



Division Adjutant Recommends Napier-Hoffman House As Division Headquarters

OPINION OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION ADJUTANT

THIS OPINION IS EXPRESSED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

IT WAS MY INTENT TO NOT INTERJECT AN OPINION, BUT TO SIMPLY PROVIDE FACTS. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WHILE MEETING IN FORSYTH, GA ON 31 MARCH 2007, I WAS INSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE AN OPINION ON THE PROPOSED LEASE AS DIVISION ADJUTANT.

IT IS MY OPINION, WITH ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION TO EXERCISE THE PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT AS PROVIDED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

THE REASONING AND BACKGROUND BEHIND THIS OPINION IS ATTACHED FOR ALL MEMBERS TO SEE HOW I ARRIVED AT THIS RECOMMENDATION. THIS SECTION ALSO GIVES FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE POTENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT.

IT IS MY HOPE AND DESIRE THAT THIS ISSUE CAN BE PUT TO BED WITH ALL ACCEPTING THE FINAL DECISION OF THE MEMBERSHIP IN REUNION. THIS HAS BEEN A PROCESS OF 15 YEARS AT THIS POINT, AND HAS BECOME A DIVISIVE ISSUE TO THE DIVISION IN THE PAST YEAR. IT IS TIME FOR THE DIVISION TO MOVE FORWARD TO FIGHT, AS ONE, THE ISSUES THAT DETRACT FROM OUR TRUE HISTORY BEING PRESENTED. LET US UNITE AS ONE FOLLOWING THE FINAL VOTE, WHATEVER THE FINAL OUTCOME MAY BE, WHETHER WE, AS INDIVIDUALS AGREE OR NOT. LET'S COME TOGETHER AS GOOD MEN OF THE SOUTH IN THE NAME OF OUR ANCESTORS WHO FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT AND REUNITED AND MOVED FORWARD.

Tom Brown

GEORGIA DIVISION ADJUTANT
05 MAY 2007

Although reluctant to state his personal opinion regarding this project, Division Adjutant Tom Brown agreed to do so ONLY after the unanimous vote of the Executive Council at the March 31, 2007 meeting.

REVISED LEASE PROPOSAL

FROM THE SOUTHERN CULTURAL FOUNDATION
DATED May 5, 2007

FOR THE USE OF THE NAPIER-HOFFMAN HOUSE AS
A HEADQUARTERS

After consideration and discussion of the concerns of the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Headquarters' Committee representing the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate (The Division) and the Southern Cultural Foundation (The SCF) the following terms for a lease for the use of the Napier-Hoffman House (The House) located at 350 Indian Springs Road in Forsyth, Georgia, owned by the Southern Cultural Foundation for the use of the House as a Headquarters by The Division the following terms for a lease are offered.

1. The Division will assume all monetary obligations for the House including but not limited to:
 - A) Maintain all insurance required to protect the House from fire, storms, flood, bodily injury and theft. The SCF to be named in all insurance policies as the beneficiary.
 - B) All taxes – Federal, State and local that may be levied against the House and property.
 - C) Maintenance of the House and property including but not limited to exterior of the house, interior and decorating (with the approval of the SCF), Property (grounds) to be maintained in an acceptable manner.
 - D) Payment of all utilities required by the Division to maintain the House and the operation of the House as the Division's Headquarters.
 - E) The Division to assume the outstanding balance due on the note of approximately \$61,000 held by BB&T, Macon, Georgia. Payments are due quarterly.
 - F) Any and all approved changes and additions to the grounds and the house that are required by the Division.
 - G) Signage on the public streets, flag poles, and plantings, walks, parking areas, driveways, site lighting and any other such improvements will be the exclusive responsibility of the Division with the approval of SCF. All signage will comply with Forsyth/Monroe county planning and zoning requirements. A tasteful sign will be erected at the driveway entrance on Indian Spring Road which will read: "NAPIER-HOFFMAN HOUSE" "Erected 1831" Headquarters, Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Headquarters Southern Cultural Foundation and any other tenants. The SCF states that it has no objection to the respectful and appropriate display of any Confederate national, state or military flag.
 - H) The SCF must have an accountant prepare a non-profit tax return each year. The SCF must receive from the Division for the use of the House and property a sum of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) each month to cover the cost of this requirement by the Federal Government.
2. The SCF as the Owner has the ultimate responsibility for the House and property and must have final approval of all permanent changes and/or additions the Division may want to make to the House and property (grounds)
3. The Division may from time to time wish to sub-lease certain space in the House to qualified tenants. This is acceptable to SCF but SCF must have final approval of all tenants. The Division shall establish the rental charge.
4. The Division may from time to time wish to rent the House and property for public or private gatherings such as weddings, receptions, parties and committee meetings to raise money for the maintenance of the House and property. The Division shall establish the rental charge.
5. The Division may from time to time wish to use the House and grounds for barbeques, living history displays, educational events and similar purposes.
6. In regard to Items 4 and 5 a calendar for scheduling of events both inside and outside the House will be maintained by the Division and available to the SCF upon request.
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Letters to the Editor

'56 Flag

Dear Editor Espy,

I would like to respond to the article in the March 2007 *Georgia Confederate* by AOT Adjutant, Joe Warnke. Compatriots Warnke and Barrow attending the inauguration is not my business. I personally would not have attended. In 2002 I voted for Sonny Perdue in the general election (not in the primary). I voted for him having believed his announcement that he would support a fair flag vote. When he proved himself a liar I never voted for him again, nor will I ever, nor would have I attended the inauguration.

Contrary to popular opinion the Perdue flag only partially represents the Confederacy. The 13 stars on Perdue's flag are the stars of the 13 original colonies, some of which are Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, states

which in 1861 and today look down their long hypocritical noses at the South. There are not stars for a large number of our sister Confederate states. Quite frankly, I don't give a rip what the stars in Mississippi's flag stand for, according to the obscure state code quoted by Mr. Warnke. I do know this about Mississippi's state flag; it bears the Saint Andrew's Cross and the leadership of Mississippi preserved their state as opposed to the leadership of the state of Georgia.

The Perdue flag was brought about in a rigged referendum which omitted the popular 1956 flag. The whole issue was over the 1956 flag, which the Governor, in his first campaign, promised to include in a state-wide referendum. The Governor and legislature bucked under pressure from the Atlanta and Georgia Chambers of Commerce, the Black Caucus and the media and omitted the 1956 flag. When the referendum was over a grand total of 14.7 percent of Georgia voters chose the current big lie flag. Wow, big deal!

Omitting the 1956 flag from the referendum was the only way to get ride of it. Had a vote been taken in 1956, 2005, or today, the still very popular 1956 flag would be the winner.

Deo Vindice,
Fred Chitwood
Col. Charles T. Zachry
Camp 108
McDonough

'56 Flag

Editor:

I am in wholehearted support of Tim Pilgrim's article.

While others might believe it is best to forget the old flag and "move on to more important and possible goals" I cannot surrender without a fair fight (a vote by everyone), and THAT we have not had. I cannot let political manipulations take the place of a fair vote.

I have witnessed nothing but compromises, with the South the loser every time, for fifty years now.

General Johnston compromised (retreated) all the

way from Chattanooga to Atlanta and our army continued on to Savannah and then on to Bentonville. You know the ultimate result. We'll never know what might have happened otherwise. For those who say "But we could not win" I say: How do you know?

Doug Allen
Roswell Mills Camp 1547

'56 Flag

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to thank you for running the article "In Defense of the 1956 Veterans Memorial State Flag" by Tim Pilgrim in *The Georgia Confederate*. It was both enlightening and well done.

Sincerely,
K. Steven Monk
Gilmer Light Guards
Camp 89

'56 Flag

Thanks Tim Pilgrim for a great article. We Southerners have let our politicians compromise our heritage away. Enough is Enough. Time to take our songs, flags, and symbols back.

Frank Palmer
Sasser

Napier-Hoffman House

Editor:

For the past 8 or 9 years, I have been hearing about the search for a Georgia Division Headquarters. The committee was formed and after some false starts came up with a house located next to the Canonball House in Macon. That deal fell through and later the Napier - Hoffman House was presented for our consideration at the Moultrie Reunion.

Until very recently, I was not really on board with the idea of the Napier - Hoffman house as a headquarters. When I was camp Commander, I did not ask our camp to invest in the project. Recently I went to the Napier - Hoffman house and got to see the inside, for the first time. I had previously visited it twice, seeing the grounds and outside only. I am convinced now that, with the proper financial plan, the house could become a real asset to the SCV.

With the events that will surely be happening for the 150th anniversary of the WBTS and the throngs of tourists that will be "looking for Tara" I believe it behooves us to at last act on this opportunity.

If the Southern Cultural Foundation gives us favorable terms and if the Division is allowed control of the house and grounds, we can show this historical home and tell our story to folks that will be here wanting to hear it. I believe foundation money can be obtained to make the restoration of the home happen quickly.

If anything constructive

is to come of the efforts that the Division's Headquarters Committee and the Southern Cultural Foundation have made, it will be because the members of the Division approve this Headquarters at Reunion in Metter. I hope that a financially prudent and fiscally responsible plan will be forthcoming from the SCF and the SCV Headquarters Committee. If such a plan is revealed, and I would expect that to happen in time for camps to review the plan, I hope it will be approved.

In the midst of some heated dialog and intrigue on this subject, I encourage each camp to not take my word or any one else's word for this. Go to Forsyth. Visit the house yourself. See what we are discussing here. I think that this issue is worth the time and trouble to see the house with your own two eyes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sparks Ramey
Camp 1289

The Great Battlefield Conspiracy

Editor,

This is a response to Compatriot Alfred E. Newman's question of "Why it is that so many battles during the War Between the States were fought on land owned by the National Park Service?"

This question has also bothered me for a long time, so several years ago I started to research this matter and my findings were astonishing.

My research required me to go to the National Archives in Washington, D.C. My inquiries for certain documents were met with resistance from the staff. As my research narrowed, the staff was able to figure out what I was looking for and was very reluctant to produce the requested papers, but I persisted and through the Freedom of Information Act was able to review the incriminating documents.

The documents revealed that this was a diabolical conspiracy masterminded by one Abraham Lincoln when he was in the United States House of Representatives as a Whig in 1847. Under a cloak of secrecy the Government purchased certain lands in both the South and North. The conspirators agreed that if the plot were discovered, they would explain that the lands were for government-sponsored railroads.

The money to purchase these lands came from the sale of the book "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and was given to the government through a secret agreement so the purchase would not show up as a line item on the government budget and be questioned by the South.

The secret agreement to allow the government to be able to purchase the lands were attached to the Compromise of 1850, which was ushered through Congress by Illinois Senator Stephen A. Douglas who was allied with Lincoln.

Lincoln, with the help of the other conspirators, William Steward, Salmon Chase, Edward Bates and Edward Stanton developed a map of the lands that had been purchased where at a later date, the Union Army would maneuver the Confederate Army to these lands to fight battles.

Lincoln knew of the plan of the South in late 1850 to secede from the Union and form an army. This he knew through his friendship with Alexander H. Stephens from Georgia who was in the U.S. Congress with Lincoln.

Lincoln and his group of four conspirators knew that to make their conspiracy work, there must be a war, and Lincoln assured his fellow conspirators as soon as he became president in 1861 he would maneuver the South into a War.

This conspiracy was based totally on greed. This group knew that they could get government money and contracts to develop these battlefields after the war was over because they would be in control of the government, that families who had members that fought and died on the battlefields would want to travel to see where their loved ones served and would want to erect monuments to their exploits, that these battlefields would produce jobs for the bureaucracy and help to expand the then growing national government. For this work hundreds of federal workers would be needed to oversee these "parks"

Several of the conspirators owned major shares in northern monument companies and they, through the government, encouraged, after the war, the erection of monuments on these battlefields. As a part of the conspiracy, the Federal Government let contracts during the war to purchase more cannons and cannon balls than the Northern Army could use so there would be an abundance of these items after the war to be used to decorate the battlefield. Again, the conspirators owned the controlling stock in the foundries that produced these cannons.

Lincoln also had the assistance of a group of people inside the government and prominent and influential Northern citizens outside the government who belonged to the secret societies of the House of Rothschild, the Illuminati, the Committee of 300, the Trilateral Commission and Skull and Bones. The help from these secret societies is why this conspiracy was able to succeed and keep hidden all these years.

As a part of the conspiracy Lincoln proposed that 25% of the profits that would be realized from this scam would be turned over to Northern Carpetbaggers businessmen who would go South to build motels so the Yankees traveling in the South would be able to find accommodations. This was necessary due to the destruction left in the wake of the Yankee Army. Edwin Stanton (Continued on page seven)

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Group Honors Civil War Veterans

BY JEFF GILL
The Times - Gainesville

The Sons of Confederate Veterans paid homage Saturday to three brothers and their uncle, all Civil War veterans, in separate ceremonies dedicating marble cemetery markers.

"I'm proud. I just wish my daddy was here to be part of it," said 83-year-old Billie Turk, who accepted the Confederate flag in honor of her grandfather, John Lilburn Gaines.

The group unveiled markers for Gaines and brothers Francis Gaines and Henry Gaines at Alta Vista Cemetery and uncle Andrew Jackson Gaines at his burial site at Dewberry Baptist Church No. 1's cemetery off Clarks Bridge Road.

The Gaines brothers and uncle, as well as a fourth brother, William Gaines, all fought as privates serving in Company D, 27th Georgia Regiment. William Gaines already has a marker at the Hopewell Baptist Church cemetery in South Hall.

John and Henry Gaines are buried at Alta Vista, which is off Jesse Jewell Parkway, and Francis Gaines is buried at Cold Harbor, Va., where the South won an 1864 battle.

The veterans group, Camp 1404 of the 27th Regiment, held a solemn service at both cemeteries.

Re-enactors, including Camp 1404 Chaplain Ralph Mills, were dressed in Civil War uniforms and serving as a color guard.



Civil War era re-enactors, led by Marie Bath as a war widow, enter Alta Vista Cemetery during the monument dedication ceremony Saturday. The ceremony honored the Gaines brothers, local men who fought with the 27th Georgia Regiment during the Civil War.

A female re-enactor, dressed in black period garb, placed a red rose on each of the markers before they were unveiled, representing each veteran's widow and their descendants.

The first service was longer, with camp commander Wilson Kemp leading the group in pledges to the U.S. and Georgia flags and a salute to the Confederate flags.

Mills sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and led the group in a rendition of "Dixie."

Douglas Young, who teaches history and political science at Gainesville State

College in Oakwood, gave a brief history of each Gaines veteran and the 27th in general.

"These were stout warriors who never flinched from duty," he said to the group. "They were good Americans who set positive examples for all of us. They were committed to faith, family, community and country."

As part of Gen. Robert E. Lee's Northern Virginia army, the regiment fought in 25 "significant engagements during the war, with 29 of its 117 soldiers killed," said Young, the camp's historian.

In addition to Frances Gaines, who was a "sharp-

shooter," William Gaines died in 1863 from wounds after leaving battle and returning home. John Gaines was wounded numerous times, including four in one battle, but "he survived the war and thank God for us," Young said.

Gaines, a farmer, served as a longtime Hall County sheriff, first elected in 1877, and later as a two-term state legislator. He was described as a "kind gentleman who did his duty and never lost his temper," Young said.

Many of the people attending Saturday's ceremonies were descendants of John Gaines, who had 15 children and 45 grandchildren.

"I can't remember him," Turk said. "I was 2 years old when he died."

But she did recall Henry

Washington "Uncle Wash" Gaines, who was the 27th's last survivor when he died in 1938. She said he always ate lunch with her family at the regiment's reunions, which were held at Redwine Methodist Church in South Hall.

"He was outgoing," she said.

Andrew Gaines enlisted at 34 years old, was wounded in battle and discharged in May 1865. He died in 1891.

Paul Tumlin, John Gaines' great-grandfather, came from his native Rainsville, Ala. to attend the ceremonies.

"I can't help but appreciate what these folks did, even though I didn't know them," said Tumlin, who lived in Georgia 43 years before returning to Alabama last summer. "They helped shape my life one way or another."



Ralph Mills sings "Dixie" during Saturday's ceremony. Mills is the chaplain of Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1404. The Gaines brothers were all members of the 27th Georgia Regiment during the Civil War.



Mechanized Cavalry Holds Quarterly Meeting March 11

The Georgia Division of the SCV Mechanized Cavalry held their quarterly meeting on March 11 at Wicks Tavern in Villa Rica. It was well attended and all of the attendees rode their motorcycles. Capt. Johnny Sparks presided over the meeting. He promoted Chuck Shields to Corporal and

inducted four new members. The new members were Howard Mount of Villa Rica, Scott Niles of Ringgold, William Thomas of Rock Spring, and Jerry Vogler of Kennesaw.

Capt. Sparks gave us an update on injured Brother Lewis Leach. Although his condition has not changed

appreciably, he has spoken and is scheduled for a re-evaluation.

The event was hosted by our SCV Georgia Division Commander, Charlie Lott at his camp's meeting hall. Commander Lott was also our guest speaker. He spoke on the Napier-Hoffman House.

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Color Sgt. Cody Williamson (L) and Chaplain George King honor Chaplain King's ancestor, George M. King, with the battle flag at Reidsville City Cemetery during Confederate History and Heritage Month. Chaplain King, a member of Gen. Robert A. Toombs Camp 912, was named 2007 Confederate of the Year for the Camp of the Year. He was recognized for his unselfish service to his compatriots, his community, and recognition of his ancestors by attending memorial services, serving in living histories, and doing genealogical research.

Bishop-General Leonidas Polk Commemoration

Saturday, June 16, 2007 - 10:30 a.m.

The beloved Bishop-General Leonidas Polk fell in battle 143 years ago on June 14, 1864. We plan to mark this occasion and remember his sacrifice and the sacrifices of all Confederate soldiers and civilians at the Lt. General Leonidas Polk Camp's annual commemoration.

The plans are ambitious again for this year.

There will be several memorial addresses recalling the career of General Polk and the sacrifices of the Southland for independence.

A party will fire a salute to the Bishop-General. Volunteers are welcome.

Finally, a local neighbor, Mr. Melvin Dishong, will be available to answer questions about the existing fortifications and entrenchments still extant on the mountain.

You are encouraged to attend this important anniversary event.

If you are using a website map, the closest address is Mr. Dishong's: 1437 Beaumont Drive, Kennesaw, Georgia.

The site is reached by driving on Stilesboro Road. Beaumont Drives is a "T" intersection with Stilesboro to the south. It comes off between the intersections of Pine Mountain Circle (to the east) and Duxbury Lane (to the west).

