemetery by residents.

By the end of the war, the 8th Texas had been engaged in some 275 engagements and had earned a reputation as one of the most colorful and effective Confederate cavalry units in the western theater. A large statue to Terry’s Rangers was erected in front of the Texas state capitol in 1907.”

Entirely funded by the camp, the bronze and granite monument at the grave tells the story of Sam Street. The plaque reads:

“On July the 30th, 1864, a small group of Confederate cavalry from “Terry’s Texas Rangers”, while enjoying a leisurely breakfast, were engaged by a large Union foraging party riding down McGinnis Ferry Road. The Texans raced across the open field to gain their mounts and make a hasty escape. 23-year-old Sam Street, the company blacksmith, suffered a gunshot to the head and died instantly. His body was laid to rest here at Shady Grove by sympathetic neighbors. Many years later John Lowe, whose ground was bloodied in the fight, purchased and placed the marble headstone that still marks his grave. In a Memorial Service 135 years after his death, Sam Street was remembered by local SCV Camp 1642 by placing a Southern Cross of Honor at his footstone.

Shady Grove Baptist Church, among the first churches in Forsyth County, was established in 1838. After the war many surviving veterans worshipped and found their final peace here at Shady Grove.”

Remember – we must continue to honor our heritage by constructing new monuments and historic markers! There are still many untold stories and unheralded sites in Georgia. Don’t let their memory fade!



Below: (L) Camp Adjutant & 2 Brigade Commander Michael Dean (R) Camp Commander Michael McAplin



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BE CAREFUL OF ROAD RAGE

On the news every week there is at least one incident involving Road Rage when someone is getting shot. Incidents are increasing and some people just have no regard for the sanctity of life.

Usually if 2 people in vehicles are both involved by actively engaging in any of the listed below both will go to jail.

Georgia Code 40-6-397
Road Rage (Aggressive Driving)

We all have been there. When someone cuts us off or slams on brakes. But think of the consequences if you flip someone off or act aggressively back to them. Everyone is carrying a firearm in their vehicles now days. When some people get behind the wheel of a vehicle somehow they get transformed into another person and think they are the judge and jury for anyone that confronts them. Riding their bumper or the finger wave may lead to dire consequences.

Here’s some advice if you have someone act aggressively to you in a vehicle.

1. Do not act aggressively back toward anyone in a vehicle.
2. If someone acts aggressive to you call 911 immediately. That also shows law enforcement you do not want an encounter with a hostile driver.
3. Attempt to drive away if you can do so safely.
4. Drive to an area where there are people. Gas station etc., an aggressive driver does not want witnesses.
5. Stay on the phone with the 911 operator. If you can or if you are with someone else if it can be done safely, video the aggressive persons actions at a distance.
6. Never shoot at a vehicle acting aggressively. They may have a family member or innocent person in their vehicle. If you shoot them by accident you will be charged. As we used to say on the gun range when someone missed their target, every round you shoot has to be accounted for.
7. If you stop your vehicle because you feel to continue driving is dangerous, you advise law enforcement why you stopped and NOT to confront the other driver.
8. If all else fails and you are in fear of great bodily harm or death to you or someone else under Georgia Code 16-3-21 you are justified to use deadly force under certain circumstances to protect you or someone else from the threat of great bodily harm and/or death.

Example: you pull over in your vehicle because the actions of another driver is endangering you and/or others. When you stop the aggressive driver stops also and approaches you with a weapon. (gun, knife, tire iron, hammer, etc.) under these circumstances justifiable deadly force may be applied.

Remember law enforcement will look into everyone involved. It’s called “ The Totality Of Circumstances.” You will be questioned intensively especially if any injury occurs to anyone. If you keep calm and be honest it will benefit you. Don’t lie. Any lie determined at any time will put suspicion on your testimony.

If someone cuts you off or waves with the one finger just smile and leave the area. It’s not worth your life, a loved one, or someone riding with you.

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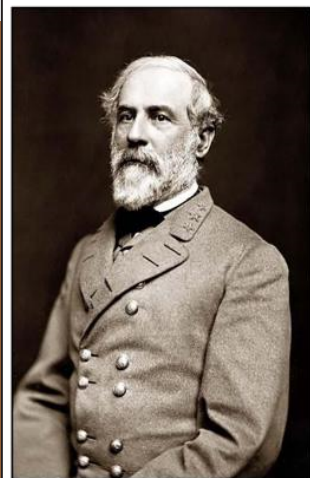
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