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HOUSE BILL 794 ENTERED TO REMOVE STONE MOUNTAIN AS A MEMORIAL TO THE CONFEDERACY

Issued by: GEORGIA DIVISION COMMANDER - Timothy Pilgrim

January 28, 2024

Friends,

The woke democrats from DeKalb County are at it again, they pushing their House Bill 794 which removes Stone Mountain Memorial Park as a Memorial to the Confederacy.

The memorial carving was first declared a memorial in May 1924 when General Lee's bust was revealed. In 1958 the State of Georgia purchased the park as a Memorial to the Confederacy and was open to the public on April 14, 1965. State law code 12-3-191 & 12-3-192 specifies all of Stone Mountain Memorial Park as a Memorial to the Confederacy and is protected by 50-3-1.

House Bill 794 eliminates the park as a Memorial to the Confederacy altogether, removes the Memorial from the park's name, and opens the door to removing the road and building names, and their ultimate goal of removing the memorial carvings. See the below link to review a copy of HB 794.

House Bill 794 has been placed in the House Governmental Affairs Committee and will be brought up in the 2024 Georgia General Assembly Session.

21st 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 27, 2024 from 10 am. to 1 pm.

★ **Keynote Speaker - Chaplain in Chief Gary Carlyle** ★



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MEMORIAL SERVICE AGENDA:

Arrive at 10:00 am. and enjoy bluegrass music by Jubilee, at 11:00 am. a cook-out will be provided by the Division and then at 11:45 am on the memorial lawn the Memorial Service will begin followed by a Cannon and Honor Guard Salute. Parking on (Old Hwy 78 E.)

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

Needed Cannon & Honor Guard Reenactors

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

Contact: George Crawford at brogeoti@gmail.com or 678.360.9667

I-75 CONFEDERATE FLAG SITE EVENT

Tifton, Georgia

February 17, 2024, Saturday, starts about 11:00 am.

Georgia Confederates Youth Camp Benefit Ride and Fund Raiser



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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See page 3 for more information
on how we Kill House Bill 794

See page 13, for full details
of both these great events.

New Compatriots, Inductions, and Awards



👉 Cdr. Ralph Mills (27th Georgia, Camp 1404) and Compatriot Russell Crow welcome new member Philip Griffith.



Photo L. to R. Commander Tom Holley, Camp Historian Lewis Smith and 5th Brigade Cdr. Tommy Carl Miller.



Photo L to R: Commander Tom Holley, Color Sergeant Mike Lacefield and 5th Brigade Cdr. Tommy Carl Miller.



👉 Bob Gandy of Camp 108 presents Raymond Rodgers with his certificate and wings for being accepted into the Georgia Guardian program.



👉 The members of camp 1689 "The Decatur Grays" welcome their two newest members David Grubbs, Jr. and Greg Sickmon pictured here with Commander John Fisher.



👉 At the November regular meeting of Camp 91, Thomson Guards, 5th Brigade Cdr. Tommy Miller, Jr. made a Distinguished Service award presentation to Camp Historian Lewis Smith. L. to R. Camp commander Tom Holley, Historian Lewis Smith and 5th Brigade Cdr. Tommy Carl Miller.



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👉 At our regular November meeting Camp 91 Thomson Guards read a special Proclamation from SCV headquarters regarding the loss of Compatriot Durham Milburn. Mrs. June Milburn attended to accept the certificate. Mr. Milburn was a very active and supportive member of the camp and we grieve his loss. Shown L. to R. Tom Holley, Chaplain Jimmy McDaniel and Mrs. Milburn



👉 Evan Nolan, Camp 108 Adjutant, swears in new member Joshua Duffey at the camps' annual Christmas party.

GEORGIA DIVISION
STATE OF THE DIVISION

Gentlemen,
I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and I’m hoping you have a blessed and prosperous 2024.

We haven’t had a whole lot going on since our last Georgia Confederate issue, the biggest item was we issued the Stone Mountain Memorial Association an Anti Litem noticed (official notice that we intend to file a law suit) and we received word from our lead attorney Dale Perry for the Stone Mountain litigation that he is ready to get started with the law suit. Our Division Spokesman Martin O’Toole and Lead Attorney Dale Perry are planning to issue that law suit in February.

We have filed motions for oral arguments on the Rockdale, Columbus and Gwinnett law suits and hope to have hearing dates soon for Columbus and Gwinnett County has already been scheduled for April. We are still awaiting the Glynn County Superior ruling on the City of Brunswick motion to dismiss. The DeKalb County law suit is still pending the Georgia Court of Appeals ruling. Henry, Richmond, and Newton Counties law suits are still pending in Superior Court.

We are current discussing with our legal team on what actions we can take against the City of Atlanta for the removal of the Lion of Atlanta from Oakland Cemetery at the mass grave site of unknown Confederate Heroes. More to come on what can be done on that outrage.

Tragically the Plantation House in Stone Mountain Memorial Park caught fire and was destroyed. Our SAA David Alderhold though his connections and found out that they DeKalb Fire Department determined it was an electrical fire. So, lets see what they do with the insurance money, we’ll keep you up-dated.

The 2024 Georgia General Assembly started their session this week. I’m pleased to announce that our primary lobbyist Compatriot Perry Bennett is back on the job for the VMC and SCV fighting for our interest. I’m also pleased to announce that Compatriot and past Representative Tommy Benton has agreed to be a lobbyist for us more on a part-time basis. Tommy is a seasoned past State Representative and know most of the current Legislators and the his way around the State Capitol. With both Perry and Tommy at the State House we are in good hands.

I’m also pleased to announce that our Bill to continue to strengthen our monument protection laws was submitted by Senator Sam Watson from Moultrie. I will be sending out a divi-



sion wide email asking every to send a thank you to Senator Watson and consider support his campaign for his support he has give us.

We still have House Bill 794 that was entered in the 2023 session by the DeKalb County woke democrats to remove the Memorial status from Stone Mountain Memorial Park. Its is currently in the Governmental Affairs Committee. Please communicate with our State Legislators on both our new Bill and HB 794. See the article next to this post on what we can do now to Kill House Bill 794.

We have had some progress on getting the drawings together on our Lumpkin County property thanks to 2nd Brigade Commander Michael Dean. Currently we are looking to get our land disturbance permit and get started clearing and moving earth.

We have the 21st Annual Stone Mountain Service on April 27 coming up. Our SCV Chaplain in Chief Gary Carlyle will be the keynote speaker and I understand he delivers a powerful message. We need to have a good showing to let know we are here to stay.

The Georgia Division Reunion in Perry Ga. On Saturday, June 1 at the same building (Heritage Hall) and also SCV National Reunion in Charleston on July 17 – 20. Elections will be held at both Reunions this year, so please make plans to attend.

Many of you have heard that our Division Secretary Kitty Dorety is wanting to retire. Kitty has been part of our SCV family for 4 years and she will be greatly missed. Kitty will still be supporting us and helping when she can on special projects and at our reunions. If you know of anyone in the Macon area interested in the Division Secretary position please contact Kitty at secretary@gascv.org or 478.305.7862.

Timothy F. Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander

What can we do now to Kill House Bill 794?

Contact the Speaker of the House Jon Burns and ask him to NOT support HB 794 and keep it in the Governmental Affairs Committee.
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332 State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334

Contact your local Representative and ask them not to support HB 794.
Go to <https://pluralpolicy.com/find-your-legislator/> to find your Representative.

Contact the below list of Governmental Affair Committee Chairman to NOT support HB794.
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Chairman, Governmental Affairs
john.lahood@house.ga.gov
shannon.willis@house.ga.gov
131-A State Capitol, Atlanta, GA 30334
Office: (404) 656-5105

Contact Governor Brian Kemp and ask him not to support HB 794 and to keep his promise to protect Stone Mountain from the leftists.
Governor Brian P. Kemp
206 Washington Street
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Call : (404) 656-1776
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Be polite and precise. Be sure to call, email, and write a short letter. Do all three, they are accounted for separately.



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Executive Council
Meeting Schedule:

March. 30, 2024
at 10:30 am
Ole Times Country Buffet
Macon, Ga.

