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Georgia's Attorney General Chris Carr has Filed Motions to Dismiss the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) and interested citizens' Lawsuits

Confederate Memorial to be returned to Arlington National Cemetery

U.S. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth announced Tuesday that a Confederate memorial will be returned to Arlington National Cemetery, following its removal in 2023.

The controversial sculpture, also called the "Reconciliation Monument," is being returned as part of President Donald Trump's administration's broader effort to bring back statues and other memorials honoring the Confederacy.

"It never should have been taken down by woke lemmings. Unlike the Left, we don't believe in erasing American history — we honor it," SOD Pete Hegseth said in a statement posted this week on social media.

The sculpture, unveiled in 1914, was created by Confederate veteran Moses Ezekiel. See SOD Hegseth Page 5



**Congratulations to the Class of 2025
Georgia Confederate Christian Youth Camp**

50th ANNUAL CAPT. HENRY WIRZ MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 50th annual Captain Henry Wirz Memorial Service will be held in the town of Andersonville near the Wirz Monument on Saturday, November 8, at 2:00 p.m. It is annually sponsored by the Alexander H. Stephens SCV Camp 78 in Americus. The public is invited to attend. SEE PAGE 8.....

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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals 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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Confederate Memorial Day - April & May 2025



Annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at the Worth County Courthouse, Sylvester on April 12. Pastor Weaver was our guest speaker.

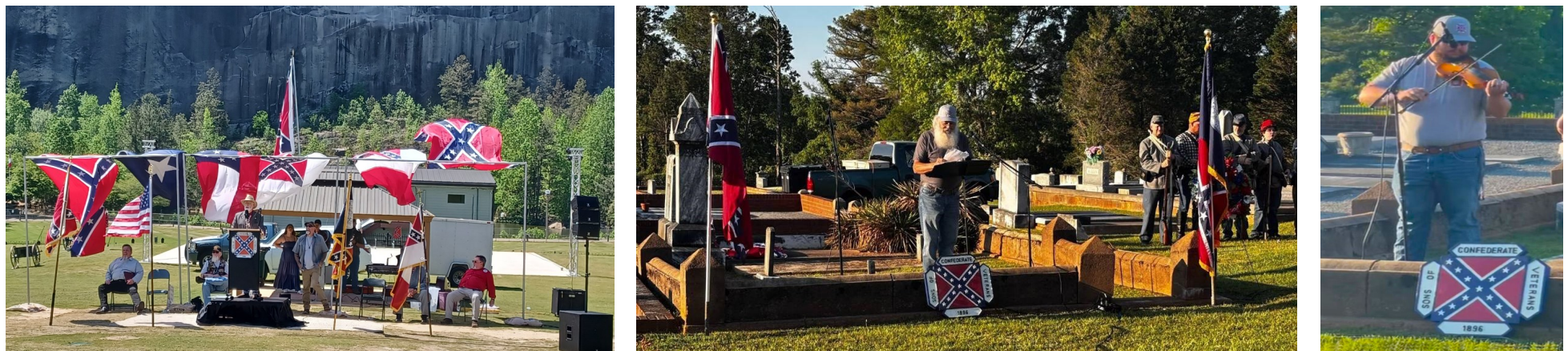
UDC Kennesaw Chapter 321 at the Marietta Confederate Cemetery; supported by Kennesaw Battlefield 700 and Gen. Leonidas Polk 1446.



David W. Payne Camp 1633 conducted the annual Confederate Memorial Day ceremony on April 26th, at the Union County War Memorial Park in Blairsville. SCV 2nd Brigade Cdr. Michael Dean was the keynote speaker. Joining Camp 1633 were members of the Smith's Legion Chapter of the UDC.

Camp 91 Thomson Guards held its annual Confederate Memorial Day service at the Thomson Memorial Cemetery. The E. Porter Alexander Camp of Augusta led by Commander Ron Udell provided the infantry honor guard salute. The John C. Carter Camp of Waynesboro led by Compatriot Bernard Martin provided the artillery cannon honor salute.

Dr. David Hollingsworth was the guest speaker at the B/G John C. Carter Camp 207 Memorial Day service (April 26; Waynesboro Confederate Memorial Cemetery in Waynesboro, Georgia).



SCV Commander-in-Chief/Walter (Donnie) Kennedy was the keynote speaker at the Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Day event (April 19).

Col. John H. Baker 1705 celebrated Confederate Memorial Day on April 26 at the Eastview Cemetery in Zebulon, GA. 2nd Lt. Cdr. Al Medcalf spoke about this year's grave stone dedication for veteran Thomas Blasingame. Slade Gregory performed a beautiful slower version of "Dixie" on his fiddle.

Around the Confederacy - SCV MC Troop Fundraiser for Youth Camp



SCVMC Troop-3 Georgia Confederates Christian Youth Camp event at Jefferson Davis State Park GA raised \$3680.00 and everyone had a awesome time.

The Georgia Division Commander’s Report

Brothers,
Its been a busy few months, the Georgia Division had a successful 128th Division reunion in Perry. I appreciate the excellent turn out of Delegates and congratulate our new Brigade Commanders and our Lt. Division Commander North Michael Reither.

As you can see from the front page the SCV has filed two more lawsuits against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association for their violation of their legislative mandate to maintain Stone Mountain Memorial Park per its legal purpose as a memorial to the Confederacy.

Also we have received motions to dismiss from Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr for all our Stone Mountain lawsuits. Instead of defending state law and the citizens of Georgia he is more concern protecting the State bureaucrats that make up their on laws as they go. This guy is also running for the Governor of Georgia, if he doesn’t have the fortitude to stand up for Georgia’s Veterans monuments he is no friend of ours or any Georgian.

Good news the Arlington Confederate Monument is going to be return to its rightful place of honor thanks to Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth. MAGA

Please read the Urgent Call of Action to contact your State Senator & House Representative, we need to get SB 301 and HB 467 passed.

Below is the annual Georgia Division report of the 130th SCV National Reunion.

Sons of Confederate Veterans 130th Annual Reunion The Georgia Division 2024/25 Annual Report

Greetings from the Georgia Division,

I'm pleased to report the Georgia Division is stronger than ever. The Georgia Division remains the largest Division in our Confederation, serving over 3,200 members in 101 active Camps that are located through-out the largest State East of the Mississippi River.

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

We are still at the forefront protecting our Confederate Monuments. In May/2025 we filed a lawsuit against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA) for relocating the Memorial Flag Terrace to a lessor prominent location that is in violation of 50-3-1. We will be filing another lawsuit against the SMMA for placing woke exhibits in the museum in Memorial Hall that is a violation of their Legislative Mandate to maintain Stone Mountain Memorial Park as a Memorial to the Confederacy. Currently we have issued a Writ of Certiorari for the Glynn County monument removal case to the Georgia Supreme

Court for their consideration and the Gwinnett County lawsuit is now in the Georgia Court of Appeals. We still have our lawsuits pending in Superior Courts in Muscogee, Henry, Rockdale, DeKalb, and Richmond counties.

It has been (7) seven years since the Georgia Division created a separate 501c4 organization that allows the 501c4 organization to engage in funding unlimited lobbyist and legislative activities without involving the SCV's 501c3 status. A separate 527 Political Action Committee has been created called the Veterans Memorial Coalition, Inc. to help support candidates and legislation that support Veterans monuments.

