The Charge to the Georgia Division

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations. ~ circa 2006
On Thursday, October 15th, 2015, those attending the monthly meeting of The Camp of The Unknown Soldier #2218 of Old Clinton, Jones County, Georgia witnessed a rare occurrence in the induction ceremony of Compatriot Bruce Whitehead, Sr. - who joined on the honorable service record of his 2nd great grandfather Sgt. Stephen English of Co. C 5th Regiment Georgia Cavalry.

Assisting in the ceremony were two of Bruce’s sons; Commander-Elect Charles Whitehead and Chaplain Joel Bruce Whitehead, Jr. A third son, Matthew Whitehead, likewise a Camp #2218 member, is currently serving in the U.S. Navy. All are residents of Jones County, Georgia.

Currahee Rangers Camp No. 935 welcomes three new members at our monthly meeting Nov. 16th at Toccoa, GA.

Left to Right, Bobby Watkins, Camp Commander presenting membership certificates to new members, Allen Murphy, George Stanfield and Benjamin Stanfield.

Congratulations to these three men for their loyalty to their Confederate ancestors.

I’m proud to introduce [R] William Reither and [L] Mark Dungan as new Division Cadets with the Kennesaw Battlefield Camp 700. The Division’s new cadet program includes a SCV hat, cadet lapel/hat pin, annual subscription to the Georgia Confederate and a nice Cadet membership certificate as the attached photo shows.

Commander Bill English swearing in new member Robert Mitcham, Jr. at the October, 2015 meeting of Camp 1929, Clayton, GA.

Greetings Brothers,

Christmas and the New Year are right here with us. Looking back I realize we had an eventful year. We fought back an attempt to remove our SCV emblem from our GA license plates, along with many ongoing attacks against our heritage and our ancestors. Hopefully, we are stronger and ready to continue the fight against the politically correct un-informed who try, at every turn, to destroy everything Southern. We have to stand together or we will be the last generation of real Southerners.

I spent time with my Granddaughter over the holidays and can’t stand the thought that someday she (and yours) may not be allowed to carry a Confederate Flag or remember with pride her Great-Great Grandfather who fought for States rights because of the dis-service our school system has done to teaching the truth which has led to all this denial of our own heritage, just as S. Carolina was flooded for turning their back on their state’s Confederates.

We need to turn out in numbers at any and every event that proclaims our pride and love for our Confederate ancestors and one of our first chances will be at the Old Capitol, Milledgeville, Saturday, Jan. 16th. Be there prior to 10:00 am to make the march. Judge Advocate and Division Spokesman, Dan Coleman has again come through with the planning and required permissions to allow us, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, to march from the Old Governor’s Mansion to the Old State Capitol in honor of Gen. R.E. Lee’s birthday! Pastor John Weaver, will speak and we will have an Executive Council meeting following the program. If you’ve never heard Pastor Weaver speak, you will be enthralled and lifted by his message. So make plans to be there and join us as we make our voices heard and let the folks in Milledgeville and around the state know we are still here in spite of what the news media says and the untruths they try to spread.

We, and our emblems, have been under attack over the past few months, even more than before. The Division continues to provide news releases, and while not all are published, we still have a number and receive requests for interviews from local and national news outlets. The latest fight is in reference to Stone Mountain. It first came out that a “liberty bell” in remembrance to M.L. King would be placed on top of the mountain. Even the King Center was opposed to that one. Then any number of propaganda laden press releases came out about how they were going to try to remove Lee, Jackson and Davis from the face of the mountain, well that one had no traction either. The rumors flew about with stories and complete fabrications about “what was going to happen” to the Mountain. Our legal team, led by Compatriot Martin O’Toole, has reviewed the restrictions on the land which includes the Mountain, and assures us that the restrictions placed on the utilization of the Mountain limit it to being maintained as a “Confederate Monument and Memorial.” I think that in itself says it all. The Stone Mtn. Memorial Association Board is in agreement too.

I’ll see you in Milledgeville, if not before. To all of you and your families I wish you a Merry Christmas and the very best Happy New Year.

Jack Bridwell, Commander
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**January 16, 2016**  
**Georgia Division Annual Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration in Milledgeville.**

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The Georgia Confederates Youth Camp  
June 12 ~ 18, 2016  
**Pvt. William Thomas Overby**

**Application procedure:**  
#1. Fill out and send in an application.  
#2. When you receive your acceptance package, apply for scholarship.  
#3. When you receive your scholarship, return your invoice with Camp tuition payment.