A marker is on the right hand side at the path leading to the site.

This event brings several important factors together: the anniversary itself with its opportunity for reflection on our ancestors, the likelihood this year of some press coverage and the likelihood that people not associated with the SCV may attend.

Please make every effort to be present.

Furthermore, since the Bishop-General was a devout churchman, it is only fit and proper that we remember him in a more formal setting that Saturday evening.

Father John Roddy, Rector of St. Hilda's of Whitby (and a member of our Camp) will conduct a service in the style of the Episcopal Church of 1864 that evening at his church. See the advertisement in this issue of the Georgia Confederate.

What happened in 1864?

For those note familiar with the story, this is a brief summary of the unhappy event:

The day before, General Patrick Cleburne has been on Pine Mountain's summit and quickly left feeling the position too exposed for prolonged observations. A Federal battery was established at the base of Pine Mountain and they quickly opened up on any inviting targets.

According to some accounts, while Generals Johnston, Hardee and Polk were making their observations on June 14, 1864, Federal General William T. Sherman saw the "reb officers" and thought them entirely too "saucy" to be standing so exposed. He ordered the battery to open fire probably expecting nothing more than forcing them to scatter. However, once the fire had commenced, the lithe Johnston and agile Hardee left the crest. The more portly and stately Bishop-General displayed his customary aplomb and was leaving the summit in a more leisurely manner when a shell struck him in the chest, killing him instantly. In his pocket was a blood-soaked tract entitled: "Balm for the Weary and Wounded" which the Bishop-General had personally inscribed to Generals Johnston, Hood and Hardee.

The loss of such a figure, so revered by his troops, was a great shock to the Confederacy. Union forces reported that Confederate soldiers cursed them for killing so fine a man and several men in gray deserted in discouragement. General Sherman wrote his wife in some satisfaction: "we have killed Bishop Polk today."



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1 March 2007

Patten Holiness Church
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Attn: Rev. Greg Player

Re: The Martin Family Cemetery

Rev. Player,

I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and discuss the past history and future care and protection of the Martin Family Cemetery which is located on the recently acquired property of Patten Holiness Church. The GA Division Sons of Confederate Veterans is dedicated and working hard to ensure that all our Confederate soldiers graves across the Nation are located, marked and preserved for future generations. We are pleased that your church is willing to work with the Georgia Division SCV and the Silent Sentinel Project to see that this piece of our Southern and Thomas County history is protected and given the respect it deserves.

During our meeting today, an agreement regarding the Martin Family Cemetery was reached and reads as follows;

The Patten Holiness Church has agreed to allow the continued research and cleanup work on the Martin Family Cemetery which is being performed under the direct supervision of James Keith Taylor, Chairman of the Graves Committee of the GA Division SCV and founder of the Silent Sentinel Project. Mr. Taylor and those working with him will have reasonable rights, as outlined by the governing laws of the state of Georgia, and access to the cemetery property with and egress/ingress, to complete the work and research started approx 5 years ago by the Silent Sentinel Project. The SCV and SSP will, as progress is made, keep the Church notified of such progress and findings. Patten Holiness Church agreed to assist as needed and will be consulted prior to any re-landscaping or planting being done as to ensure all work compliments and adds to the overall appearance of the property as a whole.

Upon completion and notification, of work and research done by the SCV and SSP, the Patten Holiness Church will resume total control of and all maintenance responsibilities, as outlined by the governing laws of the state of Georgia, with the understanding that the Graves Committee of the GA Division SCV and the Silent Sentinel Project will be willing and available to assist with any concerns or work as needed in the future.

This agreement is made with the understanding that there is no financial obligation promised or implied on behalf of the Graves Committee of the GA Division SCV nor on the part of the Silent Sentinel Project.

The main goal for this agreement is ensure that the Martin Family Cemetery is restored to as close to the original state as possible and remains a visible part of Thomas Counties rich Southern History and we (the GA Division SCV, Silent Sentinel Project and Patten Holiness Church) work together to protect and respect the rights of those who have left to us such a rich Southern heritage.

Again, I appreciate the willingness of Patten Holiness Church to work with the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Silent Sentinel Project on this worthy project. I feel we share the same concerns and working together we can accomplish our goal.

Should you have and questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

James Keith Taylor
Chairman - Graves Committee
Founder - Silent Sentinel Project

Confederate Dreadnoughts

BY JOE JORDAN
John B. Gordon Camp 46

Most people think of the War for Southern Independence as a series of huge land battles fought with glistening sabers and booming cannons. While this surely happened, an important part of this war was being fought on the sea and in the halls of European political power.

Traveling between England and France a lone Confederate naval officer was acquiring ships for the Southern cause. James Dunwoody Bulloch purchased or contracted to build merchant raiders that would ravage Union shipping from Cape Town to the Bering Sea. But Bulloch had even bigger plans for the Confederate Navy.

In early 1863 he ordered construction of two ironclads from the Laird Shipyard in Liverpool. These ships would have the seaworthiness and armament to cross the Atlantic and attack Union Navy vessels and seaports with impunity. Bulloch expressed his vision for the use of these powerful vessels in this excerpt from a letter to Confederate Secretary of the Navy S. R. Mallory.

"In view of the intimate knowledge I necessarily possess of the construction and capabilities of the ironclads 294 and 295, I feel called upon to throw out a few suggestions as to the service for which they would be most available, and I trust you will not think me presumptuous for doing so. I feel confident that they will be as good sea-boats and as easily handled as armoured vessels can be."

"The Atlantic coast offers enticing and decisive work in more than one direction. Without a moment's delay, after getting their crews on board off Wilmington, [British laws of neutrality required all vessels built or purchased in England by belligerents to depart British waters with a British crew] our vessels might sail southward, sweep the blockading fleet from the sea-front of every harbour from the Capes of Virginia to Sabine Pass, and cruising up and down the coast, could prevent anything like permanent systematic interruption of our foreign trade for the future. Again, should Washington still be held by the enemy, our ironclads could ascend the Potomac, and after destroying all transports and gunboats falling within their reach, could render Washington itself untenable, and could thus create a powerful diversion in favour of any operations General Lee might have on foot. Third, Portsmouth, New Hampshire is a wealthy city in itself, and opposite the town is an important national dock and building-yard. The whole lies invitingly open to attack and destruction. Suppose our two ironclads should steam, unannounced, into that harbour on some fine October morning, and while one proceeded to demolish the navy-yard and all it contained, the other should send a flag of truce to the mayor, to say that if \$1,000,000 in gold or \$5,000,000 in greenbacks were not sent on board in four hours the city would be destroyed after the manner of Jacksonville and Bluffton. Portsmouth could afford to pay for its existence. Philadelphia is another point open to such an attack. The river is navigable, the banks comparatively low, so that no plunging fire could be brought to bear upon the ships, and once in front of the city they could dictate their own terms. Such operations as are thus hastily sketched would inflict great damage upon the enemy, besides creating a striking effect in Europe, and the ships would thus be employed in a manner which would bring into use their full power, so that no strength would be wasted."

Under intense diplomatic pressure from United States officials in England, the ironclads were seized by the British Government and never sailed for the Confederacy. Could these two ships have changed the outcome of the war and won independence for the South? If so, how different would the political landscape of today's world be with two smaller nations taking the place of the powerful United States? The imagination soars.

Historians argue over whether Pickett's charge or some other land battle was the so called "high water mark" of the Confederacy. I think the high water mark was on the hulls of two ironclads in a British shipyard.

The late Shelby Foote said that "You can't understand American history without understanding the Civil War." I would add that you can't understand the Civil War without understanding the naval and international aspects of that conflict.

Information for this article came from *The Secret Service of The Confederate States in Europe* by James Dunwoody Bulloch with a forward by historian Philip Van Doren Stern. This book is out of print and a little hard to find, but it provides fascinating insights into a little known side of America's bloodiest war.

Dixie Guards Announce 110th Annual Georgia Division Reunion Agenda And Events

The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion is right around the corner. The Dixie Guards Camp 1942 of Metter have been working to make this year's event a memorable occasion. This year marks the 200th Anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee. All across the Confederation, this is the "Year of Lee" and in Metter it will be no different.

"We were fortunate to be awarded the Reunion during this year. General Lee's 200th Birthday Celebration the most outstanding ready-built convention theme any camp could have," said Commander Randy Crooms. "We're still a relatively young camp and to be able to host our Division is nice enough, but to do it on such a special occasion is really special. The only thing we've added was the theme of "Double the Division" – We thought it would

make our Commemoration of General Lee even more special if the Georgia Division doubled its size or greatly increased our membership." Crooms added. Crooms concluded, "We are really hoping that everyone enjoys their stay in Metter, our businesses, our officials and our local camp members have all pledged to strive to make the Division feel right at home. We are not a big town, but we make it up with spirit. Hopefully, everyone will see why we say – Everything is Better in Metter! We've added a couple of twists and any extra event to this year's Reunion to make it an even more enjoyable time for members and their families."

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECRUITMENT AWARD:

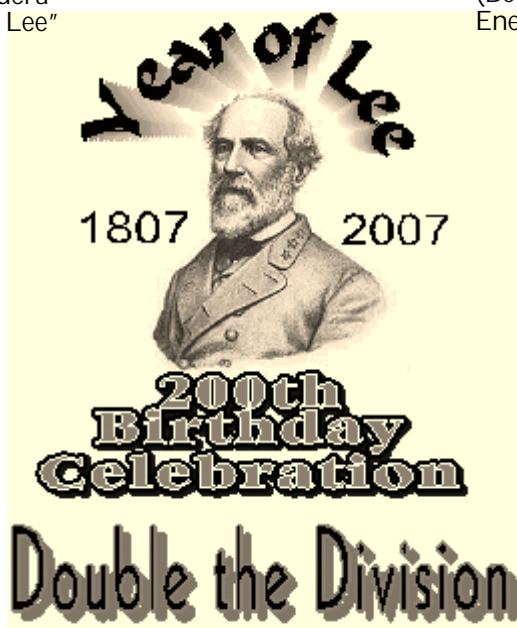
Remember – At this year's reunion, the Georgia Division Member who recruited the most new members since our Last Reunion will win a Confederate Quilt hand-made by Confederate Real Daughter, Mrs. Katie Love. The quilt will come with a Certificate of Authenticity and a Picture of Mrs. Love. This quilt is a real heirloom.

All Camps are urged to send anyone who has signed up at least 12 new members to: Your Brigade Commander, The Division Adjutant, and to the Dixie Guards Camp 1942, P.O. Box 761, Metter, GA. 30439. The same deadlines that apply for other awards apply with this one. This award is not affiliated with any other award and is a Special Award from the Dixie Guards.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP DRAWING:

A Georgia SCV member will win a LIFE MEMBERSHIP at this year's reunion. In order to have a chance to win

you only have to do a couple of things. 1. Register for the Business Session. 2. Register for the Dinner Banquet & Dance. That's It! Each member that is registered to attend, we hope will come. In order to encourage participation in the business interests of the Georgia Division, the



Dixie Guards have decided to try to encourage extra participation. Someone is going to win and will win that night – not down the road!

If you are already a Life Member and you win – You have several options

1. You can give the Life Membership to the member of your choice.

2. You can donate the Life Membership to Your Camp for a Camp Raffle – this will be considered a Tax-Deductible Contribution for your taxes next year.

3. You can donate the Life Membership to the Georgia Division for a Division Raffle – this will be considered a Tax-Deductible Contribution for your taxes next year.

4. You can donate the Life Membership to Next Year's Reunion for Life Membership Raffle – A Pay It Forward Concept that can lead to a new tradition - this will be considered a Tax-Deductible Contribution for your taxes next year.

5. A Silent Auction or Auction with the money going to your Camp, the Division, next year's Host Camp for expenses, or the charity of your choice.

6. Or \$500 CASH.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, June 7th–

Dixie Guards Monument Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament – The tournament will be a 4-Man Lauderdale (Scramble) and will be hosted by Willow Lake Golf Club in Metter. The tournament will be open to SCV members and the general public. There will be at least 2 Divisions – an Open Division where winners are determined by score and a Net Division where winners will be handicapped by average scores. If there is enough entries of "Members Only Teams (All 4 Players are SCV Members) there will be a spe-

cial SCV Division.

A highlight of the tournament will be a chance to win \$10,000 Cash with a Hole-in-One on Number 10. Each hole will be named after a Famous Confederate Hero and the entire tournament will have a Confederate Theme. Door Prizes, Lunch, Free Beverages (Beer, Water, Soft Drinks, and Energy Drinks) Golf, Cart are all included with the Entry Fee. The cost per team has not been finalized yet. All of the profits generated from the tournament will go to the Dixie Guards Monument Gardens Foundation – The Dixie Guards plan to construct a Memorial Park, erect a Confederate Memorial and maintain a family friendly facility – on private property that will be free from government intervention and fickle laws. For more information about the tournament contact: Randy Crooms – 912-685-7504 or hrcrooms@pineland.net. **Georgia Division

Camps can have holes dedicated or named after their Camp. In order to do this, a camp must sell \$500 worth of T-Box Advertisements to your local or area businesses. Your Camp and Your local businesses and patrons will be exclusively recognized on Your Own Hole named for your Camp or the Confederate Hero or Your Choice (Except General Robert E. Lee – he is taken!)

FRIDAY, June 8th–

12 noon – 5 p.m. - Registration will begin at the host hotel – The Holiday Inn Express adjacent to I-16, Exit 104 on Georgia Hwy 121, Metter.

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.– Chicken BBQ Supper and Oratory Contest. For those members and guest who register, this event will take place at the Strickland Community Com-

plex at the Metter-Candler County Recreation Department. The building is air conditioned and has rest room facilities. There is a nice front porch with old fashioned rocking chairs. There are picnic tables and there is a playground for the kids. There will likely be an inflatable Moon Walk and an inflatable Slide or other "Inflatable" amusements for the kids.

8:30 p.m. – Metter Industrial Park – A Cannonade and Pyrotechnic Demonstration. Come see the 32nd Georgia Reenactor group and SCV members give everyone a blast from the past as they duel each other across the lake. The public will be invited to attend and we hope that a large SCV contingent is on hand to meet and greet the folks from Metter.

SATURDAY, June 9–

7:30 a.m. – Registration will begin at the Wilcox Auditorium. All members that have not registered will be urged to get there early.

9 a.m. – The Presentation of the Colors – The Pledge and Salute to Our Flags – The Invocation and Welcome – The Recognition of Special Guests and Dignitaries will kick off our 110th Reunion's Business – SCV Members Only!

12 Noon – 1:30 p.m. -The Business Session will break for Lunch those who have registered will hop over a block to the Strickland Complex for a Catered Luncheon and Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Charles Thomas. Dr. Thomas is an expert on US Military History, Military History, and Germany. He will be speaking on the giant Prussian Heros von Borke who served with JEB Stuart and has been doing research for this talk for almost a year. His invitation to speak to us and his research for the Luncheon has led him to consider a new book project on Colonel von Borke.

2 p.m. – The Afternoon Business Session will recon-

vene – SCV Members Only

2 p.m. – The Afternoon Tour will kick off from the lobby of the host hotel – The stops will include the Guido Evangelistic Association, The Cedar Plantation, an Antebellum Mansion that dates to 1789 and the Metter Depot of the Central of Georgia Railroad. Refreshments, Door Prizes and a Presentation will be provided. Only those pre-registered will be able to attend and seating is limited. Visit www.dixieguards.org for information.

7:30 p.m. – The Banquet Dinner will begin at the Metter Middle School Complex – The Dinner will be in the Cafeteria Area and as soon as everyone gobbles down their Whole Hog and Chipped BBQ dinner and fixins, the party will move across the street to the gym where the Division will be entertained by the great Irish and Confederate Folk Band, Un-Reconstructed.

SUNDAY, June 10–

9 a.m. – There will be a Memorial Service at the Lake Church Gazebo just outside Metter on Georgia Hwy 46 East. The Lake Church Cemetery is the final resting place for one of Georgia's Last Confederates and many other Confederate Heroes.

10:30 a.m. – The Executive Council will meet at the Strickland Community Complex.

For Reunion Information, Registration Forms, Tour Registration Forms or Golf Tournament Information - Go to the Dixie Guards Webpage at www.dixieguards.org or contact the Dixie Guards at hrcrooms@pineland.net or roundb@pineland.net

Recruit!



Gen. Robert E. Lee impersonator Dick Crozier, with members of Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642, Cumming, at a sold out performance at the Cumming Playhouse on March 31.

Official Notification

Amendment to Be Considered at Georgia Division Reunion in Metter

Amendment to Move Wayne County From 6th Brigade to 7th Brigade

An Amendment to the Constitution and by-laws of the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans for the purpose of changing brigade alignment whereas WAYNE COUNTY now assigned to the 6th Brigade will be reassigned/aligned with the 7th Brigade given that county's SCV Camp, Lt. John M. Allen SCV Camp #2085, was a camp spun from the Capt. John Knox SCV Camp #2022 and that Brantley County was historically a part of Wayne County and that the two camps work so closely together on projects. The Altamaha is the natural and historic dividing point of the area.

Article III – DIVISION STRUCTURE
SECTION 3. BRIGADE ALIGNMENT

SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ:

"THE 6TH BRIGADE WILL CONSIST OF THOSE CAMPS SITUATED IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: WHEELER, MONTGOMERY, JEFF DAVIS, TOOMBS, APPLING, TATTNALL, LONG, CHATHAM, BRYAN, LIBERTY, EVANS, AND EFFINGHAM."

"THE 7TH BRIGADE WILL CONSIST OF THOSE CAMPS SITUATED IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: TELFAIR, COFFEE, LANIER, LOWNDES, ECHOLS, ATKINSON, CLINCH, BACON, WARE, CHARLTON, PIERCE, BRANTLEY, WAYNE, GLYNN, CAMDEN, AND MCINTOSH."

Submitted by:
Eric Swilley, Commander
Lt. John M. Allen SCV Camp #2085
Jesup

Tom Lavender, Commander
Capt. John Knox SCV Camp #2022
Wayesville



On March 31, ERS Waste Haulers of Newnan donated use of a roll off box for Camp 1729 to remove more brush and debris from the cemetery at Thomas Crossroads. Pictured are left to right Ronny North, Jason Todd, Jimmy Dunagan and John Todd. George Piner took the picture.