Two new monument protection housekeeping bills were filed with the Georgia General Assembly in the 2025 general session. House Bill 467 and Senate Bill 301, the Bills did make it out of committee, but didn’t make it to the House and Senate floor for a vote this session. These Bills roll-over to the 2026 general session and our Lobbyists feel confident that we should be able to get them to the House and Senate floor for a vote.

Since 2011 the Georgia Division has allocated approximately \$734,000 from our specialty tag funds to help our Camps fund local Heritage projects and Division wide projects. Currently (3) acres in Dahlonge, Ga. has been donated to the Division that we are looking to development it to move the home of Confederate Captain McDonald of the Blue Ridge Rifles to this property and build a pavilion for our members, and guest who want to visit the Captain McDonald House.

The Georgia Division is pleased to announce the creation of SCV Branch Services Infantry and Cannoneer Metals for the service of our uniform reenactors. These Metals were created to award these Soldiers for attending and supporting SCV events in their uniforms. Our uniformed Soldiers represent our Confederate Ancestors and helps us tell the story of what our organization is all about and add authentically to our events.

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

I'm proud to say this is the 9th year the Georgia Division Headquarters Office has been in operation. Maintaining a Division HQ Office has been a key element in taking our Division to the next level of growth. Our Division Office is managed by our Division Secretary Rosie Price, who answers the phone and emails, updates our rosters, make deposits, issue donation thank you letters, file our Camps 990 eforms to the IRS and packages/mail purchases from our Division store. We continue to operate an on-line store making available Confederate Flags, Tags, Stick Flags, lapel pins, metals and historical literature



and CDs. Please visit our Division's web-site at www.gascv.org to see the store items we have to offer.

Our Camps are aggressively recruiting new members through advertisement initiatives like our recruiting road side signs, the implementation of our associate membership program, having a Division Genealogist on staff and having a Division Head-Quarters Camp for new members who are looking for a home Camp. The Division has implemented a DocuSign membership application on our Division web-page that allows potential members fill out the SCV application and pay at the same time, thus making the new membership process convenience for the new members once their Confederate Ancestor has been verified.

The Georgia Division continues to maintain our 13 large Division Flag poles across the State of Georgia. The Division purchases these oversize Battle Flags for these Division poles and distributes them to the local Camps that maintain these poles.

As of Date the Georgia Division has distributed over 330,000 "Truth Concerning the Confederate Battle Flag" CDs by Pastor John Weaver throughout the Confederation and the Country. These CDs are distributed by the Division at our bulk purchase cost of .35 cents each which makes our minimum order of 100 CDs for \$35 plus shipping very affordable for individuals and Camps to distribute to folks who need a history lesson and all they have to do is listen. These CD are available at our Division store.

The Georgia Division fully supports the Georgia Confederates Christian Youth Camp and congratulates the Youth Camp on their 10th year of successful operations proving a week of Southern Heritage programs to the Campers. The Division supports the Youth Camp through Georgia Division Camp donations and Mechanized Calvary Benefit Rides to help these young Campers attend a full week of Southern /Confederate Heritage education curriculum.

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

Live the Charge,
Timothy F. Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander



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• **September 20, 2025**
Ole Times Country Buffet
1343 Gray Hwy., Macon 31211
• **January 17, 2026**
R.E. Lee Birthday Event
3380 Jeff Davis Park Rd.
Fitsgerald, Ga. 31750
• **June 6, 2026**
Georgia Fairgrounds, Heritage Hall
Perry, Ga.



- Compatriot Robert L. Williams**
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Camp 1929
- Compatriot Michael Steven Weis**
B/General John C. Carter
Camp 207
- Compatriot Edgar Randolph Hensley**
B/General John C. Carter
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- Compatriot George Edward Thurmond**
Roswell Mill
Camp 1547
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- Compatriot Kenneth Dwayne Voyles**
Franklin Rangers
Camp 2334



Press Releases from the Front Page

On July 1, 2025 the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans filed a Petition for Writ of Injunction against the Stone Mountain Memorial Association.

For Immediate Release:

In what may well be one of the most important lawsuits filed by the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is taking on the “woke” changes being made to the Memorial Hall at Georgia’s Stone Mountain Memorial Park in DeKalb County.

The Georgia Division, the Stone Mountain camp and concerned citizens have filed for an injunction to stop the blatant violation of Georgia’s law. (See Official Code of Georgia Annotated Sections 50-3-1 and 12-3-190 et seq.)

The Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA), acting on behalf of the State of Georgia, has contracted with Warner Museums to completely change the exhibits at Memorial Hall. It is relying on an \$11 million bond issue to finance these changes. Thus the taxpayers of the entire State bear the ultimate burden of wiping their history out and disobeying the law.

As you might guess from the names, The Stone Mountain MEMORIAL Association is charged by Georgia law with memorializing the Confederacy. One way this was done was the exhibits in MEMORIAL Hall at the Park.

The exact language governing the purposes of the Park state that the SMMA shall be “maintaining, managing and operating ... Stone Mountain as a Confederate memorial and public recreational area....”

Instead, the new proposals (see the attached plan) completely drop any memorial of the Confederacy and make the Memorial Hall over into an attack on the South and a civil rights museum. (It is worth noting that the greater Atlanta area already has at least (10) ten civil rights museums.)

The proposal calls for all blame for the War to be attributed to the South. Slavery comes in for frequent mention with a new twist: the presence of slavery was seen as a “threat” to “many in the free states....”

Even the Federal soldiers will come in for a hit as they failed to fully recognize the contributions of African-Americans toward winning the war. The Union military was composed of 7% African-Americans.

The exhibits will cover Reconstruction – certainly outside the law. In addition, it plans to talk about the Ku Klux Klan, the movie “Birth of a Nation,” segregation and, of course, the civil rights movement. A section will even be dedicated to a black section of the City of Stone Mountain called “Shermantown.”

Warner is so enthusiastic in remaking the Park that it has volunteered to construct a memorial garden – but only to memorialize civil rights leaders.

Back in the days of the George Floyd excitement there was much pressure to remove all Confederate memorials and monuments. When this was brought to the attention of Georgia’s attorney general, Chris Carr, he responded with an anodyne press release saying that we had a law to protect the monuments. As the lead prosecutor of the State, he took no action to uphold the law leaving it to private organizations and citizens to take up the task at their own expense.

Now that lawsuits have been filed against the State and agencies Carr is acting to defend removal of flags and is expected to defend the Warner revisionism.

This lawsuit makes clear that only the people of Georgia themselves can keep their history intact; we can not rely on Attorney General Chris Carr.

It also makes clear that we must improve and further strengthen the law of Georgia.

The Stone Mountain cases matter to all Georgians across the state and all historically minded people in the nation.

Please take a few minutes to review the attached documents to see the outrages which have been paid for by your money and defended by Attorney General Chris Carr.

Please call, email, and write Attorney General Chris Carr’s office and ask him to start protecting Georgia’s veterans monuments per State Code 50-3-1 and stop the illegal removal of the monuments at Stone Mountain Memorial State Park and the woke illegal changes that the SMMA is making at the Park.

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 **Secretary of Def...**      

@SecDef

I’m proud to announce that Moses Ezekiel’s beautiful and historic sculpture — often referred to as “The Reconciliation Monument” — will be rightfully be returned to Arlington National Cemetery near his burial site.