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- **Get Updates on Division, Brigade and Camp Events.**
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Action.**
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leases.**

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your Camp #).

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



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Georgia Division Executive Committee – Minutes of January 13, 2024 Meeting The meeting was called to order by Commander Pilgrim, followed by the Invocation by Perry Bennett and flag salutes by Sergeant-at-Arms David Aderhold. Roll Call was conducted. Present were the following: Timothy F. Pilgrim – Georgia Division Commander George James Crawford – Lieutenant-Commander North Ken Arvin – Lieutenant-Commander South James Bonds – Division Chief of Staff Timothy Hawkins – Division Adjutant Daniel Coleman – Division Judge Advocate Wendell Bruce – 1st Brigade Commander Michael Dean – 2nd Brigade Commander Thomas Miller – 5th Brigade Commander Christopher May – 7th Brigade Commander Hershell Smith – 8th Brigade Commander Teddy Thomas – 11th Brigade Commander Michael Reither – 12th Brigade Commander Excused: Jack Cowart – 9th Brigade Commander Anthony “Tony” Jay Pilgrim – 13th Brigade Commander Absent: Eric M. Cleveland – 3rd Brigade Commander William Dooley – 4th Brigade Commander William Hagin – 6th Brigade Commander Joseph Metcalf – 10th Brigade Commander Scott Gilbert – Immediate Past Commander Also present was: Lt. Col. (USAF Ret’d) Perry Bennett, Legislative Lobbyist Kitty Dorety – Division Secretary Martin O’Toole – Division Spokesman and Litigation Director The agenda was adopted as were the minutes of the previous September 16, 2023 Executive Council meeting. Division Reports: Division Commander- Tim Pilgrim The Division Commander delivered his report. Of particular note was the <i>ad litem</i> notice to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association of the Georgia SCV intention to initiate legal action due to the Association’s failure to uphold their duty to preserve the property as a monument to the Confederacy. Commander Pilgrim also noted that the Georgia General Assembly is back in session, and we are hon-	ored to have past Representative Tommy Bennett as a part-time lobbyist on our behalf. Also noted is that Senator Sam Watson has introduced a bill to correct some shortfalls in statute 50-3-1. Commander Pilgrim also noted that we have upcoming events including the Confederate Memorial Day event at Stone Mountain on April 27 and the Division Reunion on June 1 in Perry. Division Spokesman Report – Martin O’Toole Martin spoke to the fact that no monuments have been removed since the Georgia Supreme Court decision in 2022. He also noted that two excellent attorneys, Brian Hooper of Savannah and Dale Perry of Gainesville have agreed to represent the SCV in a <i>pro bono</i> capacity. He remarked that no action has been taken on three motions that are pending in courts. Lastly, Martin reported that the descendant’s of Mary Phagan have offered to fund a trust to maintain her final resting place and asked the Georgia SCV to be the trustee. A motion was made and passed to accept this responsibility Division Judge Advocate – Dan Coleman Dan commented on the ongoing litigation with Tom Brown, and that the division has not been able to serve him for interrogatories or other legal issues. Division Secretary – Kitty Dorety Kitty said that the Division Office and sales are doing well. Also, the IRS 990N for tax year 2023 are almost compete. Division Adjutant – Tim Hawkins Tim presented the budget status, and the account balances are in order with positive variances. Perry Bennett – Division Lobbyist Perry stated that in addition to concerns regarding House Bill 794, another House Bill 933 could have an adverse affect on tag revenues. Lieutenant Commander Reports Lieutenant Commander North George Crawford stated that things were unremarkable over the last few months. Lieutenant Commander South Ken Arvin mentioned that the Lee birthday event at Jeff Davis Memorial Park should be reduced to an expectation of 100 meals, down from the current 250 meals. This would save the Division from funding an excess of food.	Brigade Reports 1st Brigade Commander Wendell Bruce noted that the Rome statue is restored to its rightful place. 2nd Brigaded Commander Michael Dean reported that while members are renewing, camp meeting attendance is a concern. 5th Brigade Commander Tom Miller noted that his camps are staying pretty active, and noted that the Thompson camp has around 90% meeting attendance. 7th Brigade Commander Christopher May said the brigade is doing well. 8th Brigade Commander Hershell Smith noted a new camp was chartered in Cordele. 11th Brigade Commander Teddy Thomas reported that the camps are doing well. 12th Brigade Commander Michael Reither related that the camps are doing well, and participated in the “Wreaths Across America” project with the UDC at the Marietta Confederate Cemetery. Old Business Dahlonge Roadside park – The SCV has identified a firm that will perform <i>pro bono</i> work to grade and develop the site if the SCV provides the materials needed. A topographical survey has been done at a cost of \$3200, which is required to prepare the application for permitting. The Robert Toombs camp has poured the concrete base for their memorial, which is expected to be placed in April The Division Secretary position is still in need of applicants, and any one who is interested should contact Division staff. Ms. Dorety is willing to provide training to a prospective applicant. New Business The Georgia Confederate Youth Camp is moving toward establishing itself as an independent non-profit entity. The Camp also gathered \$325 in donations at the meeting. A motion was forwarded to fund a Division Soldiers Medals, and was passed with initial funding of \$1200. Adjournment The EC meeting was concluded with a benediction and the singing of “Dixie”.

Georgia's Masons vote down Past Grand Master's ban on Georgia's 1956 State Flag

Georgia's Masons overwhelming vote down Past Grand Master's Edict 2023-02 to ban Georgia's 1956 State Flag from Meetings and Lodge property at the 237th Annual Lodge Meeting.

The Grand Lodge of Georgia Hosted their 237th annual meeting at The Macon City Center in Macon Georgia on October 24 and 25th 2023. The MWGM Ben Polston II was elected MWGM for 2023-2024. This Year politics made its way into freemasonry and the GM issued Edict No 2023-02 which is listed below:

EDICT NO. 2023- 02

TO ALL CONSTITUENT LODGES UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF GEORGIA, FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS:

I hereby issue this edict, to-wit:

WHEREAS, the Masonic Code of Georgia requires that each subordinate lodge display the flag of the United States of America at each tyled meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Official Code of Georgia, Section 50-3-1 describes the official state flag of the State of Georgia, and

WHEREAS, the flag described by said code section was approved by the voters of the State of Georgia in a referendum held in 2004, and

WHEREAS, the 1956 and 2001 Georgia flags are no longer recognized as an official flag of the State of Georgia;

NOW THEREFORE, it is my edict that:

Subordinate lodges operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Georgia shall properly display an appropriate size official flag of the State of Georgia, as described in OCGA §50-3-1 only, on an appropriate flagpole in the proper position in the Lodge during every tyled meeting commencing not later than May 1, 2023. No other Georgia flag, or former Georgia flag, shall be displayed during any meeting or on the Lodge property at any time effective immediately.

SO ORDERED and this edict is given under my hand and seal as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia, and under the seal of the said Grand Lodge, this 17th day of January 2023.

Van S. McGee Grand Secretary

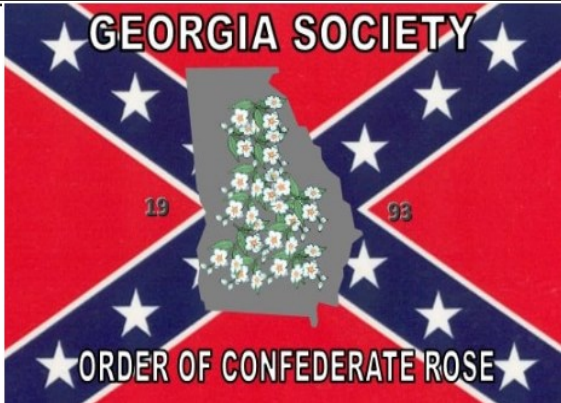
Michael A. Kessler Grand Master

Over 100 Past Masters signed a petition during the year to request this edict to be rescinded but it fell on deaf ears.

During the meeting, this edict was overwhelmingly rejected by the voting membership. By my estimates nearly 300 to reject and maybe a dozen to uphold. So it's very apparent a majority of Georgia Masons respect southern heritage and will proudly display the 1956 Georgia Flag in their respective lodges.