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**#4. Attend Camp, June 12th @ 3:00 ~ 5:00 p.m.**  
**REMEMBER: all campers must be recommended by an SCV Camp to apply.**  
**Tuition:** $395.00  
**If you sign up BEFORE May 1, 2016:**  
$345.00 per camper  
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Communications Officer
Fellow Compatriots,

First I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as the Communications Officer for the Georgia Division. One of the responsibilities I have is the Georgia Division Facebook Page. Facebook is an opportunity for us to acquire more members and contact a vast majority of people. The page itself has nearly 7,000 likes so you get an idea of how many visitors are interested in the Georgia Division. One part of maintaining the page is housekeeping. I am sure you have heard of something called a troll. A thought of a strange monster living under a bridge comes to mind. Well on the internet, these creatures are much worse. They are jealous of our success and will do anything or say anything to hamper the SCV. I had to ban at least 20 for language and disruptive behavior. We believe in free speech but such disrespect won’t be tolerated. If you get an opportunity and are on Facebook, stop by, give us a like and review the information there. Any input on how to make things better is greatly appreciated.

I also help maintain the Georgia Division Email List Server. The email list is a quick way to disseminate information to fellow members and Camps. We have some rules on the list we need to follow. I understand that the members of the Georgia Division SCV are respectful, tactful and professional so these things go without saying. First please refrain from using profanity. Sometimes we slip and profanity comes out when we stub a toe or swing a hammer. On an email it means you consciously typed it out. Please refrain from such language. It doesn’t illustrate your point any better and serves no purpose whatsoever. We believe in free speech but we have to keep the list professional at all times. Much like the Facebook, the list server email messages seem to find their way into the news media. Keep that in mind about all electronic messages. They are not protected and can be used against us in a court of law.

Very often we talk in the email list and Facebook about issues we have to react to. These issues are very angry about and on more than one occasion I have posted things I should have thought over. One suggestion that even I should follow is before you post take a moment of cool reflection. Think about what you are going to say and articulate the message well. That will go a long way in a civil conversation. Another important thing is to include your name and the Camp you represent at the bottom of each message. Imagine you are participating in the Georgia Division Convention and you are representing your Camp. You are actually speaking to a host of people on the list server with the only difference being you’re in the comfort of your own home or location. You would stand up and introduce your name and Camp and then share. No one is going to cite Roberts Rules of Order on the email list but keep statements just as professional. This will go a long way to keeping our list server clean and professional.

It is very easy to be critical of the guys in charge. Criticism is a good thing as it helps us improve and become aware of things that were overlooked. Remember however we are a volunteer organization. As my paycheck reflects, we are doing this for the love of the Confederacy and the State of Georgia, where we serve. We are also distributed throughout the State. This is why we have Brigade Commanders, division officers and committees to address certain issues from heritage defense to press relations.

Instead of asking why the Division has not responded to an issue, bring the matter to someone’s attention. We find out about news media surprises the same way you do, usually with shock and dismay. Just as with the email list, it takes time to generate the appropriate response. The goal of the email list and the freedom we enjoy on it is a place to share ideas and thoughts. Try to always be a part of the solution. See a need, fill a need so to speak. Just as being a Division Communications Officer, when the opportunity was offered, I served. Much like our ancestors did. If there is an issue you are concerned about, volunteer to serve on a committee. We always need a few good men.

I believe we can keep the email list professional as we already have. Technology offers us some awesome tools to reach others. What we do with those tools and how we utilize them will make or break our organization. Over half of our Camps already have a Facebook Page. It is quick and easy and can get many responses. You can set up events, communicate with Camps, share newsletters and enjoy all of the features offered. Our presence on Facebook will help your Camp and the Division grow. If you need any help with a web page or a Facebook for your Camp, let me know. I would love to help you set it up. If you have any ideas about how to improve communications or perhaps see some new idea on social media, let us know. As we grow, we can accomplish so much more. My job is to help with that or I could spend my time house cleaning. We can work together to keep our organization professional and growing.

Thank You,
Barry Colbaugh
Stiles/Akin Camp #670

November 17, 2015
Gentlemen,
In the endeavor to improve internal communications we will be issuing a monthly calendar of events in the Georgia Division. If you have an event you want added to the calendar please send the details of the event to Division Communications Officer Barry Colbaugh at barrycdog@yahoo.com or Division Adjutant at timpilgrim@yahoo.com
This events calendar is being distributed to the Division wide email list and will be published in the Georgia Confeder ate. Please announce these events at your next Camp meeting and feel free to distribute.
Tim Pilgrim
See Page 10

Pot. William
Thomas Overby

William Thomas Overby was a Confederate soldier from Newnan, Georgia who was hanged September 23, 1864 in Front Royal, Va. after refusing to reveal the hiding place of his unit. Overby and four others were captured September 23, 1864, along with a 17-year-old boy who had wanted to join the Confederate army. Within four hours, Overby and Thomas Carter were hanged and the other four were shot. He and Carter were hanged from a walnut tree. Several years later, the tree was cut into small pieces and sold to create a memorial in Front Royal for the six men.

Each year, the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp will honor a different Southern patriot.

At the 2016 Camp, we honor William Thomas Overby.
To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace;

What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth?

