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Commander's Report.

As I set to write this, my last GA Div. Commander's column, I'm sure some of you are saying, "It's about time, that old man has been Commander longer than I can remember." Well, it has been a while, going back some 12 years, when I felt I was ready, having served as a Camp Commander, Brigade Commander and Division Lt. Commander, I felt I had done all that one can to prepare for the position. I even served for a year as Army of Tennessee Commander, but that's another story. We had a good group of officers, and several things going on around the state. The whiners were doing everything they could to change the State Flag, which they eventually did with some help



from behind the scenes. We fought hard for several years to first retain the '56 Flag and then to go back to it on a referendum, all the while some of our own were campaigning to stop us.

We started the Flags across Georgia project, and have placed several large Flags of the Confederacy and the '56 Flag in high profile areas, very visible locations on interstate highways and other highly traveled routes. My thanks goes out to all who have made this possible! Let's keep them flying and raise more, the yankee's (always spelled with a lower case "y") need to see our colors whenever possible. We can't let our detractors think we've gone away!

We've redesigned our SCV license plate, first we attempted to utilize the carving from Stone Mountain, that was "not available" because the State had leased the copyright to Herschend Family Entertainment (they not only operate Stone Mountain Park, but Silver Dollar City, Dollywood and several other sites around the country). We then looked at other concepts while coming back to the Battle Flag each time with your approval. The art work was furnished to the state, and they started producing them and from what I understand we are running about 75% over sells compared to what we were in January, before the new graphics came out. You may have noticed the "free" advertising the news was providing us as they called almost every Division Officer to ask about the new feature on the tag and the new flag pole raised down in Mitchell County. Again the whiners were out in force, wanting to know why and how we thought we had the right to fly the Battle Flag on private property, but to no avail, another victory for the South. *Continued on page 3.....*

GEORGIA DIVISION 117th ANNUAL CONVENTION / REUNION SCHEDULED ON JUNE 13 & 14, 2014

AT THE COLUMBUS IRON WORKS AND TRADE CENTER
801 FRONT AVE,
COLUMBUS, GA 31901

HOST CAMP: STEWART-WEBSTER CAMP # 1607

REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 6 AND CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM WWW.GA.SCV.ORG

PRESS RELEASE

NEW SCV LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS RELEASED

(ATLANTA - April 16, 2014) Just a little more than a week before Confederate Memorial Day is officially observed across the state, the Sons of Confederate Veterans have released the first update on the sale of their new specialty license plate in Georgia which prominently features the Confederate battle flag since it made national news in February.

Media outlets across America carried the story in February concerning the new specialty plate for the Sons in Georgia after the Georgia Division of the SCV was invited by the state *Continued on page 3.....*

PRESS RELEASE

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS ANNOUNCE GEORGIA RADIO CAMPAIGN

(ATLANTA - March 27, 2014) The Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans announced today a statewide radio campaign for 2014 featuring 60 second radio commercials. Each of the commercials highlights a different event or prominent person of the War for Southern Independence from the year 1864 as part of the ongoing Sesquicentennial commemoration of the War; and all of them tell the story from the Southern view, focusing on an accurate historical portrayal of events of the time instead of the recent historical revisionism currently portrayed by so much of the news and entertainment industries today.

Division officials revealed today that the spots are running on a variety of radio stations across Georgia which blanket approximately 90 percent of the state geographically. The predominant genres of the stations selected for inclusion in the first quarter buy are country music and conservative talk radio. The Georgia Division has already earmarked funds for continuing the statewide radio campaign throughout the 2014 calendar year.

Exactly 150 years ago, Georgia was one of the primary focuses of the War during Sherman's infamous "March to the Sea." Many of the radio commercials produced for this radio campaign feature the heroic stand of Southern soldiers defending Atlanta and the rest of Georgia, as well as stories of such well-known events as Andersonville's POW camp. *Continued on page 3.....*

The Charge

to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

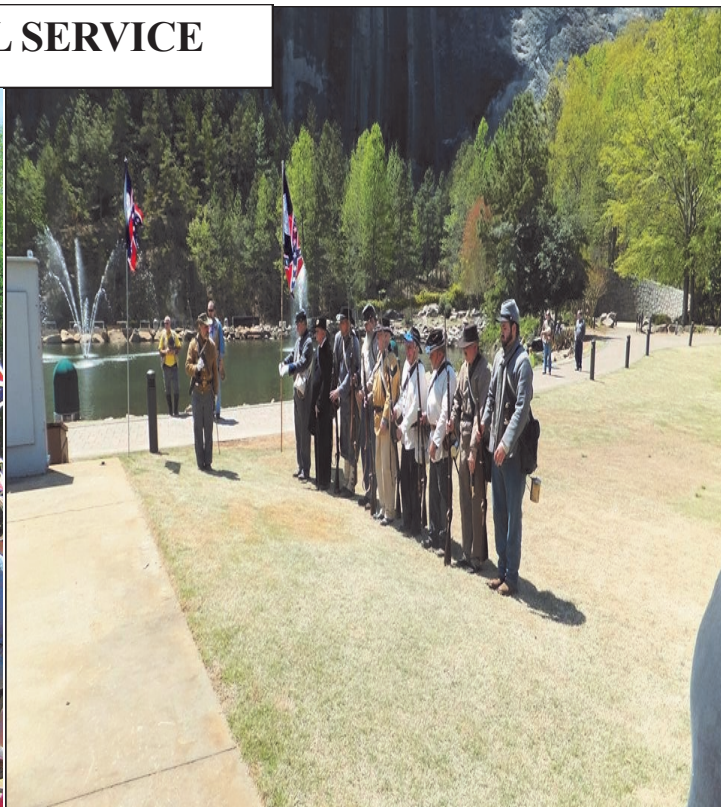
To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved 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."

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.

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ANNUAL STONE MOUNTAIN MEMORIAL SERVICE



B/Gen E Porter Alexander Honour Guard with other compatriots lead Ron Udell



Virginia Flaggers Susan Hathaway and Karen Cooper with 4th Brigade Commander Kim M. Beck



Carl Miller educating some foreign tourists!

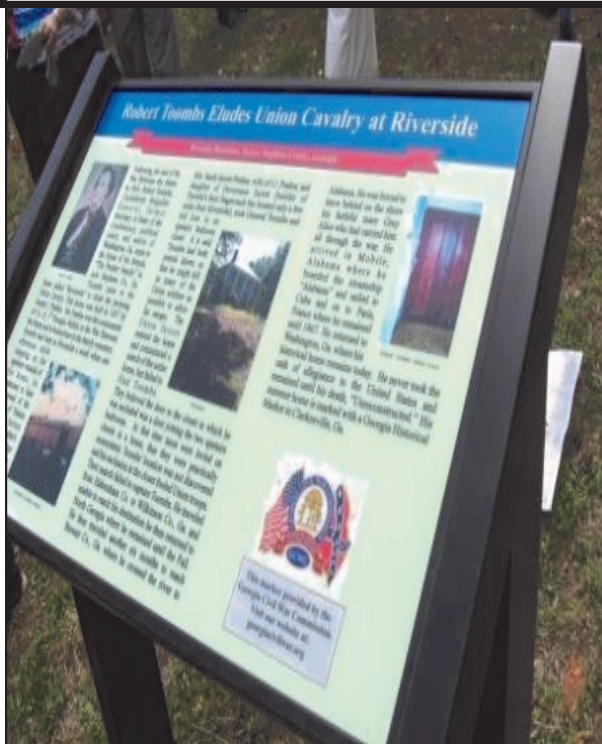


Lt. Commander North candidate Billy Bearden and Lt. Commander South candidate Kim M. Beck at the Service.



At a recent Camp meeting of the Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp 1446 Smyrna, GA., Adjutant Al Penchosky and Commander Garry Daniell inducted the Camp's first Cadet, Griffin Joseph Flesher.

DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL MARKER TO COMMEMORATE THE ESCAPE OF GEORGIA'S ROBERT TOOMBS FROM THE UNION ARMY



On April 13, 2014, the GCWC, Currahee Rangers SCV Camp #935, Toccoa Chapter 1924 UDC, and General Robert A. Toombs Camp # 932, Sons of Confederate Veterans sponsored the dedication of a marker at the Prather House near Toccoa, Georgia commemorating the escape of Robert Toombs after the War to Prevent Southern Independence. Mrs. Karen Ledford representing the GCWC delivered the Welcome. Commander George E. King, General Robert A. Toombs Camp #932, presented a message of General Toombs at the unveiling, and along with Adjutant Bob Whitaker, provided a double pistol salute, honouring the activities of General Toombs during his escape from a sentence of death threatened by the Union government should they capture him.



COMMANDER’S REPORT, continued page 1.....

They think it’s about “them” while all the time this is all about us and the pride we have in our heritage and our ancestors, especially when you think about what was hap- pening in our state and to our ancestral families 150 years ago this year.

I want to thank the fine slate of officers who have served with me over the past years, and as Past Division Commander, I’ll still have a place “at the table” on the Executive Council. I especially want to thank our Division Adjutant, Tim Pilgrim, who came into the position at a very trying time, when we discovered (actually he discovered) that our past Division Adjutant had stolen nearly \$200,000.00 from our coffers. Tim has brought us back firmly into the black, and manages our funds in a manner that can only be praised, fine job Tim and Judge Adv., Dan Coleman for guiding us through this trying time. We can’t thank you enough!

So, as my extended term of office comes to an end, I want you to know that some of my finest friends and lifelong buddies are members of the Georgia Division SCV, and I’ll still be around somewhere doing something to remember and hold in reverence the men who wore the gray. Find someone new and bring them into the Division, we need new members and new blood in the ranks.

This is Jack Bridwell signing off, with one last thought, see you in Columbus, “Live the Charge”

NEW SCV LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS RELEASED , continued page 1

of Georgia to submit a new design for their decade-old specialty plate. The new design which was approved bears the Confederate battle flag across the entire length of the plate. The new design drew hate-filled rhetoric from groups who oppose any display of Confederate symbols or observance of Southern heritage.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans took the position in February that despite the fact that political correctness has made it acceptable for all groups to celebrate their history and heritage except Southerners, the SCV believes that all people have a right to preserve their own valuable way of life and to celebrate their herit- age. Georgia SCV Division Commander Jack Bridwell stated that it is his and the Georgia Division's intention to make sure that all of Georgia's young people understand why they should be proud of their Confederate ancestors and their Southern heritage, and he stated that the Georgia Division is just beginning a major campaign to that end.

Groups opposing the new Georgia Division specialty plate were quick to specu- late in February that sales of the plate would be dismal following the negative attention that it had received.

This week, the Sons of Confederate Veterans received the first report from the Georgia Department of Revenue on the sale of the plates since the new design became available in February. Even though the new design was not released to the media until the middle of February, reports show that total sales of the SCV plate were up to 175% of sales of the SCV plate during the preceding month of January this year -- a considerable increase and a much different response than predicted by opponents of the SCV.

Tim Pilgrim, adjutant for the Georgia SCV, noted that the numbers for February which were just received from the Department of Revenue were remarkable, es- pecially given the fact that the public only knew about the new design for less than half of the month of February. He said that preliminary reports from local tag offices around the state indicate that the number of sales of the plate in March may actually surpass the spike in sales that occurred in February.

The surge in sales of the SCV license plate, especially in light of the opposition to it, demonstrate a growing support for Southern heritage in Georgia and a stiffen- ing of resistance among the population at large to the never-ending demands of political correctness.

END RELEASE

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS ANNOUNCE GEORGIA RADIO CAMPAIGN, continued page 1.....

The historical segments are sure to be controversial to some as they provide historical facts which have been intentionally obfuscated in recent years. Addi- tionally, the war crimes of William Tecumseh Sherman's army are brought to light, reminding native Georgians and newcomers alike of the atrocities commit- ted by federal troops as they invaded Georgia, committing rape, murder, and pillage among the civilian population.

END RELEASE

DIVISION BY-LAW AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED TO BE VOTED ON AT 2014 DIVISION REUNION

AMENDMENT No. 2014-001

An Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confed- erate Veterans

Sponsored by Commander Scott K. Gilbert, Jr., Gen. Lafayette McLaws Camp #79, Fayette Co.

Past Commander, Georgia Division

Purpose: To go to a single Division Lieutenant Commander

Reasoning: To align with national SCV (and a number of Ga. Division Camps) command structure; to make the position of training for future Division Commanders, and to elimi- nate any real or perceived internal conflict between the two major sections of our State.

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Article III, Sections 1 and 2 shall be deleted in their entirety:

Section 1. The Division shall be divided into two Sections; a Northern Section composed of those Camps which make up the following Brigades: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, while the Southern Section shall be composed of those Camps which make up the following Brigades: 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th. The specific boundaries of each Section shall be determined by the Division Convention from time to time.

Section 2. The Northern and Southern Sections of the Division shall be divided into Bri- gades. The number and make up of these Brigades shall be determined by the Division Convention within the limitations of the Constitution of the Sons of Confederate Veter- ans. Said Brigades shall hereafter be known by number.

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Article V, Section 2 shall be changed from

Section 2. The Division Executive Council shall be composed of the Division Command- er, the Division Lieutenant Commanders, the Division Adjutant, Division Brigade Com- manders, the Division Judge Advocate, the Division Chief of Staff, and the immediate Past Division Commander, provided he has served a full two (2) year term, and remains an active member of the Georgia Division. Each member shall have one vote.

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(Change: From “the Division Lieutenant Commanders” to “the Division Lieutenant Commander.”)

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Article VI, Section 2 shall be changed from

Section 2. At each Division Convention held in a year the date of which is an even num- ber, the Georgia Division shall elect a Division Commander, two Division Lieutenant Commanders (one North and one South), a Division Adjutant, a Division Judge Advoc- ate, and Brigade Commanders for each Brigade in the Division.

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(Change: From “two Division Lieutenant Commanders (one North and one South)” to “a Division Lieutenant Commander.”)

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(Change: From “Division Lieutenant Commanders shall be a minimum two (2) consecu- tive year member, and remain a member in good standing of one of the Camps in that Section of the Division which he commands” to “The Division Lieutenant Commander

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shall be a minimum two (2) consecutive year member.”