It never should have been taken down by woke lemmings. Unlike the Left, we don’t believe in erasing American history—we honor it.

PLEASE CONSIDER WRITING AND THANKING

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Carr is defending the removal of the Confederate flags from a prominent location and changing the whole focus and theme of the Museum at the Park.

Georgia law states that flags are a monuments and shall not be removed except under certain circumstance and then placed in a location of “similar prominence.”

The Museum is being stripped of all its Confederate memorial materials and being converted into, among other themes, a civil rights museum.

The legislative mandate of the Park is that it shall be maintained as a Confederate memorial and a natural habitat preserve.

You may recall that in 2020 when asked if he would defend monuments under the then just-amended Monument Protection act (O.C.G.A. Section 50-3-1), Attorney General Chris Carr issued a statement that the Attorney General could support STATE MONUMENTS under O.C.G.A. Section 50-3-1. He also agreed that private entities could bring an action “in certain circumstances.”

In his motions to dismiss, Carr now argues that private citizens cannot support holding government agencies responsible for violations and he not only refuses to do so but now opposes citizens acting under the law.

Here is important part of his 2020 statement:

July 01, 2020

ATLANTA, GA - The Office of the Attorney General is providing the following information related to damaging, destroying, replacing or removing monuments as embodied by the General Assembly in Georgia law. Georgia law contemplates monuments located on state government property, local government property and private property and provides both civil and criminal remedies for those which have been damaged, destroyed, *unlawfully replaced or removed* [Emphasis added].

Primary prosecutorial authority for any criminal actions regarding local monuments which may violate state law is given to the appropriate district attorney or solicitor general.

A private entity can also bring actions in certain circumstances. [Emphasis added.]

It is worth noting that Attorney General Chris Carr has *never* acted to defend *any* monuments. When the rubber hit the road regarding Stone Mountain - a STATE PARK dedicated to two purposes by law (a Confederate Memorial and a natural resource habitat) - Carr's issued a new position as reported in *Atlanta News First* on August 8, 2025:

“ATLANTA, Ga. (Atlanta News First) - Georgia Attorney General Chris Carr has filed several motions to dismiss lawsuits against the state over complaints filed by a confederacy group over Stone Mountain Park.

““Carr, who is also running for governor in 2026, argued lawsuits against the state are “generally barred by sovereign immunity.” [Apparently, he is forgetting the Constitutional Amendment of 2020 repealing Sovereign Immunity. But he will not defend the monuments and indeed, is defending the changes to the Park.]

“Under the Georgia Constitution, ‘sovereign immunity can only be waived by an act of the General Assembly which specifically provides that sovereign immunity is waived and the extend of such waiver,’” one motion states.

“Carr also argues the group’s claims are “time-barred,” “lack standing,” and otherwise “cannot successfully assert their causes of action for multiple reasons.” [If the SCV and the citizens "lack standing," shouldn't he act instead as he promised in 2020?]"

One must wonder about the two faces that our Attorney General has shown on the issue of historical monuments.

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GEORGIA DIVISION, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS LEGAL FIGHTS STATUS

REPORT WRITTEN FOR THE 128TH ANNUAL REUNION, BY LITIGATION DIRECTOR MARTIN K. O'TOOLE

Commander Pilgrim, Officers of the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and Compatriots:

I am sorry that I can not be present in person to make this report and answer any questions about the state of our Heritage Offensive, but I did not want to miss the chance to update you on the progress of our fight.

In a nutshell, since our enemies (I can not show the restraint of the sainted Robert E. Lee and merely refer to them as “those people”) are much like rust and work to create decay around the clock and without ceasing. Our resistance must at least as continuous if not more so. If we lose, all is lost. If they are defeated, they return with their war chests of taxpayer money, tax exempt foundation dough and the unreserved support of the corporate media and the academic establishment.

But we continue to show the colors and have not been driven from the field. At the moment, we have never won a case at the trial level. When a Superior Court case goes up to the Court of Appeals, we have never won on the first hearing. But we have always won before the Supreme Court. What is more, since the first victory before the Supreme Court in 2022 no one city or county has removed a monument.

(Permit me to interrupt this legal discussion to emphasize that next legislative session in 2026 we will be pressing for further improvements on our Heritage Protection statute to bullet-proof our future. Stay tuned for details on this.)

What is our present status?

We have ten cases presently in the Courts and one in an interesting political posture. Taken in alphabetical order they are as follows:

Augusta – Richmond County, Georgia. This involves the change of the name of the Jefferson Davis bridge over the Savannah River. We have also raised the issues of other proposed censorious actions such as removing two Confederate Monuments and renaming the Calhoun Expressway and the Gordon Highway. At present we are awaiting the judge’s signature on a consent order that has been pending for quite some time. As the City-County Commission has taken no action and seems uninterested in defending the Petition, we are not pressing this case at the moment under the theory of allowing sleeping dogs to continue to snooze.

City of Brunswick, Georgia. As is usual, the judge in this case has granted a motion to dismiss. His order, in our opinion, is one of the weakest we have ever seen, and the case is up on appeal. Not only that, but several powerful members of the General Assembly have filed an Amicus Curie brief with the Supreme Court supporting us and demanding that the trial judge be reversed. The Brunswick case could be the most important one presently in the courts and we are honored to have members of the General Assembly agree with us. This should cause the Supreme Court members to give particular attention to this case.

Columbus-Muscogee County, Georgia. The judge in this case delayed for months before ruling on the City-County’s motion to dismiss. Then he did not send a copy of his order dismissing the case to either the defendant or the SCV. The City-County attorney asked us if we had a copy as they did not. The law is quite clear in these circumstances. The judge *must* set aside the order and then give us an opportunity to appeal. We have made that demand and – guess what – nothing has happened yet.

City of Cuthbert, Georgia. The City of Cuthbert has a very limited budget and once we filed suit, they approached us and entered into an agreement that the parties would be bound by whatever the final resolution of monument cases turned out to be. Therefore, the litigation in this case is stayed until we finish up all the other cases. We think this a good posture since it costs neither party any money and we would both be bound anyway by the final resolution of the Supreme Court of Georgia. The passage of time, as in other cases, has softened the interest of radicals to attack monuments as their attention has been diverted to other hysterias. Cuthbert is quiet. Who

was George Floyd again?
DeKalb County, Georgia. Again, the trial court has ruled against us, and we have this case on appeal. It is different from every other case because retired Judge Clarence Seeliger ordered the removal of the monument from the Old Courthouse Square because it was a “nuisance.” “Nuisance” tightly defined in Georgia law and this ought to be overturned. But, in the meantime a monument to John Lewis has been erected on the spot. Is that monument a “nuisance.” The ruling of the Superior Court against us is on appeal.

Gwinnett County, Georgia. Once again, the trial court has ruled against us and this case is also on appeal. Once again, the trial court judge paid no attention to the repeal of the defense of sovereign immunity which 73% of Georgia voters approved before the monument was removed. We look with confidence to the Supreme Court reversing this.

Henry County, Georgia. This case was sent down to the Superior Court by the Supreme Court and we have amended and refiled.

Rockdale County, Georgia. Just as in Henry County, this case was returned by the Supreme Court. We have amended it and refiled.