2007 Georgia Division Registration Form

110th Reunion - June 8-10

Send to:
Dixie Guards/ Ga. Division Reunion 07
P.O. Box 761
Metter, Ga. 30439

SCV Member Name _____ MOSB (Yes/No) _____

Camp Name/Number/Location _____

Spouse/Guest _____ OREL/OCR/UDC _____

Children _____ Lee's Cadets/ C of C _____

Address _____

City/ State/ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

1. **Registration:** Prior to June 1st 2007 \$25 per member After June 1st 2007 \$35 per
2. **Friday BBQ Social** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Chicken BBQ at the Candler Rec. Center \$12 ea. **Friday Eve.** 8:30 p.m. Confederate Campsites & Cannonade-Industrial Park- Free
3. **Saturday 12:00 Noon** – 1:30 Guest Speaker GSU Historian Dr. Charles Thomas at Candler Rec. Center Pavilion \$15 per plate. (Limit to first 100 plates.)
4. **Saturday Evening Banquet Supper and Dance** Entertainment by Unreconstructed Adults: \$20.00 per plate / Children age 12 and under: \$12 per plate

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Exit 104 at I-16 Metter Call 912-685-3000
Specify that you are with the Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion.

Registration Totals

1. Registration @ \$25 per (before 1 June 07) _____
@ \$35 per (after 1 June 07) _____
2. Friday BBQ @ \$12 per plate _____ (with live music)
3. Saturday Dinner/Luncheon @ \$15 per plate _____ (Speaker Charles Thomas)
4. Saturday Banquet Supper & Dance @ \$20 per _____ (Unreconstructed Band)
@ \$12 per _____ (child's price)
5. Extra Commemorative Program @ \$10 _____
6. Extra Commemorative Medal @ \$15 _____
7. Ancestor Memorial Ad @ \$10 _____ (Deadline **Dec. 31st 2006**,
Write information on this form or download ancestor form from our website.)

Total enclosed: _____ made payable to Dixie Guards/ Ga. Division Reunion 07

The Great Battlefield Conspiracy

(Continued from Page Two)
objected to this proposal. He did not want to give the carpetbaggers any money. He wanted the conspirators to control the building of the motels so as to receive all the profits and before Lincoln could develop the plan Stanton made arrangements with a local actor, a John Wilkes Booth, who disliked Lincoln because Mrs. Lincoln had criticized his performance as a Shakespearean actor, to assassinate him. Booth's reward was to be superintendent of the battlefield at Gettysburg as well as own the souvenir shop. Booth was not supposed to be shot; only captured. He would then have implicated Confederate President Jefferson Davis in the assassination; He would then apology for slavery, apology for shooting Lincoln, and then receives a full pardon from President An-

drew Johnson.

I uncovered many more facts from my research than can be listed here but this conspiracy is only one of the many that were perpetrated on the people of both the South and North.

It was to get the people of the North to purchase monuments and have them erected on the battlefields where their ancestors were killed, have them travel to the South and stay in the motels owned by the conspirators and to sell pictures and posters of Southern Heroes that were printed up North. The same conspirators that own the monument companies owned these travel agencies, the motels and printing companies. The Yankee conspirators started a war and did all these acts in the name of profit and greed.

This conspiracy is still

carried on today. To this very day, the descendants of the four who helped Lincoln set up this conspiracy still are collecting money from the government that are the profits realized from the sales at the souvenir shop at each battlefield. How is this possible? There are still, within the United States Government, those who belong to the secret societies mentioned above that see that these monies reach the right people. These secret societies would control the world and set up a new world order and this money will be used to help accomplish that end.

These are the little known facts behind why the battles of the War Between the States were fought on National Park land.

John Henry Scooter
Commander- at-Large

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John B. Gordon Statue 100th Anniversary

Celebration Being Planned May 20

100 years ago this May the Equestrian statue of John B. Gordon was unveiled on the grounds of Georgia State Capital in Atlanta. Gordon who rose from the rank of Captain in the Confederate Army to become Major General was honored by the State of Georgia back in 1907 and by those who raised private money to erect a life sized statue featuring Gordon on his horse in uniform.

Gordon who never lost a battle or was repulsed when he was in command was one of Lee's most trusted Generals. Well known for being wounded in battle according to the Wikipedia, Encyclopedia, Gordon "was assigned by General Lee to hold the vital sunken road, or "Bloody Lane". During the Battle of Antietam, Gordon's propensity for being wounded reached new heights. First, a Minié ball passed through his calf. Then, a second ball hit him higher in the same leg. A third ball went through his left arm. He continued to lead his men despite the fact that the muscles and tendons in his arm were mangled, and a small artery was severed by this ball. A fourth ball hit him in his shoulder. Despite pleas that he go to the rear, he continued to lead his men. He was finally stopped by a ball that hit him in the face, passing through his left cheek and out his jaw. He fell with his face in his cap and might have drowned in his own blood if it hadn't drained out through a bullet hole in the cap."

Gordon in addition to being a hero of the South and a leader of the United Confederate Veterans went on to become a US Senator and Governor of Georgia from 1886-1890. He was the first Governor of Georgia to accept the keys to Georgia's new Capital in 1889.

Funds for the statue came from the Gordon Monument Association and the General Assembly. The effort to honor Gordon first came from Samuel Fulton of the Tige Anderson Camp of the United Confederate Veterans in January 11, 1904 which was two days after Gordon passed away in Miami.

In May of 1907 the event that would mark the unveiling ceremony was front page news in the Atlanta Constitution. This was the time in Georgia when the Atlanta Constitution Saturday edition was a total of 16 pages, Atlanta's Baseball team was the Atlanta Crackers and Georgia Tech won the State Baseball Championship.

According to the Atlanta Constitution, A total of three former Governor's attended the ceremony and the entire city of Atlanta was a scene of celebration of this great Georgian. A parade was held which included troops from Fifth infantry in Atlanta, Second infantry from Macon, two troops of Cavalry from Savannah, the university cadets from Athens, the Gordon institute cadets from Barnesville, hundreds of school children, Confederate Veterans and many others.

The statue was left wrapped in the cloth in which it was shipped and was not unveiled until the crowds had been drawn to the climax of the celebration.

Efforts are now under way to have a celebration at the Capital on May 20th this year to honor the 100th anniversary. In addition, efforts are under way to have the statue cleaned and preserved for the next 100 years.

A resolution was passed in the Georgia House this session honoring the 100th anniversary. Resolution 705 was sponsored by representatives Geisinger, Wilkerson, Lindsey, Amerson and Franklin and can be viewed online by going to http://www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2007_08/fulltext/hr705.htm.

For more information please contact John C. Hall, Jr. at JCHJrCPA@bellsouth.net

Georgia Division SCV Executive Council Meeting

11 a.m. March 31, 2007

Napier/Hoffman House - Forsyth

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Division Commander
Charlie Lott - Present
Division Adjutant Tom
Brown - Present
Division Judge Advocate
Martin O'Toole - Present
Division Past Com-
mander Jack Bridwell -
Present
Division Chief of Staff
William Lathem - Present
Division Lt. Commander
- North Ted Brooke - Present
Division Lt Commander -
South Don Newman - Present
1st Brigade Commander
David Espy - Present
2nd Brigade Commander
Joe Carver - Present
3rd Brigade Commander
Bobby Watkins - Present
4th Brigade Commander
Larry Manley - Present
5th Brigade Commander
Mike Mull - Present
6th Brigade Commander
Gordon Smith - Absent
7th Brigade Commander
James Gaskins - Present
8th Brigade Commander
Gary Ursrey - Present
9th Brigade Commander
Pete Giddens - Present
10th Brigade Commander
Al Medcalf - Present
11th Brigade Commander
Sparks Ramey - Present
12th Brigade Commander
Tim Pilgrim - Present
13th Brigade Commander
Barry Dennard - Absent

AGENDA

Call to Order by Division
Commander Lott at 11 a.m.
Following the Invocation
and Pledge/Salute to the
Flags, the roll call found 18
present and 2 absent; with a
quorum established.
Division Commander
Lott expressed his thanks for
everyones prayers and en-
couragement during his ill-
ness.

No minutes were read.
Division Adjutant Tom
Brown reported:

- \$26,000 has been spent out of an annual budget of \$49,000.
- Membership is 3869 and expected to top 4000 by Reunion.
- As Chairman of the SCV

HQ Committee, Tom reported there had been four meetings plus phone calls with the Southern Cultural Foundation members so far.

Tom reported that if a lease agreement can be worked out, he will prepare a cost analysis that will be published in the May issue of *Georgia Confederate* and sent to all Brigade Commanders by email - the objective being to give all Camps at least one meeting to discuss the lease details before the convention.

In answer to a question from an EC member, Division Judge Advocate Martin O'Toole confirmed that a resolution at the June SCV Convention in Metter would be the correct way to present and vote on the lease details.

Brigade Commander Pete Giddens made a motion as follows:

Division Adjutant Tom Brown will express his professional opinion - positive or negative - about the feasibility of any proposed lease details; when those details are sent to the Camps, Brigade Commanders, written in the *Georgia Confederate*, and presented to the convention in Metter.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00, reconvened at 1:15.

Lt. Commander North Ted Brooke encouraged everyone to attend the Stone Mountain Memorial Service on April 14.

Lt. Commander South Don Newman reported that at the March 17 S.t Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah more than 700,000 people responded very well to the display of the 1956 real Georgia Flag.

A motion was made by Brigade Commander Tim Pilgrim to dispense with all Brigade reports except for the 1st Brigade. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

In response to the preceding motion, 1st Brigade Commander David Espy reported that his efforts to ob-

tain a local attorney to handle the Ringgold Battle Flag display situation were not successful. No attorney in that area would return his calls. After that, he contacted the Southern Legal Resource Center (SLRC). The SLRC responded with a letter saying they would take the case for an initial donation of \$2,500 and asked for a Georgia attorney to assist them.

Division Spokesman Dan Coleman volunteered to be the Georgia attorney acting on behalf of the SLRC.

A motion was made by Brigade Commander Tim Pilgrim to spend \$2,500 to begin legal efforts in support of the Ringgold Camp and the 1st Brigade. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

When asked if he would need any money to assist his initial efforts on the case, Division Spokesman Dan Coleman stated he would not need any funding at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Oakland Cemetery - Compatriot David Floyd reported the May meeting of the SCV's GEC will decide on funding to help restore the Confederate Obelisk and remove a tree that could damage the obelisk if it ever fell.

Division Spokesman - Dan Coleman noted that critics of the Confederacy were trying to tie a Georgia Senate Resolution declaring April to be a permanent Confederate Heritage Month to some type of apology for slavery.

DIVISION COMMANDER'S REPORT

1. Commander Lott asked all compatriots to consider participating in a Confederate Good Samaritan effort to help after any sort of natural disaster (either with equipment and/or manpower).

2. Commander Lott reported that more than one call per day on average is coming in from the existing SCV recruitment signs around the state.

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Governor Sonny Perdue has proclaimed April as Confederate History and Heritage Month in Georgia. On hand to witness the official signing were (left to right) Rep. Jay Neal, unidentified, Debra Denard, Atlanta Chapter 18 United Daughters of the Confederacy, unidentified, unidentified, Ted Brooke, Georgia Division Lt. Commander (North), John Culpepper, Chairman Georgia Civil War Commission, Cassie Barrow, Atlanta Chapter 18 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Senator Jeff Mullis and Rep. Martin Scott.

Gen. Patrick Cleburne Statue Project Update

We are at a point where a decision has to be made regarding our statue project. For four years we have tried to raise the necessary funds to erect a statue at Ringgold Gap, celebrating Cleburne's victory and his legacy. It was to be the only statue of Cleburne anywhere, and we commissioned Ron Tunison to do the work. Tunison is a noted Civil War sculptor and his work is remarkable for the realism it depicts of its subjects.

However, after years of frustration attempting to raise the money, we have fallen short of our goal. Last year we were within the last \$30,000 increment of the original \$105,000 to finish the statue, and had a funding source which seemed very likely. Now that source seems to have disappeared and we are not only still \$30,000 away from our target, but the price went up on the finished statue. I received this letter from Ron earlier this month:

Sculpting was completed last year. The finished life-size clay of Gen. Cleburne is stored in my studio, however, the clay is beginning to deteriorate.

The Tallix foundry closed last November therefore the Cleburne statue will be cast at another location, at a different foundry. I have submitted for price quotes from several foundries, none of which will honor the November 2002 casting quote from Tallix. The current cost for bronze casting and to finalize the project is \$65,000.00 in total, including freight to Georgia.

I have enclosed an invoice for part of that total in the amount of \$17,750.00 which reflects the balance of payment due for my sculpting work. I am asking that portion of the total balance be paid to me at this time. The remaining \$47,250.00 is required for casting/freight.

This November will mark the four year anniversary since work commenced on Gen. Cleburne. It is time to make a realistic decision about moving forward or terminating the project.

So we are at a point of no return. And it is ridiculous in the light of the past history of this project to believe if we raise the next increment we will be closer to the end. The cost keeps rising faster than our pennies come in.

The only solution is to get the \$65,000 IMMEDIATELY, or terminate the project. It is heartbreaking to think about terminating because some of you on this list have been very generous with donations, and it will all be for naught now. But we have to be realistic.

This is the last stand at The Alamo. Either we must receive aid, or call it quits. \$65,000 is only 65 people with \$1000.00 apiece, or 130 people with \$500 each, or 225 people with \$200 each. If everyone on this list found \$1000 through friends, family, other organizations, rich uncles, old flames, young flames, classmates who became rock stars, we could do this. Remember, everything is still tax-deductible.

I need to hear from supporters on what to do. Any checks you want to send will

be held until the whole amount is received so we lose no more money, and those checks will be returned if we cannot raise the total by year's end. If we do not have enough positive response to meet our goal by summer, the officers of the PCS will take it that the support for the project is no longer there and notify Ron Tunison to destroy the work.

Regards,
Cassie Barrow
Mike Brown
Mauriel Joslyn
* * *

Contributions can be sent to:
Mauriel Joslyn
9687 Jones Street
Sparta, GA 31087.
E-mail: Maurielj@aol.com

New Division Life Membership pins have been ordered and delivery is expected in late May. Division Adjutant Tom Brown will be forwarding to our Life Members at that time.

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Traveler's Rest Memorial Service Toccoa - April 21



Currahee Cadet Ryan Erwin escorts Cadet Johnna Carroll to the grave of a Confederate Soldier.



Currahee Cadets Emily Miller and Jessica Kriby at the Traveler's Rest Memorial Service April 21.

The Currahee Cadets March to the cemetery for the grave side service.

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BUSINESS CARD AD FOR 12 ISSUES

- Cost To Advertiser - \$200.00
(Which He Can Charge Off)
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- Money to The Georgia Confederate - \$100.00

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Ads You Sell, the More
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Where to Sell:

1. The first people to contact are your Camp members. Most every Camp has several businessmen. They are "Confederate Friendly".
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3. The bank where you and your Camp maintain checking accounts.

Procedure:

- When you sell an ad, have the advertiser cut a check to your Camp and furnish you the ad copy.
- Send your Camp's check in the amount of ONE-HALF the ad cost to:
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Post Office Box 310
Summerville, GA 30747
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there is to it.

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NAPIER-HOFFMAN HOUSE
Forsyth, Georgia

REVISED LEASE PROPOSAL

FROM THE SOUTHERN CULTURAL FOUNDATION
DATED May 5, 2007

FOR THE USE OF THE NAPIER-HOFFMAN HOUSE AS A HEADQUARTERS

(Continued from front page)

The SCF may require the use of the House and grounds from time to time to holding meetings and/or dedication. These times will be coordinated with the Division so as to avoid conflict.

7. No illegal behavior of any kind will be permitted on the property or in the House. A damage deposit to be determined by the Division must be paid in advance of any event. Said deposit shall be refunded after inspection of the property.

8. The Division and the SCF, together, will develop rules for use of the House and grounds to protect the property, to avoid annoyance to the neighbors and to protect and maintain the good name of both the Division and the SCF in the community.

9. The Division may erect suitable structure(s) from time to time as may be approved by the SCF for design and location. Structure(s) to be in keeping with the spirit and decor of the old South and complement the Napier-Hoffman House. Added structures to become a permanent part of the property.

10. Failure by the Division to maintain and honor any aspect of any of the items that make up this lease will void the lease. The Division shall be given written notice by either hand delivery or certified mail of any such violation and shall have sixty (60) days to cure any such violation. If the violation is not cured, then the lease shall be declared terminated and the House and all added improvements (if any) will revert back to the control and custody of the SCF.

11. The Division will make arrangement to have a Division staffer or volunteer on site when special events are being held as described in Items 4 and 5 of this lease or any other event or function.

12. The Division has a number of "Memorial Bricks" previously purchased by Division members that are in storage at Division Member Ken Simpson's basement in Milledgeville, Georgia. These bricks are to be used in either a patio area or at a flag patio.

13. During the period of this lease, the SCF is willing to sell the property to the Division for a sum not to exceed \$300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand and no/100's Dollars), the appraised value of the property

at the time of the original SCF purchase.

14. TERMS: The term of the lease shall be for 99 years. It shall begin on June 9, 2007.

The lease shall be contingent upon the following conditions:

1. The Division shall pay \$100 per month as called for in Paragraph 1 (H). This money shall be made by individual or corporate contributions and shall not be from Division funds.

2. The Division shall pay the interest on the BB&T loan as the payments come due as provided in Paragraph 1 (E). This money shall be made by individual or corporate contributions and shall not be from Division funds.

3. The Division shall provide funding to complete the restoration of the facility thru either cash or "in-kind" labor. These funds shall be made by individual or corporate contributions and shall not be from Division funds.