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Article XII, Section 4 shall be changed from

“There shall be two Division Lieutenant Commanders holding equal status. Each Division Lieutenant Commander shall represent the Division Commander, at his request, in matters concerning the Section for which they were elected. (North or South).”

to

“The Division Lieutenant Commander shall serve as the recruiting, and membership retention officer for the Division and will furnish a written report of his activities, and results of said activities at each meeting of the Division Executive Council, and at the business session of the Division Reunion.

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Article XII, Section 5 shall be changed from

“Division Lieutenant Commanders report to the Division Commander. Each will work closely with the Brigade Commanders in his respective Section, and maintain liaison with Camp Commanders in his Section.”

to

“The Division Lieutenant Commander reports to the Division Commander and shall represent the Division Commander at his request; the Division Lieutenant Commander will work closely with the Brigade Commanders, and maintain liaison with Camp Commanders.”

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Article XII, Section 6 shall be changed from

“It shall be the responsibility of the Lieutenant Commanders to represent the Georgia Division at Memorial Services and other special events in his Section, that pertain to The War Between The States and/or the aims, goals, and purposes of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.”

to

“It shall be the responsibility of the Lieutenant Commander to represent the Georgia Division at Memorial Services and other special events, that pertain to The War Between The States and/or the aims, goals, and purposes of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.”

(Change: Delete “in his Section.”)

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Article XII, Section 10 shall be changed from

Section 10. Division Brigade Commanders shall be the primary liaison between the Division Commander and Camp Commanders in their respective Brigades. They shall work closely with, and shall accept Special Assignments from their respective Division Lieutenant Commanders.

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(Change: From “from their respective Division Lieutenant Commanders” to “from the Division Lieutenant Commander.”)

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Article XIII, Section 1 shall be changed from

Section 1. In the event the Georgia Division Commander is unable to continue in Office for any reason, the Division Adjutant shall convene the Division Executive Council as soon as practicable, but not later than fifteen (15) days from the resignation, death, or removal of the Division Commander. The Division Executive Council shall elect one of the Division Lieutenant Commanders as Acting Division Commander.

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(Change: From “The Division Executive Council shall elect one of the Division Lieutenant Commanders as Acting Division Commander” to “The Division Lieutenant Commander shall become Acting Division Commander.”)

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Article XIII, Section 2 shall be changed from

Section 2. Should neither of the Lieutenant Commanders be able or willing to serve as Acting Division Commander, the Executive Council may elect as Acting Division Commander any qualified member of the Georgia Division as defined by Article VI, Section 1., of these By-Laws.

to

Section 2. Should the Lieutenant Commander not be able or willing to serve as Acting Division Commander, the Executive Council may elect as Acting Division Commander any qualified member of the Georgia Division as defined by Article VI, Section 1., of these By-Laws.

(Change: From “Should neither of the Lieutenant Commanders be” to “Should the Lieutenant Commander not be.”)

POLICY AMENDMENT No. 2014-002

An Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Be it enacted, that Article VI, Section 4 be so amended that Division Lt. Commanders are elected by those they represent, to wit:

Current reading:
Section 4. All Division Officers, except Brigade Commanders, shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year. Brigade Commanders shall be elected by their respective Brigades according to the following criteria: Brigade Commanders shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year who represent the Camps which comprise the affected Brigade. Brigade Commanders shall be a minimum two (2) consecutive year member, and remain a member in good standing of one of the Camps in the Brigade which he commands. Division Lt. Commanders shall be a minimum two (2) consecutive year member, and remain a member in good standing of one of the Camps in that Section of the Division which he commands. All shall take Office at the end of the Division Convention wherein they were elected, and shall hold office for two (2) years, or until their successors are elected.

Changes: [delete] [insert]

Section 4. All Division Officers, except [the Lt. Commanders and] Brigade Commanders, shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year. Brigade Commanders shall be elected by their respective Brigades according to the following criteria: Brigade Commanders shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year who represent the Camps which comprise the affected Brigade. Brigade Commanders shall be a minimum two (2) consecutive year member, and remain a member in good standing of one of the Camps in the Brigade which he commands. [Lt. Commanders shall be elected by their respective Sections according to the following criteria: Lt. Commanders shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year who represent the Camps which comprise the affected Section] Division Lt. Commanders shall be a minimum two (2) consecutive year member, and remain a member in good standing of one of the Camps in that Section of the Division which he commands. All shall take Office at the end of the Division Convention wherein they were elected and shall hold office for two (2) years, or until their successors are elected.

New reading:

Section 4. All Division Officers, except the Lt. Commanders and Brigade Commanders, shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year. Brigade Commanders shall be elected by their respective Brigades according to the following criteria: Brigade Commanders shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year who represent the Camps which comprise the affected Brigade. Brigade Commanders shall be a minimum two (2) consecutive year member, and remain a member in good standing of one of the Camps in the Brigade which he commands. Lt. Commanders shall be elected by their respective Section according to the following criteria: Lt. Commanders shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year who represent the camps which comprise the affected Section. Division Lieutenant Commanders shall be a minimum tw0 (2) consecutive year member, and remain a member in good standing of one of the Camps in that Section of the Division which he commands. All shall take Office at the end of the Division Convention wherein they were elected, and shall hold office for two (2) years, or until their successors are elected.

Submitted by:
Steven Camp adjutant , Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp 863

POLICY AMENDMENT No. 2014-003

Division By-law proposed policy change to allow Division lapse members the ability to prorate Division Dues to be consistence with Sons of Confederate Nationals prorating policies.

Policies of the Georgia Division

1. It shall be the Policy of the Georgia Division that Division Dues are \$12.00 per fiscal year. For membership renewals submitted after the deadline date of November 1st, there will be a \$3.00 renewal fee applied to the standard Division Dues for a total of \$15.00. For new members only joining in February thru April dues of \$18.00 may be paid to bridge the new member’s membership for an additional year. Those new members that join in May thru July may submit dues of \$15.00 to bridge the new member’s dues for an additional year.

Add the following:

For lapsed members desiring to be reinstated, their Division dues may be prorated. Prorated dues for lapse members being reinstated in February thru April are \$21.00, and those being reinstated in May thru July are \$18.00. These prorated Division dues covers the remaining fiscal year and the next fiscal year’s Division dues. For any lapsed member desiring to be reinstated may rejoin during the open dues period between August 1 and November 1 for the regular Division dues of amount of \$12 and the late/reinstatement fee of \$3 will be waived.

Submitted by: Tim Pilgrim, Georgia Division Adjutant

GEORGIA DIVISION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING M I N U T E S

Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Executive Council Meeting of April 5, 2014, Macon, GA

The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Executive Council met Saturday, April 5, 2014, at the Old Times Country Buffet at 11:00 am, 1343 Gray Highway in Macon, Ga.

Following the invocation, pledges and salute to the flags, Commander Jack Bridwell called the meeting to order and to call the roll of Executive Council members to determine if a quorum was present. Responding as “present” were: Commander Bridwell, Adjutant Tim Pilgrim, Judge Advocate Dan Coleman, Second Brigade Commander Karl Haun, Third Brigade Commander Bobby Watkins, Fourth Brigade Commander Kim Beck, Fifth Brigade Commander, Neil Dickey, Sixth Brigade Commander Al Perry, Eighth Brigade Commander Charlie Parks, 11th Brigade Commander Jonathan Till, and 12th Brigade Commander Rhett Coleman. There being a duly number present, a quorum was declared and the meeting was opened for the transaction of business.

- Commander Bridwell allowed any candidates running for Division Office an opportunity to speak. 11th Brigade Commander Jonathan Till declared his candidacy for Georgia Division Commander and spoke about his platform.
- Division Adjutant Tim Pilgrim gave his adjutant’s report. Which included expenditures that were incurred since the last EC meeting in January, status of the Division’s Budget and Division account balances.
- Division Judge Advocate Dan Coleman reported that Ponsford LLC has not completed the restoration of the Oakland Cemetery Confederate Obelisk. The top of the monument has been cleaned but the lower section needs cleaning and entire monument needs point and patching. Judge Advocate Coleman indicated he was going to issue a certified to Ponsford with a final demand to complete the project or the Division will hire another restoration contractor to complete the project at Ponsford’s expense. Judge Advocate Coleman made a motion that if no action is made after issuing the certified letter to Ponsford that Division proceed working with another contractor to complete the project. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Division Commander Bridwell made an motion that \$8,160 be donated to Friends of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Park to help the Park with utility expenses that will help keep the Park operational. Commander Bridwell stated that the Friends of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Park were comprised of local SCV members and will be in control of the funds and will allocate them accordingly. He also stated the County would be better financial position next year to keep the park operational and this gesture will place the SCV in a favorable position to have a voice in the administration of the park. Judge Advocate Coleman and 6th Brigade Commander Al Perry made an amendment to the motion that a Confederate Battle Flag be flown on the Park’s flagpole and SCV members be allowed free admission by presenting their SCV membership card. The amendment and main motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Division Adjutant Pilgrim read a request from the General John B Gordon memorial Camp # 1449 asking for Division assistance of a donation of \$1,000 so that they can continue to replace the headstone markers, erecting Southern crosses of honor and with the expenses with the upkeep of the Confederate section at the City of Barnesville. Adjutant Pilgrim mentioned that the Camp has been doing this work for over 29 years and has done a tremendous job restoring over 1,000 graves with no request from funding from the Division. Adjutant Pilgrim made a motion for the donation, it was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Compatriot Earl Colvin of the Camp of the Unknown Soldier # 2218 presented their tag fund request to the Executive Council. Division Adjutant Pilgrim indicated that the Camp submitted the application and documentation asking for \$2,415.42 from the tag funds and was approved by the Division’s project committee. The project will erect 35 Southern crosses at the Clinton Methodist Church in Jones County. Compatriot Colvin stated that the Camp has taken on the care of the Confederate section of the Cemetery and the annual memorial service to honor our fallen Heroes. A motion was made and seconded and approved unanimously to recommend to the Delegates at reunion.
- Two amendments to the Division by-laws have been officially received and will voted on at reunion.
 - ◊ Amendment 2014-01, Sponsored by Commander Scott Gilbert of the General Lafayette McLaws Camp # 79. In summary will change the Division command structure by going to a single Division Lt. Commander, rather than having two Division Lt. Commanders, which is currently the command structure.



Please provide your contact # _____ & Email address _____

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR

Fellow Compatriots of the Georgia Division:

My name is Jonathan W. Till, and it is my honor to announce my candidacy for Commander of the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

My Background:

*Born in Atlanta, Georgia; graduated from Lakeshore High School in College Park, 1973

*Staff Sergeant/Crew Chief, United States Air Force/Air Force Active Reserve, 1976-1980

*Thirty-four years at Lockheed

*Married to Elaine for 25 years, five children; Member, Ramah First Baptist Church, Palmetto

My SCV Service:

*Joined the SCV in 2003 (Forrest's Escort Camp #1239, Villa Rica)

*Camp Commander, September, 2005 to November, 2008

*Brigade Commander, June, 2012 to present

*Life Member of the Georgia Division, and International SCV

My desire is to serve each member of the Division, to the very best of my abilities.

My hope is to bring camps closer together.

To push living histories, so that we can better educate the public, and our members.

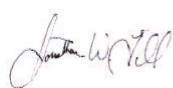
To protect our monuments and vigorously defend all that is Southern.

My goal is for a larger and stronger Georgia Division.

We must become more involved, or we will lose the things we hold dear.

I can not do it alone. None of us can. Together, united we can become the organization our ancestors left us all to protect and defend.

Your servant,



Jonathan W. Till
11th Brigade Commander
till4divcmdrgascv@gmail.com



ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR GEORGIA DIVISION COMMANDER

Gentlemen,

I am writing you to let you know of my decision to run for Division Commander at this year's Reunion. As many of you know, I have been a close friend and supporter of Commander Bridwell for many years. Over the last three weeks, I have had a number of you to ask me if I would consider running for commander if Jack did not intend to do so. Several evenings ago, I spoke to Jack (Bridwell) on the phone about several things, including making sure that our Division continues in a positive direction. Jack is not planning to run for commander this year, or else I would be supporting him again.

It has been my pleasure to serve the Division as Lt. Commander North and, previously, as Chief of Staff. It is my hope that my experience and work for the cause of our heritage for the last 20 years will enable me to provide positive leadership for our Division for the future.

My journey into discovering my own Confederate heritage began years ago when I found a copy of the Kennedy brothers' book *The South Was Right!* Since then, I've had the privilege of becoming personal friends and speaking on the same platform with Donnie and Ronald Kennedy, Pastor John Weaver, Dr. Clyde Wilson, Dr. Don Livingston, and others who have taken the time to mentor me in our history and in an understanding of the Cause of States' Rights.

I have spoken at camp meetings, conferences, and events across the South for the last 20 years and, as anyone who knows me knows, always giving an unreconstructed and unashamed view of our heroes and our history. My message on "Southern Redemption" has now been heard by more people than any other speech in the Southern Heritage movement except for perhaps our own Pastor Weaver's "The Truth About the Confederate Battle Flag."

In an effort to get our message of Southern Heritage out to more people, I launched DixieBroadcasting Radio, the only Southern Heritage radio station in the world, nearly 13 years ago. The broadcast is available online and via mobile devices 24/7 and on select land-based stations across the country, as well. We hit the one million listener mark for the online broadcast after only our first seven years; and the station continues to provide entertainment and education to thousands every day, recruiting many to the Southern Cause.

At the urging of some of you and others, I ran as a Republican candidate for governor against incumbent Sonny Perdue in 2006 and garnered approximately 50,000 votes in a demonstration of our disappointment with Sonny for many reasons, most notably his betrayal on the state flag referendum. And, again, in 2010, I was one of six Republican candidates in the governor's race in which I was declared the winner of all four major televised debates by sticking to a very unashamed States' Rights platform on every issue; the media said that we won the first two debates by the response of the audiences, and we won the straw polls taken after both of the last two debates, even garnering more votes than every other candidate combined in one of them. Ultimately, after winning the third debate, our enemies did the same thing that Marxists always do when they find themselves losing on the battlefield of ideas... they made up lies to attack my personal character. Although it took nearly three years to win the libel suit against those who had created the lies, I continued to speak on behalf of our fathers' principle of States' Rights up to the end of the race. In all, I delivered speeches on States' Rights more than 300 times during that year and a half, exposing thousands of fellow Georgians to our message for the first time ever, including many of the Tea Party organisations who have adopted our principles.