Stone Mountain Memorial Association and the State of Georgia. We have just filed two lawsuits: (1) a Petition for Writ of Injunction against the State of Georgia and (2) a Petition for Writ of Mandamus against Rev. Abraham Mosely and Bill Stephens of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA). These suits are about the removal of the Confederate flags from the most traveled part of the Park to an isolated spot which the CEO bragged to the media was more obscure. Using injunction and mandamus is a new tactic in that we hope to get a ruling from the trial court rather than a jury verdict. If we can restrict these actions to a question of law, we are more likely to get a favorable action from the Court of Appeals or, even more likely, the Supreme Court than a DeKalb County jury. (DeKalb County voted about 75% for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Any jury could be expected to be bitterly hostile to the SCV.)

Another lawsuit shall be filed shortly against the **SMMA**, its officers and the State of Georgia seeking to bar the removal of the Confederate material from display and replacing them with a virtual civil rights museum. This action is outside the legislated authority of the SMMA and thus illegal. An interesting political angle has come up in the Newton County case. Our most active enemy there, the County Commission Chairman, Marcello Banes, was removed from office after corruption accusations were made against him. His replacement is considering getting rid of the litigation by entering into an agreement with the SCV to lease the monument to the SCV while agreeing to continue to protect and, if necessary, maintain it. If this is done, the issue will go away, and we will have won.

We have continued this fight only because of the iron determination of the members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and our supporters. We must resist our foes who have the use of both taxpayers’ money and tax-exempt foundations’ money. Despite the overwhelming odds against us, we have kept up the fight and been able to make important legal milestones changing the legal landscape of Georgia.

We have helped to get sovereign immunity repealed in Georgia. We have gotten rid of the federal standing requirements in Georgia state courts. More than any other group in recent Georgia history we have helped to open the doors to the Courthouse to the public. We need to continue the fight to make sure that the final step is successfully achieved: that Official Code of Georgia Section 50-3-1, the Monument Protection law, is enforced and even strengthened.

So, permit me to thank all our members who have supported the Heritage Offensive in the past. The next campaign may well see us win the final victory.

Martin K. O’Toole
Georgia Division Spokesman
Division Litigation Director

“URGENT CALL TO ACTION”

SENATE BILL 301 AND HOUSE BILL 467 ROLL OVER TO THE 2026 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

After 6 years of litigating the illegal removal of our Confederate Veterans monuments it became apparent that there are some modifications needed in our current monument protection laws 50-3-1 to close out some loopholes used by our adversaries and also make some legal clarifications to the law to eliminate any ambiguities.

During the 2025 Legislative Session we were able to get Senate Bill 301 entered by our friend Senator Rick Williams and House Bill 467 by our friend and SCV member Alan Powell. Both these Bills are the same, they are duplicates in case if one of them fails to make to the floor of the Senate or House the other acts as a back-up. These Bills were filed midway through the 2025 session and unfortunately wasn't able to make cross-over day to be voted on.

At the start of the 2026 Legislative Session in January both this Bills will rolled over and in committee. This gives us an opportunity now to contract our State Senators and House Representative to ask them to support these “house keeping” measures to strengthen our monument protection laws.

We need all members of the Sons of Confederates and our supporters to reach out to their local State Senators and House Representative between now and January 1, 2026 to ask them to support Senate Bill 301 and House Bill 467. Please reach to them and ask if you can come meet with them at their local district office, maybe ask them out for lunch. Give them a copy of SB 301 or HB 467 and ask if they will support this critical legislation. Below are the primary goals of these Bills to discuss with them. While you are there mention the deplorable conditions of the Memorial Carving at Stone Mountain and the illegal changes the SMMA is making Stone Mountain Memorial Park. State elections are in 2026 don't hesitate to make a campaign contribution if you can, it shows we support them.

Primary goals of Senate Bill 301 & House Bill 467:

- Codifies the Supreme Court decision of October 25, 2022.
- Promotes judicial economy by returning injunctive relief as a specific remedy.
- Conforms all definitions uniformly throughout the Code Section.
- Clarifies misdemeanor responsibility for Code violations.
- Provides a tool for cities and counties to relocate monuments by offering them to 3rd party interested parties to relocate them when all litigation fails.

If you are unable to schedule a meeting with them then please 1. Send them a letter asking them to support, 2. email them, 3. Call their office, do all three they will be handled separately. If you don't know who your State Senator or Representative are go to <https://pluralpolicy.com/find-your-legislator/> and type in your address. If that doesn't work email Tim Pilgrim at timfpilgrim@yahoo.com.

We handed out copies of SB 301 and HB 467 at the Georgia Division Reunion, if you need copies of them emailed to you just email timfpilgrim@yahoo.com or call the Division Office at (478) 305-7862 and we will get them to you.

Brothers now is our time to take action, we have to get our monument protection laws firmed up now while we have a conservative majority in the State House please make every effort to contact your State Senator & House Representative.

If you all can contact and thank,

- Senate Rick Williams, 1670 N Jefferson St. , Milledgeville, Ga. 31061, (404) 656-0082, rickwilliams@senate.ga.gov
- Representative Alan Powell, 3059 Ridge Road, Hartwell, Ga. 30643, (404) 463-3793, alan.powell@house.ga.gov

They are strong supporter of our Veterans Monument and need our support as well.

CAPT. HENRY WIRZ MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 50th annual Captain Henry Wirz Memorial Service will be held in the town of Andersonville near the Wirz Monument on Saturday, November 8, at 2:00 p m. It is annually sponsored by the Alexander H. Stephens SCV Camp 78 in Americus. The public is invited to attend. The Service is held each year to honor the memory of Captain Henry Wirz, Commandant of Andersonville Prison in 1864-65, and to remember the injustice of his trial and execution.

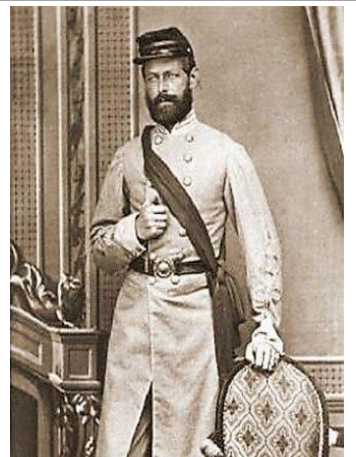
The guest speaker for this years' Service is SCV Commander-in-Chief Donnie Kennedy. National and State officers for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Order of the Confederate Rose, and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars are planning to attend.

The first annual Memorial Service on November 10, 1976, was organized by Real Son Arthur Park from Orlando, Florida. His father was a Confederate soldier with Capt. Wirz at Andersonville Prison. A Memorial Service has been held in Andersonville in November every year since then.

After the War Between the States ended, Capt. Wirz was arrested and taken to Washington where he was put on trial before a U. S. Military Tribunal. He was found guilty on several charges involving alleged abuse of prisoners, including the murder of 13 of them. Of the 13, nobody of a prisoner was ever produced, nor was the name of any prisoner ever given. He was sentenced to death and was hanged on November 10, 1865. Many historians have said that his trial was the most unfair ever held in the United States, and under today's legal standards, the case would have been thrown out of court.

Passions against the South were so strong in the North that Capt. Wirz' body was mutilated, and his skull was exhibited around the country. It took his attorney four years to collect enough body parts to have a burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Washington. To this day in 2025, the bones of one of his arms are on PUBLIC EXHIBIT in a museum in Maryland.