SIGNERS—

FOR THE GEORGIA DIVISION SCV:

Georgia Division SCV – Commander

Georgia Division SCV – Lt. Commander-South

Georgia Division SCV – Lt. Commander – North

Georgia Division SCV – Adjutant

Georgia Division SCV – Judge Advocate

FOR THE SOUTHERN CULTURAL FOUNDATION:

SCF - Chairman

SCF - Member

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RESOLUTION PASSED 08 JUNE 2002

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

WHEREAS, The Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. is an organization dedicated to the perpetuation and protection of the honorable memory of the Confederate Veteran; and

WHEREAS, it has faithfully served its purpose for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, it has steadily increased in membership and the number of organized Camps throughout the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, there is a vital need for a central headquarters for the storage of records and the administration of the affairs of the Division in the discharge of its duties and statewide coordination and communication of events, projects, services, and other activities related to the preservation and perpetuation of Confederate history and heritage; and

WHEREAS, a headquarters for the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. should reflect the pride, prestige and power of the organization in its fulfillment of the charge given by General Stephen Lee; and

WHEREAS, the Division has been presented with an opportunity to acquire the use by lease of a magnificent ante-bellum home located upon 7 acres of land which has a historical significance to the Confederate States of America and is centrally located in Monroe County for convenient accessibility to the membership; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Cultural Foundation has been created to: (1) purchase and hold title to the property as a legal safeguard against attacks by our enemies, (2) assist in the renovation and continuing maintenance of the property, (3) coordinate ongoing fundraising efforts for the benefit of the property through grants from foundations and trusts nationwide, and (4) with the new head quarters as a base of operations, form committees of committed professionals for the purposes of fundraising, political action, legal defense, and educational activities for grades K- 12 and college for the benefit of the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Cultural Foundation Board of Directors which will always be composed of compatriots of the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. requires the pledge of support and commitment of the entire Georgia Division before going forward with the purchase of said property,

NOW THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, INC. AT ITS ANNUAL REUNION HELD IN MOULTRIE, GEORGIA ON JUNE 8, 2002:

1. That the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. recommends and supports the purchase of Napier-Hoffman house in Forsyth, Georgia and the seven acres upon which it is situated by the Southern Cultural Foundation for the use as a General Headquarters for the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc.

2. That each Camp within the Georgia Division shall demonstrate its support and commitment to the establishment of this General Headquarters by contributing the sum of One thousand dollars per year for a period of at least two years to a fund therefore.

3. That each compatriot shall contribute such time, talent, materials and money as he feels led towards the establishment of this General Headquarters.

4. That this General Headquarters shall be established in a manner worthy and befitting of a perpetual, working memorial for the preservation of the honorable and revered memory of the Confederate Soldier, his family, his country and his cause.

Adopted this the 8th day of June, 2002 by the Annual Reunion of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. in Moultrie, Georgia.

History of the Headquarters Project

During the late 1980's discussions were carried on concerning the need for the Division to have a permanent home. The Division, along with other heritage organizations, was locked in repeated attacks on our heritage, the most visible of these being the attacks on our beloved 1956 Georgia Flag. After discussions with public relations firms, it was determined that the Division would be in a better position to fight these battles with a Headquarters located in a structure that fit the design of the period of the War Between the States.

The proper structure would allow the Division to become a permanent, viable organization in the eyes of the media, our detractors, the legislature, and all citizens of our state. It would give our organization a period location that would be utilized with photo opportunities for news articles and entertaining the legislative caucus, which at the time had a fairly large "Confederate Caucus". Of even more importance, it would allow the Southern Heritage defenders to have a central location to store material for research, and a place for reporters working on stories to come to get the true and factual information on heritage issues. This would also allow for the centralization of a point of contact. Thus it would not matter when the organization elected a new Commander, or appointed a new Division Spokesman; the media would have a definite point of contact to reach our officers.

In 1992, during the administration of Commander Charles Clements, the Georgia Division voted to seek a permanent headquarters. A fund was established for the purpose of soliciting funds, and the first three individuals to step forward to launch the fund-raising effort were Governor Lester Mattox,

Judge Ben Smith, and Judge John Sammons Bell (the designer of the 1956 Georgia Flag) with donations of \$1000 each. Their action was a testament to their thoughts of the critical need for the Division to have a public identification which would out last the terms of Commanders and Division Spokesmen. Ken Simpson of Milledgeville was appointed the first chairman of the Headquarters Committee.

To best meet the needs of the Division, the Headquarters Committee was directed to locate a historic structure located near the geographic center of the state. During the first few years a number of sites were reviewed by the committee. However, two problems existed which prevented moving forward. Nothing was found which came within the cost limitations of the funding that had been raised by the Division, and legal experts were advising caution. The costs at the time were estimated to be between \$100,000 and \$200,000, with some more funds needed for restoration and preparation of the facility for occupancy. The legal fear was based upon a court action that were going on at the time by a homeless man, backed by unknown funding, claiming in a civil suit that the Georgia State Flag was a violation of his civil rights, because he claimed that he feared the Confederate emblem that is contained on the flag. The case was eventually won by the State of Georgia. Our legal advisors, including Judge Ben Smith, advised that owning property and having indemnity policies was the surest way to become a target of suits. Many who saw the need for this facility to aid our heritage fights were very discouraged with the number of meetings and the lack

of progress on the search.

In 1998, Dr. Donald Bickers was appointed by Cmdr. Allen Trapp to the position of Chairman of the Headquarters Committee. Dr. Bickers offered a way that he thought could allow the Headquarters to become a reality. He said that he and a few friends would be willing to put up money to purchase the property for the Division and put it in a separate Non-Profit organization to protect the investment from those who would attack the Division. This Non-Profit Corporation would be operated by a board to be made up of Georgia Division SCV members. Dr. Bickers had spoken to a number of lawyers and construction experts and had developed a plan. The property would be controlled by the Georgia Division, but would be immune from civil suits on the SCV.

These benefactors were only asking the Georgia Division for a show of desire for the facility, a modest dues increase to fund operations, and some donations to assist with the renovation of the facility. The Headquarters Committee began a diligent search to find a suitable location. This committee visited more sites and settled on a possible location in Forsyth that met the requirements, i.e., to be located near the center of the state, to be near good transportation arteries, and to be a house of period appeal that had some history attached to the War Between the States.

In early 2002 the Southern Cultural Foundation was formed, made up of a team of legal and construction experts (all Georgia Division members), for the purpose of owning and operating the facility for the Division and a Resolution (Attached) was presented at the Reunion in Moultrie in 2002 for the

Members to consider. Also presented at the same Reunion was a recommended By-Laws change for a dues increase. The members in Reunion voted by 60% to 40% to support the purchase and renovation of the Napier-Hoffman House but voted down the requested dues increase by a vote of 63% in favor and 37% opposed (the dues increase being a By-Law change required 2/3 to pass). The passing of the support for the proposed purchase of the Napier-Hoffman House by the Division was to include a voluntary donation averaging \$1,000 per camp per year for two years. This would have raised about \$200,000 for the renovation and preparation of the house for use by the Division. The vote to not increase the dues was a humiliating message sent to the benefactors who were willing to put up hundreds of thousands of their own money to make this a reality.

Dr. Bickers and his committee were not dissuaded from the project and they moved forward with the purchase of the Napier-Hoffman House in Forsyth. He hoped that the Georgia Division would come on board with meeting some of the costs as they had voted in Moultrie. Due to the location of the house being on the main north-south railroad line, it had served as a hospital for wounded and dying Confederates during some of the battles in middle Georgia. Confederate blood was spilled on the grounds. The house is a majestic antebellum mansion built in 1829 and is about a mile from I-75 near the center of the state in Forsyth. The facility would have been made ready for occupancy at least two years ago if the Division had followed thru with some funds to assist in the renovation.

The question of a Division Headquarters was revisited again last year in Gainesville, with two Resolutions presented, one to abandon the project, and the other to continue negotiations with the Southern Cultural Foundation for the completion and occupancy of the House. The members voted to table the resolution for abandonment of the project by a standing vote of 100 to 98, and a written ballot to bring the resolution for abandonment of the project back to the table failed by a vote of 111 to 75. The resolution to continue negotiations with an agreement to be presented to the members this year in Metter was passed by a vote of 109 to 85.

This facility would provide a fine headquarters for Georgia Division without capital costs to the Division. The major costs to the Division would be operating costs, which would be expected in any facility whether owned by the Division or leased. Dr. Bickers went to his grave hoping that his dream of a Headquarters that the Division would be proud of would become a reality. There have never been any conspiracies involved with the efforts of the members of the Southern Cultural Foundation, only the generosity of some compatriots to provide the Division with a Headquarters befitting the largest Division in the Confederation. Dr. Bickers wanted to leave as his legacy a Headquarters that would be a source of pride for members, and a source of awe and fear to our detractors.

Due to questions of who makes up the Board of the Southern Cultural Foundation, both past and present, they are listed in the next section.

Members of the Board Southern Cultural Foundation

(Current and Past)

Dr. Donald S. Bickers (Deceased), Chairman until his death, a retired neurosurgeon and SCV member for over 15 years. Dr. Bickers was a World War II veteran and one of the first brain surgeons in the Atlanta area. Dr. Bickers was a member of Lawrenceville Camp #96 in Lawrenceville.

Ken W. Smith became Chairman upon the death of Dr. Bickers, State Court Judge and attorney in Jeff Davis County. Ken is a graduate of Emory Law School with many years experience as an attorney and served as Judge Advocate of Georgia Division for many years. Ken has been a member of the SCV for approximately 20 years and is a Life Member of Georgia Division. Ken is a member of the Appling County Greys Camp #918 in Baxley.

D. Mark Baxter, an practicing attorney with 28 year experience concentrating his law practice in several areas, some of which are commercial and business transactions, commercial real estate, and general business representation. Mark is a 1978 graduate of Mercer University's School of Law. Mark has been a member of Georgia Division for over 25 years and has served in positions on the Division Executive Council. Mark also serves on the National Advisory Council on Rural Development, the Stone Mountain Authority Board of Directors (responsibilities include

Georgia's Stone Mountain Memorial Park), and the Cannonball House and Museum Board of Directors (in Macon). Mark is a member of the General Dorr Tracy Camp #18 in Macon.

David O. Denard, President of Denard and Moore Construction, Inc., general contractors specializing in Commercial Projects throughout the country. David brings much needed expertise in the building construction industry to the committee. David has been a member of the SCV for many years, having served on the Division Executive a number of times over the past years. David is a member of the Eli Pinson Landers Camp #1724 in Lilburn.

David L. Floyd, a retired engineer with many years experience in the building construction industry. David has extensive knowledge of renovation and restoration of older properties. David has been a member of the SCV for many years. David has worked tirelessly on the project since the late 1990's. David is a member of Lawrenceville Camp #96 in Lawrenceville.

Elmer C. Hogue, Jr., a retired commercial pilot with Eastern Airlines. Elmer has been a member of the SCV for many years and has served in many advisory positions with the Georgia Division during his tenure of membership. Elmer is a member of Kennesaw Battlefield Camp #700 in Marietta.

Gordon B. Smith, a practicing attorney in

Savannah. Gordon is a retired Colonel, and served as a Captain of the 101st Airborne in Vietnam, where he received numerous decorations. Gordon is a 1966 graduate of the University of Georgia, a 1969 graduate of Cumberland Law School and a 1982 graduate of the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College. Gordon was admitted to the Bar in Alabama in 1969 and to the Georgia Bar in 1970. Gordon had also been admitted to practice before the U. S. Supreme Court and the U. S. Court of Military Appeals. Gordon is a member of many Historical and Heritage Societies and a published author of a number of books of historical significance to Georgia. Gordon has been a member of Georgia Division since the 1960's and is currently serving as Commander of the 6th Brigade. Gordon is a member of the Gen. Francis S. Bartow Camp #93 in Savannah.

Judge Benjamin Smith, Jr., (resigned due to health) retired State Court Judge in Waycross. Judge Ben Smith served as publisher and editor of the Georgia Confederate for many years and currently serves as Editor Emeritus. Judge Smith is a WW II veteran who has written books on his exploits in the war. Judge Smith has been a member of the SCV for many years. Judge Smith is a member of the Gen. Clement A. Evans Camp #64 in Waycross.

Further Clarification and Opinion of the Division Adjutant Concerning Napier-Hoffman House

Gentlemen, it was never my intent to express my opinion on the Proposed Georgia Division Headquarters as I planned to present the information without attempting to influence the vote, but a motion was passed at the Division Executive Council meeting in Forsyth on March 31 instructing me to present an opinion as to my thoughts as Division Adjutant as to my opinion on the effect on the Georgia Division and whether I recommended the Division move forward with the agreement.

The committee appointed to work with the Southern Cultural Foundation (SCF) consist of Tony Thompson, Adjutant of the Metter Camp, Chairman (resigned due to time restraints which did not allow him to devote necessary time to the project); Tom Brown, Georgia Division Adjutant (appointed Acting Chairman upon resignation of Tony Thompson); Martin O'Toole, Georgia Division Judge Advocate; Ted Brooke, Lt. Commander North; and Don Newman, Lt. Commander South. The members representing the SCF, who are all long-standing good members of Georgia Division, consisted of David Floyd, David Denard, Elmer Hogue, Mark Baxter, and Ken Smith, Chairman. (For further information on these Gentlemen, refer to the history section. The committees met five times and had numerous phone conversations concerning the agreement that was finally worked out. The ironic situation was the Division committee was working on a proposal to reach an agreement with ourselves (since all SCF members are outstanding Georgia Division members) that would both protect the asset, stop further costs to the SCF members, and provide an affordable solution for the Division.

To further clarify the final Proposed Lease Agreement (Agreement), I would like to comment that this Agreement meets all the conditions that were given to the Headquarters Search Committee over 10 years ago and provides a firewall to better protect both the Georgia Division and the Napier-Hoffman House (House) in the event of legal action. This agreement also meets the requirements of Division members, many of them Executive Council members, as to what would be necessary, in their opinion, for this to be doable project.

The Agreement gives the Georgia Division control of the following: the operation of the House and 7 acres of land; what flags will fly on the flag poles; location of the flag poles; control over whom may or may not sublease a portion of the House; control over whom may or may not rent the facility for special events; receiving all funds from subleasing and rental of the House or property to individuals or organizations to help defray costs; the ability to add structures that would not devalue the property; and a firm guarantee of an agreement to lease for 99 years. The agreement also provides the capabilities to purchase, with a guaranteed maximum regardless of the value in the future, the property outright if the Division wants to own the property. The amount used in that clause is simply the appraised value at the time of purchase, which is less than the amounts paid by the individuals making up the SCF to this point in time. The house, in its current condition with most of the major repairs completed, would be valued at more than that amount today. I feel that it would never be in our best interest to purchase the property as the annual payment payments to the SCF would be the interest on \$20,000 at 6% rate. It would be much to our advantage, if we had the funds, to invest them and draw interest and

make money on the asset that way. We would also loose the firewall protection that is one of the criteria that was originally felt necessary. The agreement also provides the protection of the asset by giving approval rights for sub-leasing and construction to the SCF Board. This allows protection of the asset if unscrupulous leaders down the road attempt to do things that would devalue the property or use it in an illegal way. The agreement allows the Division to use the House and property as a museum, research facility, living history encampment, teaching center, or in any way keeping with the agenda of the Division. Any use of the facility by the SCF would not interfere with use of or override the use of the facility by Georgia Division.

The first year of the agreement would be of no costs to the Georgia Division, with the costs of completion of the project being funded with donations from individuals or Camps, potential grants, which appear to be a good possibility with a plan to show the continued operation of the House, and with donated labor and materials from the members or others who are willing to help it become a reality. If the combinations funds/in-kind donations are not made the SCF may exercise the right to declare the lease null and void. This will also allow the completion of the renovations in a timely manner.

The estimated costs of operating the property in the early years would be approximately \$15,000 for utilities, interest on the note, insurance, and covering the \$1,200 costs to the SCF for their legal and accounting requirements. It is expected that since the property is owned by a 501c3, it will qualify for a property tax exemption, as has been done by a most camps in the Division on buildings and properties they own. If this cannot be realized the taxes are estimated to be approximately \$4,500. I would recommend if we go forward, to establish a "Maintenance Reserve" for future upkeep of the property of \$12,000 per year. These funds should not be needed in the early years, as the property will be in very good condition, but this would provide availability of the necessary funds when major repairs are needed down the road. This number may be twice what is needed, but I tend to plan on having more funds than is needed when the situation may occur. These funds can be met by donations of members, or camps, earmarked for the "Maintenance Reserve".

Staffing in the early years could be provided by members donating their time, or by the staff of a small firm that may sublease a room or so from the Division. Many smaller firms that do not require very much space have a secretary/clerk who could handle phone duties for us as part of the lease agreement, and provide a presence at the property. The subleasing to a small firm would also provide an income stream to help cover the costs of operations. The agreement calls for the facility to be open during at the discretion of the Division, avoiding necessary Labor Costs to maintain distinct hours. If the time comes that we wish to have a full-time person at the facility to have it open on an established hour's basis and provide phone and secretarial help, I would estimate the cost to the Division would probably be in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 range to cover salaries and mandatory benefit costs. If we get to a point of needing an Executive Director, the costs would be higher, but I do not expect that to be needed for a number of years.

The rental of the facility, or grounds, for other events could raise funds towards the operation costs. The going rate, based on a survey done at my request by an individual familiar with this type arrangement, found that similar facilities in the general area, many removed a number of miles from traffic arteries, receive from \$250 to well in excess of \$1,000 for the use of the facility for a wedding reception, a wedding, or some other similar event. Inquiries have been made all along to Dr. Bickers and others on the SCF asking when the House would be available to rent for this type of occasion. Also there is the possibility of renting the facility to other groups for monthly meetings, etc.

I feel that we can conservatively estimate that the Division could realize an income of at least \$6,000 a year, possibly much more, from these type events. I also feel that we can receive funds by subleasing a room upstairs to some other similar minded organizations. I do not have an estimate of the area amount for leasing, but it would be far in excess of the cost to the Division of providing the utilities in the room.

In all, I feel that the out of pocket costs to the Division, less funds collected for special events, etc., would be under \$10,000. I also feel that many members would come forward and make donations towards a maintenance reserve. If we go forward with leasing some space to a professional firm, our out of pocket costs to the Division would be less.

Being this facility is located so near I-75, much nearer to traffic arteries than Elm Springs, for instants, and is more accessible than Elm Springs; I believe the Division could receive funds from individuals visiting the facility and from sells of items from a Gift Shop. It would also allow a much better system than we now have for distributing items to the camps and members.

Also, the SCF has received donations of period furnishings, including some items owned by the Alexander Stephens family, valued at approximately \$25,000 and many members or others would probably either donate or put on loan other items. Judge John Sammons Bell's family has left his papers and other memorabilia to the SCF for use as the starting point of a research facility and museum. All the above items were donated to the SCF for the expressed use in the Napier-Hoffman House.

According to the Georgia Department of Revenue during my phone conversation with them, the "tag revenue" could be used if we wish for this facility as it would qualify as being a museum and an educational, teaching facility. Their interpretation is based on the fact that this is in line with 501c3 requirements of our organization as the SCV's primary purpose is as a historical, educational, honor organization of a certain part of history.

In summery, I feel that this opportunity is one that Georgia Division should not ignore, that Georgia Division could easily afford to operate the facility with the different funding sources available, and that funds are also available in the tag monies that was approved by the citizens of Georgia in last years general election in November. My opinion is that this facility would be a major asset to Georgia Division, and would be an asset to us in our heritage battles and in the general operation of the Division.