I have a number of practical things that I would like to do to help continue our Division moving forward in a positive way and hope to share some of them with you in the weeks ahead. It is my firm conviction that the Georgia Division is and should continue to provide leadership for the entire SCV, and it is my intention to see that this happens.

I would appreciate your support and your vote at this year's Reunion. If I may be of help to you or your camp in any way, please continue to let me know as many of you have done before. Please share this letter with the men in your camp and forward it to any other Division members that may be on your email list. Since I am only sending this email to those on my private list and not those on the official Division list, I would appreciate your help in letting our men know of my decision. Finally, I would appreciate hearing from you if you'd like to help me get the word out about my decision to run for commander. My email address is RayMcBerry@aol.com

For Georgia First,

Ray McBerry, Lt. Commander North
Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Gentlemen,

It is with regret that I must announce my withdrawal from seeking the Georgia Division Commander position in 2014 for personal reasons. I appreciate all those who offered their support and encouragement. I will continue to support the Division and National SCV to my fullest ability but circumstances will just not allow me to move forward at this time. Maybe circumstances will put me in a better position in a couple of years.

David C. Moncus

Commander Camp 158

ANNOUNCEMENT OF Candidacy for Division LT. Commander North

I am announcing my candidacy for Lieutenant-Commander (North) Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. I will work to increase membership and help camps support each other.

Philip Autrey
Commander, 13th Brigade

ANNOUNCEMENT OF
Candidacy for
Division LT. Commander South

My fellow Compatriots,

I would like to announce to you my decision to seek the office of Lt. Commander South of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. I began discussing this move with my family around Christmas and felt confirmation from several camps as I visited with them at their Lee-Jackson Banquets.

It has been my pleasure to serve the Georgia Division as Fourth Brigade Commander for the past 5 ½ years and serving the Executive Council as a member of the Finance and Public Relations Committee. It is my hope that my experience and work in the Georgia Division for the past 21 years has proved to you my leadership ability. I feel confident that I can work well with our Division commander and the brigade commanders within the Southern section of the Georgia Division.

I've always had a sense of Southern pride since childhood. After being invited to a headstone dedication in the summer of 1993, I learned that there was a local SCV Camp in Dublin, Georgia. I joined Capt. Hardy B. Smith Camp #104 the following month. I was elected camp adjutant in Jan. 1994 and held the position until resigning in 2003 to help charter the Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp #2039 in my hometown of Eastman, Georgia. I again took the office of Adjutant/Treasurer until 2010, and held the office of Lt. Commander of Camp #2039 until Jan. 2014. I am currently the Adjutant/Treasurer of the Eastman camp once again.

The Fourth Brigade is the largest in territory in the Georgia Division, comprised of 18 counties, and presently with 11 active Camps. Camp #104 had become inactive and one of my goals when elected brigade commander was to activate this Camp. It is now a strong and vibrant member of the Georgia Division once again. Since then, two other camps have chartered in the 4th Brigade, The Camp of the Unknown Soldier #2218 in Gray and Capt. Ruel W. Anderson Camp #2239 in Hawkinsville.

I feel confident that communications within the Fourth Brigade camps have increased and it is my goal to have that same commitment throughout the Southern half of the Georgia Division. As an ordained deacon of the Baptist faith, I will continue to do business in a Christian manner. I was honored to be awarded the Distinguished Confederate of the Year at last years Division Reunion. A reward I was humbled to accept, but most undeserving. I, just like you, do not defend my heritage, nor carry the Charge, for reward or to gain popularity. I do it because my ancestors are heroes and deserve the utmost respect.

I would greatly appreciate your support and your vote at this year's Georgia Division Reunion. If I can be of assistance to you or your camp in any way, please contact me. Please share this letter with the men in your camp and forward it to any Georgia Division members that may be on your email list. I would appreciate hearing any comments or concerns you may have. Email me at gafourthscv@progressivetel.com

Win or lose the bid for Lt. Commander South, I will remain loyal to the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans.

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

Your obedient and humble servant,

Kim M. Beck

Kim M. Beck, 4th Brigade Commander
Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

ANNOUNCEMENT OF
Candidacy for Division LT. Commander South

I am a candidate for the position of Lieutenant Commander (South) of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans at our group's annual convention and reunion in Columbus in June.

If you will remember, I was elected in 2011 to fill the unexpired term of Lieutenant Commander, South when the holder of that position resigned to accept a job out of state. I was defeated for reelection to that post at the convention in Bainbridge.

I am a native of Rome (GA), raised in the Rockmart-Cedartown area of Polk County and attended the public schools there. I attended Berry College in Rome, where I majored in history and developed an interest in journalism. I have been employed a radio stations in my hometown area and in Fort Payne, AL, Smyrna, Savannah and Statesboro. I have also served as associate editor of a daily newspaper in Statesboro.

In the SCV, I have held the posts of camp commander (3 years), brigade commander (6 years), Lt. commander, South (1 year) and I'm completing my second year as Division Chief of Staff. I believe you can readily see I am experienced and qualified for the position I seek.

I am retired, I don't hunt, fish or play golf. I have the desire and time to devote to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. My occupation is the Sons of Confederate Veterans and I'm dedicated to that job. I am not a member for personal gain or glorification.

When elected, I will not be an "invisible" lieutenant commander. I am willing, either by invitation or spontaneous action, to visit any and every camp within the Georgia Division -- from the mountains of the Sovereign State of Dade to the Marshes of Glynn; from Rabun Gap to the valley of the Chattahoochee.

I hope to meet as many of my compatriots as possible between now and the convention, but should I miss someone, please be assured that I earnestly and sincerely solicit your vote and your support as your next Lieutenant Commander South.

Michael A. (Mike) Mull
Ogeechee Rifles Camp #941, Statesboro, GA



ANNOUNCEMENT OF
Candidacy for Division LT. Commander North

Hello Compatriots of the largest Division in the Confederation! I am Billy Bearden, and as statewide elections are soon to be upon us, I hereby submit myself for your consideration as candidate for the position of Lt. Commander North.

I joined the Georgia Division in 2001. It was the '56 Flag Fight that drew me in. It is the love of my Confederate Heritage that keeps me. It is the admiration for and defense of my Confederate Ancestors that drives me. The Charge given us by Lt General Stephen Dill Lee is my guiding principle.

Currently, I proudly serve as Lt. Commander of the Haralson Invincibles Camp #673.
My assignments:

- National SCV Heritage Defense Committee – 6 years
- Ga Division Confederate Heritage and History Month Proclamation Committee – 8 years
- National SCV Confederate Heritage and History Month Committee – 8 years

It was my involvement for the '56 Flag that taught me to fight and how to be successful. As a fighter, I have traveled Georgia, and across the Confederacy, speaking for those who no longer have a voice, and standing against those who would dishonor our heritage. One of my best moments as an SCV member was to see the Battle Flags restored to the graves of 7 Confederate soldiers in Yellow Dirt Cemetery located inside Plant Wansley. They were removed by Georgia Power twice in less than a week, and stated they would never return. It was a fight that had to be made, and I am honored to have helped secure the victory.

As I write this, our new Division SCV vehicle plates are under heavy attack by misled and uneducated people aided by a rabid leftist agenda driven media. Defending Confederate Heritage, Confederate symbols, and our Confederate ancestors is a never ending job that requires dedicated vigilance, and is my passion.

The Georgia Division leads the Confederation with innovative ways to promote our heritage and spread the truth about Confederate history. I use these items and methods as often as possible, even alerting people and groups outside of Georgia of their existence and assist them in acquiring them for use for themselves. This also would be one of my priorities if elected – the expansion and increased promotion of these tools to educate the public and new members.

As your Lt. Commander North, I will bring these experiences and determination to the office. I thank you for your consideration, and would appreciate your vote.

Thank y'all, and God Bless
Billy Bearden



GEORGIA DIVISION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING M I N U T E S

- ◇ Amendment 2014-02, Sponsored by Adjutant Steve Camp of the Maj. General Joseph Wheeler Camp # 869. In summary will allow only the Delegates of the Camps in the Brigades under the command of each of the Division Lt. Commanders to vote for their respective Division Lt. Commanders, rather than the entire Division Delegation vote on both Division Lt. Commanders.
- Adjutant Joel Coleman of the Chattahoochee Guards 1639 presented a batch of business cards that promotes the Division's new specialty tag design and has instructions on the back of the card on how to obtain a Division specialty tag. Adjutant Coleman got two thousand made and donated them to the Camps of the Division. Division Adjutant Pilgrim made a motion was made to have 10,000 made to be available to the Delegates at reunion. The motion was amended to provide \$25,000 cards. The both the main motion and amendment was seconded and approved unanimously.
- Division Adjutant Pilgrim indicated the Division stock of Pastor Weaver CDs of the "Truth Concerning the Confederate Battle Flag" is getting low. The Division purchases these CDs in bulk and distributes the CDs at cost making no profit. The funds are deposited back in the Division's operating account. A motion was made to replenish the supply and was seconded and approved unanimously.
- 6th Brigade Commander Al Perry mentioned that currently we have three youngsters from Georgia that is currently trying to go to the SCV's annual Sam Davis Youth Camp. He asked if anyone can help with the expenses to send these youngsters to the Camp to please let him know. A motion was made that the Division allocate \$600 to help any Georgia Youth with the expense to make it to the Camp this year. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned subject to call. "Dixie" was sung and prayer was made to conclude the meeting.

13th Brigade Commander Candidacy Announcement

After much consideration and discussion with friends and family and the support of The Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp 863, I would like to be considered as a candidate for the position of 13th Brigade Commander at the Division Reunion next June. It is my sincere hope to establish better communications between The Camps of the 13th so that the Brigade can better support the individual Camp for the good of the Division and The Cause. I know we have heard 'better communication' before but I will make it my goal to visit each Camp in the Brigade on a regular basis and share information from the Camps. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Steven W. Camp Adjutant Camp 863 confederatesteve1861@yahoo.com

4th Brigade Commander Candidacy Announcement

Gentlemen, I will seek the 4th Brigade Commander's position.

Tom Stevens, Commander ,
B/G Edward Dorr Tracy Jr, Camp 18,
Sons of Confederate Veterans

**** NOTIFICATION ****

**ANY DIVISION MEMBER DESIRING TO RUN FOR ANY
 GEORGIA DIVISION OFFICER POSITION, MUST MAKE THE
 DIVISION ADJUTANT AWARE OF YOUR CANDIDACY BY
 JUNE 6, 2014 IF YOU WANT TO BE LISTED ON THE PAPER
 BALLOT. (ALL OTHERS WILL BE WRITE IN)**

FOR DIVISION COMMANDER

The Georgia Division needs its next Commander to be a strong proven leader.

We've got just the man...

RAY McBERRY

Lt. Commander North

"Ray is a dynamic speaker, a powerful debater, experienced with the media, with a proven track record of dedication to the Southern Cause. Ray is a true leader of men. The Georgia Division could not have a better new commander than Ray McBerry."



Former Republican Candidate for Governor * Christian Father
A Native Son of Georgia * Former Ga Division Chief of Staff
President & Founder of DixieBroadcasting Radio * Speaker
President of KBN Television * Radio & TV Host for 10 Years

**Encourage your camp to cast its votes for Ray McBerry for
 Division Commander at this year's Georgia Division Reunion.**

Paid for by members of the Georgia Division who support Ray McBerry for Division Commander.

**FOR LIEUTENANT
 COMMANDER
 SOUTH**

*Leadership, experience, and values
 means something*

KIM M. BECK



4th Brigade Commander for Past Six Years *SCV -Life
Member *GA Division Distinguished Confederate Award 2013
***Public Relations Committee Member *Finance Committee**
Member *20 Years Experience *15 Years Adjutant Duties
***Family Man *Ordained Deacon and Christian Leader**

**Encourage your camp to cast its votes for Kim Beck for Lt. Commander
 South at this year's Georgia Division Reunion.**

Paid for by members of the Georgia Division who support Kim Beck for Lt. Commander
 South.

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS NATIONAL CANDIDACY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Compatriots,

There has been much speculation about whether or not that I would seek the office of Commander-in-Chief. I would like to take this opportunity to formally announce my candidacy for this position. This announcement comes after much prayer and discussion with my family. I feel I still have more to offer the Sons of Confederate Veterans, however, I do want to stress that while I make this announcement, this in no way will affect my current duties as YOUR Lieutenant Commander-In-Chief. Please visit my website at www.barrowscv.net to view my record of service and my platform for the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Deo Vindice!

Charles Kelly Barrow

Lieutenant Commander-in-Chief

Sons of Confederate Veterans

VOTE FOR THOMAS STRAIN

LT. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

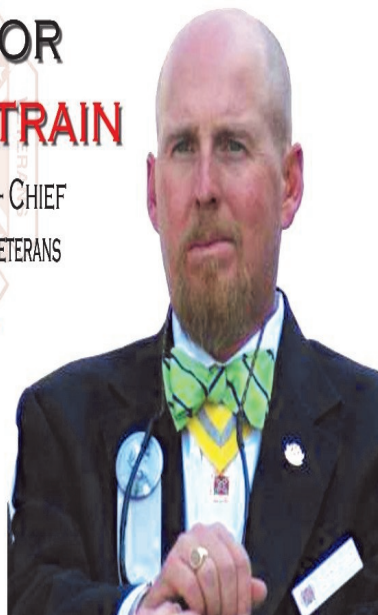
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Fellow Compatriots,

I hope that you and your families are doing well so far in this New Year. As we have reached 2014 we have also reached the middle of the Sesquicentennial of the War of Southern Independence. We as an organization are at a pivotal point as we move forward. I firmly believe that with proper leadership we can continue to be a front runner as a "Historical Honor Society" after this five year celebration of our beloved ancestors.

After much thought and discussion with my family and close brethren within the SCV I am offering my services in July of 2014 to serve you as your **Lt. Commander in Chief** of our organization. Please visit my website www.scv-strain.com. On it you will find my platform on how we can improve on the things we do today and also some fresh new ideas and plans to increase our numbers so that the SCV will be here for generations to come.