For more information about the Memorial Service, call or text James Gaston at 229-938-9115, or email gaston7460@bellsouth.net



New Compatriots and Awards



New Member Callen Cofty (left) inducted by Commander Nick Henley (right) at Lt. Lovett Allen Tully Camp 2071.



Joe Mangham accepts his camp award from 1st Lt Cdr Keith Edmonds (March 2025); Col J H Baker #1705



Brian Mullis is sworn in by GA North Lt. Al Medcalf Jr. (March 2025); Col J H Baker #1705



Clement A. Evans camp 64 commander/Branley Thrift welcomes new member Quitman Lee.



Tony Balest and Zach Roach were inducted into the 27th Georgia Camp 1404 by Cdr. Ralph Mills and Chaplin Doug Stephens.



Bobby Bradford (center) - Gilmer Light Guards #89 received a Brigade Appreciation award from Michael Dean (L) and Tim Pilgrim.



John B Gordon Memorial Camp swore in three new members (L-R): Camp Commander Kevin Swails, Randy Spoon, Chris Cochran, Jonathon Spoon, and Camp Lt. Commander D. W. "Bill" Compton.



Cdr. Kevin Swails presents Andrew Weeks with the Adjutant medal (John B Gordon Memorial Camp).



Robert Van Blackwell (L) and Larry Blair (R) received 12th Brigade awards from Michael Reither.

Hunter Lanier, when he turns 12 in April, will apply for an full SCV membership. His father is helping to equip him with a uniform (CSA Navy) and he is training to be a part of our Camp's Color Guard. He is a part of our camp's Guardian program and he helps me place flags on Confederate graves here in our county. His father is an officer in our camp and is in charge of our Cemetery Committee. Since joining our camp they have attended last year's Lee Service, Alabama State Memorial Service, and Stone Mountain.



Braiden Gilbert, Capt James Knox Camp 2022/ Huey Ham Scholarship recipient has been accepted to the U.S. Air Force Academy; shown with Camp Commander Robert Smith and 7th Brigade Commander Hamp Tatum.



Gen. William J Hardee #1397 inducted three new members: John L. Shirley (Pvt. Josiah York); Austin Haygood (Pvt. Peter Mashburn); Bennie Jones (Pvt. Joshia York)



Gen. William J. Hardee #1397 inducted Jeffrey Grantham . His ancestor was Pvt. John Grantham; Co. C, 35th Georgia Infantry Regiment

Around the Confederacy



The 27th Georgia Camp 1404 flagged Confederate veteran graves in the Alta Vista cemetery in Gainesville, Georgia on March 22.



New plaques listing the newly found 16 names of Confederate unknowns by the Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp 863 at the Wall of Honor in Conyers Cemetery



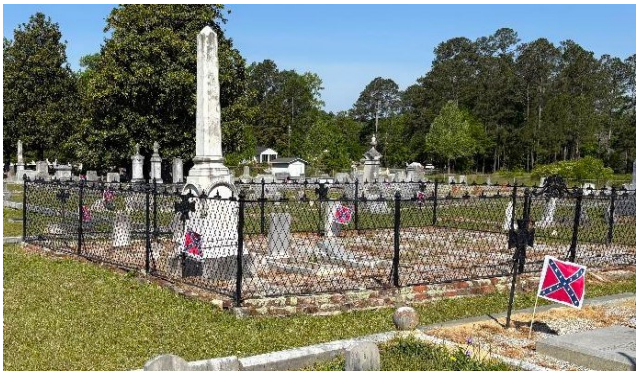
Members of the Blue Ridge Rifles, SCV Camp 1860, flag the 88 known Confederate Soldiers graves in Mt. Hope cemetery in Dahlonega, GA (March 22).



Lt. Cdr and 7th Brigade Cdr/Hamp Tatum presents compatriot John Lynn with the Meritorious Service Award and medal during Clement A. Evans Camp #64 Confederate Memorial Day Program in Waycross, GA.



Col. John H Baker Camp #1705 was well represented by its members at the Wysteria Festival in Williamson, GA (April 2025). Cdr. Scott Gilbert from the Sharpsburg Shooters camp dropped by (blue shirt in photo).



Camp 91 Thomson Guards recently marked Confederate grave at Thomson Memorial Cemetery in McDuffie County - the sites are aglow with a Confederate banner. Since the cemetery is prominently located on a main thoroughfare in Thomson, many citizens have the pleasure of viewing.



Mathew Talbot Nunnally #1671 flagged 410 graves in Walton and Gwinnett counties; this photo shows Rest Haven Cemetery (Monroe, GA). L-R: Cdr. Dobson, 1st LT Cannon, Corporal Moncada, Chaplin Stills, Sgt. of Arms Collins, compatriots Ford, and Williams.



Camp McDonald 1552 visited the battle flag of the 3rd GA Infantry Regt at the state capital museum . L-R: Lt.-Commander Herschel Collins, Cdr. David Meyer, and Adj. Nick Tucker; see page 15.



The GA 10th Brigade; Camp 1705, Col John H Baker, Pike Co. and the Camp 517, Gen. Henry L. Benning, Muscogee Co, and the Georgia Grave Savers all participated in a joint workday at the Mulberry Cemetery in LaGrange, GA.



Camp 1860 "Blue Ridge Rifles" held its annual Confederate Memorial service April 12th dedicating a Southern Cross of Honor to Captain H.D. Price who was mortally wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg. Thanks to the 2nd Brigade and the 2nd Brigade Honor Guard for a great turn out to honor this Southern hero.

128th Georgia Division Reunion; Perry, GA - June 7, 2025



SCV Compatriots from across the state gathered in Heritage Hall at the Georgia National Fairgrounds on June 7, 2025 to conduct our annual business and officer elections.



Congratulations to the Georgia Camp of the Year: Colonel John H. Baker Camp 1705



Georgia Confederate of the Year Jack Cowart (right) accepts the award from Cdr. Tim Pilgrim.



Mixon Carl Mixon (L) was awarded a Heritage Defense Medal



Keith Edmonson (left) was awarded a Distinguished Confederate of the Year award.



Gary Hattaway (center) was awarded a Distinguished Service

Compatriots of the SCV Georgia Division stand at the opening of the 128th Reunion at Heritage Hall (Perry, GA).



Around the Confederacy

A dedication of the only Confederate soldier monument was held on the privately owned property of Roy Mixon (Old Capitol camp 688). Cdr. Garry Daniel (Leonidas Polk, Grave Registration) was the guest speaker. A Confederate soldier statue and monument was unveiled to honor the men of Wilkinson County for their service; April 25, 2025.



Rocky Ferrara, Lt. Commander, Brig. Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy SCV Camp 18, Renee Sullivan, Ph.D., Sidney Lanier 25 UDC, Chapter Historian, and Peggy Dunning, Sidney Lanier 25 Chapter Registrar cleaned three plots containing Confederate soldiers at Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon, GA on May 25, 2025.

SCV GA Division - Marietta Independence Day Parade



All photos courtesy of:
Wesleigh Sagon
Thank you!