Richard Straut, PM Pythagoras 41, Lula Lodge 352

The Georgia Society of the Order of the Confederate Rose Would like to announce the availability of the Kimberly R. Walls Scholarship for SCV Members who are also "Thorns" in the Georgia Division OCR.



The Scholarship has been established to honor the memory of Kimberly R. Walls who served as Communication Director for the Georgia Division.

**The topic for the 2024 Award will be in 500 words or More:
The Importance of Women Spies of the War of Northern Aggression**

The deadline for submissions will be April 15, 2024 and the announcement of the winner will occur at the June Annual Meeting

To be considered for this Scholarship you must be:

A senior in high school with plans to attend a technical college, college or university after high school (copy of acceptance letter due with application submission).

A senior who is also an active Georgia Order of Confederate Rose member or Sons of Confederate Veterans Member who is a Thorn in the Georgia Order of Confederate Rose.

If you have any questions please contact Buffy Hill at:
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VETERANS MEMORIAL COALITION

The Veterans Memorial Coalition, Inc. helps elect State and Federal candidates who support our American Veterans from past and present. We also contribute to elected officials who support legislation that protects monuments, memorials, and banners sacred to those Veterans.

www.Vetmc.org **vetmc.org/voters-guild/**

Veterans Memorial Coalition, Inc.
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Memorial Service of Lt. Colonel William Judson Crawley

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is a history, heritage, and honor society. The SCV proclaimed purpose is "to encourage the preservation of history, perpetuate the hallowed memories of brave men, to assist in the observance of Confederate Memorial Day, to aid and support all members, and to perpetuate the record of the services of every Southern soldier".

On Thursday, December 14, Camp 91 Thomson Guards gathered at the historic Wrightsboro Methodist Church to perform a small part of that mission. For many years Compatriot Jimmy Crawley’s grandfather took care of Lt. Colonel William Judson Crawley’s gravesite. Then Jimmy’s father took over the responsibility. Finally, it has become Jimmy Crawley’s honor to care for his history and heritage.

Two years ago Jimmy joined the National Guardian program within the SCV. Jimmy has taken an oath to care for this gravesite as long as he is physically capable. This includes cleaning the site, being sure it is marked with a Southern Cross of Honor, flying a Confederate flag over it on Confederate Memorial Day, and finally, making sure it has an appropriate stone marker.

On Thursday, with 45 witnesses present, we honored Lt. Colonel William Judson Crawley by unveiling a permanent gravestone during his memorial service. Congratulations to Compatriot Jimmy Crawley for his dedicated service to his ancestor and the SCV. Following is a part of his family history Jimmy Crawley shared at the service.

William J. Crawley was born near Barnwell, SC, in an area known as Three Mile Creek community. WJ was the son of plantation owner, William Crawley. In 1853, at the age of 18, he was sent to Charleston to attend the newly established military school, The Citadel. In 1855, he graduated, went home, and began teaching in Dunbarton, SC.

On a visit to Louisville, GA, WJ met Matilda Elizabeth Todd, the granddaughter of the local judge. They soon married and settled back in Barnwell. In November, 1861, William Judson Crawley mustered into the Holcomb Legion of Barnwell County as a captain. This newly formed group drilled for a few months before they were ordered to protect the coastal area near Charleston. Very soon after they were ordered to Rappahannock Station, VA. The men in Holcomb’s Legion flew battle honors for: The Second Battle of Manassas, Battle of South Mountain, Battle of Sharpsburg, Siege of Petersburg, Battle of the Crater, Battle of Fort Steadman, Battle of Five Forks, and Appomattox Court House. During four years of war, the legion suffered 66% casualties.

Captain Crawley was grazed by a mini ball at Second Manassas. He was shot in the chest at the Battle of Saphony, VA. The mini ball to the chest was never removed. In the 1880 census, WJ was living in Thomson, GA with his wife and seven children. They lived on Hall Street next door to Captain William Johnston of the Thomson Guards.

We should all imagine and admire a young man of 27 years old leaving his wife and family to protect and defend his beliefs. We should all seek to defend his good name, to guard his history, emulate his virtues and protect the principles he loved and which made him glorious. Camp 91 wishes to express special thanks to Mr. Mark Cheek for playing beautiful bagpipe music, Mr. Phil Turner, the Gray Poet, for reciting his magnificent poem, “Rebel Coming”, and Mr. Epp Wilson for helping ready the church and cemetery grounds.

For more information about Camp 91 Thomson Guards, please see our website: www.thomsonguardscamp91gascv.com

Respectfully submitted: Tom Holley

SCV CAMPS AND OCR CHAPTERS BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO NEEDY FAMILIES

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Camps McLeod Moring #1386, Ogeechee Rifles #941, with assistance from the Order of Confederate Rose Heritage Roses #15 as well as members of Troop 5 Sons of Confederate Veterans Mechanized Calvary joined together to bring Christmas to needy families in Bulloch and Emanuel Counties. Families nominated to the organization received groceries, Christmas trees with decorations and items off their perspective wish lists as well as a visit from Santa. Members from the McLeod-Moring Camp were George Lutz, Daryl Hill, Landon Johnson, Noah Johnson, Ogeechee Rifles member Marshall Webster assisted in the delivery of presents to the families. Daryl Hill, Landon Johnson, Noah Johnson and Marshall Webster are also members of the SCV Mechanized Calvary Troop 5. Heritage Roses members Buffy Hill, Jenny Williams and Nikki Mullins did the shopping and wrapping of presents as well as assisted in the deliveries made to the families.

See photos on page 11.

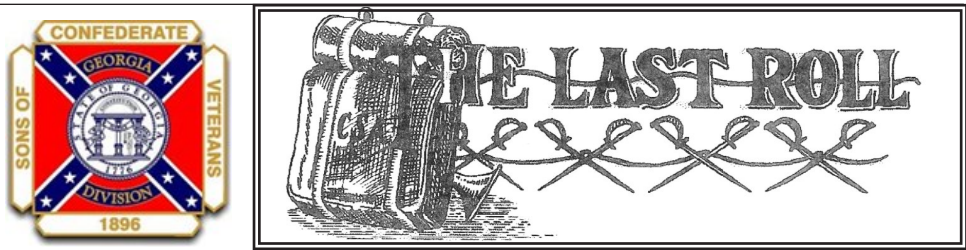


The rebels have exhibited a most wonderful energy and skill in carrying on their struggle. No people on the face of the earth ever made so hard a fight with such limited means. They have displayed a combination of dash and endurance never before equaled in history. All candid men are free to admit that the final triumph of our national armies will be due only to superiority in numbers.