I feel like I have the experience as a person that has held many offices from the Camp, Division, and Army levels to enhance the office of Lt. CiC. I also bring the experience of being self employed for over twenty years to the table. The SCV is a business and we need to run it as such.

Having been one of the GEC officers that worked with the Vision 2016 from day one I am dedicated to make this program a success. Gentlemen I can't do this alone. I am going to need your help and support as I venture into this endeavor and I will be calling on many of you soon to gather your input and ideas. I will not only be asking for your endorsement, I will also be asking you to make plans to travel to Charleston, SC to vote! Today more than ever we have a chance to change business as usual.

I am well aware that we are only a few months from the last elections but I would like to let my intentions be known prior to any other announcements that may come out in the future.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime!

Tom V. Strain Jr.

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My Fellow Compatriots,

We are in the middle of the Sesquicentennial of the War for Southern Independence. All around our Confederation events were carried out to commemorate the TRUE CAUSE our ancestors seceded and created a new nation. These events placed the Sons of Confederate Veterans in the limelight of the Sesquicentennial and the world press revealed that our organization is in the forefront of this great Commemoration and that WE ARE the authority of everything Confederate. We must seize this opportunity to promote our new "VISION 2016" and recruit members in our organization, educate the general public about the true Cause our ancestors fought for, and promote our organization in our communities.

To accomplish this, we need the proper leadership to see this carried out in a gentlemanly and orderly fashion. To meet this challenge we need men who new innovative ideas to the table, and who are willing to work hard at bringing our membership together under a common Cause, and to meet the demands that the "Charge of Gen. Stephen D. Lee" has laid before us. Our "enemies" have been reeling after the start of the Sesquicentennial but as we approach the closing years they will fight back as they paint a picture that the Cause our ancestors fought for was immoral, illegal, and unjust. The SCV is the largest and most recognizable organization for the promotion of Confederate Heritage and it is time we capitalize on that fact. We must hold true to Stephen D. Lee's Charge to us and make our organization something that will be perpetuated for future generations so that they too may take pride and celebrate a rich Confederate heritage that we have inherited.

But, there is serious work before us that needs to be done in an aggressive and imaginative manner, emulating the principles that our ancestors fought so hard for. It is time to look at our problems with new eyes, keeping in place the wisdom gleaned from the lessons of the past. We need to use 21st Century ideas to fight this growing threat of "political correctness." As a high school and college teacher for twenty years, it has been my job to teach students our nation's history. I have seen political correctness infiltrating our history books. It has been a struggle to teach the "truth" in our classrooms. Yet, the youth of today are eager to know the truth when it is presented. As a Southerner and a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, it is my duty to teach the truth about the Cause our ancestors fought for and to uphold the "Charge" they have left for us. This, I am faithfully carrying out. As your current Councilman on the GEC, I have proven that I have the energy, the experience, and the right attitude to lead and represent the interests of this Army. Thus, I would like to ask you once again for your support and Elect me as YOUR **Army of Tennessee Commander** in 2014 in Charleston, SC so that I may continue being YOUR voice on the GEC. To learn more about me please feel free to visit my website at

<http://mccluney2014.homestead.com/McCluney2012.html> and visit my facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/McCluney2014> to make inquires and follow up on my campaign.

Larry A. McCluney, Jr., Army of Tennessee Councilman Sons of Confederate Veterans

Contact information:

Phone - 662-453-7212 or confederate@suddenlink.net or write

Larry McCluney
1412 North Park Dr

Compatriots:

In my travels, many of you have expressed your opinion that I should consider running for the office of Lt. Commander in Chief.

It has always been my intention to do what I feel is best for our organization and the memory of our ancestors. I have given the idea serious thought and with the recent turn of events, I have decided to stand for this position.

As a result of these recent events, I have received a number of calls and other communications from you my fellow compatriots suggesting that now is the time for me to consider running for this office. The most compelling argument was that such important offices should not go unchallenged. I agree with this concept. Many of you will be traveling great distances to attend the convention in North Charleston, S.C., and you deserve to have the say in the future leadership of this organization. This is by no means to say that I am merely a second choice candidate. As I have stated I have given this position much thought and I defiantly have some ideas of my own to better the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I have served for a number of years on the council and have traveled throughout our Southland. I have heard your voices and I feel that I am aware of your concerns. We need to promote the Sons of Confederate Veterans and assure that we will continue our Southern Legacy. We need to use all the tools that technology has to offer. However, we do not need to rush forward and leave anyone behind. We can embrace the future while still maintaining our heritage and traditions.

I feel it is your decision, not mine, for me to seek this office. I hope that you truly do feel that way and believe in me, and will demonstrate this by supporting me with your votes at Convention.

Sincerely

B. Frank Earnest, Sr., Southern Patriot

Positions held in our organization:

Charter Chaplain, Norfolk County Grays # 1549

Most Camp and Division level offices including:

Camp Commander, Brigade Commander, Division Commander (Virginia)

LT. COL. THOMAS C. GLOVER CAMP # 943 ANNUAL CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE IN DOUGLASVILLE.



Mrs. Susan Hathaway, guest speaker at W. F. Jenkins Camp #690-Eatonton, GA with Camp Commander Terrell Abernathy



Pictured are Mayor Pro Tem William "Bill" Brown III and representatives from the United Daughters of Confederacy and Sons of Confederate Veterans during a recent proclamation signing declaring April as Confederate History and Heritage Month.



On March 28, compatriot Col. George Thurmond, US Army (ret) presented the HL Hunley award to C/2LT Chloe Nelms. In addition to the medal and award certificate, the camp scholarship fund gives the recipient a \$50 cash award.

Compatriots and Brothers Another election year is upon us and I look forward with great anticipation to our reunion in North Charleston in July 2014. There, you and I will have the duty and responsibility to select the officers for our respective Armies as well as a new Commander-in-Chief and a Lt. Commander-in- Chief. By way of official announcement, I am hereby declaring my candidacy for the post of <u>Lt. Commander-in-Chief.</u> For those of you who do not know me, I invite you to review my web site (marksimpson4ltcic.com) and familiarize yourself with my personal background, experience and my vision for the Sons of Confederate Veterans. What I hope to achieve, if elected, is help lead our 19th century organization into the 21st century by utilizing the technology available today and at the same time, provide assistance to our Divisions and Camps with better organizational skills and modern management tools, all designed to make us better tomorrow than we were yesterday. With the assistance of a great team of talent in SC and as Division Commander, we have implemented and integrated many of the fundamentals of the Vision 2016 program into our business operations platform; an approach that is already demonstrating great benefits. Aside from the SCV, I bring 40 years of successful business and industrial management experience to the office and with my commitment to excellence in all aspects of our organization I believe together, we can make some positive changes for the future. SCV Experience: - Member for 16 years - National Life Member - Camp Lt. Commander - 2000 - 2002 - Camp Commander - 2002 - 2004 - South Carolina Division Adjutant - 2004 - 2009 - South Carolina Division Commander, 2010 - 2014 - National SCV Adjutant-in-Chief, 2006 - 2010 (GEC Experience) - Served under Commander-in-Chief, Christopher Sullivan, 2006 - 2008 - Served under Commander-in-Chief, Charles McMichael, 2008-2010 - Past Counselor - Sam Davis Youth Camp Your comments, suggestions and questions are welcomed and like each of you, I desire to see our organization grow and prosper and become more influential in the battle to preserve Southern History and Heritage. If we are to survive and eventually see the vindication of "the cause" in our lifetime, we must embrace the goals and objectives of Vision 2016, no matter how great the opposition. <i>"What we are today is the result of our own past actions; whatever we wish to be in future depends on our present actions; decide how you have to act now."</i> With sincere regards, Mark A. Simpson MarkSimpson4ltcic.com HP: 864-576-4561,Office: 864-576-1224 Mobile: 864-680-2514	James G. Patterson Army of Tennessee Councilman Announcement Compatriots of the AOT, I hope that each of you and your Camp is having a successful time during the Sesquicentennial of our Confederate ancestor's War for Southern Independence. Here in Tennessee we just closed out our annual Reunion. It is always great when we as SCV members get together for Confederate fellowship to share ideas and success from the previous year. This past year in Vicksburg, I announced that I would be running for the office of Army of Tennessee Councilman. I want to reaffirm that announcement and make it official with the entire Confederation. I have held several offices since joining the Sons of Confederate Veterans in 1991: Adjutant of Murfreesboro Camp No. 33, McLemore's Brigade Commander, Tennessee Division 2nd Lieutenant Commander and the current Tennessee Division 1st Lieutenant Commander. I am an SCV Life member and was the 2012 SCV National Reunion Chairman. We can talk about a lot of areas that we need to focus on, but the one thing that we must do as an organization is grow our membership. Every year we see an organization that is growing older and has not increased membership as we thought would happen during the Sesquicentennial. We must, come together, from Camps to Brigades, Divisions, Armies and a National organization to address this problem. Vision 2016 must be implemented throughout the Army of Tennessee as well as the entire SCV. As your AOT Councilman, I will work with the Army Commander to get each Camp the tools you need to make your Camp grow and be successful in all of its endeavors. I hope to see each of you at our 2014 annual Reunion in Charleston and I would appreciate your support in my run for office. Feel free to contact me at: mborosc33@aol.com or 615-812-0206 In the Bonds of the Old South, James G. Patterson 2014 Reunion Credentials Form Compatriots, The credentials form for the 2014 Reunion can be found at the following address: http://www.scv.org/pdf/2014Credentials.pdf Chuck Rand Chief Of Staff	Communication in the Georgia Division Compatriots, In 2008, the platform I ran on for 4th Brigade Commander was two-part. One, that I would revive the defunct Camp #104, and two; I would create a line of communication within the brigade. I'm proud of the fact that two new camps sprang from the brigade and we've incorporated another county making the brigade the largest territory in the Georgia Division. But when speaking of having 12 active camps in 18 counties, that's really a failure. It's a failure because there should be 18 active camps in the 4th Brigade. And standing room only at our monthly meetings!! The one thing I can say that I am proud of is communication. Every Monday morning I post meetings and opportunities of the week that are within the 4th Brigade and email them out to around 125 members within the brigade. Also, any email I deemed newsworthy to the membership would be sent out during the week (never jokes and never forwards unless sensitive to the SCV Charge). First and foremost, my emails include commanders, adjutants, and the camp's communication officer. Remember communication officers? I think that's something Commander Jack Bridwell started, requesting that each camp have a specified officer who would be on an E list to receive information to be shared with members of his camp. I, for one, thought this to be an excellent idea. To show how well it works within the 4th Brigade, emails sent in a timely manner have provided large turnouts to memorial services, serve as meeting reminders, saved hundreds of dollars a year on stamps from mailing newsletters, and gave heads up on heritage violations. Granted, not everyone in the 4th Brigade uses email. The communication officer should be a reliable man to phone those not on the list. The same idea used within the Division. I'm rambling, because that's the Southern Baptist in me. Let me get back to the point of a recent discovery. After deciding to run for Lt. Commander South of the Georgia Division, I took the liberty of emailing 112 Georgia Division commanders, as is posted on the Georgia Division website. Out of 112 emails I sent, 49 came back as undeliverable. If you are a camp commander reading this and didn't receive an email from me, I'm sorry, but your camp has a bad email address listed on the Division's website. I'm willing to bet that the GA Division adjutant and the National adjutant have that same bad information. I'm an old country boy that digs in the dirt to make a living, but I calculate that to be 44% of our camps in the Georgia Division without appropriate contact information. Gentlemen, we need to do better than this. When people call our 800 number, they are given the latest contact information available to the nearest camp. How many new members do we lose each year because they cannot reach a camp officer? Our Division adjutant is over worked and still does an excellent job. He can't contact each camp or even every brigade for that matter. Our webmaster has more than enough duties too. I propose that if you elect me Lt. Commander South of the Georgia Division, I will take it upon myself to see that the proper representatives and communication is available. I will routinely contact GA Division Camps both North and South, and relay the information to the webmaster and the Division adjutant. I would advise anyone outside the 4th Brigade to contact commanders and adjutants within the 4th to see if I am a man of my word. Brothers, <i>we must do better!</i> Communication is the key. Let it begin with me. My email address is gafourthscv@progressivetel.com . The 4th brigade has a Facebook page that can be found at 4th Brigade, GA Division SCV. God bless the South! God bless Georgia! Kim M. Beck Kim M. Beck 4th Brigade Commander , GA Division SCV Candidate for Lt. Commander South
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General Robert E. Lee's Return from the McLean House, April 9th 1865:



Having surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia, General Lee rode back toward his headquarters tent through a cool and dark Palm Sunday evening. The sun behind the clouds had slanted near the horizon; sunset in Richmond that night came at 6:24. A chaplain present with the army described the weather: "The morning had been bright and fair. By noon dark and gloomy clouds had gathered over the whole face of the sky."

From a distance of a half-mile, General Edward Porter Alexander saw Lee coming out of the village on his familiar gray "Traveller" at about 4:30 p.m. Lieutenant Colonel Charles Marshall, Lee's reliable 34-year-old aide, rode beside his chief. "A strong desire seized me," Alexander wrote, "to have the men do something, to indicate to the general that our affection for him was even deeper than in the days of greatest victory & prosperity."

Under orders from Alexander and his subordinate officers, artillerymen hurried to the roadside and formed into line. Alexander instructed them "to uncover their heads, but in silence," as Lee passed.

The hastily formed plan for a dignified, if emotional, tribute to the surrendered army's chieftain fell apart at once. Infantry posted nearby swarmed around the artillerists and as Lee drew nigh, "someone started to cheer, & then, of course, all joined in." When he could be heard, the general "told the men in a few words that he had done his best for them & advised them to go home & become as good citizens as they had been soldiers."

During General Lee's short, simple remarks, "a wave of emotion seemed to strike the crowd & a great many men were weeping." Soldiers pressed close to touch the general or his mount, "to try & express in some way," General Alexander wrote, "the feelings which shook every heart." A South Carolina surgeon who had served under Lee for most of the war described the moment in a contemporary letter to his wife: "I heard some of our men yelling, and saw General Lee and his staff riding towards us, and as he stopped the men crowded around him to shake his hand and every man was shedding tears." Another observer used comparable language: "The men flocked round General Lee and met him with shouts and tears."