GEORGIA DIVISION CAMPS CALL TO ACTION TO GIVE TO OUR LEGAL DEFENSE		
158	Brig. Gen. E. Porter Alexander	\$ 25,388.30
700	Kennesaw Battlefield	\$ 17,816.00
91	Thomson Guards	\$ 14,059.00
1914	Maj. Gen. Ambrose R. Wright	\$ 11,332.00
1552	Camp McDonald	\$ 7,675.00
2102	Buckhead-Ft. Lawton Brigade	\$ 6,427.00
485	Thomas Marsh Forman	\$ 5,805.00
97	Brig. Gen. T.R.R. Cobb	\$ 5,465.00
941	Ogeechee Rifles	\$ 4,870.00
1404	27th GA Regiment	\$ 4,610.00
78	Alexander H. Stephens	\$ 4,500.00
18	Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr.	\$ 4,276.65
96	Maj. William E. Simmons	\$ 3,656.00
1432	The Confederate Memorial	\$ 3,097.00
1397	Gen. William J. Hardee	\$ 3,050.00
1724	Eli P. Landers	\$ 3,000.00
1633	David W. Payne Camp	\$ 2,955.00
1639	Chattahoochee Guards	\$ 2,762.00
1446	Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp	\$ 2,694.00
141	Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson	\$ 2,521.00
469	Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest	\$ 2,325.00
2200	Georgia Division HQ	\$ 2,315.00
2137	Barnesville Blues	\$ 2,300.00
1449	John B. Gordon Memorial	\$ 2,210.00
914	Cherokee Legion	\$ 2,182.01
926	Lt. Dickson L. Baker	\$ 2,150.00
1642	Col. Hiram Parks Bell	\$ 1,803.00
108	Col. Charles T. Zachry	\$ 1,762.00
915	Gen. Stand Watie	\$ 1,754.00
1289	General James Longstreet	\$ 1,754.00
674	John K. McNeil	\$ 1,660.00
2218	The Unknown Soldier	\$ 1,639.00
517	Gen. Henry L. Benning	\$ 1,520.00
688	Old Capitol	\$ 1,505.00
46	John B. Gordon	\$ 1,335.00
1399	Lt. James T. Woodward Camp	\$ 1,326.00
154	Tattnall Invincibles	\$ 1,290.00
107	John McIntosh Kell	\$ 1,262.00
64	Clement A. Evans	\$ 1,235.00
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
943	Lt. Col. Thomas C. Glover	\$ 954.00
1855	Calhoun Rifles	\$ 946.00
79	Gen. Lafayette McLaws	\$ 902.00
1929	Rabun Gap Riflemen	\$ 845.00
670	Col. Wm. H. Stiles Warren-Aiken	\$ 750.00

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2039	Pine Barrens Volunteers	\$ 725.00
680	Col. Edmund N. Atkinson	\$ 670.00
682	Jefferson Davis Cowboys	\$ 655.00
2164	Montgomery Sharpshooters	\$ 640.00
1807	Ochlocknee Rifles	\$ 600.00
1859	Joseph McConnell	\$ 572.00
918	Appling County Grays	\$ 542.00
1729	Sharpsburg Sharpshooters	\$ 504.00
707	State of Dade	\$ 500.00
1607	Steward/Webster Camp	\$ 500.00
2600	Immortal Six Hundred	\$ 426.00
549	Black Creek Volunteers	\$ 382.00
1705	Col. John H. Baker	\$ 361.00
1977	Private John Ingraham	\$ 330.00
2135	Concord Rangers	\$ 310.00
105	Captain Charles W. Baldwin	\$ 300.00
2071	Lt. Lovett A. Tully	\$ 295.00
207	B.G. John C. Carter	\$ 290.00
715	Wm. Thos. Overby Guards	\$ 255.00
1942	Dixie Guards	\$ 250.00
716	Habersham Guard	\$ 210.00
1901	Ebenezer Rifles	\$ 209.00
1386	McLeod-Mooring Camp	\$ 200.00
671	Gen. Joseph E. Johnston	\$ 125.00
2314	C.S.S. Chattahoochee	\$ 110.00
942	Greene Rifles	\$ 100.00
1919	B/G Robert H. Anderson	\$ 73.00
599	John B. Gordon	\$ 60.00
104	Capt. Hardy B. Smith	\$ 40.00
1602	Major Mark Newman	\$ 40.00
1418	52nd Georgia Regiment	\$ 30.00

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Georgia Division Branch Service Medals

Gentlemen,

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

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

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

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

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Branch Service Medal Application Form

Applicant's Name _____, Phone _____,

Email _____, Address _____

Check Service Branch Applying for _____ Infantry _____ Artillery

Camp or Sponsoring SCV Camp _____, Camp No. _____

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

Below is the list of instructions:

1. Dress out in a Confederate Soldier uniform for (10) ten Sons of Confederate (SCV) events.

2. SCV events include, but not limited to, Memorial Services, Parades, Living Histories, Public Reenactments, School events and Camp Recruitment events.

3. SCV Member Applicant must get their Camp Commander to sign off on each event.

4. Non SCV Member must be sponsored by an SCV Camp and have Camp Commander to sign off on each event.

5. Applicant can apply for multiple medals after each (10) events or receive a Silver Star after each (10) events.

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

Gentlemen,

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

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

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

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

Camp McDonald views Historic Battle Flag

On Wednesday May 7th three members of Camp McDonald 1552 of Cobb County took a trip to visit the Georgia state capitol in Atlanta. While there they were treated to a tour of the flag storage facility by the capitol museum collections manager, Ms. Karin Johnston Dalton. Of particular interest was the battle flag of the Third Georgia Infantry Regiment. Over twenty years ago Camp McDonald raised several thousand dollars to go toward the flag's conservation. This was the first time since the conservation that these members had seen the battle-scarred flag.

See photo on page 10.

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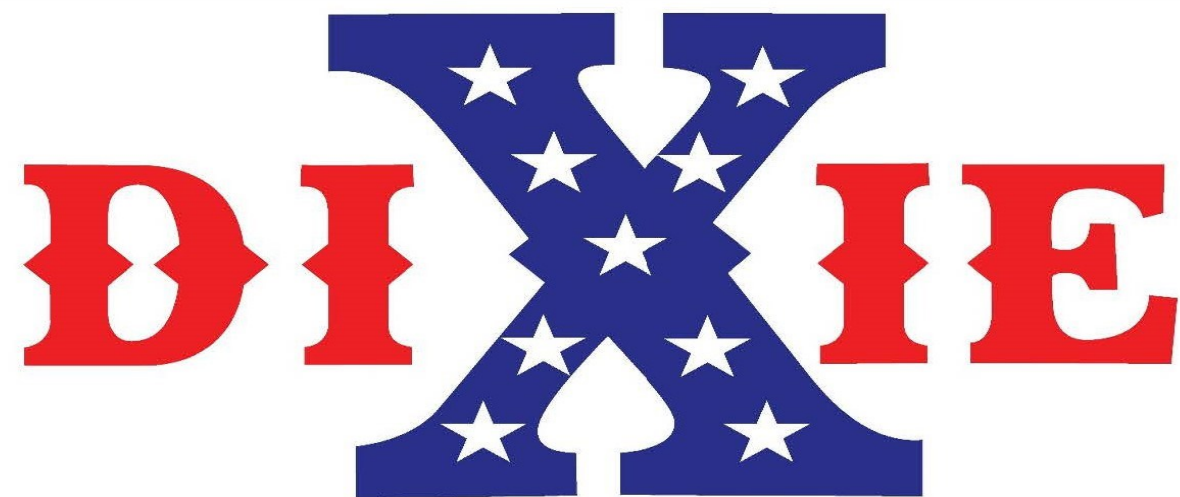


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Georgia Division Reunion
Minutes of June 7, 2025 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Commander Pilgrim, followed by the. Sergeant-at-Arms David Aderhold led the flag allegiance and salutes.
Roll Call was conducted. Present were the following:
Georgia Division Commander Timothy F. Pilgrim welcomed the attendees. Judge Advocate Dan Coleman was appointed Parliamentarian and proceeded to adopt the Order of Business. Division Adjutant Tim Hawkins presented the Credential Committee Report, which established a quorum and that official business could be conducted.