—Henry J. Raymond, editor of the New York Times

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

158	Brig. Gen. E. Porter Alexander	\$ 23,238.30
91	Thomson Guards	\$ 13,459.00
1914	Maj. Gen. Ambrose R. Wright	\$ 10,827.00
700	Kennesaw Battlefield	\$ 10,524.00
1552	Camp McDonald	\$ 7,505.00
2102	Buckhead-Ft. Lawton Brigade	\$ 6,388.00
485	Thomas Marsh Forman	\$ 5,705.00
97	Brig. Gen. T.R.R. Cobb	\$ 5,465.00
941	Ogeechee Rifles	\$ 3,625.00
78	Alexander H. Stephens	\$ 3,500.00
96	Maj. William E. Simmons	\$ 3,300.00
18	Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr.	\$ 3,218.65
1404	27th GA Regiment	\$ 3,060.00
1724	Eli P. Landers	\$ 3,000.00
1633	David W. Payne Camp	\$ 2,669.00
1446	Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp	\$ 2,452.00
1639	Chattahoochee Guards	\$ 2,452.00
469	Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest	\$ 2,325.00
2200	Georgia Division HQ	\$ 2,315.00
1397	Gen. William J. Hardee	\$ 2,225.00
1449	John B. Gordon Memorial	\$ 2,210.00
926	Lt. Dickson L. Baker	\$ 2,150.00
2137	Barnesville Blues	\$ 2,145.00
141	Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson	\$ 1,976.00
914	Cherokee Legion	\$ 1,932.01
1432	The Confederate Memorial	\$ 1,789.00
915	Gen. Stand Watie	\$ 1,654.00
2218	The Unknown Soldier	\$ 1,639.00
1642	Col. Hiram Parks Bell	\$ 1,612.00
1289	General James Longstreet	\$ 1,529.00
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
64	Clement A. Evans	\$ 1,115.00
690	W.F. Jenkins	\$ 1,114.00
863	Joseph Wheeler Camp	\$ 1,100.00
1547	The Roswell Mills	\$ 1,025.00
107	John McIntosh Kell	\$ 1,015.00
1399	Lt. James T. Woodward Camp	\$ 969.00
1855	Calhoun Rifles	\$ 922.00
89	Gilmer Light Guards	\$ 900.00
943	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Glover	\$ 834.00
79	Gen. Lafayette McLaws	\$ 832.00
1929	Rabun Gap Riflemen	\$ 765.00
670	Col. Wm. H. Stiles Warren-Aiken	\$ 750.00
680	Col. Edmund N. Atkinson	\$ 670.00
682	Jefferson Davis Cowboys	\$ 655.00
2164	Montgomery Sharpshooters	\$ 640.00
1807	Ochlocknee Rifles	\$ 600.00
46	John B. Gordon	\$ 577.00
1859	Joseph McConnell	\$ 572.00
2039	Pine Barrens Volunteers	\$ 545.00
707	State of Dade	\$ 500.00
1607	Steward/Webster Camp	\$ 500.00
1729	Sharpsburg Sharpshooters	\$ 450.00



Last Roll Call: December 2023	
Ronald Robert Beard Calhoun Rifles Camp 1855	H. T. McLendon Calhoun Rifles Camp 1855
Thomas Michael Bollinger Thomas Marsh Forman Camp 485	Harold Mayo Meadows Calhoun Rifles Camp 1855
Gordon K. Collins Brig. Gen. T.R.R. Cobb Camp 97	Charles Ernest Milford Lt. Dickson L. Baker Camp 926
Larry L. Daniels Yancy Independents Camp 693	Ronnie Lee Nelson Appling Grays Camp 918
Dennis Walter Evans Clement A. Evans Camp 64	Kenneth Allen Nolf Gen. A.H. Colquitt Fire Eaters
David Lafayette Floyd Major William E. Simmons Camp 96	Robert Jack Robertson John B. Gordon Camp 599
Carl Ellsworth Hatcher Concord Rangers Camp 2135	Carl A. Rykard, Jr. C.S.S. Chattahoochee Camp 2314
David Wayne Headley Appling Grays Camp 918	Linwood Sanders Gen. A.H. Colquitt Fire Eaters
James T. Hicks W.F. Jenkins Camp 690	James E. Stallings, Sr. Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr. Camp 18
George Ray Houston Yancy Independents Camp 693	Kendall D. Ward Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr. Camp 18



1705	Col. John H. Baker	\$ 351.00
2600	Immortal Six Hundred	\$ 343.00
105	Captain Charles W. Baldwin	\$ 300.00
918	Appling County Grays	\$ 242.00
549	Black Creek Volunteers	\$ 241.00
1977	Private John Ingraham	\$ 230.00
716	Habersham Guard	\$ 210.00
715	Wm. Thos. Overby Guards	\$ 205.00
1386	McLeod-Mooring Camp	\$ 200.00
2071	Lt. Lovett A. Tully	\$ 195.00
1942	Dixie Guards	\$ 190.00
2135	Concord Rangers	\$ 160.00
207	B.G. John C. Carter	\$ 128.00
1901	Ebenezer Rifles	\$ 123.00
2314	C.S.S. Chattahoochee	\$ 110.00
671	Gen. Joseph E. Johnston	\$ 95.00
1919	B/G Robert H. Anderson	\$ 73.00
942	Greene Rifles	\$ 55.00
104	Capt. Hardy B. Smith	\$ 40.00

48th Annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service



SCV The 48th Annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service, sponsored by the Alexander H. Stephens Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, was held in the Village Hall in the town of Andersonville on Sunday, November 12. Over 100 visitors attended from at least 5 different states (Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Florida). The Service was held inside because of cold weather and the threat of rain. Pastor John Weaver from Fitzgerald was the guest speaker and gave a dynamic talk to the large crowd attending. He discussed the Capt. Wirz Trial and how it was a travesty of justice. Camp Commander George Larsen presided as the Master of Ceremonies. The Stewart/Webster SCV Camp in Weston provided Honor Guard Service and the Artillery Unit that performed near the end of the Service was from the Lt. James T. Woodward SCV Camp in Warner Robins.

Around the Confederacy



On Saturday, October 28, nine members of Camp 91 Thomson Guards met to wash and clean our second Confederate monument. It is located on Main Street at the railroad depot. It is, “In Memory of the Women of the Sixties and the Confederate Soldiers erected by The Veterans, The UDC and The Woman’s Club of Thomson.” It depicts a woman in a soldier’s jacket holding the furled flag. Most of the names of the soldiers from the three companies that mustered in from Columbia (now McDuffie) County are etched into the sides. The before photo has our members standing in front of the monument. An amazing amount of dirt and grime came off the monument.

Two members of the Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade # 2102 recently traveled with the Camp's U.S. Model 1841 Field Howitzer to serve as part of the Confederate artillery contingent for the 159th anniversary reenactment of the December 13, 1864, Battle of Fort McAllister, in Richmond Hill, GA. The six-man cannon crew, rounded out by additional reenactors from across the state, was actually positioned within the original fort, atop one of its earthen parapets. Camp members pictured are Compatriot Phil Brinson (far left) and Historian Steve Rathbun (rear, third from left).



On Saturday, October 21, Camp 91, Thomson Guards participated in the Thomson Camellia City Festival. We collected names and contact information of eight potential new members. We collected \$41 for the legal defense fund. Camp members put on a very positive public image for the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



The Dead Angle - Cheatham Hill; Battle of Kennesaw Mountain

Battleground Guard - Monument Ground Breaking by Robert A. Toombs #932



I wanted to share this image from our monument ground breaking last Saturday, 11/4/23. The construction crew dug the massive hole and laid out the boards for the cement slab. Tuesday, 11/7/23, they returned and poured the slab for the base to be installed on. It is a great feeling to look out at the property and see the construction in progress. I believe the slab has to cure for 7 days before the monument company places the bottom section. We will keep you informed of the progress. Submitted by: Cdr. Bill Wood, Robert A. Toombs Camp 932

Around the Confederacy



This picture is from the 27th Georgia Camp 1404 Christmas party. We brought toys to be donated to Toys For Tots. Submitted by: Roger Pendley, Historian, 27th Georgia Camp 1404.



Saturday October 7, Camp 91, Thomson Guards participated in Oliver Hardy Festival in Harlem, Georgia. The camp teamed up with Mrs. Donna Faulkner Baron whose father carved the memorial on Stone Mountain.



Members of the David W. Payne #1633 manned an informational tent at the October 2023 Sorghum Festival in Blairsville. (L-R): Elton Levinson, Jerry Triplett, Mike Pettus, Jessie Pinson, Greg White and John Fusco.



The Yancy Independents Camp #693 held their annual Christmas Dinner last week. This year's program was presented by Richard Straut, the past commander of the Stone Mountain Memorial Camp #1432, on the "Dahlgren Affair". Straut discussed to the audience how the black flag operation was considered an attempted assassination plot against the Confederate leadership in Richmond during the *War between the States*.



Jack Cowart awards James King of the Albany, Georgia Camp a SCV Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service.

Around the Confederacy



The Commander of the Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp No. 2102, in Millen, recently enjoyed the privilege of presenting two very deserving Camp members with SCV Distinguished Service Medals for their many years of outstanding service to both the Camp and the Georgia Division. Pictured from left are Compatriot Larry Fleming, Commander Dale Thompson, and Compatriot Dale Wiggins.



Wesley Hardin was inducted into the Gen. William J. Hardee camp # 1397. His ancestor was Pvt. Hiram H. Mosley (Co. K, 41st GA Infantry).