A North Carolinian standing "on the road side nearest the Court House" left a similarly vivid description of the event: "As he approached we could see the reins hanging loose on his horse's neck and his head was sunk on his breast. As the men began to cheer, he raised his head and hat in hand passed by, his face flushed and his eyes ablaze."

Private John Mathews Brown had been attending Washington College in Lexington, Virginia, when war erupted. In March 1862, two weeks after his seventeenth birthday, he enlisted in the Rockbridge Artillery. Brown served steadily with that renowned battery, except when absent sick and while recovering from a wound he suffered at Malvern Hill.

At Appomattox on the evening of April 9, 1865, Brown went to the edge of the road when he heard a commotion, and saw Lee riding through a dense crowd of soldiers. The general stopped in the midst of the throng and spoke briefly, out of Brown's hearing. Someone later told the Rockbridge gunner that Lee had admonished the men that "the bravest and best thing you can do is to go to that wife who is waiting anxiously for you." Then, "as he approached where I stood," Brown recalled, "every head was bared. General Lee's eyes were full of tears, as he turned his face from side to side and looked on the bowed heads of his men." The next morning, Colonel Marshall found some privacy in General Lee's ambulance, with an orderly posted to deflect interruptions, and drafted in pencil one of the most famous documents in American military history. General Orders No. 9, signed by Lee, began: "After four years of arduous service marked by unsurpassed courage and fortitude the Army of Northern Virginia has been compelled to yield to overwhelming numbers and resources."

DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL MARKER TO COMMEMORATE THE ESCAPE OF GEORGIA'S ROBERT TOOMBS FROM THE UNION ARMY

**Robert Toombs Escapes Union Cavalry at Riverside Location:
Riverside Plantation, Toccoa, Stephens Co., Ga.**

Following the end of the War Between the States in 1865, Robert Toombs, Confederate Brigadier General, former Secretary of State of the Confederacy, political orator, and native of Washington, Ga. came to the home of his friends "The Prather Family" in now Stephens Co., Ga. Toombs came to the home called "Riverside" to elude the pursuing Union Cavalry. This home was built in 1857 by Joseph J. Prather. Mr. Prather was the commander of Co. D, 5th Georgia Militia in the War Between the States and is buried here in the family cemetery. Toombs had been at Riverside a week when one afternoon while napping on the upstairs veranda of the home, he awakened to hear the sound of the hooves of Yankee Cavalry horses crossing Prather's Covered Bridge which fronted this home and crossed the Tugaloo River. Mrs. Sarah Jarrett Prather, wife of J.J. Prather, and daughter of Devereaux Jarrett (builder of Traveler's Rest Stagecoach Inn located only a few miles from Riverside), took General Toombs and hid him in an upstairs bedroom closet. It is said Toombs had both pistols drawn so that he might kill as many of the Union soldiers as possible to allow his escape. The Union forces entered the home and commenced a search of the entire home, but failed to find Toombs. They believed the door to the closet in which he was secluded was a door joining the two upstairs bedrooms. At that time taxes were levied on closets in a home, thus they were practically nonexistent. Toombs' location was not discovered and his seclusion in the closet fooled the Union troops. Their search failed to capture Toombs. He traveled from Habersham Co. to Wilkinson Co., Ga. and unable to reach his destination he then returned to North Georgia where he remained until the Fall. He then traveled another six months to reach Stewart Co., Ga. where he crossed the river to Alabama. He was forced to leave behind on the shore his faithful mare Gray Alice who had carried him all through the war. He arrived in Mobile, Alabama where he boarded the steamship "Alabama" and sailed to Cuba and on to Paris, France where he remained until 1867. He returned to Washington, Ga. where his historical home remains today. He never took the oath of allegiance to the United States and remained until his death, "Unreconstructed." His summer home is marked with a Georgia Historical Marker in Clarkesville, Ga.



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The Georgia Division's Sesquicentennial Radio Segments are now on air.

Listen for them on radio stations:

- **Augusta WNRR**
- **Douglas WOKA ("Dixie Country")**
- **Gainesville WDUN**
- **Griffin WEKS ("The Bear")**
- **Tifton WOBB**

They will be aired on different stations next quarter. All the radio segments can be heard and downloaded on the Division's web-site at www.georgiascv.org

Remembering the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Olustee

After a colder than usual winter in Georgia, it seemed like spring had sprung at Olustee. We had good attendance, fine weather, and, well, everything just went smoothly and pleasant. We were glad to have Ricky "Col. Coon Possum" and Beverly Smith back with us this year as well as a share of new faces around camp. It was exciting to not only see how the ranks and overall 16th Georgia family had grown. We had more musicians than the number we once fielded as riflemen! In all things we thank God. With nothing to add, we will let the pictures talk for us ...



Memorial Service

Honoring the 150th Anniversary of the death of

Lt. Gen. Leonidas Polk

Saturday, June 14, 2014

At 10:30 AM

The Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp 1446 Sons of Confederate Veterans invites you, your family and friends to our annual service honoring the life and achievements of the Bishop-General at the monument marking the site where he was killed atop Pine Mountain.

Join us for a once in a lifetime opportunity to honor him at a service that coincides with the place, date and time of his death!

Our service is open to the public with their family and friends encouraged.

The monument is located atop Pine Mountain which is off Stilesboro Rd, north of Marietta Country Club
The closest street address is:
1436 Beaumont Dr NW
Kennesaw, GA 30152-3202

150th Anniversary

On October 10, 1864 there was a skirmish between Union and Confederate Cavalry. In this battle, prisoners were taken, men were wounded and killed, including Private Albert Anderson, a sixteen year old Confederate cavalryman. He, along with the other Confederates are buried at the Van Wert Church Cemetery.

Please join us Saturday October 11, 2014 at 10 A.M. for a special memorial service. Van Wert is located just outside the city limits of Rockmart, Georgia at 100 Church Street. Our guest speaker will be Gordon L. Jones, PhD, Senior Historian and Curator of the Atlanta History Center.

For more information contact Leonard Draper via email leo369d@bellsouth.net or phone (404) 401-5591

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Friday, Aug 29, 2014 Bus Tour - Travel to the Inman Park area site of Stovall's attack during the Battle of Atlanta and his march route along the Georgia Railroad with narrative by Bob Price, consultant to the Georgia Civil War Commission; then onto the Cyclorama and Stone Mountain Park. Fascinating stories you won't hear anywhere else!

Saturday, Aug 30, 2014 Bus Tour - Visit the Confederate Cemetery in Jonesboro and the areas of battle nearby with a discussion of the importance of the railroad and General Hood's decisions. Then visit Stately Oaks Plantation including lunch there. Next visit the Atlanta History Center and, finally, see the Shoupades on the River Defense Line.

Charter bus \$30 per person, bus both days \$55 per person
Bus leaves 8 a.m. both days from headquarters Hampton Inn & Suites (Atlanta- Northlake) 3400 Northlake Parkway NE, Atlanta, GA 30345 (770) 493-1966 and returns about 4:30 p.m. Coolers welcome on the bus.

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**OLD CLINTON
WARDAYS**
MAY 3-4, 2014
9AM-4PM
 1.5 MILES SOUTH OF GRAY ON HWY 129
 FOR MORE INFO: 478-986-6383

The McCarthy-Pope House, circa 1809, the oldest house existing house in Clinton, will be open for tour. Ladies of the Confederacy will have the house furnished and decorated in the era of the War Between the States. Miss Annie's Store, which will be set up as an 1800's mercantile establishment, will also house a display of a wide variety of war relics, a prize winning exhibit of Griswold pistol parts, a beautiful example of a finished Griswold pistol, a Burnside carbine, other war weapons, and authentic Confederate currency. The 16th Georgia will again sponsor rapid fire as well as ultimate soldier/U.S. & C.S. authenticity contests and unit drill competition this year. Representatives of The Camp of the Unknown Soldier, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #2218 of Old Clinton, Jones County, Georgia will be on hand all weekend, if anyone is interested in joining this recently-formed, organization. The entire event takes place in the Old Clinton Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Self-guided walking tour information will be available.

Crafts of the era will be demonstrated; "modern" arts and crafts will also be available for purchase; and "modern" as well as food of the period will be served. Saturday's program will conclude at 8:05 P.M. with the 16th Georgia, Company G, Jackson Rifles, CSA conducting a memorial service in the Old Clinton Cemetery to honor Clinton's Confederate dead. Gates open at 9:00 A.M. Battle at 2:05 each day. Admission/Contribution each day: Adults - \$5; Students 18 and under \$3; Children under 6 - Free. Memorial service - Free. Clinton is located 12 miles NE of Macon, 1-½ miles SE of Gray, one block west off US Hwy 129. For more information contact J.C. Nobles (16th GA & Camp # 2218) at 478-718-3201 Earlene Hamilton at 478-986-6383 or the Jones County-Gray Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center at 478-986-1123.

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NOVEMBER 7 - 9, 2014

COME WALK THE PATH THAT SHERMAN'S ARMY WALKED 150 YEARS AGO AS THEY INVADDED SANDERSVILLE WHERE THEY ENCOUNTERED CONFEDERATE RESISTANCE. THIS BATTLE WILL BE RE-ENACTED ON THE TOWN SQUARE IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SANDERSVILLE ON SATURDAY MORNING. THERE WILL ALSO BE A BATTLE AT ANOTHER LOCATION ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

THE 97TH REGIMENTAL STRING BAND WILL BE HERE ALSO TO PROVIDE MUSIC BEFORE EACH BATTLE AND A BALL ON SATURDAY NIGHT. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

\$150 WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH ARTILLERY PIECE
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MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING AT A LATER DATE

SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THIS
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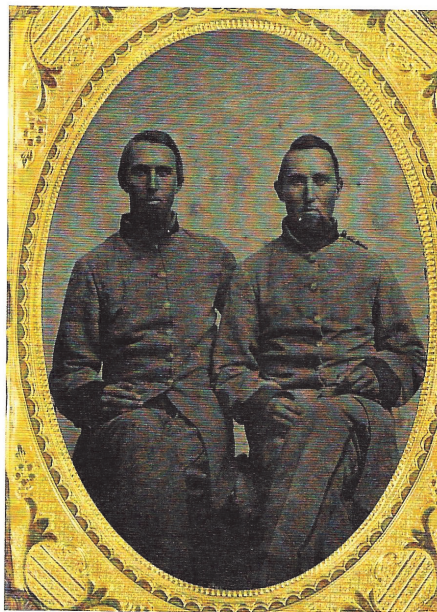
The Seminole word olustee means pond and so named the rail depot located near the battle site also known as Ocean Pond. Far from home James Marion McElheney and his six brothers found themselves there as part Company A, 32nd Georgia Regiment which made up General George Harrison's Brigade. James Marion McElheney and Stephen Thomas Tribble, also of Company A, were my Great Great Grandfathers. The company was made up of men from both Jones and Jasper Counties and held many collateral ancestors, all who unknowingly would be represented in my family tree.

Because of my ancestral connection Ocean Pond has always intrigued me as I have always held a special connection to those battlefields that I had roots in. The 150th Olustee commemoration had an added flare with the skirmish in Lake City on Friday afternoon as this was the first time the 16th had participated. While rather small and seemingly run by more cowboys than seasoned re-enactors it was not the skirmish that was so special to me but being there for it.

Standing in a group of my brothers in the 16th, waiting for the action to start, a white haired lady walked up to me and asked if any of us were affiliated with the 32nd Georgia. My reply was, "No mam, I don't really know of anyone who portrays the 32nd but I knew some of the men who were actual soldiers." With a puzzled look she replied that she did too, Company A. In shock I asked who she knew in Company A and she replied John Henry McElheney. We came to realize that her Great Grandfather was a brother to my Great Great Grandfather, James Marion McElheney.

Of all the people in Lake City and all who were standing there impersonating a Southern soldier, only fate could have brought Mrs. Anne to me. I had read that John Henry had took a mini ball in the face which ripped out the roof of his mouth. His pension records described the terrible sufferings that he endured as a result. We continued to talk of family matters and she, along with her husband, cousin and his wife, had brought their grandchildren down to see where their ancestors had fought.

While in conversation with the cousin Mrs. Anne disappeared and returned with a brass framed daguerreotype photo of John Henry (on the left) and one of his brothers. James Marion and John Henry were only one year apart in age and I found myself looking at what could possibly be my g-g-grandfather. The image on the right strongly resembles my great grandfather who would have been his son. The boys had the type made in Savannah early in the war as they wore fine enlisted frocks with blue collars and cuffs and had blue piping down their pants legs. If the brother was not James Marion he was at least another uncle and a blood relative.



Shocked at all the new found information I asked Mrs. Anne if I could possibly get a copy of the type. She walked the short distance to her car and returned with a photo of the daguerreotype and handed it to me. It was so much more than I expected. I invited the family to come to the memorial service on Saturday afternoon and they were the small group that stood to the far right side of the formation. Mrs. Anne, a genealogist, had researched the family all the way back to Ireland and once the memorial was concluded she presented me with papers which held genealogy of my family. We said our goodbyes as they were to leave for home that evening.

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'm not superstitious but do have a firm belief in the power of divine intervention. Maybe those men who stood that sacred ground so many years ago asked God to send me a tribute from heaven. Either way the visit from Mrs. Anne proved to me that they know where I stand.

Have the Glory Days Gone?

Compatriots,

The facts don't lie, in 2002 the Georgia Division had the largest membership it has ever had, in the modern era. 4,682 members. At the end of 2013 our membership numbered at 3156. That is a loss of 1,526 of our dear friends. That is a loss of over 1/3 of our members. The loss's in Georgia are not unique nearly every division has lost membership, but not as large a percentage as we have. Most of our members don't care much about what goes on at the National or Division level. Their only SCV contact is with the local camp. If our camps are weak/anemic then so will our state and national organizations.

Who can we blame for these losses ? What can be blamed ? A recent SCV survey revealed that most folks that leave our ranks to so for two main reasons. The number one reason given was, boring camp meetings. The second main reason was that the meeting were not welcoming to new members. If these are the two main reasons for membership loss, we can do something about that.