THIS OPINION IS EXPRESSED AT THE REQUEST
OF
THE GEORGIA DIVISION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039 with help from the Robert A. Toombs Camp, Vidalia, and the Logan E. Bleckley Camp, of Cochran, celebrate Confederate Memorial Day by marching through the streets of Rhine at the annual Pondtown Festival.

Commander's Report

April has been a month of "highs & lows" for me. The highs include being a part of many Memorial Services, and receiving the reports from Camps across the Division.

Included in the "highs" is the chartering of another Camp! This being Captain Edwin B. Carroll 2115 in Boston. Commander Joe Craigmiles reported 22 Charter members. It was also my privilege to be in the company of Past Commander Jack Bridwell, Lieutenant Commanders Don Newman and Ted Brooke, and 8th Brigade Commander Gary Ursrey at this ceremony.

On a sad note, we said goodbye to our Past Division Commander Willis "Bill" Nolen on Thursday April 20th when we stood guard over his body during the visitation, and on Friday April 21st when we assisted in the interment of his remains. The funeral was held at the Methodist Church in Luthersville, and the Masonic graveside services were presided over by Camp 1239's Chaplain Fred Lewis. The Honor Guard fired a 21-gun salute to Commander Nolen, which was echoed by artillery.

The Dixie Guards are busy planning the annual reunion in Metter, and I urge all Camps to have their delegates present.



CHARLIE LOTT
Georgia Division
Commander

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Remembering the Battle of Atlanta

BY CALVIN E. JOHNSON, JR.

The battlefields of the War Between the States are in danger of extinction. Will our next generation of young people know their American history if we lose this important part of it?

We enjoy freedoms today due to our faith in God and support of the men and women who fought to keep America free. The men and women of the Old South have always marched in defense of the U.S.A. They are still doing their duty in Iraq and around the world.

I was honored to speak at a Memorial Day service in Gainesville, Georgia and the Associated Press published several parts of my speech. They quoted my saying> "There are some things that were not surrendered at Appomattox. We did not surrender our right to teach our children their history."

The Battle of Atlanta, fought during July and August 1864, was the beginning of the end of the southern people's quest for self-determination and freedom. They felt they were standing up like their mothers and fathers did in the American Revolution.

A ceremony was held in conjunction with the December 15, 1939, Premiere of "Gone with the Wind" at the Loew's Grand Theatre. A street light, that survived Sherman's assault, was relighted by Mrs. Thomas J. Ripley President of the Atlanta

Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Atlanta's Old Guard served as honor guard when the 1855 gas lamp "The Eternal Flame of the Confederacy" was rededicated at the corner of Whitehall and Mitchell Street in Atlanta.

One hundred sixteen years after the Battle of Atlanta, a memorial event took place at Neiman Marcus, at Lenox Square, when Atlanta remembered a fateful time in her history. A Battle of Atlanta Tea was first held in 1980 and throughout the early 80s. Programs included speeches by such noted historians as: Mr. Virlyn Moore, Mr. Judson Ward and the late Mr. Franklin M. Garrett.

Franklin Garrett was the official Historian for the City of Atlanta and also served as Director of Atlanta Historical Society.

The Battle of Atlanta Tea, held in Atlanta's Buckhead area, was a success due to the efforts of: Mrs. Elizabeth Edmondson, Mrs. Sally White of Neiman Marcus, United Daughters of the Confederacy and Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Atlanta's historic "Cyclorama", located at Grant Park, is a jewel of a painting that depicts the Battle of Atlanta. It is a must see.

Many people attended the Battle of Atlanta Tea during the 1980s. A reception room was set up with food and refreshment and walls were covered with Confederate flags. Women wore ante-bellum attire and men wore authentic Confederate uni-

forms. Soldiers, with replica rifles, were also allowed to stand guard at store entrances and escalators. Confederate reenactors gave directions and told stories from the past.

Can you imagine of such an event happening today? The bands won't even play "Dixie" anymore. Dixie was always played during these Battle of Atlanta commemorations.

It is written that part of the Battle of Atlanta took place south of the Carter Center and down to the intersection of Moreland Ave. and Interstate 20. It was also fought around Glenwood Ave., Memorial Drive and Clay Street.

People have written that Black Confederates helped defend the City of Atlanta and Black Confederates are also buried on the grounds of a nearby university. Many soldiers killed at the Battle of Atlanta are buried at Atlanta's Oakland Cemetery.

Union General William T. Sherman began the march on Atlanta in July 1864 and after the fall of Jonesboro began his infamous March to the Sea. Many buildings were burned and people were forced to refugee out of the city.

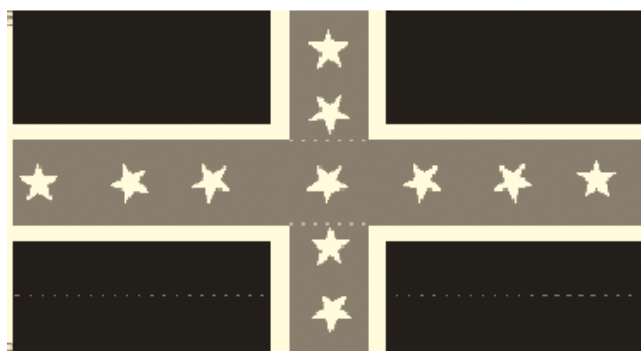
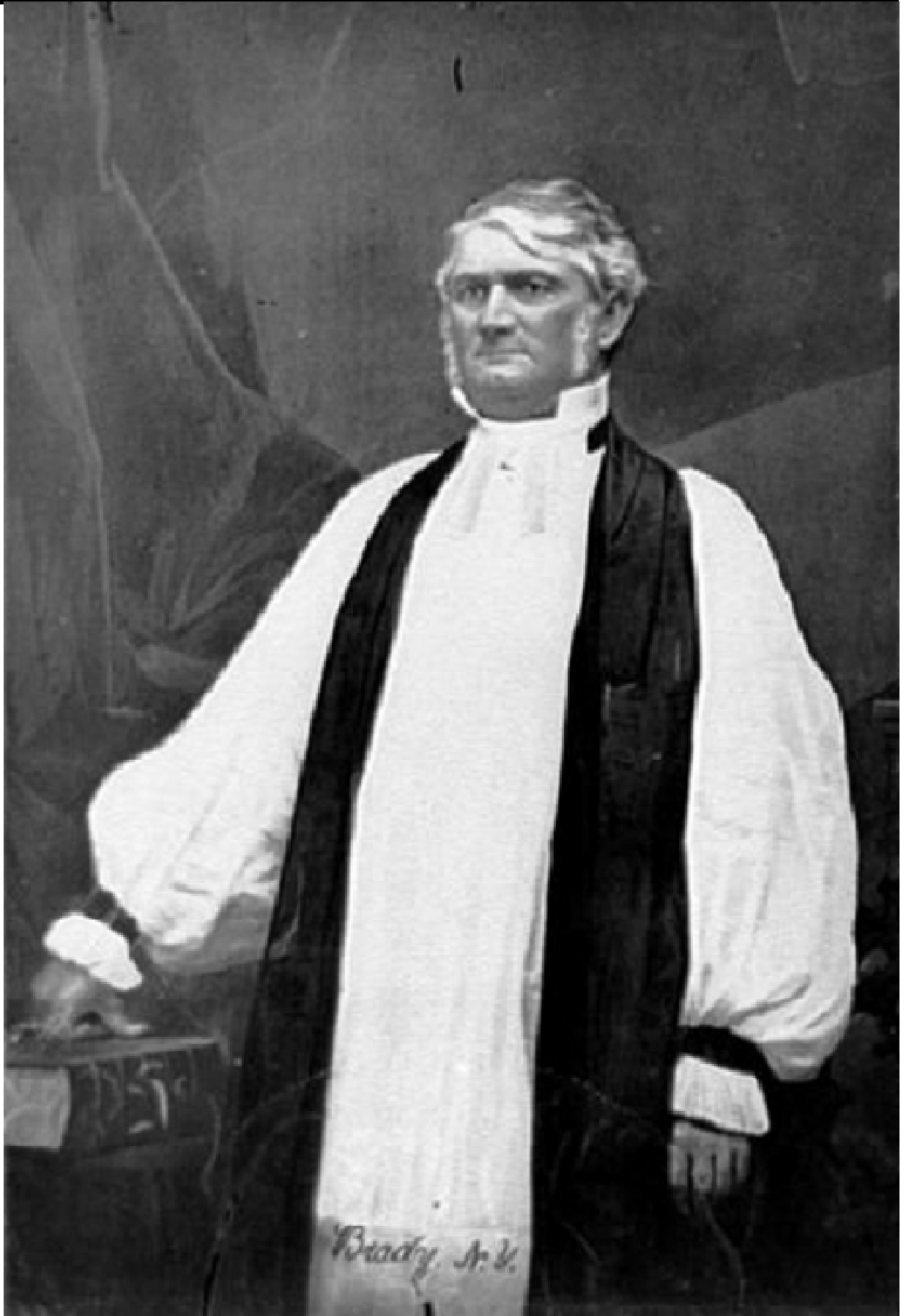
Please do not forget to teach our young ones the truth of what happened during the War Between the States of 1861-1865.

Please help to save our American battlefields.

Leonidas Polk Memorial Service St. Hilda's Church - 6 p.m. June 16, 2007

Saint Hilda's Church will conduct a memorial for Bishop-General Leonidas Polk on June 16, 2007. The service commemorates the bishop's life-long dedication to Christ and the church, as well as his sacrifice for his country. As a corps commander in the Confederate Army, General Polk fell in battle at Pine Mountain, Georgia on June 14, 1864.

We encourage all to join Father John Roddy, as St. Hilda's honors this brave Christian soldier. Immediately following the memorial, St. Hilda's will host its first annual "Chocolatier". All are welcome at the chocolate tasting contest, with wine and cheese, at 7 p.m.



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Book Review

Shadows and Dust, The Journal of the Confederate Experience in Northwest Florida and Southwest Alabama

BY KEVIN MCKINLEY

Non-fiction, pictures, appendix, select bibliography, 115 pp. Kevin McKinley, 357 Page Road, Atmore, AL 36502, mckinley2971@yahoo.com. \$20.

When one considers the War Between the States, most consider a broad view of what took place. Historians typically write about the battles that were decisive victories or turning points in the war, or Generals and persons who were made famous by their actions in the war. The average soldier or a small skirmish is many times overlooked as being insignificant. *Shadows and Dust, The Journal of the Confederate Experience in Northwest Florida and Southwest Alabama* not only looks at the war as a whole, but goes beneath the surface to discover information about the local battles and units. There are a variety of different topics discussed, such as medicine during the war, the effects the war on the home front and religion in the field.

This publication is based in part upon the Kevin McKinley's column in a Southwest Alabama newspaper. The different sections are informational but short. This is an easy book to browse, and in doing so the reader reads interesting facts from Alabama's role in the Confederacy to biographies of local veterans who fought in the war.

For the person who finds reading tactical maneuvers of a battle difficult to follow, this publication simplifies the troop's movements, making it easier to visualize. Mr. McKinley gives a short history of the war from the beginning to Sherman's March to the Sea. The battles included in *Shadows and Dust* have a common thread; either an Alabamian or Floridian unit was involved. The author also introduces the reader to skirmishes that are relatively unheard of outside of the place of origin and local forts that protected the coastline, which were occupied by both Union and Confederate troops.

Mr. McKinley presents a biographical sketch of the regiments from Northwest Florida and Southwest Alabama. He states, "During the war many local units were formed in the Southwest Alabama and Northwest Florida area. The units discussed below are by no means an exhaustive list of such of units. There were a variety of infantry, cavalry, home guard, and naval/marine units formed throughout the war."

The main concern for *Shadows and Dust* is the historical authenticity of all the facts found within its pages. Two major mistakes were evident in the beginning. The author claims that General Lee was a cousin to George Washington, when in actuality he married the great-granddaughter of Martha Washington, the wife of George Washington. Also, General Lee's father, Light Horse Harry Lee, was good friends with the first President, having served under him in the Revolutionary War. His father even gave the eulogy at Washington's funeral.

The second inaccuracy is Mr. McKinley states that the "Carter House (is) where the bodies of six Confederate Generals lay following the Battle of Franklin, TN." The Carter House is where the heaviest fighting took place during the battle while the Carter family hid in the basement. There are over 1,000 bullet holes still visible to tourist. Their youngest son, Captain Todd Carter, was actually killed just yards away from his home. Mrs. McGavock allows the Carnton Plantation to be used as a Confederate hospital after this bloody battle. This is where the six bodies of the Generals were placed. The highest ranking of the Generals was Major-General Patrick R. Cleburne of County Cork, Ireland. The McGavock family designates two acres adjacent to their family cemetery to serve as the final resting place to 1,500 Confederate soldiers from various states.

In light of these discrepancies, it is possible that other facts are incorrect. Many readers normally do not research what is in print but trust the author is correct. When reading *Shadows and Dust*, the reader must question the facts presented and not accept them as the truth.

—Written by Cassie A. Barrow

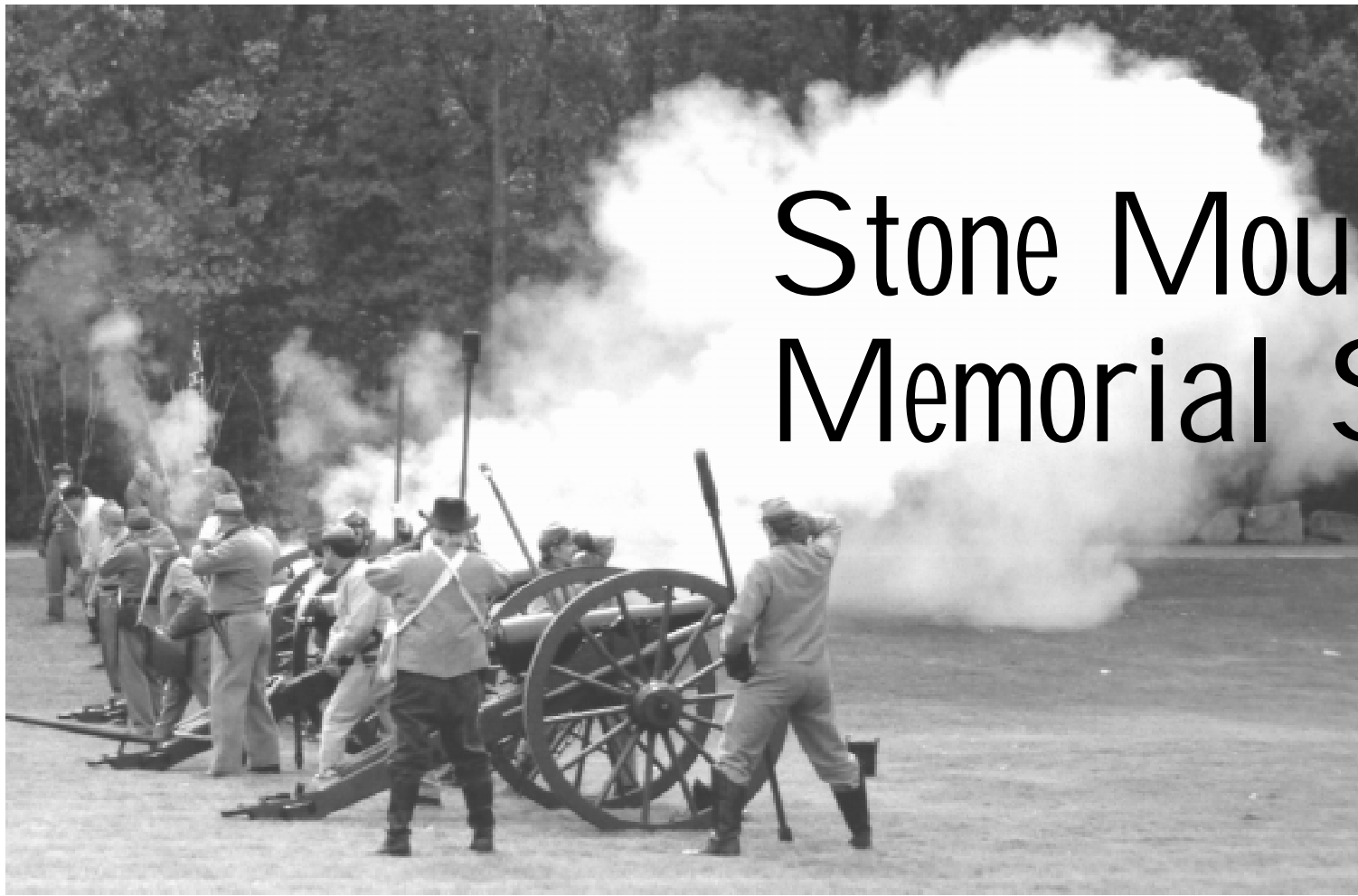
Rededication Ceremony



Currahee Rangers Camp 935 in the 3rd Brigade held a rededication ceremony on March 25 for A.M. Smith who served the Confederacy in the 11th Georgia Cavalry.



The Georgia
Confederate can be
viewed online at:
<http://www.georgiascv.com>



Stone Mountain Memorial Service

Saturday,
April 14

Photos Courtesy of
John Nichols



Compatriot Richard Smith - Piper of the Day.



Honor Guard.



The Currahee Rangers Chapter of the Lee Cadet Corp. served as color guard. Cadets included Michael Miller Jr., CJ McDaniel, Ryan Wells, Ryan Erwin, Draven Carroll and Miles McBath, The 1st Sgt. is Frank Poole.



Commander Leonard Draper and Commander Bear Hamrick with the cannon (Preacher).



Cannon crews from McDonough Camp 108, Haralson Camp 716, Douglasville Camp 943 and Villa Rica Camp 1239.

Georgia Division SCV Executive Council Meeting

(Continued from page eight)

A motion was made by former Division Commander Jack Bridwell and passed unanimously by voice vote that \$2,000 be spent for up to 100 more 4'x 8' signs (to be bought as needed by the Camps for \$20 each).

3. In response to a question about recruiting inquiries (by phone or email) that come into Elm Springs, Commander Lott indicated he would check and report back to the EC.

NEW BUSINESS

Compatriot Al Perry reported that 13 unmarked and 4 numbered Confederate graves at Ft. Pulaski cannot be marked with headstones under current National Park Service (NPS) guidelines. Al encouraged everyone to send a handwritten note to their Congressman, Senators, and to the White House asking that NPS policy be changed.