At the last meeting in November of Camp 91, Thomson Guards, we discussed a WBTS sword coming to the Sunset Auction House in Thomson. It was an 1833 US presentation grade with name engraved dragoon sabre owned by a “member of the Thomson Guards”. The provenance of the sword had been researched by a staff member at the University of Georgia. This was very, very exciting but we needed more information. Compatriot Jimmy McDaniel, who brought this to our attention, began digging. He soon learned that the owner was Captain James D. Van Valkenburg and after more research he was in the 61st Georgia Regiment. This did not fit the “Company K, 10th Georgia, Thomson Guards” so I began to research. I found Captain James Van Valkenburg a soldier in Company I, 61st Regiment Infantry, that mustered into service from Bibb County and they were either the Thompson Guards or Thomson Guards. Many privates in the company were Thompsons. James D. Van Valkenburg was Captain September 24, 1861. He was elected Major July 1, 1863. He was named Lt. Colonel May 12, 1864. He was killed at Monocacy, Maryland July 9, 1864. The sword did not bring the reserve bid of \$2,000 so it is still available. The sword is in excellent condition but it has no scabbard. However, Van Valkenburg’s name is inscribed. Jimmy McDaniel is shown in the photo holding the sword. If you have interest you can call and we will provide more information. Tom Holley 706-466-3678



SCV camps McLeod Morning #1386, Ogeechee Rifles #941, with assistance from the Order of Confederate Rose Heritage Roses #15 as well as members of Troop 5 SCV Mechanized Calvary joined together to bring Christmas to needy families in Bulloch and Emanuel Counties. See full story on page 7.



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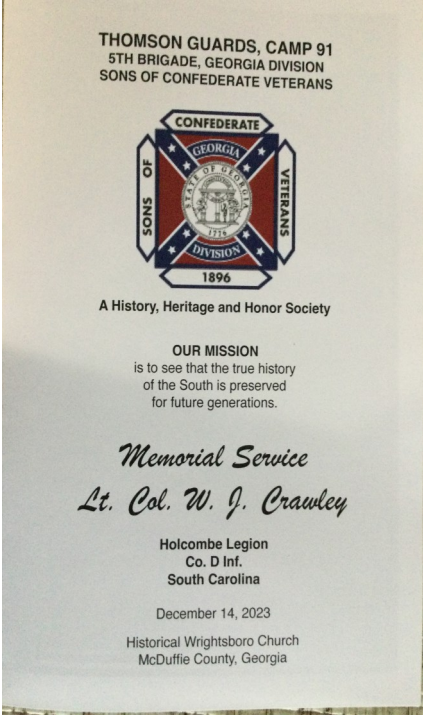
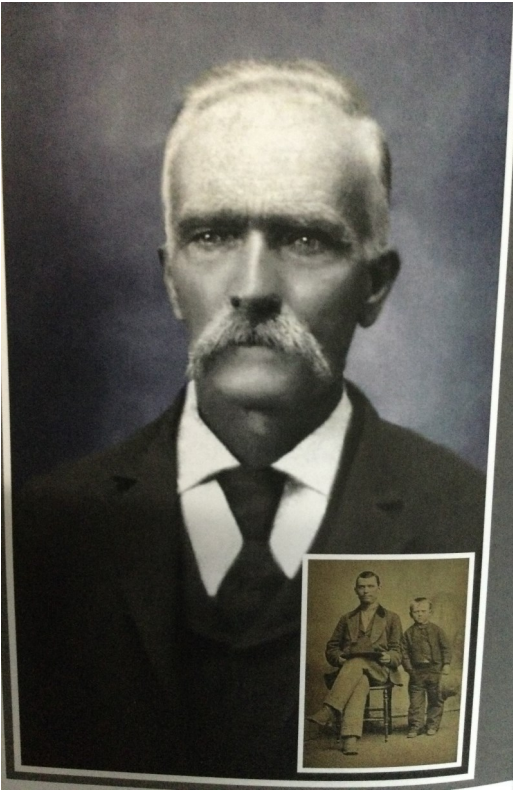
The Pvt. David W. Payne Camp #1633 Celebrates their 30 year Anniversary



SCV Commander-in-Chief Jason Boshers (L) and Georgia Division Commander Tim Pilgrim (R) pictured together at the 30th anniversary celebration of David W. Payne Camp 1633 in Blairsville.

David W. Payne Camp 1633 celebrated the 30th anniversary of its chartering by the SCV on September 23rd at The View Grill in Blairsville. Compatriot Pete White was honored for being the remaining charter member. Nearly 93, White was previously the camp commander and continues to serve as camp treasurer.

Memorial Service of Lt. Colonel William Judson Crawley



Photos from the Memorial Service for Lt. Colonel William Judson Crawley hosted by the Thomson Guards camp #91 (story on page 7)

I-75 CONFEDERATE FLAG SITE EVENT

Tifton, Georgia

February 17, 2024, Saturday, starts about 11:00 am.



The Georgia and Florida Mechanized Cavalry invites all SCV and Mech-Cav members, to include family and friends, to the 4th annual Confederate Flag Site Event. Looking forward to another year of dedicated patriots, as all proceeds being donated to Valdosta SCV Camp 680 for the future restoration of this Tifton, Georgia flag site.



Directions: From I-75 at Tifton exit 71 go 1 block east to readily visible flag site location.

Keynote Speaker: To Be Announced

Menu & Drinks: 1 plate serving consisting of delicious angus beef hamburger, french fries, baked beans, dessert, and drink. All for only the small price of \$10. Children under 12 eat free. All cooking is done on site by "Mech-Cav Chefs."

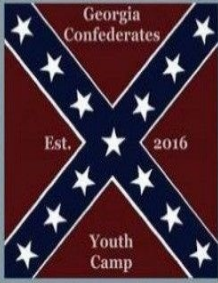
Points of Contact:

SGM Chris May at: backcountry450@yahoo.com or phone# (229) 630-7098;
COL Tim Hawkins at: thawkins426@gmail.com or phone# (478) 951-2628;
CPT David King at: confederatevet@verison.net or phone# (813) 682-4536;
PVT Jimmy Edwards at: jedwardsone@bellsouth.net or phone# (904) 214-7836



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
MARCH 9, 2024



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

Time: Gates open @ 8 AM
Registration: 10 AM – 11 AM
\$20.00 Per Rider/Driver & \$5.00 Per Passenger

50/50 Drawing
5 for \$10

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

- RIDE STARTS: 11 AM, we will ride to Blue & Gray Museum in Fitzgerald GA
- 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 SCV Camps, Troops, SCV Platoons, & OCR need to be turned in to 2nd LT. Big Bubba Bradshaw no later than 2 PM day of the event.

Any and all donations raised will be presented to Hershel Smith and Pastor Weaver the day of the event.

SCV Camps, SCVMC Troops & Platoons are welcome to setup merchandise tents.

All SCV, SCVMC, OCR, friends, family, kids, and guests are welcome!

A GOOD TIME FOR ALL FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

**** The prize for the GRAND PRIZE Drawing will be announced at a later date ****

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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.

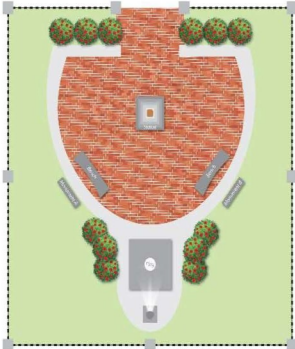
For more information Contract Commander Bill Wood at woodbill@bellsouth.net or 912.245.4279



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.