We are living in an era where most households have 100 plus TV channels. And people have family obligation, school event, and other interest. WE are going to have to compete with these things, and learn to make our meetings more interesting. I visit a lot of camps and a couple of things stand out that we should think about changing. The long and boring business part of our meeting. We can put our business in our News Letter to keep our members informed.

Every member should be taught to make every effort to make sure every man that comes to our meeting is made to feel he is welcome and he is an important part of what we are doing. Make the effort to include men in work details, reenactments, and all other outside activities. Show the members they are an important part of the life of your camp.

The focus of our leadership must be on the camps. Without strong camps we all loose out. Brigade Commanders must get out there and encourage the camps. Help train our camp leaders how to build their camps and maintain them. We have known for a long time that 20% of our new members do not reenlist for a 2ed year and we lose 20% more in the 3rd year. So if each camp recruits 20% new members every year they are just holding on. That will never translates to growth. Retention must take priority over recruitment. The way to retain membership is to keep the members interested in the programs of the camp.

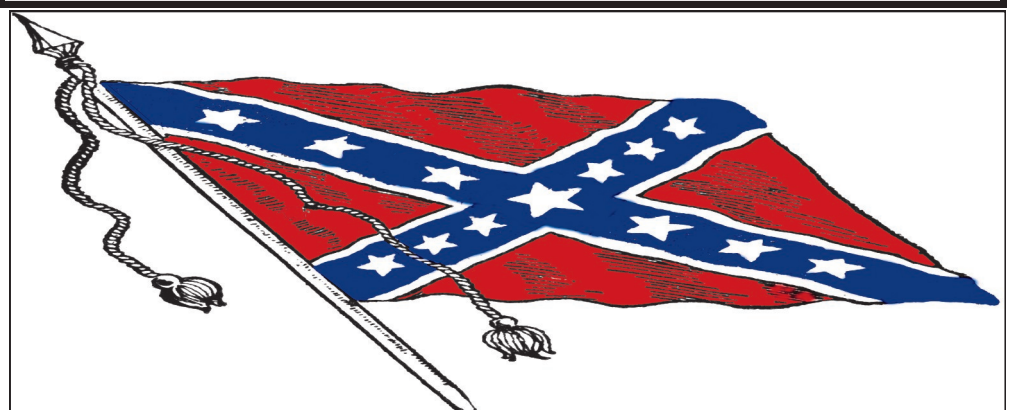
We try to have interesting programs at every meeting. We never do business at our public meetings. We hold quarterly business meeting that every member is welcome to attend. Our books are always open to any member with questions. We maintain a camp website www.scvsavannah.com that is well used. One of our members keeps a face book page going with news from all over the confederation, it has a lot of daily traffic. (Savannah and Coastal Georgia SCV) visit us.

My question was, who do we blame for this state of affairs? ALL of US! Many fair weather friends joined us for the Flag Fight, that's been over a long time ago. And many of them moved on, if that was their only reason for being with us, well. Lets get connected to the members and members get connected with the leadership.

We have such an Honorable and Historic, Heritage let us at every level work together to keep it alive so future generation can celebrate our heritage many years after we have move on to our reward.

Don Newman, Commander, Savannah Militia Camp 1657

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27th GEORGIA REGIMENT Camp # 1404 MEMORIAL SERVICE

GAINESVILLE - Confederate soldier graves were marked with the battle flag they fought under Saturday by Gainesville Sons of Confederate Veteran members and their friends and relatives in an annual effort to remember Southern dead from the American Civil War 150 years ago.

Ralph Mills, Lt. Commander of Gainesville SCV Camp 1404, with 16 camp members and their friends and relatives, gathered at Alta Vista Cemetery to place miniature battle flags beside the head stones. According to Mills there are over 150 graves at Alta Vista. The camp also takes the designation of a Confederate regiment from Hall County, Company ‘D’ 27th Georgia, which mustered in at Redwine Methodist Church on Blackshear Place.

“We are placing flags at honorable American soldiers’ graves,” Mills said. “We attempt to put a flag on all 600 known Hall County Confederate soldiers that we know of.”

Saturday’s “flagging” is an annual event to mark the graves for April, which is Confederate Heritage and History Month in Georgia. The graves lay scattered across the cemetery's rolling landscape.

“These were honorable soldiers, these were American soldiers,” Mills observed. “More men per capita served in the War Between the States than in any other war.”

Camp member Mike Couch says the flagging recalls history and heritage because the South still has strong links to its Civil War past.

“Every family in the South probably has a connection to the War Between the States and it’s a way to remember those people who served the Confederacy during this time and what it took to live in America then,” Couch said.

Couch disagrees with those who recall the war and the Confederacy solely as a slave nation that took up arms against the United States. The soldiers fought for their country, and their country was the South.

“I think the war was a way of our ancestors seeking independence from a government which they felt no longer a part of,” Couch said. “They felt they were oppressed by that government; it’s good to look back and remember states rights and honor those who dared to take a stand like their forefathers, the Revolutionary War soldiers, who stood against England and the tyranny there.”

One of the newer headstones marks where Captain Benjamin F. Hanie, Company ‘C’ 43rd Georgia Regiment, is buried. Many 43rd members came from Hall County. Hanie’s son was Gainesville’s first police chief when the town inaugurated a police department in 1873. Until then, according to camp member and Gainesville police captain Chad White, a city marshal kept the peace in the growing Northeast Georgia town.

Sixteen year old Elijah Bowen from North Hall High School placed a flag at Dr. J.W. Quillian’s headstone. Quillian survived the war and lived until 1912. He served in Company ‘F’ of the 11th Georgia Cavalry Regiment.

“I’m here to honor my fathers before me,” the teenager said. “I think the worst thing that could ever happen to a soldier is to be forgotten. That’s worse than being captured or killed.”

Confederate History & Heritage Month April 2014 Proclamation

WHEREAS, Southwest Georgia is rich in the history of the War for Southern Independence ; and

WHEREAS, The State of Georgia has long cherished her Confederate history, heritage, and culture and the great leaders, soldiers, and civilians who made sacrifices on behalf of the Confederate cause; and

WHEREAS, The Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is dedicated to honoring on a statewide basis those who served, supported, and fought for the Confederate States of America and educating the general public on Confederate history, heritage, and culture; and

WHEREAS, The Confederate States of America constitutionally, legally, and honorably seceded from the Union with the United States of America after enduring many years of political and criminal abuse and was promptly invaded and fought a four year war 1861-1865 for the cause of achieving Southern Independence; and

WHEREAS, The Confederate States of America was a classical civilization with a fine military, politics with superior statesmen, colleges and universities, art and literature, and classical architecture; and

WHEREAS, The Flags of the Confederate States of America represent the principles and values established by America’s Founding Fathers who were primarily Southern gentlemen from Virginia: Constitutional Limited Federal Government, States Rights, Resistance to Tyranny and Christian Values and Principles and are 180 degrees diametrically opposed to Socialism and Secular Humanism. Thus the principles and values the Confederate flags represent are the same principles and values represented by the original U.S. Betsy Ross flag; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln and his administration acted with deceit in setting up the Ft. Sumter incident with the intent purpose of starting a war and blaming the Confederate States of America for the initiation of war; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Southwest Georgia have a noble lineage in their Confederate ancestors who honorably and heroically took up arms to secure liberty for their country, the Confederate States of America, and in defense of and protection for their homes and families against an unconstitutional, illegal, criminal, and immoral invasion by the armies of the United States of America under the misguided direction and tyranny, despotism, dictatorship, and treachery of Abraham Lincoln and numerous other Northern politicians, industrialists, radicals and fanatics who were supported by the infamous European Socialist Karl Marx; and

WHEREAS, The men of Southwest Georgia served in the armies of the Confederate States of America with valor, many paying the ultimate sacrifice of dying on behalf of the Confederate cause; and

WHEREAS, Confederate Memorial Day has been celebrated in Southwest Georgia for 148 years; and

WHEREAS, The month of April bears special significance since it marks both the beginning and the ending of the War For Southern Independence,

Therefore

THEREFORE: We, the Sons of Confederate Veterans of Southwest Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2014 as “Confederate History and Heritage Month” in Southwest Georgia and encourage all residents and citizens to increase their knowledge of the role played by Southwest Georgia and the State of Georgia in the Confederate States of America and in The United States of America.

Submitted by:
James W. King, SCV Camp 141 Commander, Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson

ATTENTION!

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The 27th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment
Compiled By: William A. Bowers, Jr.

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Additional research posted below in defense of Gen. Forrest at Ft. Pillow.

It is almost as difficult to find consistent information about the incident at Fort Pillow as it is to determine the moral significance of its outcome. Scholars disagree about exactly what transpired on April 12, 1864 at Fort Pillow , when General Nathan Bedford Forrest captured the fort with his 1,500 troops and claimed numerous Union lives in the process (Wyeth 250). It became an issue of propaganda for the Union , and as a result the facts were grossly distorted. After close examination it is clear that the 'Fort Pillow Massacre' (as it became known by abolitionists) was nothing of the sort. The 1,500 troops under the command of General Nathan Bedford Forrest acted as men and as soldiers in their capture of Fort Pillow .

It is first necessary to understand what happened in the battle before any judgment can be made. A careful study performed by Dr. John Wyeth revealed the following information: from April 9-11, 1864, troops under the command of Ben McCulloch, Tyree Harris Bell, and Brig. General James Chalmers marched non-stop to Fort Pillow to begin their assault under the command of General Nathan Bedford Forrest. Confederate sharpshooters claimed the lives of several key Union officers during the morning assault on the fort. The losses included the commanding officer Major Loinel F. Booth, and his second in command shortly after that. These losses created a complete breakdown of order and leadership among the Union troops within the fort. (251) During the morning engagement, the gun boat the New Era was continually attempting to shell the Confederate forces from the Mississippi , but with minimal success. The Union forces fought back heartily until around one o'clock in the afternoon, when both sides slowed down.

Around that time the New Era steamed out of range to cool its weapons. It had fired a total of 282 rounds, and its supplies were almost totally exhausted. During this hiatus in the firing, while Confederate troops waited for supplies that would arrive around three o'clock, Forrest was injured when his horse fell on him after being mortally wounded (252). When the supplies arrived, Confederate troops under a flag of truce delivered a message from Forrest that said, 'My men have received a fresh supply of ammunition, and from their present position can easily assault and capture the fort,' (253). Forrest demanded 'the unconditional surrender of the garrison,' promising that you shall be treated as prisoners of war' (253). This agreement was refused by Major William F. Bradford using the name of Major Booth, and Forrest was left with no option but to attack (Long & Long 484). Without a word, Forrest rode to his post, and a bugle call began the charge. The soldiers stormed the fort under the cover of sharpshooter fire. The Union spent their rounds on the charging mass, and the second wave was to all intents and purposes a 'turkey shoot.' As hordes of soldiers came over the wall, a considerable number of Union lives were lost to point blank fire, an action that was deemed murder by the northern press. (255) However, it must not be forgotten that those Union troops who died were in the process of reloading their rifles. Even knowing that they were severely outnumbered, they had demanded the fight (Henry 255).

By this point most of the Union officers in the fort had been killed, and the remaining troops fled the fort toward the river where they had provisions waiting . There was also a plan for the New Era to shell the Confederate troops in the fort with canister, but the shelling never happened (. Confederate troops were waiting at the bottom of the fort to prevent access to the supplies by the Union forces. With the Union flag still flying upon the fort and Union forces still firing on the run, Confederate troops claimed many more lives on the river bank. It was reported by Colonel FIRST NAME Barteau that they made a wild, crazy, scattering fight. They acted like a crowd of drunken men. (NOTE by James W. King---other Confederate reports stated that the blacks were in fact drunk--large amounts of alcohol was found at the fort). They would at one moment yield and throw down their guns, and then would rush again to arms, seize their guns and renew the fire. If one squad was left as prisoners ... it would soon discover that they could not be trusted as having surrendered, for taking the first opportunity they would break lose again and engage in the contest. Some of our men were killed by Negroes who had once surrendered (256).

With this type of activity, it is understandable how a superior force could claim so many casualties. However, the issue is not so clear to Civil War historians. The first and biggest problem has to do with the information that different historians base their opinions on. For example, in a historical account written by Carl Sandburg it is reported that Forrest's troops stood 6,000 strong. This is slightly inflated from the actual 1,500 that were present. In this same account Sandburg claims that the 'battle ended as a mob scene with wholesale lynching' (Sandburg 247). It was distorted information such as this that was used by the Union as propaganda against the South. After the incident General FIRST NAME Kilpatrick was quoted saying Forrest had 'nailed

COMMEMORATION SERVICE OF THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GRISWOLDVILLE

The Jarrell Plantation Historic Site, the 16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Co. G, "The Jackson Rifles", and The Camp of the Unknown Soldier, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp # 2218, of Clinton, Jones County, Georgia, cordially invite one and all to the Commemorative Service of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Griswoldville on Saturday, November 22, 2014.

A living history program will begin at 9:30am with the commemoration starting promptly at 12:00 noon, honoring all who served at the battle of Griswoldville and environs in November of 1864

Our guest speaker will be Pastor John Weaver of Fitzgerald, Ga.

Although this event is sponsored by the Jarrell Plantation, it will not be held on that site but on the actual Griswoldville Battlefield - GPS: 32°52' 00"N 83°28'10"W, regardless of weather conditions. For more information, please call 478-986-5172, 478-396-4838 or 478-731-5531.

Negroes to the fences, set fire to the fences, and burned the Negroes to death' (Hurst 321). With reports like this, it is understandable why abolitionist were outraged.

The Congressional Committee released a summary after the event. It stated that the rebels took advantage of a flag of truce to place themselves in position from which the more readily to charge the upon the fort that after the fall of the fort 'the rebels commenced in an indiscriminate slaughter sparing neither age nor sex, white or black, soldier or civilian; that this was not the results passions excited by the heat of conflict, but of a policy deliberation decided upon and unhesitatingly announced; that several of the wounded were intentionally burned to death in huts and tents about the fort; and the 'the rebels buried some of the living the dead.' (Henry 260)

In the intensive studies performed by Dr. John Wyeth there were more than fifty soldiers that were present at this battle who gave sworn testimonies contradicting these findings.(260) This suggests that the Union fabricated the truth to aid in its own cause.