Compatriot Calvin Johnson encouraged everyone to continue working to obtain Confederate History and Heritage Month Proclamations from the cities and counties around the state.

Brigade Commander Gary Ursrey encouraged everyone to think about creating a database of ancestor names for use in recruiting efforts.

Brigade Commander Mike Mull reported the Georgia SCV Camp directory is about 50% complete. Mike also reported the June SCV convention hotels are not yet booked up.

Brigade Commander Pete Giddens asked for \$1,650 to pay for reprinting 3,000 copies Prison Pens of the North, with the intent of making the booklets available to the Brigades for use in educational talks; especially with school children.

A motion by former Division Commander Jack Bridwell passed unanimously by voice vote to spend up to \$1,650 to have the copies printed and distributed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 29 – Memorial service at the GA Monument at Chickamauga, contact Compatriot Freddie Parris.

April 17 - "Joe Brown Pets" book signing; contact Brigade Commander Sparks Ramey.

April 29 – Cobb County parade and Memorial service, contact Compatriot Calvin Johnson.

These are just some of the events going on around the state in April. All members are encouraged to contact their Camp or Brigade Commander for additional details.

After a rousing rendition of "Dixie", the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Submitted by William Lathem
Division Chief Of Staff

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Pictured left to right are: Grayson Jennings, from Virginia, H. K. Edgerton, and Elijah Coleman, Chattahoochee Guards Camp 1639.

Report on NASCAR Heritage Defense

The Atlanta 500 NASCAR Race

Gentlemen and Sons of Confederate Veterans:

Grayson Jennings of the Heritage Defense Committee led about 20 men in our attack on NASCAR in Atlanta. We had Battle flags signs we had taken from old Georgia political signs left over from the Georgia flag fight along with a tank of helium and bags of balloons and released hundreds of these balloons with the battle flag attached about every 15 minutes and they were flying all over the stadium. We passed out 800 battle flags with the checkered victory flag on the end. We also put up battle flags all up and down a 20 mile stretch leading into the race. A Yankee with southern sympathies jumped in with our men and helped us with this project. Elijah Coleman of the Georgia Division even took one of the Battle flags attached it to a balloon and tethered it at the entrance to NASCAR. The flags were flying all over the infield and in the stands.

At noon the Confederate Air Force showed up with a 30' X 50' Battle flag with a streamer behind it saying "NASCAR Don't Forget Your Roots." As it came in view of the stadium a tremendous roar went up from the crowd you could hear for miles.

As our men passed out the flags we were swamped with questions about the SCV and many people were giving us unsolicited donations. The men did what recruiting we could with the work they had to do, however as we progress with this attack in other races we are going to need help in this area as we have not budgeted for recruiting and cannot handle both the defense and recruit-

ing, we just don't have the man power or the funds. We will need help in this respect as we bring our attack to Darlington. A tremendous thanks to the Georgia Division for their response to our call for assistance in this defense and in particular Elijah Coleman and his brother Dan of the Georgia division, their assistance was invaluable.

At this point, NASCAR has not made any statements concerning our attack and the media has ignored our press releases. However, gentleman they can't ignore us for much longer as it is clear from this Atlanta attack we have won the hearts of the NASCAR fans and due to the support of our Commander in Chief Chris Sullivan and the Confederate hearts of the GEC the attacks WILL continue.

We also now have three SCV cars on the small stock car tracks and due to more funds from the Virginia DEC we will soon have a fourth, and I have feelers out for still a fifth in Florida at the Bronson motor speedway near Gainesville, Fla. These cars are very popular on the small tracks. As NASCAR tickets have gotten so expensive a lot of our country boys can't afford them any more,

therefore they are returning to the small tracks in droves and the most popular car out there is our SCV car, win or lose gentlemen they ARE the crowd favorite. If NASCAR put an SCV car on it's track IT Would be the favorite hands down, and after all NASCAR is about money. If they want to win back the crowds in the South Land they are going to have change their tune to Dixie.

Gentlemen again I would like to doff my hat to Grayson Jennings for the time, money and perseverance he has expended in leading this attack, truly no man could have done more. The success of this endeavor is directly attributed to Grayson Jennings, the Coleman brothers of Georgia and their Georgia Flaggers.

LET'S TAKE NASCAR BACK! We have made Dale Earnhart Jr. shut his mouth, now let's make him eat his words.

Gentlemen, distribute this report as you see fit.

Yours in the Bonds of the Southland
Darryl Starnes,
Chief, Heritage Defense Sons of Confederate Veterans

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HABERSHAM GUARD CAMP 716, CLARKESVILLE

Lt. Commander's Report

North

The Northern Georgia area includes the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th Brigades of the Georgia Division. See those Brigade reports in this issue of *The Georgia Confederate* for particular Camp activities. For the individual Brigade Commanders and their contact information, see the "Georgia Division Officers" column.

Senate Bill 283, designed to establish April every year as "Confederate History and Heritage Month" in the state of Georgia was, unfortunately, falsely connected by the media with the so-called "slavery apology" effort and was not passed out of committee this year. We need to look toward next year's session and, in the meantime, cultivate good relationships with our legislators.

The 6th annual National Confederate Memorial Day service at Stone Mountain on April 14 was successful. The weather, contrary to the weathermen's prediction, was fine and we appreciate the help of everyone, especially those with the Artillery, Color Guard and Honor Guard. We were glad to see the young uniformed men of the Currahee Cadets from the 3rd Brigade. There are many Confederate Memorial Day events planned across Georgia in April and we appreciate the efforts of all Camps and Compatriots who make the effort to keep the memory of our ancestors alive and before the public which includes, of course, the proper and honorable display of their flags. In addition, thousands of Confederate graves across Georgia will be marked with flags this month and this is also public testimony that we have not forgotten, and we will not forget, our people.

For the South, Ted Brooke, Lt. Commander, Georgia Division, SCV, 2055 Foster Drive, Cumming, GA 30040 (770) 781-9221. loneconfederate1@yahoo.com.

1st Brigade Report

The 1st Brigade is made up of 10 Camps in nine Northwest Georgia counties.

- Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp 469, Rome – Ben Terry, Commander - 706-936-9485; Stephen Carnes, Adjutant – dadcarnes@yahoo.com – Meeting: first Thursday at 7 p.m. – Senior Center on Riverside Drive.

- Chattooga County Camp 507, Summerville - Dale Mitchell - 706-331-1255 – Meeting: last Thursday at 7 p.m. - Trion Community Center.

- John B. Gordon Camp 599, LaFayette – David Espy, Commander – sumnews@alltel.net; Jerry Turman, Adjutant – 706-638-3360 – Meeting: third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. – Bank of LaFayette Community Center.

- Stiles/Akin Camp 670, Cartersville – Robert Crowe, Commander – garebel1@peoplepc.com; Michael Bryson, Adjutant – bryson@wa.ns.net – Meeting: last Thursday (4th or 5th).

- Gen. Joseph E. Johnston Camp 671, Dalton – Sam Jones, Commander; Harris Thomason, Adjutant – Meeting: third Thursday at 7:30 p.m. – 715 Chattanooga Ave.

- State of Dade Camp 707, Trenton – Doug Morrison, Commander - 706-517-3625 - Larry Wheeler, Adjutant – Wheeler30752@aol.com – Meeting: third Tuesday at 7 p.m. – bottom floor of Easy Rentals.

- Gen. Stand Watie Camp 915, Calhoun – Stanley Chambers, Commander – 706-629-3116; James Tolbert, Adjutant - 706-602-1244 – Meeting: second Thursday at 7 p.m.

- Lt. Col. William M. Luffman Camp 932, Chatsworth – Steve Hall, Commander - 706-673-7987 - tunnelhill@windstream.net;

Milton Clarke, Adjutant.

- Col. Joseph McConnell Camp 1859, Ringgold – Christopher Davidson, Commander – 423-504-7440; Richard Ball, Adjutant – Meeting: fourth Thursday at 7 p.m. – courthouse annex.

- Pvt. John Ingraham Camp 1977, Chickamauga – Clay Howard, Commander - 706-375-5735; David Nation, Adjutant - denation@hotmail.com - Meeting: fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. – Lee and Gordon Mill.

- Members from the Camps in Chatsworth, Ringgold, Trenton and LaFayette attended the Division Executive Council meeting in Forsyth on March 31.

- The Rome Camp participated in the Relay for Life event held at Heritage Park in Rome on April 21. Members walked to raise money to help find a cure for cancer.

- The Cartersville Camp participated in three separate memorial services during Confederate History and Heritage Month. On April 21 they took part in the UDC Confederate Memorial Service in Cartersville. On April 28, they held a Confederate Memorial Service at Cassville. Then on April 29 they participated in the annual Kingston Memorial Service.

- The Ringgold, LaFayette, Chickamauga and Trenton Camps held their annual joint Confederate Memorial Day Observance at the Georgia monument in Chickamauga battlefield on Sunday, April 29. Army of Tennessee Commander Kelly Barrow was the keynote speaker. Cassie Barrow, representing Chapter 18, United Daughters of the Confederacy, also

This Month's Gem

TECHNOLOGY AT ITS FINEST!

After digging to a depth of 100 meters last year, Scottish scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 1000 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 1000 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Scots, in the weeks that followed, English scientists dug to a depth of 200 meters and shortly after headlines in the UK newspapers read: "English archaeologists have found traces of 2000 year copper wire and have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a thousand years earlier than the Scots."

One week later, Georgia newspapers reported the following: "After digging as deep as 300 meters in Carroll County, University of West Georgia scientists have found absolutely nothing. They have therefore concluded that 5000 years ago Georgia inhabitants were already using wireless technology."

We Rock!

2nd Brigade Report

The 2nd Brigade includes the northeastern counties of Cherokee, Dawson, Fannin, Forsyth, Gilmer, Habersham, Hall, Lumpkin, Pickens, Rabun, Union and White.

I would like to remind all members of the 2nd Brigade that possibly can be in Gainesville on May 28. It is important that we make a good showing in this Memorial Day Parade. Check the April issue of *The Georgia Confederate* for time and directions or contact me at 706-669-1314. Take care and God Bless.

–2nd Brigade Commander Joe N. Carver

Gilmer Light Guards Camp 89 of Ellijay meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Gilmer County Bank's "Bobcat Den." Camp 89's website is <http://gilmerlightguards.blogspot.com>. Commander: Ralph Garrett 706-636-2854, Adjutant: Mike Davis 706-276-2867.

Habersham Guard Camp 716 of Clarkesville meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Clarkesville Library in Clarkesville. Commander: Seth Herrin 706-778-1065. Adjutant: Don Moore 706-968-1608

Cherokee Legion Camp 914 of Canton meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Location varies: Call 770-928-4382 or cherokeelegion@aol.com. Commander: Karl Haun. Adjutant: Pat Cates

27th Georgia Regiment Camp 1404 of Gainesville meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Corts Restaurant in Oakwood. Commander: Wilson Kemp 770-536-5261. Adjutant: Jason Elrod 706-367-1302

52nd Georgia Regiment Camp 1418 of Cleveland meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Public Library in Cleveland. 706-219-2235. Commander: Greg Pettit. Adjutant: Lum Pettitt

Pvt. David W. Payne Camp 1633 of Blairsville meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Union County Library in Blairsville. Commander: Pete White 706-745-2294. Adjutant: Joseph Adams Sr. 760-781-3382.

Col. Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1652 of Cumming meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Bell Research Center in the Historic Cumming school house in Cumming. Commander: Frank Clark 706-887-7812. Adjutant: Joe Warnke. 706-216-1807.

Blue Ridge Rifles Camp 1860 of Dahlonega meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Dahlonega First Methodist Church. 706-864-3858. Commander: Tim Ragland. Adjutant: Mike Freeman.

Camp Malaise Report

Camp Malaise meets at the time of the "Coon Grinnin' Moon" in the Tiki Room of Lurleen's Diner.

Commander Coneporn recently attended a required viewing of Al Gore's opus on the solar apocalypse and upcoming environmental Armageddon, "An Incontinent Truth", at the Sherlock Homes Elementary and came away a changed man. Being one of the larger energy users in the county, what with the deer freezer, the "Semmes like Old Times" lake yacht and the celebrated "Winter Wonderland" Christmas light display, he was seriously in the red, environmentally speaking. So the Colonel logged onto www.envirogorescam.com, determined his "carbon footprint", and sent his ecological absolution money to the "High Priest of Gaseous Outbursts" Al Gore.

Now some ideas are birthed by necessity, others by the long and arduous studied pursuit of a goal. Here in the Gorge most of our ideas spring from the "Blind Pig" formula of serendipity as when Estelle accidentally discovered the Peanut Butter Trout Glaze. But when "Pockets" Mulrooney realized that you could be the middle man for people with guilt complexes, the heavens opened up and the epiphany was so thick you could serve it on cheese toast. He immediately initiated the first rule of success, "meet opportunity with decisive action", and formed a new company, "Confederated Indulgences Ltd. LLC.", offering to represent the ancestors of those SCV members who lip-sinc the "Charge" while allowing others to actually do justice to the words. He then salted the ham hock by offering, for a small additional fee, a delinquents' ancestor the honor of being inscribed on the blades of a brightly colored, whirligig that will spin in the April breezes throughout Confederate History Month. We can do no less!

"Compatriot Mulrooney is also presently working on a website, www.honoredbyproxy.com, where members can ascertain their "heritage footprint" and submit the proper level of funding so that the applicant can feel free to engage in the more pressing business of a ball game and a beer, or even Johnny's Soccer game, knowing that someone who actually gives a damn will be covering for him. Brilliant.

–H.L. DeSaussure, Adjutant 2841

3rd Brigade Report

Brig. Gen. T.R.R. Cobb Camp 97, Athens, meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Watkinsville City Hall. Our May will feature Ben Wynne of Gainesville College. His program is entitled "Mississippi and the War."

Jackson County Volunteers Camp 94 met on April 5, at 7 p.m. at the Jefferson House Restaurant in Jefferson. The program was given by Mr. David Mann, SCV member of the Madison County Greys. Mr. Mann gave the camp a living history on the life of a Confederate soldier, complete with showing of the musket and pistol that would have been used. The Camp is busy placing Confederate Flags on Veterans graves in Jackson County. The County has over 600 Confederates buried here. Several members were sworn in and given membership certificates, and membership cards. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 3 at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Commander Steve Satterfield 706-549- 8098, BearNoel68@BellSouth.net or Adj. Randy Evans 706- 367-2138, BoldSouth@Yahoo.com.

GREENE RIFLES, CAMP 942, GREENSBORO, MEETS ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY, 7 P.M. AT COTTON'S CORNER, EAST BROADST. IN GREENSBORO. THE APRIL 24TH MEETING PROGRAM WILL BE ON PERIOD WEAPONS, PRESENTED BY JIM EATON. ON APRIL 26TH THE CAMP WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM AT THE CITY CEMETERY IN GREENSBORO AT 7 P.M. IN OBSERVANCE OF CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY. THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE REENACTORS FROM THE 44TH GA INFANTRY AND THE 14TH GA ARTILLERY FIRING A SALUTE, PERIOD MUSIC AND THE ROLL CALL OF ANESTORS. THERE ARE 45 UNKNOWN CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS BURIED AT THE CEMETERY AND THE CAMP MAINTAINS A FLAG AT THE SITE, CURRENTLY FLYING A THIRD NATIONAL. THE CAMP ALSO PLACES FLAGS AT KNOWN GRAVE SITES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY ON CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY.

Currahee Rangers Camp 935 held its monthly meeting on March 19 at Quincy's Steakhouse, Big A Road, Toccoa. The camp planned its annual marking of Confederate graves with small Battle Flags and discussed the upcoming Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony at Travler's Rest Historic Site. The Speaker was Martin O'Toole who spoke about Gen. T.R.R. Cobb.

4th Brigade Report

COCHRAN: Logan Bleckley Camp 1998

Meeting: First Tuesday each month. Time : Dinner – 6:30 p.m.; Meeting – 7 p.m.; Location: Community House; E-mail: kenbrooks@netcommander.com

DUBLIN: Capt. Hardy B. Smith Camp 104
No Report.

EASTMAN: Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039

Meeting: 4th Tuesday of each month; Dinner-6:00 p.m.; Meeting – 7 p.m.; Location: - Big Daddies (formerly known as Jack's Place) on Soperton Road . E-mail: kmbreb@nlamerica.com

Commander Gary Lowery and Adjutant Kim Beck represented their Camp at the Executive Council meeting on March 31, in Forsyth.

EATONTON: W. F. Jenkins Camp 690

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of each month: Time – 7 p.m.: Location: Putnam County Senior Citizens Facility; E-mail: ramrealty@middleland.com

Bill Moffat of the Athens Camp was the guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting, Tuesday, April 17. His subject was how families dealt with the home front while the men were at war. Most interesting.

The Camp hosted a hamburger/hot dog supper for the member families at the March meeting.

Mrs. Martha Adams, a member of the UDC, and also the sister of Camp Adjutant Larry Manley, presented to the Camp the flag pole that was presented to the R. T. Davis Camp on April 26, 1905. This was a case of being in the "right place at the right time". A pre-war home in Eatonton, was being cleaned out and someone stated that there was a flag pole and wonder if there was anyone who would want it. Mrs. Adams' recognizing the significance of the object spoke up immediately and took it home with her. It so happens that the home in which it had been stored all of these many years belonged to Mrs. Adams' husband's cousin. Well you all know how kinship goes in the south and aren't we glad.

At any rate Mrs. Adams contacted the Camp and of course they were delighted to have the flag pole. The R.T. Davis Camp was the first camp in Putnam County and has not been active in many, many years.

The W. F. Jenkins Camp and the UDC is having a joint Confederate Memorial program at the cemetery on the Newsome/Bruce property at the intersection of Wilson Road and Crooked Creek Road . The service was at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 22.

4th Brigade Report

Accompanying 4th Brigade Commander Larry Manley to the State Executive Council meeting in Forsyth, March 31, were Brannon Sanders and David Thomas.

JEFFERSONVILLE: Clinch's Calvary Camp 2084
E-mail: muley29178@alltel.net

KITE: Battleground Guards Camp 1941

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of each month. Time: 7 p.m.: Location: Homemaker's Club in Kite. E-mail: henrycopeland@hotmail.com

MACON: Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr. Camp 18

Meeting: 4th Thursday of each month: Time: 6 p.m.: Location: Red Lobster at 2077 Riverside Drive, Suite 7 , Macon . E-mail: mbeeland@yahoo.com

Several members attended the State Executive Council meeting in Forsyth on March 31.