Greetings from the Robert A. Toombs Camp #932,

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

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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

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

Donor Information Name _____ Address _____
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Make Checks Payable to:
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You may purchase more than one and also may email the form and pay via PayPal
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Please contact me with any questions, woodbill@bellsouth.net

Memoirs of Stonewall Jackson by his widow, Mary Anna Jackson

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My own heart almost stood still under the weight of horror and apprehension which then oppressed me. This ghastly spectacle was a most unfitting preparation for my entrance into the presence of my stricken husband; but when I was soon afterwards summoned to his chamber, the sight which there met my eyes was far more appalling, and sent such a thrill of agony and heart-sinking through me as I had never known before! Oh, the fearful change since last I had seen him! It required the strongest effort of which I was capable to maintain my self-control. When he left me on the morning of the 29th, going forth so cheerfully and bravely to the call of duty, he was in the full flush of vigorous manhood, and during that last, blessed visit, I never saw him look so handsome, so happy, and so noble. Now, his fearful wounds, his mutilated arm, the scratches upon his face, and, above all, the desperate pneumonia, which was flushing his cheeks, oppressing his breathing, and be-numbing his senses, wrung my soul with such grief and anguish as it had never before experienced. He had to be aroused to speak to me, and expressed much joy and thankfulness at seeing me; but he was too much affected by morphia to resist stupor, and soon seemed to lose the consciousness of my presence, except when I spoke or ministered to him. From the time I reached him he was too ill to notice or talk much, and he lay most of the time in a semi-conscious state; but when aroused, he recognized those about him and consciousness would return. Soon after I entered his room he was impressed by the woful anxiety and sadness betrayed in my face, and said: “My darling, you must cheer up, and not wear a long face. I love cheerfulness and brightness in a sick-room.” And he requested me to speak distinctly, as he wished to hear every word I said. Whenever he awakened from his stupor, he always had some endearing words to say to me, such as, “My darling, you are very much loved;” “You are one of the most precious little wives in the world.” He told me he knew I would be glad to take his place, but God knew what was best for us. Thinking it would cheer him more than anything else to see the baby in whom he had so delighted, I proposed several times to bring her to his bed-side, but he always said, “Not yet; wait till I feel better.” He was invariably patient, never uttering a murmur or complaint. Sometimes, in slight delirium, he talked, and his mind was then generally upon his military duties-caring for his soldiers, and giving such directions as these: “Tell Major Hawkes to send forward provi-sions to the men;””Order A. P. Hill to prepare for action;” “Pass the infantry to the front,” etc. Our friends around us, seeing how critical was his condition, and how my whole time was given up to him, determined to send to Richmond for Mrs. Hoge to come to my relief, and assist in taking care of my baby. Hetty had been faithful to her little charge, but the presence of Mrs. Hoge, who was of a singularly bright, affectionate, and sympathetic nature, and her loving ministrations in this time of sorest trial, were of inestimable value and comfort.

Friday and Saturday passed in much the same way -bringing no favorable change to the dear sufferer; indeed, his fever and restlessness increased, and, although everything was done for his relief and benefit, he was growing perceptibly weaker. On Saturday evening, in the hope of soothing him, I proposed reading some se-lections from the Psalms. At first he replied that he was suffering too much to listen, but very soon he added: “Yes, we must never refuse that. Get the Bible and read them.

As night approached, and he grew more wearied, he requested me to sing to him-asking that the songs should be the most spiritual that could be selected. My broth-er Joseph assisted me in singing a few hymns, and at my husband’s request we concluded with the 51st Psalm in verse:

“Show pity, Lord; O Lord, forgive.”

The singing had a quieting effect, and he seemed to rest in perfect peace. Dr. S. B. Morrison, a relative of mine, and Dr. David Tucker, of Richmond, had both been called in consultation by Dr. McGuire. As Dr. Morrison was examining the patient, he looked up pleasantly at him, and said, “That’s an old familiar face.

On Saturday afternoon he asked to see his chaplain, Mr. Lacy, but his respiration being now very difficult, it was not thought prudent for him to converse, and an attempt was made to dissuade him. But he was so persistent that it was deemed best to gratify him. When Mr. Lacy entered he inquired of him if he was trying to further those views of Sabbath observance of which he had spoken to him. Upon being assured that this was being done, he expressed much gratification, and talked for some time upon that subject-his last care and effort for the church of Christ being to secure the sanctification of the Lord’s day.

Apprehending the nearness of his end, Mr. Lacy wished to remain with him on Sunday, but he insisted that he should go, as usual, and preach to the soldiers. When Major Pendleton came to his bedside about noon, he inquired of him, “Who is preaching at headquarters to-day?” When told that Mr. Lacy was, and that the whole army was praying for him, he said, “Thank God; they are very kind.” As soon as the chaplain appeared at headquarters that morning, General Lee anxiously in-quired after General Jackson’s condition, and upon hearing how hopeless it was, he exclaimed, with deep feeling: “Surely General Jackson must recover. God will not take him from us, now that we need him so much. Surely he will be spared to us, in answer to the many prayers which are offered for him.” And upon Mr. Lacy’s leaving, he said: “When you return, I trust you will find him better. When a suitable occasion offers, give him my love, and tell him that I wrestled in prayer for him last night as I never prayed, I believe, for myself.” Here his voice became choked with emotion, and he turned away to hide his intense feeling. Shortly after the general’s fall, and before his situation had grown so critical, General Lee sent him, by a friend, the following message: “Give him my affectionate regards, and tell him to make haste and get well, and come back to me as soon as he can. He has lost his left arm, but I have lost my right arm.”

Mr. Lacy was truly a spiritual comforter and help to me in those dark and agonizing days. Often when I was called out of the sick-chamber to my little nursling, before returning we would meet together, and, bowing down before the throne of grace, pour out our hearts to God to spare that precious, useful life, if consistent with His will; for without this condition, which the Saviour himself enjoins, we dared not plead for that life, infinitely dearer, as it was, than my own.

In order to stimulate his fast-failing powers, he was offered some brandy and water, but he showed great repugnance to it, saying excitedly, “It tastes like fire, and cannot do me any good.” Early on Sunday morning, the 10th of May, I was called out of the sick-room by Dr. Morrison, who told me that the doctors, having done everything that human skill could devise to stay the hand of death, had lost all hope, and that my precious, brave, noble husband could not live! Indeed, life was fast ebbing away, and they felt that they must prepare me for the inevitable event, which was now a question of only a few short hours. As soon as I could arise from this stunning blow, I told Dr. Morrison that my husband must be informed of his condition. I well knew that death to him was but the opening of the gates of pearl into the ineffable glories of heaven; but I had heard him say that, although he was willing and ready to die at any moment that God might call him, still he would prefer to have a few hours’ preparation before entering into the presence of his Maker and Redeemer.

I therefore felt it to be my duty to gratify his desire. He now appeared to be fast sinking into unconsciousness, but he heard my voice and understood me better than others, and God gave me the strength and composure to hold a last sacred interview with him, in which I tried to impress upon him his situation, and learn his dying wishes. This was all the harder, because he had never, from the time that he first rallied from his wounds, thought he would die, and had expressed the belief that God still had work for him to do, and would raise him up to do it. When I told him the doctors thought he would soon be in heaven, he did not seem to comprehend it, and showed no surprise or concern. But upon repeating it, and asking him if he was willing for God to do with him according to His own will, he looked at me calmly and intelligently, and said, “Yes, I prefer it, I prefer it.” I then told him that before that day was over he would be with the blessed Saviour in His glory. With perfect distinctness and intelligence, he said, “I will be an infinite gainer to be translated.” I then asked him if it was his wish that I should return, with our infant, to my father’s home in North Carolina. He answered, “Yes, you have a kind, good father; but no one is so kind and good as your Heavenly Father.” He said he had many things to say to me, but he was then too weak. Preferring to know his own desire as to the place of his burial, I asked him the question, but his mind was now growing clouded again, and at first he replied, “Charlotte,” and afterwards “Charlottesville.” I then asked him if he did not wish to be buried in Lexington, and he answered at once, “Yes, Lexington, *and in my own plot.*” He had bought this plot himself, when our first child died, as a burial place for his family.

Memoirs of Stonewall Jackson by his widow, Mary Anna Jackson (continued)

Mrs. Hoge now came in, bearing little Julia in her arms, with Hetty following, and although he had almost ceased to notice anything, as soon as they entered the door he looked up, his countenance brightened with delight, and he never smiled more sweetly as he exclaimed, “Little darling! sweet one!” She was seated on the bed by his side, and after watching her intently, with radiant smiles, for a few moments, he closed his eyes, as if in prayer. Though she was suffering the pangs of extreme hunger, from long absence from her mother, she seemed to forget her discomfort in the joy of seeing that loving face beam on her once more, and she looked at him and smiled as long as he continued to notice her. Tears were shed over that dying bed by strong men who were unused to weep, and it was touching to see the genuine grief of his servant, Jim, who nursed him faithfully to the end.