The fact is that most of what was said about Forrest's unethical actions were false accusations. Testimonies from several different sources (both Union and Confederate) claim that there were no movements under the flag of truce, but that they had their positions hours before. (Henry 260) It is true that the losses were huge in this battle, but that is typical of many significantly unbalanced battles. According to Wyeth there was only one incident of force against the Union after the Union flag came down, and that resulted in an on the spot arrest.

This entire incident was blown totally of proportion. It is tragic to lose even one life, but on a battle field, death is inevitable. This event became a monumental point in the war because of exaggeration and lies told by Union supporters. These lies strengthened the Union cause and further blemished the reputation of Confederate forces. Morally, there is no fault in Forrest's actions.

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2nd BRIGADE REPORT.....

3rd BRIGADE REPORT.....

Rabun Gap Riflemen, Camp 1929, Clayton, GA

Meeting time is 2nd Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the E.M.A. Rescue Building on Syrup City Road in Tiger, GA
Contact email: eng4@windstream.net
Camp website: <http://freepages.military.rootsweb.com/~hemlockhill>

David W. Payne Camp 1633, Blairsville, GA

Meets 2nd Thursday each month (except December) at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the United Community Bank on GA 515 in Blairsville.
Contact email: haroldlevi@hotmail.com
Camp website: <http://camp1633.scv.org/>
Contact phone: 706-745-5243

Cherokee Legion, Camp 914, Canton, GA

Meets every 3rd Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. Location varies. (Check the camp website for the most up to date information.)
Contact email: scvrecruit914@yahoo.com
Camp website: www.cherokeelegion.org
Contact phone: 678-395-8031

Colonel Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642, Cumming, GA

Meetings are held, rain or shine, on the fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are held at the Bell Research Center, 101 School St inside the Old Cumming Schoolhouse. Meetings usually last about 2 hours. Meetings start at 7 PM with plenty of time for fellowship before and after.
Camp website: <http://www.scv1642.com/>
Contact email: cliff874@gmail.com

52nd Georgia SCV Camp 1418, Cleveland, GA

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Public Library in Cleveland, GA at 7:30 p.m.
Camp website: <http://scvcamp1860.tripod.com/52ndga/id2.html>
(Above information gathered from the Camp website.)

Concord Rangers Camp 2135, Dawsonville, GA

Camp website: <http://www.scvcamp2135.com/scv/index.php?SessID=23567>
NOTE: The website listed may not be current.

27th Georgia Infantry Regiment, Co. D, Camp 1404, Gainesville, GA

We meet the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Piedmont Hotel, 827 Maple Street, in downtown Gainesville.
Contact email: nawgie@windstream.net
Camp website: <http://scv1404.tripod.com/>

The Blue Ridge Rifles, Camp 1860, Dahlonega, GA

We meet the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Community House, 111 Park Street North, 2 blocks N. or town square.
Contact email - scvgacamp1860@yahoo.com
Camp website: <http://scvcamp1860.tripod.com/scvcamp1860/>

Habersham Guard, Camp 716, Clarkesville, GA

The camp meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Clarkesville Library.
Facebook page: Sons of Confederate Veterans (Habersham Guard Camp 716).

Gilmer Light Guards, Camp 89, Ellijav, GA

Meeting every 3rd Monday at the Bobcat Den at 7:00 p.m. with fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Bobby Bradford, Commander
Leo Baker, Lt. Commander

Second Brigade, Georgia Division

Facebook: Georgia Second Brigade
Contact phone: 678-395-8031
Contact email: secondbrigade@yahoo.com

The Jackson County Volunteers held their monthly meeting on April 10, 2014 at Beef O Brady's Restaurant in Jefferson, Georgia. Mr. John Latty from Gainesville, Georgia gave a program on some of the units and Confederate Soldiers from Jackson County. Mr. Latty has written several books and loves to share his knowledge to all. The Camp has been busy placing Confederate Flags on Confederate Soldiers grave in the county for April's Heritage and History Month. Several members enjoyed a Dixie Day at Stone Mountain Park for the Confederate Memorial Program. If you missed this year event please make an effort to support this event next year. Next camp meeting is planned for May 08, 2014. For more information please contact Commander Steve Satterfield at BeaNoel68@Bellsouth.net.

Remember that this Sunday, April 20th we will meet at 3 PM to place flags on over 400 Confederate Veterans graves at Oconee Hills Cemetery. Come join us in honoring these brave soldiers. We will also have a memorial service at Oconee Hills Cemetery on Sunday April 27th at 3 PM. The public is urged to attend. Oconee Hills Cemetery is located at 297 Cemetery St. , Athens, Ga. Near Sanford Stadium.

See below the program topic for our May 1st camp meeting. Jack Marlar always has a good program. Be sure to invite family and friends.

Marvin Poe Commander Camp # 97 SCV

The Lt. Dickson L. Baker Camp 926 gave the reference book " INDEX to GEORGIA CIVIL WAR CONFEDERATE PENSION FILES" to the Royston Public Library Royston, Ga. and Elberton City Library Elberton, Ga. We gave the Hartwell Library one earlier. Our Camp wants to thank Compatriot Charles Milford for the fine "Catfish Supper" he gave our camp . Charles has been a member several years and he just wanted to have a meeting at his cabin at his lake and feed the camp.

We have completed putting out flags on the graves to honor our Confederate buried in our area, 1600+. Our camp is having a Memorial service in Elberton on April 26 at 10:00 am at the Confederate monument. If everything goes as planned our Real Son HV Booth will place the wreath, then we will have a Memorial service in Hartwell at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited. We want to welcome to our camp new member Richard C. McCurley of Hartwell, he joined under Pvt. Mitchell Dooley 4th Ga. Resreves. The Baker Camp meets on 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the UDC clubhouse in Hartwell, Ga. Vistors are always welcome.
Reported by--Adj. Judson Barton

Camp #935 Currahee Rangers Toccoa met Monday night Apr 21 at Quincy's Family Steakhouse in Toccoa. We did our candle lighting ceremony for our ancestors.

On Sunday April 13 some of our memberrt attended the marker dedication at Riverside (Prather House) to mark the escape of Robert Toombs from the yankee calvary after the war. The marker was done by the Georgia Civil War Commission with Mrs. Karen Thompson Ledford heading everthing up.

We meet the third Mon of each month at Quincy"s in Toccoa. 6:30 to eat, meeting starts at 7:20 everyone is invited.

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4th BRIGADE REPORT

The 4th Brigade consists of Monroe, Crawford, Peach, *Houston, Pulaski, Jones, Bibb, Twiggs, Bleckley, Dodge, Putnam, Baldwin*, Wilkinson, *Laurens*, Hancock, *Washington*, Telfair and *Johnson* Counties.

Please submit news from your Camp by the 15th of the month. Send information and Camp newsletters to gafourthscv@progressivetel.com.

Brig. Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr. Camp 18-Macon. Meets each 3rd Thursday of the month at Jeaneane’s at Pinebrook, 4436 Forsyth Rd., Macon, GA. Dine at 5:30, meeting begins at 6:00 pm.

Compatriot Johnny Mack Nickles was guest speaker at The Camp of the Unknown Soldier in Jones County at March 24 meeting. Camp #18 is working with the UDC in order to relocate and preserve the monument in Twiggs County. It is hopeful to address this project at the GA Division Reunion for Tag Funds. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Members of Camp #18 participated in the annual Confederate Memorial Day services at the Confederate Statue, downtown Macon, GA and Rose Hill Cemetery, Riverside Drive, Macon. Confederate History & Heritage Month posters were distributed in Macon and Bibb County.

Commander Tom Stevens (478) 477-7468, Adjutant Clifford Dunaway (478) 256-5400.

Capt. Hardy B. Smith Camp 104-Dublin. Meets each 4th Thursday of the month at Commander Pee Wee Dillon’s home, 612 Briarcliff Rd., Dublin, GA. Meeting time is 6:00 pm.

Members participated in the Dublin St. Patrick’s Day parade on March 22, 2014. Camp #104 Adjutant John Hall opened the Capt. Hardy B. Smith House to the media on April 10, 2014. TV-35 of Dublin did a Confederate History Month special by interviewing current Lt. Commander North (and candidate for GA Division Commander) Ray McBerry, 4th Brigade Commander (and candidate for Lt. Commander South) Kim Beck, and Camp #104 Adjutant John Hall. The interview can be seen at: <http://tv35.tv/shows/around-town/around-town-confederate-month/> Camp #104 was represented at the 13th Annual National Confederate Memorial Service at Stone Mountain Park on April 12, 2014. City of Dublin Mayor Phil Best signed a proclamation declaring the month of April as Confederate History and Heritage Month on April 17, 2014. CH&HM posters have been distributed in Dublin and Laurens County.

Cmdr Jackie R. Dillon II (732) 456-1761, Adjutant John C. Hall, Jr. (404) 964-6896.

Old Capitol Camp 688-Milledgeville. Meets each 2nd Thursday of the month at the Milledgeville Country Club, 3700 Sinclair Dam Rd., Milledgeville, GA. Meeting time is 7:00 pm.

Members attended the program on “Smithboro” sponsored by Georgia’s Old Capitol Museum. Commander McKnight featured a video from Kennesaw Battlefield for the April 10 meeting. The annual Memorial Day service collaboration with the UDC was held April 19, 2014 at Memory Hill Cemetery in Milledgeville. Flags were placed on the graves on April 14 to prepare for the day. Mrs. Irene Cordell was the main speaker. The Camp #688 annual Barbecue fundraiser followed in the Georgia Military College parking lot. May 14 meeting will feature Harris Churchwell of Lt. James T. Woodward Camp-Warner Robins. Compatriot Churchwell will present his new book, “*Seeking Glory*”.

Cmadr Linton McKnight (478) 452-0008, Adjutant Konreid Etheredge (478) 454-7446.

W. F. Jenkins Camp 690-Eatonton. Meets each 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Bledsoe-Greene House, 105 West Sumter St., Eatonton, GA. Meeting time is 6:30 pm.

April 15, 2014 meeting featured Mrs. Susan Hathaway, most notable for her role as a Virginia Flagger. Camp #690 is progressing with its plans in coordination with the historical society, chamber of commerce, UDC, etc. for a sesquicentennial event planned for Nov. 20-23, 2014. Re-enactors are needed to encamp on the courthouse lawn and participate in a “living history” in Eatonton. If you can help, please contact Commander Abernathy.

Commander Terrell Abernathy (478) 288-7888, Adjutant Larry Manley (706) 485-6001

Lt. James T. Woodward Camp 1399-Warner Robins. Meets each 2nd Monday of the month at Sonny’s BBQ, 811 Russell Parkway, Warner Robins, GA. Dine at 6:00, meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Commander Scroggins was interviewed by the media concerning the updated GA SCV automobile tag. CH&HM posters have been delivered throughout Warner Robins and Houston County. Members attended the 13th National Confederate Memorial Service at Stone Mountain Park on April 12, 2014. Compatriot Harris Churchwell has completed his newest work titled *Seeking Glory*, a follow up to his first book *Captains at Rest*. Harris is available for Camp programs. On March 18, 2014 members presented History Month Proclamation to Houston County on the anniversary of the birth date of Lt. James T. Woodward. On April 7, 2014 a proclamation was presented at Warner Robins City Hall. On April 14, 2014 Camp #1399 was honored to have Mrs. Susan Hathaway of the VA Flaggers. Guest from Capt. Ruel W. Anderson Camp-Hawkinsville, Logan E. Bleckley Camp-Cochran was in attendance, along with Mike Mull and 4th Brigade Commander Kim M. Beck, both of whom are running for Lt. Commander South. The camp accepted application of new membership and reported on the Hunley Award scholarships that are presented to area students. Camp #1399 participated in Memorial Day events on April 25&26, 2014 at Stevens St., Warner Robins; Cliett Cemetery, Byron; Cotton Ave., Macon; Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon; Woodward Cemetery, Macon; Byron City Cemetery, Byron; and Oaklawn Cemetery, Ft. Valley.

Commander Steve Scroggins (478) 718-1405, Adjutant James “Bo” Hall, Jr. 478-256-8307. www.scvcamp1399.org

Maj. Mark Newman Camp 1602-Sandersville. Meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Brown House, North Harris St., Sandersville, GA. Meeting time is 6 pm.

CH&HM posters were distributed in Sandersville and Washington County. Annual Memorial Day service planned for Sandersville Old City Cemetery on April 26, 2014. The Brown House Museum, 268North Harris St., Sandersville will offer a rotating exhibit of WBTS artifacts, memorabilia, personal letters written from soldiers and historic war papers from Washington Co. Uniforms, period furniture and prominent collections of past and present are on display. The event runs from March 17-Dec. 31, 2014.

Commander Thomas Tyson (478) 451-7251, Adjutant Randy Hall (478) 357-7774.

Johnson Greys Camp 1688-Wrightsville. Meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Old Blizard Home Place, 1802 New Homes Rd., Kite, GA. Meeting time is 7:00 pm.

Report was unavailable this month.

Commander Jimmy Blizzard (478) 864-2872, Adjutant Roger Webb (478) 864-8149. <http://johnsongreys.club.officelive.com>

Logan E. Bleckley Camp 1998-Cochran. Meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at The Confederate Way, 661 Frank Cook Rd., Cochran, GA. Dine at 6:00 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Note the new location, The Confederate Way. This is a new shop in Bleckley County and will serve as meeting location. Commander Duskin attended the EC meeting in Macon on April 5, 2014. He also attended the 13th National Confederate Memorial Service at Stone Mountain Park on April 12, 2014. CH&HM posters have been distributed to schools and city and county buildings. The Confederate Battle flag is flying at the monument downtown and the city marquee is scrolling Confederate History & Heritage month daily. Also, ads for CH&H month have been in local newspaper.

Commander Bobby Duskin (478) 934-8740, Adjutant Alan Richards (478) 934-0214.

Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039-Eastman. Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Pricilla’s Country Cooking, 12 Pine Ridge Rd., Eastman, GA. Dine at 6:00 pm and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Members placed Confederate grave flags on veteran graves throughout Dodge County during the end of March. Camp #2039 members attended the 13th National Confederate Memorial Day Service at Stone Mountain Park on April 12, 2014. The month of April is CH&H month as proclaimed by the County Commissioners. Members attended various Memorial Day Services throughout the mid-State.

Commander Gary Lowery (478) 374-3477, Adjutant Kim M. Beck (478) 358-4168. Visit Pine Barrens Volunteers on Face book.

The Camp of the Unknown Soldier-Gray. Meets on the last Monday of each month at Firefly’s Restaurant, 4171 Gray Hwy., Gray, GA. Dine at 6:00 pm and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Compatriot Earl Colvin presented an application for Tag Funds to the GA Division EC on April 5, 2014. The funding is for Southern Crosses of Honor for the Old Clinton Cemetery. Your support at the Division Reunion would be greatly appreciated. May 3&4, 2014 is the Annual Old Clinton War Days, south of Gray, GA. Well-known collector and artifact expert Johnny Mack Nickles was guest at March meeting. His topic was Confederate Cutlery. The April 28 meeting will feature Compatriot Lee Murdock speaking on General Phillips, May 26 will have Larry Smallwood making a presentation on the “Ramah Guards” of the 14th GA Infantry and Mr. M. L. Clark will address Camp #2218 in June. Members were instrumental in Memorial Day services throughout Middle Georgia area. Congratulations to Compatriot Matt Whitehead and his new bride Katy. They were wed on April 13, 2014. Matt is assigned to duty in the U.S. Navy. May God’s blessings pour out upon you.

Commander J. C. Nobles (478) 718-3201, Adjutant John Wayne Dobson (478) 731-5531. scv2218.com

Capt. Ruel W. Anderson Camp 2239-Hawkinsville. Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at The Steakhouse, 101 Buchan Rd., Hawkinsville, GA. Meeting time is 6:00 pm.

CH&H month posters have been distributed. Grave flags were distributed to cemeteries throughout Pulaski County on March 22, and March 29, 2014. Commander Hankey presented a program on Flags of the CSA at the April 10, 2014 meeting. Commander Hankey attempted to have the City of Hawkinsville proclaim the month of April CH&H month. City Manager Jerry Murkerson refused and has denied permission to have muskets and cannon at Captain Ruel W. Anderson’s birthday commemorative at Orange Hill Cemetery, Hawkinsville. Brigade Commander Beck and Commander Hankey will follow up. Newspaper ads have run for CH&H month.

Commander Sammy Hankey (478) 338-5828, Adjutant Dennis Lord (478) 934-0490.

Submitted by Kim M. Beck, 4th Brigade Commander gafourthscv@progressivetel.com

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11th BRIGADE REPORT.....

John B. Gordan Camp 46, Meets the second Monday, at Mary Mac’s Tea Room, on Ponce deLeon Ave, in Atlanta Social starts at 6:00 p.m.Dinner is ordered at 6:30 p.m. Meeting comes to order at 6:45 For more info e-mail jordanwolf@bellsouth.net
Joe Jordan, Commander

McDaniel-Curtis Camp 165, Meets the third Monday, of each month, at 7:00 p.m., Location is at the Carroll County Veterans Building, SCV Room 1790 Stripling Chapel Road.All visitors, and guests, are welcome, and always invited to join us.
Sam Pyle, Commander

Haralson’s Invincibles 673,
Meets the first Tuesday of each month, at the Open Door Baptist Church on US Hwy 27 Bus., and God Sent Lane. For GPS Use 50 Mimosa Street, Buchanan, Georgia 30113
The Meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish supper
Donald Monroe Cmdr.
Richard Boarts Adj.

William Thomas Overby/Coweta Guards Camp 715,
Meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 92 Greenville Street Newnan, GA (next to the oweta County Justice Center). in Newnan. For more information contact Mike Webb at 770-683-0973 or Cal Kohler at 770-463-3656
Mike Webb, Commander

Lt. Col. Thomas Coke Clover Camp 943,
Meets on the first Tuesday of each month, at the Douglasville Baptist Church, on Simon Road, in Douglasville, Georgia. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.
Ray Phillips, Commander

Forrest’s Escort Camp 1239,
Meets on the fourth Monday of each month, except for December. A covered dish supper starts at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:15 p.m. The meetings are located in the service building behind “Historic Wick’s Tavern”. 212 West Wilson Street Villa Rica, Georgia 30180
John Fernanader, Commander

General James Longstreet Camp 1289
The General James Longstreet Camp 1289 meets at 7:00 pm on the 3rdTuesday of each month at the Ramah Baptist Church, 502 Ramah Drive, 30268, Palmetto, Georgia.
Commander: Dan Berman (770) 971-1657, email: berman_dan@hotmail.com
Adjutant: Charles Garvin (770) 942-7498, email: garvinc@bellsouth.net

Sharpsburg Sharpshooter’s Camp 1729,
Meets on the second Monday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with a covered dish supper. The meetings are held at the Turin Lodge in Turin, Georgia. For more info e-mail ebyrom@charter.net
Earl Byrom, Commander

The month of April as always has been a busy one for the camps listed above, participating all across the 11th Brigade, and Stone Mountian, with one Memorial Service after the other. I’ve even seen where a few members are using Social Media in a positive way to get the message out about our ancestors.
Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Till Commander 11th Brigade Georgia Div., SCV
theoldegoat@yahoo.com or theoldegoat@comcast.net

13th BRIGADE REPORT

The 13th Brigade is made up of nine camps in ten counties located in upper central Georgia. The following Camps are located in the 13th Brigade: Camp 79 - Fayette, County, Camp 96 - Gwinnett, County, Camp 107 - Spaulding, Camp 108 - Henry Camp 863 - Rockdale, Camp1361 - Clayton, Camp 1432 - DeKalb, Camp 1724 - Gwinnett, and Camp 2038 - Newton County’s. There are no Camps in Butts and Jasper Counties.

The Gen LaFayette McLaws, Camp 79. The Camp meets the 3rd Thursday at 7:00pm at the Fayette County Historical Society, 195 Lee Street, Fayetteville, Ga. [770-461-6126](tel:770-461-6126)
Commander Mitchell Crabbe SKGBAMA@bellsouth.net. [770-719-7978](tel:770-719-7978) Lee Mize JR.

mizecpa@bellsouth.net. Web address for the Camp is: www.fayettescv.org . **Camp Activity:** Camp had a Confederate Memorial Service in April .

The Major William E. Simmons, Camp 96. Our Camp meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Historic Female Seminary, 455 Perry Street, Lawrenceville, Ga. [770-554-9377](tel:770-554-9377) Commander Joseph Bath JBATH@bellsouth.net. [770-978-8362](tel:770-978-8362)
James Lynch Jimwlync@bellsouth.net
Camp website: www.scv96.org. Camp contact www.DFLreb@msn.com or [770-979-2637](tel:770-979-2637).
Camp Officers: Commander – Joe Bath, 1st Lt. Commander – Bob Collins, 2nd Lt. Commander - Bill Grimes, Adjutant - Jim Lynch, Treasure - Jim Lynch, Champlain – Bill Winn, Quartermaster – Danny Ramey and Captain of the Honor Guard – Dennis Cook.
Camp had a Confederate Memorial Service in April.

The John McIntosh-Kell, Camp 107. The Camp meets the 1st Monday of the month. The new meeting place is Panda Bear Restaurant at 1403 N. Expressway, Griffin Ga. (across from Ryan’s Steakhouse) Supper at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 P.M. Commander: Charles McEachin scv107@gmail.com, Adjutant Mike Laster melast@juno.com.
Camp Activities: Camp had a Confederate Memorial Service on Saturday, April 19, 2014 and the City of Griffin and the county of Spalding named the month of April Confederate History Month by proclamation.

COL. CHARLES T. Zachry Rangers, Camp 108. The Camp meets 4th Monday at 7:00pm at the Nash Farm Battle Field Museum, 100 Babbs Mills Rd. Hampton, Ga., 30228.
Commander Chris Chapman. CHAP1993@GMAIL.COM, Lt. Commander Jeff Hightower –gajohnnyrev@bellsouth.net- ADJ. James Pollard-678.770.2549 jame-spollard@charter.net-Camp Website-www.scvcamp108.com-Face book Page- Colonel Charles T. Zaqchry SCV Camp 108.
The Camp had a Confederate Memorial Service in April.

The Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp #863. Our Camp meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Philologia Lodge, 1005 Milstead Avenue, Conyers, Ga. [770-483-4996](tel:770-483-4996) Commander Joe Underwood. Email contact is Commander@JoeWheeler863scv.org.
[770-760-8200](tel:770-760-8200) AOJ Steven Camp ADJUTANT@JoeWheeler863svc.org, Chaplin – Jon Maxey, Editor & Publisher – Howard Underwood and Publisher & Historian – Dan Bass.
The camp had a Confederate Memorial Service in April.

Maj. Gen. Patric R. Clebrune, Camp 1361. Our Camp meets the 3rd Thursdays at 7:00 pm at the Noah’s Ark Church, corner of Noah’s Ark road and Carnes Rd. [770-478-19748](tel:770-478-19748) Commander Lee Stroud. Email contact is jerryleefan@hotmail.com.
[770-337-4172](tel:770-337-4172) ADJ John C. Campbell. Email contact isjcampbell_law@yahoo.com.
Camp Activity: Camp had a Confederate Memorial Service in April.

The Confederate Memorial, Camp 1432: All regular Camp meetings are held at Stone Mountain Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 5306 Mimosa Dr. Stone Mountain, on the 3rd Monday at 7:00pm, unless otherwise noted. Commander: Bob Espy 404-643-8470, REspy49779@aol.com. Camp ADJ– Phil Autrey, [404-659-2314](tel:404-659-2314), philautery@aol.com.
The Camp had a Confederate Memorial Service on April 26, 2014 and a proclamation from the City of Stone Mountain. Camp had a cook out March 29, 2014.

The Eli P. Landers, Camp 1724: The Camp meets 4th Thursday at 7:00pm at the Sweetwater Primitive Baptist Church, 900 Pleasant Hill Rd., Lilburn, Ga. [770-967-9695](tel:770-967-9695)
Commander Barry Denard, rebel1bd@bellshouth.net.
[770-978-1405](tel:770-978-1405) ADJ Jerry Brimberry jerry.brimberry@gmail.com. **Camp activity:** No repot this week.

The Gen. George “Tig” Anderson Camp 2038: Gen. George “Tig” Anderson, Camp 2038 of the sons of Confederate Veterans has moved its meeting place to Jim Leathers Pond House located at 586 Woodlawn Road, Mansfield, Ga. Camp meeting is the 3d Tue @7:30, no meeting December.
[770-786-5024](tel:770-786-5024) Commander Donalds Johns John48@yahoo.com.
[770-385-8828](tel:770-385-8828) ADJ James Leathers JHLEATHER@ATT.net. Camp will continue to meet the third Tuesday of each month (except December) at 7:30 pm.
The camp had a cook out for recruiting in March 2014.



"Rabun Gap Riflemen" SCV Camp 1929, Clayton, GA. New member Charles Mobley being sworn in by Commander Bill English on 14 Apr 2014. L to R: Commander English,



Stand Watie SCV Camp #915, Cleaning Resaca Confederate Cemetery on Park Day April 5, L to R, John Warren, Vic Bohannon, David Mitchell, Jeff Henderson, William L. Worley, Friends of Resaca member, John Guider, 915 Commander Stanley



COL. WILLIAM STILES / AKINS CAMP # 670 RECEIVE CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL MONTH PROCLAMATION FROM BARTOW COUNTY COMMISSIONER

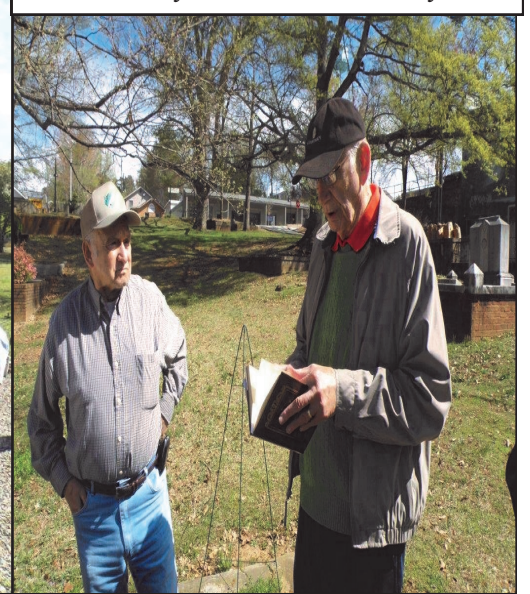
On April 5, 2014, members of the Roswell Mills Camp #1547, visited the historic cemeteries in the Roswell area and conducted a brief memorial service at the following cemeteries after placing Confederate flags on the graves: Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Cemetery, Camp Cemetery, Roswell Methodist Church Cemetery, Roswell Presbyterian Church Cemetery. A special commemoration was held at the grave side of ACTQ (acting Quartermaster) Edmund Jackson Camp, an ancestor of compatriot Doug Allen and his daughter Rebecca Allen Leake, wife of Commander Rick Leake.



Becky Leake and her father Doug Allen Chaplin Ray Barry gives an eulogy at historic Roswell Presbyterian Church



Chaplin Ray Barry gives an eulogy at historic Roswell Presbyterian Church Cemetery



On April 14, 2014, members of The Roswell Mills Camp #1547, met with Roswell Mayor Jere Woods and Roswell City Council members. The mayor issued a proclamation proclaiming April 2014 as "Confederate History and Heritage Month" in the City of Roswell and encourage all residents to increase their knowledge of the role played by the Confederate States of America in our country's history".

During the ceremony Commander Rick Leake and local Roswell resident and artist Mary Jane Warren Stone, whose deceased father was an SCV member, presented to the mayor a signed print of her drawing titled "The Deportation" which depicts the forced removal of Roswell Millworker women and their children from Roswell and New Manchester to deport them north of the Ohio River. Most never returned, a few did not survive the journey.



This is how Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp #2039-Eastman, GA member

Horace Fleming shows his support for Georgia while living in Utah.

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