MILLEDGEVILLE: Old Capitol Camp 688

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of each month: Time 7 p.m.: Location: Milledgeville Country Club. E-mail: konreid@alltel.net

This Camp held Confederate Memorial Day Services in Memory Hill Cemetery on April 21. Mr. Christopher Stokes of the Macon Camp was the guest speaker. They sold tickets for Bar Be Cue plates which were served after the service.

Jack Marljar was the guest speaker at the April meeting. He spoke on the CSS Hunley.

SANDERSVILLE: Major Mark Newman Camp 1602

Meeting: 1st Tuesday of each month: Time : 6 p.m.: Location: Brown House on N. Harris Street . E-mail:randy.hall@thielekaolin.com

WARNER ROBINS: Lieutenant James T. Woodward Camp 1399

Meeting: 2nd Monday of each month: Dinner at 6 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.: Location: Sonny's BBQ at 811 Russell Parkway in Warner Robins . E-mail : garyhudgets@webtv.net

New officers: Steve Scroggins, Commander and Carey Grizzle, Adjutant.

They are working to secure a Confederate History and Heritage Month proclamation from the City of Warner Robins again this year.

This year's Confederate Memorial Day services included a monument, dedicated June 24, 2006, at the Cliett Cemetery in Byron These services were at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

Interesting note: Mr. Michael Harrell states that he is going to visit the graves of all the Confederate Generals. He has make it to about half of them.

WRIGHTSVILLE: Johnson Greys Camp 1688

Meeting: 2ND Thursday of each month: Time: 7 p.m.: Location: Nana's Restaurant. E-mail: kltanner@bellsouth.net

NOTE: To Adjutants of 4th Brigade Camps: Please re-view your e-mail address to confirm that it is correct. Report errors to ramrealty@middleland.com.

Respectively submitted,
Larry G. Manley, 4th Brigade Commander - Adjutant W.F. Jenkins Camp 690 - P. O. Box 4713: Eatonton , GA 31024. Office 706-485-8432; Home: 706-485-6001: E-mail: ramrealty@middleland.com

5th Brigade Report

No Brigade report submitted for Camps in the 5th Brigade.

6th Brigade Report

No Brigade report submitted for Camps in the 6th Brigade.

7th Brigade Report

Waycross Camp 64

Foundation for flagpoles on U.S. 82 has been set. Work is continuing on at this time. The Camp plans on holding a memorial service on the 26th of April. Judge Ben Smith is to be the speaker.

Brunswick Camp 485

No report submitted

Valdosta Camp 680

No report submitted

Camden County 747

No report submitted

7th Brigade Report

Darien Camp 1853
No report submitted

Willacoochee Camp 1908

This camp has become more active and has also increased its membership since moving from Lakeland. One of the activities that have been planned is the cleaning of a cemetery that has been abandoned. Several Confederate veterans are buried in this cemetery and the camp hopes to find any relatives that might know some information concerning these veterans. In addition to this the camp is planning on marking all the graves in the surrounding area during the month of April.

Coffee County 2006

This camp has folded and members have transferred to other camps.

Waynesville Camp 2022

This camp has taken part in several reenactments in the surrounding area. Also the bike riders that have formed a group in the camp have been on 2 cancer rides and one ride for fallen officers. On June the 6th they will charter their chapter of the Order of Robert E. Lee.

At our last brigade meeting the main discussion was about the reunion. Several things are in the planning stages on the brigade level. Also recruitment and retention are major concerns by all camps in the brigade.

On another note the e-list moderator conflict came up again. I along with several others in the Division have been listed as "the most dangerous 25". I have never attacked our e-list moderator but I have expressed my views to him personally about what he does with the e-list. I am not a cyber commando. I asked to be taken off and was insulted and also was made to feel that I was not worthy of any excuse from him as to why he censors people the way that he does. Since that time he has made comments that certain brigade commanders "bray" in "glorified brigade reports". I take insult to this. I am not a jack-ass and do not like referred to as one. I for one have never had any problem with anyone in the Division. I realize that there may be differences of opinion but I have never taken it upon myself to degrade anyone in any public forum. I guess that if I were sitting behind a computer I could say what I want and never have to face anyone but I would rather leave it to the men of the Division to decide if an individual is worthy of their respect on a Division level. Please note I have never said that I do not make mistakes, but I am merely concerned about the way the Division e-list is manipulated these days. I do hope that at some point in time that this issue is addressed.

Memorial Service for Major Hundley

On March 24, Major General Ambrose Ransom Wright Camp 1914 held a memorial service and new gravestone dedication for Major William Britton Hundley, II in the Old Warrenton Cemetery in Warrenton. The weather was bright, warm and beautiful. Over 85 people attended the service including a current generation of Hundleys.

With the outbreak of hostilities following the Northern Invasion, the McDuffie Riflemen became, on 8 May 1861, the first volunteer unit formed in Warren County. The company left Warrenton that day for Macon, where they were mustered into the service of the Confederacy on 9 May 1861. They were assigned as Company D, to the 5th Georgia Infantry Regiment under Colonel John K. Jackson. Initially, the four officers included Captain Edward Pottle, 1st Lieutenant James Shivers, 2nd Lieutenant William Britton Hundley, and Jr. 2nd Lieutenant Llewellyn Nelms.

The unit traveled from Macon to Pensacola, Florida and sustained their first losses in a skirmish on Santa Rosa Island on 9 October 1861. Six soldiers of the McDuffie Riflemen were killed including Jr. 2nd Lieutenant Nelms; many others were wounded.

From Pensacola, Company D went to Mississippi joining the Army of Tennessee, participating in the Corinth Campaign during April, May, and June 1862. In May 1862, Company D was reorganized. Captain Pottle resigned and on 8 May 1862, William Hundley was promoted to Captain and given command of Company D.

From Shiloh, Company D moved north to Murfreesboro and was involved in the battle there from 31 December 1862 to 3 January 1863. The list of "killed and wounded" dated Chattanooga, 12 January 1863 indicated Captain Hundley was wounded in the shoulder at Murfreesboro. The 5th Georgia Regiment lost 37% of its men engaged at Murfreesboro.

After Murfreesboro, Company D was involved in the Tullahoma Campaign during June and July 1863 and con-



MAJOR WILLIAM BRITTON HUNDLEY

tinued on to Chattanooga where they were involved in the initial battle on 21 August and continued with the siege from September to November 1863. This was the opening battle of the Chickamauga Campaign which occurred 18-20 September 1863 and ended with the Battle of Chattanooga 23-25 November 1863. At Chickamauga, the regiment lost 55% of the 317 men engaged.

Following the Union victory at Chattanooga, the 5th Georgia Infantry was involved in the numerous battles leading to Atlanta. After the fall of Atlanta, Company D was ordered to the South Carolina coast in July 1864. It participated under General Joseph Johnston in the final campaign in the Carolinas. On 14 September 1864, Captain Hundley was promoted to Major. After being ordered to do so, Major Hundley surrendered his regiment to General Sherman on 26 April 1865 at Durham Station, Orange County, North Carolina. The regiment was paroled at Greensboro, North Carolina, 1 May 1865.

Due to ill health, after the war Major Hundley lived with his wife and children at the home of his father-in-law in Thomson, Georgia. On 24 November 1870 while acquiring medications at a pharmacist shop in Columbus, Georgia, the major had a stroke and died.

Now, the story skips several family generations and

one hundred and thirty years.

Mr. Ben Willingham of Jacksonville, Florida, member of Kirby Smith Camp 1209, was successfully locating his ancestor's graves in Georgia and had many restored, repaired, cleaned and reset. The work covered several counties including Columbia, Lincoln, McDuffie, and Warren.

Mr. Ben found his great grandmother, Susan Jones Hundley (the Major's daughter) buried in Thomson next to his father. But, he could not find the Major's grave.

In Warrenton, he located a Hundley family gravesite which was walled in but all of the stones had fallen so that it was not possible to read them. Thinking that this was the site of the Major, he proceeded to have it restored.

To Mr. Ben's amazement, it yielded the graves of the Major's father and the Major's first wife, Mary Tallulah Jennings and one of their daughters. But, there was still no trace of the Major.

Mr. Ben proceeded to contact everyone who might be of assistance. He received a copy of a letter written 25 years ago by a Hundley family member following a visit to the area. Among other things, it had a very poor quality photocopy of a photograph of the graveyard. You could see a church and you could make out a water tower. Using this photograph he gained the relative angle of the photographer to the church and tower. He pinpointed the spot.

Among the weeds and debris, he found a small stone with the top just barely above the ground. After removing all the dirt, the Major's name was legible, and next to this was his wife, Mary Elizabeth Jones. The brick wall had fallen upon the gravestones and the Major's had literally sunk into the ground.

At last, the search was over. Since then all has been repaired and restored by Mr. Ben. A Southern Cross has been added to the Veterans Administration military marker. Grass was recently added and accentuates the beauty of the sacred place.

Assisting with the service were Mr. Phil Turner, The Gray

Poet, the membership of the W.H.T. Walker Chapter #2253 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy of Augusta, and reenactors from the Museum of Southern History in Jack-

sonville, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Holley,
2nd Lieutenant Commander,
A. R. Wright Camp 1914



Left to right are Karen Holley, Suzanne Jones, Steve Longcrier and Dollie Lacefield.

The Story of Confederate Memorial Day

BY CHARLES KELLY BARROW

During the month of April each year we celebrate Confederate Memorial on the 26th. It is a very special day to us as we reflect on the sacrifices and noble deeds of those men and women who served and supported Georgia's role in the Confederate States.

Their devotion was so important that the General Assembly in 1874 designated April 26th as "Memorial Day" and made it a public holiday. Many people know the date why it happened but many don't know who was responsible for the legislation and how it came about.

The year was 1874 and James Milton Smith was Governor of the State. It was Smith who was inaugurated Governor on January 12, 1872 after 8 years of Radical Republican rule. Governor Smith served as Colonel of Co. D 13th Regiment Georgia Volunteer Infantry and was later elected to the C.S. House of Representatives in 1863 during the War.

The General Assembly that year would be in session from Wednesday January 14 until Thursday February 26 and this session would prove to be a memorable one. A 24 year old young man from Dougherty County would introduce his Bill to create April 26 as a Public Holiday on Thursday January 15. On that day, his Bill received its First Reading in the House. Who was this young man from Dougherty County? This young man was Thomas Rufus Lyon. Lyon was born on May 27, 1849 in Newton, Baker County to the parents of John and Elizabeth Lyon. John was a lawyer and would die before the War.

In 1870, we find Thomas as a lawyer himself living in Dougherty County with his mother. Lyon would later serve as Attorney District Court in Albany from January 1, 1871 until December 7, 1871. In 1872, Lyon was elected to the State House taking the place of Dougherty County's first black and controversial House member Philip Joiner. Lyon would serve from 1873-1874. During this time, Lyon would married the former Miss Clara Welch Sutton in Dougherty County on Tuesday February 11, 1873. In 1880, we find Thomas and Clara living in Mitchell County with 3 children. Lyon was still practicing law but would die on March 12, 1882 in Camilla, Mitchell County. Lyon would be buried in Section 10 in Albany's Oakview Cemetery.

On Friday January 16, Lyon's Bill was sent to the Committee on the Judiciary. The Bill would receive its Second Reading on Saturday January 17. Lyon's Bill was passed unanimously on Thursday January 22 and sent to the Senate.

Lyon's Bill had its First Reading in the Senate on Wednesday January 28. On Thursday January 29, the Bill had its Second Reading and sent to the Committee on the Judiciary. It wasn't until Monday February 23 that the Bill had its Third Reading and was voted on. The Memorial Day Bill passed unanimously and sent to Governor Smith. Governor Smith signed the Bill to become law on Tuesday February 24.

It is not known how many Confederate Veterans or Sons of Veterans were in the legislature at the time, but I am sure that they felt it was important to honor their friends and family members. April 26 would be know as Memorial Day until after the Second World War when the Georgia General Assembly made the last Monday in May as National Memorial Day also know as "Yankee Memorial Day" From that time on, April 26 would be known as Confederate Memorial Day.



Left to right are Phil Turner (The Gray Poet), David Butler (played Amazing Grace on Bagpipes), Jimmy McDaniel, Mike Mull (Fifth Brigade Commander), Darryl Drake (Camp Commander, Millen), and Tom Holley.

8th Brigade Report

Gentlemen and Compatriots,

April is always a busy month in the Division. In the 8th Brigade, many Confederate Memorial Day Services were planned and well-attended. Several of the camps worked with local United Daughters of the Confederacy or Order of Confederate Rose chapters to honor our ancestors. I would like to make special mention of Compatriot Ray Houston, who was selected to play "Taps" at the Confederate Memorial Day celebration at Stone Mountain this year. Compatriot Houston is a member of the Sylvester Yancey Independents Camp 693. I salute all of those who took the time to honor and remember our ancestors.

Our last Executive Council meeting was on March 31, in Forsyth. The Napier-Hoffman house is the proposed site for our Division's headquarters. I, like many, expected to have some type of proposal from the Southern Cultural Foundation. This proposal was to specify what the Georgia Division, SCV was being offered by the SCF concerning the Napier Hoffman House as a Divisional headquarters. The amount of money, size of available space, et al was to be presented in Forsythe so the camps of the Division would have ample time to discuss the proposal before Reunion in June.

Unfortunately, I must report that NO proposal was presented. Furthermore, the earliest that any type of proposal can be offered to the camps is the 1st week of May and possibly as late as the middle of May! At this late date, 10% - 40% of the camps will not have the opportunity to see and discuss the specifics of this proposal (unless a special meeting is called) until seven days before Reunion. This is unfair to the camps and members of the Division! Since the Reunion in Moultrie in 2002 - almost five years - the members have been waiting for a proposal from the SCF, and still nothing.

I must also inform the members of the Division that the proposal that will be offered to the men in Reunion will be in the form of a RESOLUTION and not an Amendment to our Division By-Laws. According to Division By-Laws a resolution can be presented from the floor, and needs only a simple majority to pass. It is plain to see that each camp must be represented by their delegates in Metter this June. Pro or con, this is an important issue in our Division.

As soon as I have any information I will pass it on to the camp commanders and be available to answer questions.

My special thanks go out to those men of the 8th Brigade who attending the latest EC meeting. Eleven members and five camps were representing the brigade.

For Heart and Hearth,
Gary Ursrey
8th Brigade Commander,
Georgia Division, SCV

Adel - Wiregrass Greys Camp 1682

Meeting place and time; 2nd Monday of the month at the Presbyterian Church at 7:30 p.m.
Commander Barry Resta

Boston - John B. Carroll Camp 2115

Chartering service to be held April 17th at the Boston Pres. Church.
Commander Joe Craigmiles

Cordele - Lt. Charles F. Crisp Camp 684

Inactive

Moultrie - John K. McNeill Camp 674

Meeting place and time; 2nd Monday of the month at the Museum of Colquitt Conty History at 7:30 p.m. Confederate Memorial Services to be held April 22, at 3 p.m. at the Colquitt County Courthouse and Confederate Monument,
Commander Jack Bridwell

Nashville - Berrien Minutemen Camp 1789

Meeting place and time; Called by Commander at Duncan Masonic Lodge.
Commander Don Futch

Ocilla - Jefferson Davis Cowboys Camp 682

Camp meeting time and place; 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. with Camp Supper at 6:45 p.m. at Jefferson Davis State Park. Visitors are welcome. \$2.00 donation to eat.
Commander Gene Arnold and Lt. Commander Donald Durning Sr.

SCV Camp 682 is having another somewhat busy year in 2007. We will have our annual Golf Tournament on October 13, 2007 at Ocilla Country Club, same place as in 2006. Mostly the cost and events will be the same as in 2006, not looking for a price increase for our Golfers. We will be at the 2007 Ocilla Sweet Potato Festival, which will be October 27, 2007 in Ocilla, Ga., operating our merchandise booth to raise funds. But, our BIGGEST undertaking will be our First Annual Civil War Re-Enactment with the Battle of Irwinville. This will take place on the weekend of November 9th, 10th, 11th, and 2007 at Jeff Davis State Park. Of course, the re-enactors may come out on November 8th and set up camp. We will be working mostly towards this first time event. Put us on your calendar and come out to support this effort. More details will be released later. Thanks. Camp 682 and Order of Confederate Rose Chapter Nine.

Quitman - Piscola Volunteers Camp 931

Inactive

Rochele - State's Rights Guard Camp 1551

Meeting place and time; 4th Tuesdays of every other month at the Community Center in Rochele at 7:30 p.m.
Commander Raleigh Gibbs

Sylvester - The Yancy Independents Camp 693

Meeting place and time; 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Worth Co. Library at 7:30 p.m.
Confederate Memorial Services to be held April 29th

at Worth County Courthouse.
Commander Russ Otten.

Thomasville - W.D.

Mitchell Camp 161
Meeting place and time; 3rd Monday of the month at Historical Society in Thomasville at 7:30 p.m. Confederate Memorial Services to be held April 14, at City of Thomasville Cemetery.
Commander Randy Young

9th Brigade Report

The men of the Ninth Brigade have all been busy preparing for the observance of Confederate History and Heritage Month and Confederate Memorial Day. Every camp plans to put out flags in their respective cemeteries.

The Brigadier General Philip Cook Camp 704 out of Sasser was able to get a proclamation signed by the Terrell County Commissioners. This was the second year in a row that the camp has worked with the county commissioners on the proclamation.

Many camps are preparing for Confederate Memorial Day programs.

The Alexander H. Stephens Camp, 78 out of Americus will hold their annual program at Oak Grove Cemetery. Oak Grove, along with much of Americus, was hit hard by the tornado on March 1, 2007. Their program will be in the Confederate section of the cemetery on April 21. Al Perry will serve as the main speaker. The camp will present their annual scholarship money at the event and a traditional southern barbeque will follow.

The Lt. Colonel Thomas M Nelson Camp, 141 out of Albany will host the Southwest Georgia Confederate Memorial Service at the Confederate Memorial Park located on Hwy 91 North (Philema Road) in Albany. The service begins at 10a.m. This annual event gets bigger each year and involves camps and U.D.C. chapters from all over Southwest Georgia.

The Decatur Grays Camp, 1689 out of Bainbridge will hold a Confederate Memorial Day service on April 28th at Faceville Cemetery beginning at 7 p.m. During the service they will dedicate a monument in the cemetery to all of the Confederate soldiers buried there.