Commander Pilgrim then proceeded to provide a State of the Division Address. Included were updates of the legal issues that we are involved in, which has been largely quiet of late.

Division Adjutant Hawkins presented the budget updates and the proposed budge for the next year, which was adopted.

Division Secretary Rosie Price updated the reunion on the continued support provided to the camps and the book sales.

2nd Brigade Michael Dean spoke to the Lumpkin county project, which has existing site problems. Whether to proceed or expend additional funds is an issue.

Commander Bill Woods commented that the Toombs Camp Monument is moving toward completion by the end of the year, and encouraged those interested in support to purchase a commemorative brick for the plaza.

8th Brigade Commander Hershell Smith reported on the Confederate Christian Youth Camp, and the need to get a full roster of attendees for this summer’s session.

The meeting then proceeded to nominations for Brigade Officers. The successful nominees were as follows.
1st: Wendell Bruce
2nd: Walter Van
3rd: Charles Snelling
4th: Scott Dooley
5th: Thomas Holley
6th: William Hagin
7th: Preston Lewis
8th: Herschell Smith
9th: Jack Cowart
10th: Al Medcalf
11th: Terry Thomas
12th: Nick Tucker (excused)
13th: Tony Pilgrim

12th Brigade Commander Michael Reither was elected Lt. Division Commander North in special election to finish out the term of the late George Crawford.

Cmdr. Pilgrim then presented Division Awards:

- Georgia Confederate of the Year - Jack Cowart – 9th Brigade Commander
- Distinguished Commander of the Year – Keith Bryant Edmonson Camp 1705
- Camp of the Year – Col. John H. Baker Camp, Zebulon, Pike County
- SCV National Heritage Defense Medal was awarded to Com-patriot Carl Mixon for his hard work with the Augusta Confederate Monument & Jefferson Davis Memorial Bridge.

No resolutions were presented, so there proceeded a motion to adjourn, benediction, and the singing of Dixie to close the reunion.

Georgia Division Executive Committee
Minutes of June 7, 2025 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Commander Pilgrim, followed by the Invoca-tion and flag salutes
Roll Call was conducted. Present were the following:
Timothy F. Pilgrim – Georgia Division Commander
Michael Reither – 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
Wendell Bruce – 1st Brigade Commander
Walter Vann – 2nd Brigade Commander
Charley Snelling – 3rd Brigade Commander
William Scott Dooley – 4th Brigade Commander
Thomas Holley – 5th Brigade Commander
William Hagin – 6th Brigade Commander
Preston Lewis – 7th Brigade Commander
Hershell Smith – 8th Brigade Commander
Jack Cowart – 9th Brigade Commander
Joseph Alfred Medcalf, Jr. – 10th Brigade Commander
Teddy Thomas – 11th Brigade Commander
Nick Tucker – 12th Brigade Commander (excused)
Tony Pilgrim – 13th Brigade Commander
Scott K. Gilbert, Jr. – Immediate Past Division Commander
Judge Advocate – Dan Coleman

Adoption of previous minutes

The minutes of the January 2025 Executive Council Meeting were adopted.

Division Reports:

Division Commander- Tim Pilgrim

Commander Pilgrim stated that the reports were presented to the reunion immedi-ately preceding.

Brigade Commander Reports

Most brigade commanders had no issues to report.

7th Brigade: 171 flags were placed in the cemetery, as well as grave cleaning ef-forts.
8th Brigade: Commander Hershell Smith reported that \$785 was raised for the Georgia Confederate Christian Youth Camp during the reunion.
9th Brigade: Grave registration is not being maintained.
10th Brigade reported that things are going well with the city of La Grange and their cemetery restoration.
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:
Commander Pilgrim stated that dues statements are going out with a due date of July 18.

The issue of past member (Corey Harris), who is not a current member in good standing being voted out of his home Camp, has been problematic with respect to his actions, as he continues to create issues for the SCV that is unbecoming of a SCV member. A motion was made that the Georgia Division prepares a letter to National to insist that this individual is barred from membership in the Georgia Division SCV in perpetuity. Motion was brought forth and approved unanimously.

The next Executive Council Meeting was set for September 20, 2025 at Ole Times Country Buffet in Macon.

The meeting ended with a benediction and the singing of Dixie!

A Personal Tribute to a Fallen Comrade - Joe Jordan

I first met Joe in 2013 at an Atlanta Civil War Round Table meeting. We became friends instantly because of our mutual interest in the Confederate Navy. At the time Joe was involved with a group who were organizing a reenactment of the surrender of the CSS *Shenandoah* for November 6, 2015, the 150th anniversary, in Liverpool. He was frustrated because the leader of the group, who was retired army, was getting advice from a Vietnam Era navy veteran and neither of them knew anything about 19th-century navies. Joe got me involved and together we started getting the group on the right track. Joe's character in the reenactment was that of George Horwood, the *Shenandoah*'s boatswain. We worked on getting Joe familiar with the parts of a square-rigged ship and the customs, practices, and procedures of 19th-century navies. By the summer of 2015 Joe had achieved our goal: he could talk and act like a 19th-century boatswain! We found a boatswain's pipe on ebay that (at least) looked period and I taught him how to play it. It didn't take much, as Joe played the trumpet and all I had to do was show him how to hold the pipe and tell him that he could get four notes out of it depending on the position of his fingers over the bowl. He took it from there.

Joe was a relentless champion of the Southern Cause, forever writing letters to editors and asking embarrassing questions of pro-Federal speakers in various forums. We attended a talk at the Atlanta History Center by Ron Chernow about his book *Grant*. At the end Joe's question was "How did Grant plan to remove the Jews from his department under General Order 11? Was he going to load them onto boxcars as Sherman did with the Roswell mill workers?" You could hear gasps in the audience as he asked the questions. Chernow did not answer, of course, rather explaining General Order 11 and making excuses for it. He then raised the irrelevant point that there were more Jews involved in the Federal Government while Grant was president than any other administration up to that time. As we were leaving a man approached us and thanked Joe for asking his questions.

There was another talk by Mitch Landrieu, then mayor of New Orleans, about the removal of Confederate monuments. The mayor was introduced by Sheffield Hale, president and CEO of the Atlanta History Center, who assured us that the Civil War was about slavery. Landrieu reiterated Hale's contention and then defended his actions with specious history. When he finished he took questions and Joe got in line. His question was, "*If the only concern of the Southern States was slavery, why didn't they stay in the Union and work to get the Corwin Amendment ratified?*" Landrieu blew the question off with some arcane comment about politics.