He now sank rapidly into unconsciousness, murmuring disconnected words occasionally, but all at once he spoke out very cheerfully and distinctly the beautiful sentence which has become immortal as his last: “Let us cross over the river, and rest under the shade of the trees.”

Was his soul wandering back in dreams to the river of his beloved Valley, the Shenandoah (the ‘river of sparkling waters ‘), whose verdant meads and groves he had redeemed from the invader, and across whose floods he had so often won his passage through the toils of battle? Or was he reaching forward across the River of Death, to the golden streets of the Celestial City, and the trees whose leaves are for the healing of the nations? It was to these that God was bringing him, through his last battle and victory; and under their shade he walks, with the blessed company of the redeemed. General Jackson had expressed the desire, when in health, that he might enter into the rest that remains for God’s people on the Lord’s day. His wish was now gratified, and his Heavenly Father translated him from the toils and trials of earth, soon after the noon of as beautiful and perfect a May day as ever shed its splendor upon this world, to those realms of everlasting rest and bliss where

“Sabbaths have no end,
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns.”

Never shall I forget Mr. Lacy’s ministrations of consolation to my bleeding heart on that holiest of Sabbath afternoons. Seated by my bedside, he talked so of Heaven, giving such glowing descriptions of its blessedness, and following in imagination the ransomed, glorified spirit, through the gates into the city, that at last peace, the “peace of God,” came into my soul, and I felt that it was selfish to wish to bring back to this sorrowful earth, for my happiness, one who had made such a blissful exchange. But this frame of mind did not last, and many were the subsequent conflicts to attain and keep this spirit.

The remains were carefully prepared by the loving hands of the staff-officers, the body being embalmed and clothed in an ordinary dress, and then wrapped in a dark-blue military overcoat. His Confederate uniform had been cut almost to pieces by his attendants, in their endeavor to reach and bind up his wounds, on the night of his fall. Late in the evening I went into Mr. Chandler’s parlor to see all that was left of the one who had been to me the truest, tenderest, and dearest of all the relations of earth-the husband of whom I had been so proud, and for whom I thought no honors or distinctions too great; but above all this I prized and revered his exalted Christian character, and knew that God had now given him “a crown of righteousness.” Yet how unspeakable and incalculable was his loss to me and that fatherless baby! Dead! in the meridian of his grand life, before he had attained the age of forty years! But “alive in Christ,” for evermore!

All traces of suffering had disappeared from the noble face, and, although somewhat emaciated, the expression was serene and elevated, and he looked far more natural than I had dared to hope.

That night, after a few hours’ sleep from sheer exhaustion, I awoke, when all in my chamber was perfect stillness, and the full moon poured a flood of light through the windows, glorious enough to lift my soul heavenwards; but oh! the agony and anguish of those silent midnight hours, when the terrible reality of my loss and the desolation of widowhood forced itself upon me, and took possession of my whole being! My unconscious little one lay sweetly sleeping by my side, and my kind friend, Mrs. Hoge, was near; but I strove not to awaken them, and all alone I stemmed the torrent of grief which seemed insupportable, until prayer to Him, who alone can comfort, again brought peace and quietness to my heart.

The next morning I went once more to see the remains, which were now in the casket, and were covered with spring flowers. His dear face was wreathed with the lovely lily of the valley-the emblem of humility-his own predominating grace, and it seemed to me no flowers could have been so appropriate for him. Since then, I never see a lily of the valley without its recalling the tenderest and most sacred associations.

On Monday morning began the sad journey to Richmond. A special car had been set apart for us, in which were Mr. Lacy and the staff-officers, while Mrs. Hoge and Mrs. Chandler were my attendants, and proved themselves the kindest of friends and comforters. Upon reaching the suburbs of the city, the train stopped, and we were met by Mrs. Governor Letcher and other ladies, with several carriages, and driven through the most retired streets to the governor’s mansion. Kind friends had also in readiness for me a mourning outfit. These were indeed most thoughtful considerations on their part, and could not have been more gratefully appreciated.

The funeral cortége then proceeded on its way into the city, and was followed for two miles by throngs of people. Business had been suspended, and the whole city came forth to meet the dead chieftain. Amidst a solemn silence, only broken by the boom of the minuteguns and the wails of a military dirge, the coffin was borne into the governor’s gates, and hidden for a time from the eyes of the multitude, that were wet with tears.

The casket, enveloped in the Confederate flag, and laden with spring flowers, was placed in the centre of the reception-room in the Executive Mansion. It was here that I looked upon the face of my husband for the last time. No change had taken place, but, the coffin having been sealed, the beloved face could only be seen through the glass plate, which was disappointing and unsatisfactory. In honor of the dead, the next day a great civic and military procession took place. The body was carried through the main streets of the city, the pall-bearers being six major and brigadier generals, dressed in full uniform. The hearse, draped in mourning, and drawn by four white horses, was followed by his horse, led by a groom; next by his staff-officers; regiments of infantry and artillery; then a vast array of officials-the President, Cabinet, and all the general officers in Richmond-after whom came a multitude of dignitaries and citizens; and then all returned to the Capitol. Every place of business was closed, and every avenue thronged with solemn and tearful spectators, while a silence more impressive than that of the Sabbath brooded over the whole town. When the hearse reached the steps of the Capitol, the pall-bearers, headed by General Longstreet, the great comrade of the departed, bore the corpse into the lower house of the Congress, where it was placed on a kind of altar, draped with snowy white, before the speaker’s chair. The coffin was still enfolded with the white, blue, and red of the Confederate flag.

The Congress of the Confederate States had a short time before adopted a design for their flag, and a large and elegant model had just been completed, the first ever made, which was intended to be unfurled from the roof of the Capitol. This flag the President had sent, as the gift of the country, to be the windingsheet of General Jackson.

During the remainder of the day the body lay in state, and was visited by fully twenty thousand persons-the women bringing flowers, until not only the bier was covered, but the table on which it rested overflowed with piles of these numerous tributes of affection.

At the hour appointed for closing the doors the multitude was still streaming in, and an old wounded soldier was seen pressing forward to take his last look at the

Memoirs of Stonewall Jackson by his widow, Mary Anna Jackson (continued)

face of his loved commander. He was told that he was too late-the casket was then being closed for the last time, and the order had been given to clear the hall. He still endeavored to advance, when one of the marshals threatened to arrest him if he did not obey orders. The old soldier hereupon lifted up the stump of his mutilated arm, and with tears streaming from his eyes, exclaimed: "By this arm which I lost for my country, I demand the privilege of seeing my general once more." The kind heart of Governor Letcher was so touched by this appeal that at his intercession the old soldier's petition was granted. The tears which were dropped over his bier by strong men and gentle women were the most true and honorable tributes that could be paid him, and even little children were held up by their parents that they might reverently behold his face and stamp his name upon their memories.

While all these public demonstrations were taking place in the Capitol, how different was the scene in my darkened chamber, near by! A few loving friends came to mingle their tears with mine, among whom was my motherly friend, Mrs. William N. Page, and my eldest brother, Major W. W. Morrison, arrived that day from North Carolina. Both of these dear ones accompanied me on the remainder of the sad pilgrimage to Lexington. I also received a precious visit from the Rev. Dr. T. V. Moore, whom I had never met before, but his winning gentleness of face, his selections of the most comforting passages of Scripture- such as the 14th chapter of John, beginning, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me"-and his fervent, touching prayer could not have been more grateful and soothing proving balm, indeed, to my wounded, crushed heart. I never saw him again, but he, too, has long since joined that "army of the living God,"

"Part of whose host have crossed the flood, And part are crossing now."