I would like to remind all of the camps in the Brigade to plan to send your delegates to our annual Georgia Division reunion. The reunion is in Metter on June 9, 2007. If you have not been to the web site for the reunion, please take the time to visit <http://www.candleronsofconfederacy.homestead.com/scheduleofeventspage07.html> At the EC meeting in Forsyth, Brigade Commander Mike Mull reported that there are plenty of rooms left at the host hotel. Make your reservations now before they are booked.

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Giddens
Commander, 9th Brigade

10th Brigade Report

Gen. John B. Gordon Camp 1449, Thomaston: Commander Al Medcalf reports: Camp 1449 has been busy with cemetery workdays. Plans for a headstone dedication for Capt. James Connally are in the works. Capt. Connally was one of The Immortal 600 and is buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Barnesville. The camp continues to grow and now has 105 members

Sgt. Charles D. Grace Camp 223, Lagrange: Commander Mike Hanners reports: Commander Mike Hanners invites members of The Georgia Division to sign up on The Georgia Echo. Membership of this list is at 48 and growing. Your 1st Amendment rights are not quashed on The Georgia Echo. The only rule is that you may not forward another member's post without his permission. To sign up go to : http://csaweb.org/mailman/listinfo/georgia-echo_128149 or contact Commandr Hanners at mikehanners@bellsouth.net

Respectfully submitted,
Al Medcalf
10th Brigade Commander

The Georgia Confederate
can be viewed online at:

<http://www.georgiascv.com>

11th Brigade Report

Camps of the 11th Brigade are participating in many Memorial Services in April. A very good representation of Compatriots from the 11th attended the National Confederate Memorial Service at Stone Mountain on April 14. We were fortunate to be able to have enough pleasant weather to present a good telling of our ancestor's glorious story before many good Southerner and a few Dyankees and some Oriental tourists, as well. P. Charles Lunsford spoke of the origins of the carving and gave many facts I had not heard before. The Artillery was magnificent as were the honor guard and cadet corps. Make your plans to be here next year. You will be glad you did!

The Summer Heritage Camp is July 21 - 22 at McIntosh Reserve in Carroll County. If you have a child or grandchild age 10 - 18 that needs a history lesson. This is the place! Please contact Sparks Ramey at 770-254-1308 or Jonathan Till at 770-489-2981 for more information on the camp. A large contingent from the Toccoa camp came down and attended and helped teach the kids last year. This year they are doing their own camp May 26. This is great. I would love to see a camp like this in every Brigade. Feel free to pick my mind or Jonathan's, if you're interested in starting a camp.

To all of you best wishes for a Grand and Wonderful Confederate Memorial Observation in your community.

Respectfully,
Sparks Ramey
Commander

Gen. John B. Gordon Camp 46 meets at The Old Hickory House, 2202 Northlake Pkwy., Tucker. It is just off of I-285 at the LaVista exit. 2nd Monday of the month 6:30 social, 7:00 meeting.

John B. Gordon Camp 46 met at The Old Hickory House in Tucker on April 9th. Author David Horton spoke to the camp about WBTS photography. Numerous announcements were made about upcoming heritage events in April.

Joe Jordan, Commander

McDaniel-Curtis 165 Carrollton Meets 3rd Monday 7 p.m. Carrollton Community Activities Center, 115 South White St. Sam Plye Commander 770-537-5438

The McDaniel-Curtis Camp 165 meets the third Monday at 7 p.m. at Carroll Co. Parks and Recreation Building. 1201 Newnan Rd. Carrollton.

This past month, copies of fifty-eight war time letters of Pvt. James D. Brock Co. A, 12th Ga. Battn. Artillery, and a copy of his picture in uniform were donated to the Newnan Male Academy by McDaniel-Curtis Camp 165. Our members are busy this month placing flags on the
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(Con. from page twenty-two) graves of Carroll Co's Confederate Veterans. This is an annual joint effort with Forrest Escorts Camp at Villa Rica. Our camp meeting will be on April 16th.

Our annual Confederate Memorial Day service will be held at 1Pm, April 28th. 2007 at the Carrollton City Cemetery. Our speaker will be Mr. Robert Carter. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Pyle Commander

Haralson Invincibles
Camp 673

we meet the 2nd Tuesday night of each month at the Outpost Bluegrass Music Barn on Old Hwy 100. The covered dish supper is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:00 PM No Report Submitted this month

Commander Curtis
"Bear" Hamrick
770-574-9536

William Thomas Overby / Coweta Guards 715 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at East Newnan Baptist Church on West Gordon Rd. off GA highway 16, in Newnan.

Mike Webb, Commander
770-683-0973

Our April meeting featured Georgia SCV notable, P. Charles Lunsford. Charles talked on slavery and how it

came into existence in the United States. The program was very educational and enlightening. Charles is in the process of developing a CD on the issue of slavery that can be used as camp programs as well as for classroom instruction.

We also had a special guest from Spartanburg, SC. Mr. Mark Simpson, Adjutant-in-Chief for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, attended our meeting and gave us words of encouragement. Also in attendance was Army of Tennessee Commander, Kelly Barrow and Georgia Division Commander, Charlie Lott. Commander Lott gave a brief over view of the proposed Georgia SCV headquarters in Forsyth.

Our May 1st meeting will be local author, Waren Budd. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Webb, Commander

Lt. Colonel Thomas Cooke Glover Camp 943 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Neil Community Room at Regions Bank in Douglasville.

Leonard Draper, Commander 404-401-5591 or 770-949-3014

No report submitted this month. Rumor has it Commander Draper was busy cleaning Ducks from his hunting expedition at an unnamed National Confederate Monu-

ment.

Forrest's Escort Camp 1239 Villa Rica meets 4th Monday, 6:30 p.m. at Historic Wick's Tavern 212 West Wilson St. Villa Rica, GA Jonathan Till, Cmdr. 770-489-2981 There is a covered dish supper that starts at 6:30 with the meeting following.

Our guest speaker this month is the Georgia Division JAG, Martin O'Toole from the Lt. General Leonidas Polk Camp 1446.

Forrest's Escort hosted the second War Between the States Round Table on March 20, 2007, with 11th Brigade Commander Sparks Ramey talking on Abraham Lincoln.

We held our meeting on March 26, with Compatriot Robby Robison speaking on Antietam. March 31st, we helped serve lunch at the E.C. meeting. Special thanks to Jim Parrish, Tommy Whitaker, Jerry Vogler, and Howard Mount.

April 14th, we will assist the Division at the Stone Mountain Memorial Service, at 10:00 a.m.

April 21st, we will salute the Confederate soldiers buried at Hillcrest Cemetery just off Hwy 78 in Villa Rica, starting at 1 p.m.

April 27th, we will assist at the Living History being held at Nash Farm Battlefield for the Luella Middle School.

April 28th, we will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan

at 10 a.m. for a memorial service assisting the Newnan camp and Sharpsburg camp, then we will drive to Douglasville to assist the Douglasville camp in their memorial service at the Douglasville cemetery at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jonathan Till Commander

Gen. James Longstreet Camp 1289, Palmetto meets 3rd Monday of each Month at 7 p.m. at the Ramah First Baptist Church, in Palmetto. We welcome one and all to come visit.

Charles Garvin, Commander 770-942-7498

At the April meeting we will be hearing from Compatriot Lewis Regenstein on the subject of the Jewish Confederates. This month is Confederate Memorial Day please try your best to participate in a service if possible. Come and visit us when you have a chance.

Sharpsburg
Sharshooters Camp 1729

We meet at 7 p.m. at Turin Masonic Lodge the second Monday for a covered dish meal before our meeting. All are welcome to come visit.

For more info: 770-502-8914 or jtodd28@yahoo.com
John C Todd, Commander

For our April meeting we had a visit from Brigade Com-

mander Sparks Ramey with some info on the proposed Division HQ. Our speaker was Miss Bert Landrum, a member of the Susan Couch Ladies Auxiliary. She talked about Atlanta's old Terminal Station. Miss Bert's grandfather was superintendent of the station when she was growing up and she shared lots of stories and pictures from then. She also encouraged us to protect our treasures and keep them from being torn down, like Terminal Station.

We are busy preparing for our Memorial Service at Oak Hill in partnership with the Newnan Camp and assistance from other area Camps. We will be doing the parade in Senoia on Monday, May 28 and would like to invite all of you to join us.

If interested please let me know.

Heard Rangers Camp 1996

Wes Noles Commander
770-854-8743 or cell, 770-301-3340

Heard Rangers Camp 1996, Franklin,

Meetings are every 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m. Our location is the Centralhatchee Masonic Lodge, on Centralhatchee Parkway (Old U.S. 27). We invite and welcome all compatriots to visit.

March 19th our camp had the honor of initiating into (Con. on page twenty-four)

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our ranks John Vinson Todd, a devoted preserver of Souther heritage, and Brother Mason with over 50 years of loyal service to his credit.

Our April 16th meeting, the guest speaker planned is our own 11th Brigade Commander Sparks Ramey. We look forward to Commander Ramey's visit and, again, we invite any and all to attend.

Lt. Colonel Thomas Cooke Glover Camp 943 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the O'Neil Community Room at the Regions Bank in Douglasville.

March 31, Leonard Draper and Si Corley attend E.C. Meeting at the Napier/Hoffman House. We both agree the house has a lot of potential for the State Headquarters.

April 14, we attended the National Confederate Memorial Service at Stone Mountain. We brought 3 pieces of artillery.

April 28, we will attend the Newnan and Douglasville Memorial Day Services.

June 2, we will do a living history at Delmar Gardens in Smyrna, from 2 to 4 p.m. Please join us.

Respectfully submitted, Leonard Draper, Commander

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Camp 77, Col. J.J. Morrison/Cedartown Guards, Polk County, Cedartown. Meets every 2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Cedartown Public Library.

Camp Commander, John Roberts, 770-748-2988, no-e-mail. Camp Adjutant, Robert Williams, 770-684-3756, wa4dyk@bellsouth.net

Camp 700, Kennesaw Battlefield Camp, Cobb County, Marietta. Meets every 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. at New Hope Church in Marietta off Wiley Road.

Camp Commander, Ray Ruggles, 770-422-4552, raydruggles@bellsouth.net Camp Adjutant, Brian W. Maier, 770-949-6386, bwmaier@mindspring.com

Camp 1397, William J. Hardee Camp, Paulding County, Dallas. Meets every 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Pickett's Mill State Park Group Shelter on State Hwy. 92.

Camp Commander, Wayne Willingham, 770-974-4436, wdwcsa@aol.com Camp Adjutant, Clint Morris, 678-283-4254, spillmaster@bellsouth.net

Camp 1446, Leonidas Polk Camp, Cobb County, Smyrna. Meets every 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Piccadilly Restaurant off South Cobb Drive, in Smyrna.

Camp Commander, William "Bill" Brand, 770-787-9313, babrand31@aol.com Camp Adjutant, Garry Daniell, 770-435-4605, g_Daniell@bellsouth.net

Camp 1547, Roswell Mills Camp, Fulton County, Roswell. Meets the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Southern Skillet in Roswell. Camp web site: www.roswellscv.freesevers.com/

Camp Commander, Ray Barry, 678-366-3127, no-e-mail Camp Adjutant, Doug Allen, 770-998-6993, Guva49@aol.com

Camp 1552, Camp McDonald Camp, Cobb County, Kennesaw. Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Piccadilly Restaurant at Town Center Mall off Barnett Parkway in Marietta. Camp web site: www.geocities.com/scv1552/.

Camp Commander, Charles M. Bryan, 770-591-2318, caddy5867@aol.com Camp Adjutant, Patrick Jenkins, 678-445-2907, scv1552@yahoo.com

Camp 1639, Chattahoochee Guards Camp, Cobb County, Mableton. Meets the 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. at South Cobb Community Center at 620 Lions Club Drive off Veterans Memorial Hwy. in Mableton.

Camp Commander, Daniel A. Coleman, 770-265-7910, dancoleman@mindspring.com Camp Adjutant, Timothy F. Pilgrim, 678-309-1343, timfpilgrim@yahoo.com

Camp 2005, Robert E. Lee Camp, Cobb County, Smyrna. Meets 3rd Monday at 7 p.m. at Williamson Brothers Bar-BQ at 1425 Roswell Rd. in Marietta.

Camp Commander, Harrison Lucius Eubanks, 770-432-4112, harrycpa@mindspring.com Camp Adjutant, Jim Bishop, 770-971-8234, jbishop5@bellsouth.net

Camp 2035, Pickett's Mill Volunteers, Paulding County, Dallas. Meets 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. at Cotton Gin Restaurant in off Hwy 92 in Hiram. http://www.scvcamp2035.com/

Camp Commander, Dan Rylee, 678-363-8399, rvetman@aol.com

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- The Annual Memorial Service for General Leonidas Polk. Saturday, June 16 at 10:30 a.m. on Pine Mountain. A Memorial service will be held at the Polk Memorial at Pine Mountain where the General was killed. The address is 1437 Beaumont Drive, Kennesaw, Ga. For additional information Contact Martin O'Toole at 678-232-8638.

- The City of Marietta 4th of July Parade. Wednesday July 4th in Marietta. This will make the fourth annual time we have marched in the parade and we are the only participants that receive a standing ovation and applauds from the crowds of thousands. The Parade begins at 10 a.m. at the Rowell Street Baptist Church and the march ends around 11 a.m. and we are shuttled back. We start staging at 9 a.m. at the Church. All SCV members are welcome to join in the parade. Please promote participation with your Camp members. Its great to have all the folks with uniforms attend, but that's not a requirement. Last year the parade officials let us fire blank rounds along the parade route, which was a crowd pleaser. Call Commander Tim Pilgrim at 678-309-1343 for more information.

-Timothy F. Pilgrim, Commander

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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, Camp 96 – Gwinnett, Camp 107 – Spaulding, Camp 108 – Henry, Camp 863 – Rockdale, Camp 1361 – Clayton, Camp 1432 – DeKalb, Camp 1724 – Gwinnett, and Camp 2038 – Newton County's. There are no Camps in Butts and Jasper Counties.

Gen. LaFayette McLaws Camp 79. No Report.

Major William E. Simmons Camp 96. Our Camp meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Historic Female Seminary, 455 Perry Street, Lawrenceville.

Camp website: www.scv96.org Camp contact www.DLFreb@msn.com or 770/979-2637

Camp Officers: Commander – Joe Bath, 1st Lt. Commander - Bob Collins, 2nd Lt. Commander - Ken Bell, Adjutant - David Floyd, Chaplain – Bill Winn, Quartermaster – Danny Ramey and Captain of the Camp Honor Guard – Dennis Cook.

Camp activities: On Saturday March 24, members of Camps 94 and 96 and Ladies of the Order of Confederate Rose met at the Wood Family Cemetery near Commerce, Georgia to clean up the area. We had 22 participate and they did a great job. All undergrowth was cut and removed from the cemetery to the road, all undergrowth was cut down along the fence line around the back of the cemetery, some of the small trees that were not plumb were straightened. The total cemetery was cleaned of all over growth. A lot of Kudzu roots were dug up along with a lot of clumps of "broom sage" grass. A lot of fire ants will have to find new homes. There is at least one Confederate Veteran buried there (Pvt. Marion Pleasant Wood, served with Company G, 43rd Georgia Infantry Regiment) there may be more, we are checking. The 18th Georgia, Camp 94 and Camp 96 will hold a dedication ceremony April 21. The Camp 96 Honor Guard will participate in following events during the month of April and May: National Confederate Memorial Day at Stone Mountain April 14, UDC Chapter 861 Commerce, GA. with awards of medals to retired service men April 22, Memorial to TRR Cobb at his grave in Athens April 26, Camp 96 Confederate Memorial at the Historic Courthouse in Lawrenceville. April 28, Snellville Days May 5&6, Parade in Rutledge. May 12 and Dedication to all Confederate soldiers buried in the Duluth, Georgia. Baptist Cemetery

John McIntosh-Kell Camp 107. Camp 107 held its monthly meeting on March 15. Compatriot Ray McBerry of SCV Camp 1449 was our guest speaker. Compatriot McBerry had the undivided attention of all in attendance and provided an excellent program (most of us rushed home to clean our muskets!) Thank you Ray for the motivation. The Camp is moving forward and making good progress with efforts to support the American Cancer Society's Spalding County Relay for Life. The event will be held at the Spalding High School track on May 18-19, 2007. If you're in our neck of the woods, please come by and support this worthwhile endeavor... We'll leave a lantern on for you! Several Camp members attended the Seventh Annual Battle at Manassas, Georgia on March 17-18. We are still amazed at just how cold it can get that far South! A great time was had by all, and we continue to teach what today's history books do not. The Camp will be posting the Honor Guard and presenting the rifle salute at two Confederate Memorial Day services in April; the James S. Boynton UDC Chapter 222 will host their annual service at 2 p.m. on April 21 in Griffin's Stonewall Cemetery, and Cabaniss UDC Chapter will host their annual service at 2:00 p.m. on April 29 in Forsyth Cemetery. SCV Camp meets at the Flint River Regional Library in Griffin, GA. at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

Zachry Rangers Camp 108. No Report.

Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp 863. Our Camps meets on

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the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Philologia Lodge, 1005 Milstead Avenue, Conyers.

Camp website: joewheeler863scv.org Camp Officers: Commander – David Anderson, Adjutant – Jack Phelps, 1st Lt. Cmdr. - Forrest Sellers, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. - Tommy Cook, Chaplin – John Maxey, Editor & Publisher – Howard Underwood and Photographer & Historian – Dan Bass

Recent activity: This month's meeting is our Annual Open House and all members are encouraged to bring their Confederate (or Yankee) artifacts and memorabilia for display. This meeting is also open to the public.

Maj. Gen. Patric R. Clebrune Camp 1361. No Report

Confederate Memorial Camp 1432:

Camp 1432 meets the third Monday of each month at the Stone Mountain Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 7:30 P.M. Jeff Bailey, Commander.

The Camp will celebrate Confederate Memorial Day on April 26, 6:30 p.m. at Stone Mountain Cemetery. After over five years of "conflict" with the "politically correct government" and the so called "representatives" of the people, we are able to dedicate our monument to the Cause.

Eli P. Landers Camp 1724: No Report.

Gen. George "Tiger" Anderson Camp 2038:

Camp 2038 meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Country Kitchen Restaurant on Highway 36 in Covington. at 7:30 p.m. No report.

Please send Camp Information and activities for the 13th Brigade to David L. Floyd, Adjutant, 13th Brigade www.DLFreb@msn.com, 4696 Kellogg Dr. S.W., Lilburn, GA. 30047-4408, 770/979-2637

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