Joe wrote many letters to the editor of the *Marietta Daily Journal*, about articles that got the history wrong or in some other way disparaged the South. He always thought his letters went too far and was always surprised when they were published, as most of them were.

Joe was commander of his camp when we met and invited me to come to their meetings. I have a disability so Joe would pick me up and with a wheelchair he had get me to the meetings. I didn't have a qualifying ancestor so I couldn't join; nevertheless, I was welcomed and became a regular attendee. Joe was a Southern gentleman and one of the best friends I've ever had. He always there when I needed him and his loss is sorely felt. Fair winds my friend, rest in peace.

William Dyer
Friends of the SCV
John B. Gordon Camp #46 Atlanta



Joe Jordan is wearing the uniform of a Confederate Navy warrant officer, standing under a plaque dedicated to the CSS *Shenandoah*. The plaque is mounted on the building that housed the Liverpool offices of James Dunwoody Bulloch, Commander, Confederate States Navy. Bulloch was responsible for getting the *Alabama*, the *Shenandoah*, the *Stonewall* and numerous other ships to sea for the navy. Anyone interested in acquiring this uniform can contact June Jordan, junewolfjordan@icloud.com.



"I loved the old government in 1861. I love the old Constitution yet. I think it is the best government in the world, if administered as it was before the war. I do not hate it; I am opposing now only the radical revolutionists who are trying to destroy it. I believe that party to be composed, as I know it is in Tennessee, of the worst men on Gods earth - men who would hesitate at no crime, and who have only one object in view - to enrich themselves."

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

Historic School Bell Rings Again Thanks to the Generosity and Ingenuity of SCV’s Chris May and SCV Camp 680

The Lowndes County Historical Society & Museum is proud to announce that the beloved school bell in its backyard is ringing once again, thanks to the generosity and ingenuity of Chris May, Division Lt. Commander South of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and his local SCV Camp 680 (Col. Edmund N. Atkinson Camp).

The bell, originally housed in the bell tower of the old school across the street on Central Avenue, was installed in the museum’s backyard in 2007. For years, it was the highlight of school group visits, joyfully rung by local children as the final moment of their museum experience. Two years ago, the wooden bell wheel rotted beyond use, and efforts to fix it stalled. Though multiple people were asked for help, no one was willing to take on the challenge or knew how to approach the repair. Replacement of the wheel was estimated at around \$3,500, including shipping. When the director Renate Milner asked Chris May for his input, he walked over to the belltower took a look and said without hesitation: “I can fix that.” No pause, no doubt—just a solution. Within a week, Chris had designed and built a steel lever, counterweighted and painted to match the bell housing. On Monday, members of SCV Camp 680 installed the new mechanism, and the bell rang out once again, restoring a cherished part of the museum experience.

The SCV camp 680 donated this project to the museum to honor the children of Valdosta and Lowndes County, whose greatest joy has been ringing the bell at the end of their visit. The bell also plays a role in the museum’s Veterans Day ceremony each year in recognition of the end of World War I and honoring the veterans of all wars. And sometimes we ring it, simply for the joy of hearing it. This contribution is part of the SCV’s ongoing mission to serve their local communities through historic preservation, public service, and educational outreach. Camp 680 and others across the state have been involved in cemetery cleanups, monument restoration, flag placements for veterans, and partnering with schools and local organizations to promote the understanding of Southern ancestry and historical experience. As part of their continued support, Camp 680 has also offered to repaint the rusty bell cradle—a larger endeavor they plan to take on in the coming months.

The Lowndes County Historical Society & Museum extends heartfelt thanks to Chris May and SCV Camp 680 for their decades-long friendship, their generosity, and Chris’s remarkable ability to solve a problem that had gone unresolved for two years, saving the museum thousands of dollars and restoring one of its most treasured features.

Gratefully,
Renate Milner

See photos on page 19.

David W. Payne Camp 1633 donation to Isaiah 117 House of Blairsville

At its April meeting, the David W. Payne Camp 1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans, presented a check to the Isaiah 117 House of Blairsville. Isaiah 117 House is making a powerful difference for children entering the foster care system by offering a safe, comforting place to stay during one of the most uncertain times in their lives. Instead of waiting in unfamiliar settings, children are welcomed into a warm, home-like environment where their immediate needs—clothing, meals, and emotional support—are met with love and compassion.

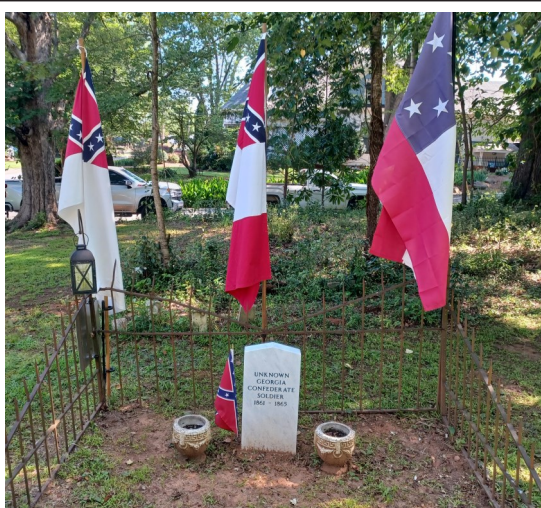
See photo on page 19.

Thomas Marsh Foreman Camp #485 - Hard at work repairing Confederate Veteran’s Gravesite

A tree grew up in the grave of Confederate Veteran Louis Julian Leavy, Co A, 1st S.C. Infantry (1840-1918) in Palmetto Cemetery in Brunswick, Georgia. The tree stump was removed using a chainsaw and then using a truck to pull it with a chain. The stone was reset to the proper height and leveled. The hole was filled with gravel and dirt - and then the stone was cleaned. Louis Julian Leavy’s children started The Brunswick News in 1902 cleaned.



Lemon House Headstone Dedication Event (June 22, 2025)



👉 Photos from the headstone dedication for an unknown Confederate Soldier located on the grounds of the house that was used as a HQ office for war criminal Sherman. This historic house belonged to Confederate hero Captain James Lyle Lemon House (Acworth, GA).; thanks to the 53rd Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company K for supporting the event.



The Calhoun Rifles Camp 1855 of Randolph County had a graphic marker erected next to the Confederate monument at Rosewood Cemetery in Cuthbert, Ga



👉 Historic School Bell Rings Again Thanks to the Generosity and Ingenuity of SCV's Chris May and SCV Camp 680; story on page 18.

👉 David W. Payne Camp 1633 donation to Isaiah 117 House; (L-R) Audrey Gonet, Isaiah 117 House; and Camp 1633/Mike Pettus. See page 18.

👉 The Ladies who attended the Gen Francis S. Bartow Camp 93 annual Lee / Jackson dinner.

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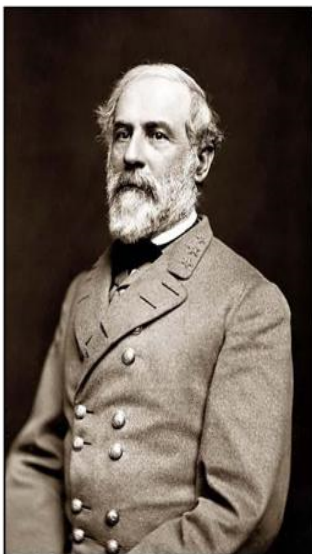
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