Little Julia was an object of great interest to her father's friends and admirers, and so numerous were the requests to see her that Hetty, finding the child growing worried at so much notice and handling, sought a refuge beyond the reach of the crowd. She ensconced herself, with her little charge, close to the wall of the house, underneath my window in the back yard, and there I heard her crooning, and bewailing that "people would give her baby no rest. On Wednesday morning we again set out on our protracted funeral journey, going by the way of Gordonsville to Lynchburg, and all along the route, at every station at which a stop was made, were assembled crowds of people, and many were the floral offerings handed in for the bier. His child was often called for, and, on several occasions, was handed in and out of the car windows to be kissed.

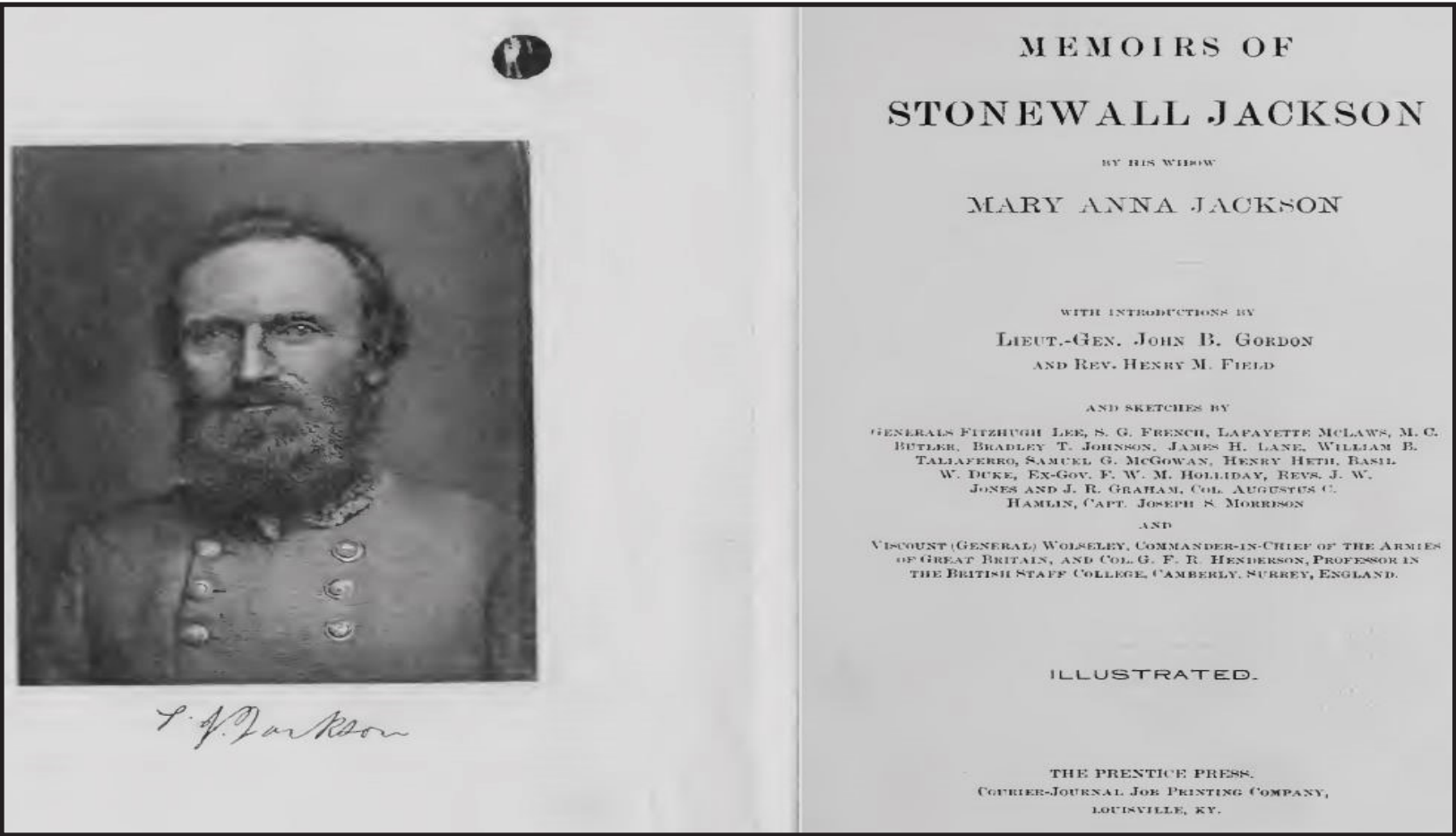
No stop was made at Lynchburg, but a vast throng was there to attest their interest and affection, and to present flowers. Here we took the canal-boat which was to convey us to Lexington, and on Thursday evening, with our precious burden, we reached the little village which had been so dear to him, and where his body was now to repose until "the last trump shall sound" and "this mortal shall have put on immortality."

At Lexington our pastor, Dr. White, and our friends and neighbors met us in tears and sorrow. The remains were taken in charge by the corps of cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, and carried to the lecture-room where General Jackson, while professor, had taught for ten years, and were guarded during the night by his former pupils.

On Friday, May 15th, the body was again escorted by the officers and cadets of the Institute, together with the citizens, to the Presbyterian Church, in which he had so loved to worship, where the services were conducted in the simplest manner by the pastor and other visiting ministers. Conspicuous among these was General Jackson's valued friend, Dr. Ramsey, of Lynchburg, who offered a prayer of wonderful pathos. The hymn "How blest the righteous when he dies!" was sung, after which Dr. White read the 15th chapter of I. Corinthians – that sublime description of the resurrection of Christ and of the believer; and then delivered an address, which was as just and appropriate as it was heartfelt and affecting. The casket, followed by a long procession of people, from far and near, was borne to the cemetery, and, with military honors, was at last committed to the grave.

The spot where he rests is "beautiful for situation"--the gentle eminence commanding the loveliest views of peaceful, picturesque valleys, beyond which, like faithful sentinels, rise the everlasting hills.

My pastor took me to his own home, and never could the loving-kindness and sympathy of true hearts be exceeded by that of himself, his family, and the good people of Lexington to me, in this hour of deepest affliction and bereavement. When the time came for my sad departure from my once happy, married home, the noble people of Virginia extended to me every kindness. I was provided with two escorts to convey me to my father's home in North Carolina; one of General Jackson's staff being detailed by the military authorities to attend me; and the Virginia Military Institute, wishing to do honor to the name of its late professor, also sent one of his colleagues upon the same mission. I mention these facts simply in token of gratitude, and realizing that these and all the tributes paid to my hero-husband are but evidences of the love and veneration in which his name and memory are enshrined in the hearts of his countrymen, and of the good and noble of all lands.





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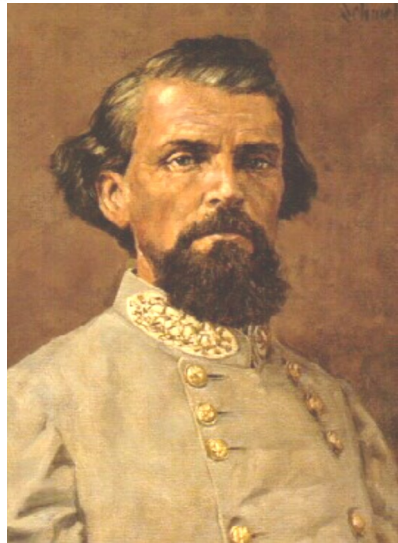
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and who have only one object in view - to enrich themselves."**

~ Nathan Bedford Forrest, in an interview shortly after the War

INTRODUCTION OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION GUARDIAN PROGRAM

Issued by: GEORGIA DIVISION COMMANDER - Timothy Pilgrim

Gentlemen,

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

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

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

Each Guardian will have to submit an application to Commander Edge

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

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

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



Georgia Guardian Program Application

Applicant Name: _____

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Applicant Signature: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

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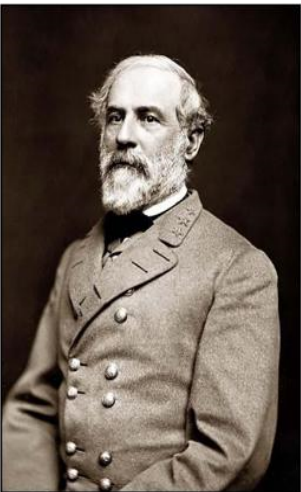
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