I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

He hath made every thing beautiful in his time; also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

I know that there is no good in them, but for a man to rejoice, and to do good in his life.

And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labour, it is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1 ~ 13

This was the view of the “natural” man through the eyes of Solomon, who ended the Book this way:

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.

For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Ecclesiastes 12: 13, 14

Georgia Division Events Calendar

JANUARY 9: Annual Southwest Georgia Lee-Jackson Banquet — Saturday January 9, 2016 - American Legion Post 30 on 2916 Gillionville Road; Albany, Georgia.

Arrive 5 to 6 PM. The band "A Joyful Noise" will play Confederate and Southern Gospel music 6 to 7 PM followed by a meal by Southern Elegance Catering. Cost $20 single adult- $38 Couple- and $15 each young people under age 21. Hosted by Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) Camp 141 Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson Albany Georgia. Speaker-Ray McBryer former candidate for Georgia Governor and former Georgia SCV Division Commander. Advance Reservation Required-mail USPS money order or check payable to SCV Camp 141 to Adjutant-Treasurer Bob Logan 170 Midway Street Leesburg Georgia 31763. Additional information contact James W. King SCV Albany Camp 141 Commander 229-854-1944 jkingantiquearms@bellsouth.net

JANUARY 16, 2016: GEORGIA DIVISION ANNUAL ROBERT E. LEE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN MILLEDGEVILLE. Assemble for the parade at the old Governor’s mansion by 10:30 am. then we march to the Old Capital Building. The program will be given by Pastor John Weaver. The Georgia Division Executive Council meeting will follow immediately after the honor guard salute. Contact Judge Advocate Dan Coleman 770-265-7910 for more information.


JUNE 10 & 11, 2016: GEORGIA DIVISION 119TH ANNUAL REUNION, will be held at The Georgia International Horse Park, 1996 Centennial Olympic Parkway, Conyers, Ga. 30013. Hosted by the Confederate Memorial Camp #1432 and Joe Wheeler Camp #863. Go to 119th Georgia Division Reunion for more information. Forms available on the Georgia Division web-site Reunion Forms

JUNE 12 to 18, 2016: THE 1ST ANNUAL GEORGIA CONFEDERATES YOUTH CAMP. For more information on the youth Camp, please contact Division Lt. Commander South Al Perry at 912-585-9144 or asp3@planttel.net. Read more at Georgia Confederates Youth Camp

NOTE: IF YOU WANT AN EVENT LISTED ON THE GEORGIA DIVISION CALENDAR, PLEASE SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO geconfederate@att.net or timfpilgrim@yahoo.com

Future Division Reunions

2016 CONYERS; CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL CAMP 1432
2017 MACON; EDWARD DORR TRACY CAMP 18
2018 GEORGIA DIVISION, MACON, GA.
"There is a class of people [in the South], men, women, and children, who must be killed or banished...."

William Tecumseh Sherman
a.k.a. “Cump”

"All Gone but the Memories" is the clearest and strongest condemnation of the destruction that General William Tecumseh Sherman and his Union Army committed against the civilian population of the South that I have seen. By using what objective historians call "primary sources", the distinguished Historian and Attorney David H. Dickey make a prosecutor’s case that the "Total War" of Sherman’s infamous "March to the Sea" was simply a series of War Crimes. Using the words of Sherman and his subordinates from the *Official Records of the War of Rebellion*, Dickey makes it clear that Sherman was fully aware and supportive of the pillaging, burning, sacking and utter destruction of the helpless civilians of Georgia. Dickey also weaves into his case for truth the eye witness accounts of defenseless women who describe in detail the horrors of those depredations.

This is a powerful response to the political correct revisionism of the Georgia Historical Society, whose dissembling attempts to whitewash the truth of those conscienceless acts have disgraced that once worthy organization. I recommend this to all Americans who are interested in our history and I recommend it to all who love the pursuit of truth, no matter where it leads.  

~ Former Chief of Heritage Defense, SCV  Ben Jones

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13th Brigade Report

As the 13th Brigade continues to grow I wanted to take a moment to wish each member and their family a Joyous Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year. Recently a new member of our Camp lost his Grandmother and when he called to inform me he referred to the members of the Camp as part of his family.  His remark reminded me that we, as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, are a family.  It is my sincere wish that each of you take this Holiday to be with those you Love and Thank God for the Birth of His Son. Twenty Sixteen will be a busy year for all the Camps in the 13th and I look forward to seeing each of you soon.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Steve

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“There... there arose in the Northern States an antislavery agitation, it was a harmless and scarcely noticed movement until political demagogues seized upon it as a means to acquire power. Had it been left to pseudo-philanthropists and fanatics, most zealous where least informed, it never could have shaken the foundations of the Union and have incited one section to carry fire and sword into the other.... the agitation was political in its character, and was clearly developed as early as 1803...”

~ Jefferson Davis
Why Local History Matters
From a Confederate View
Proverbs 22:28 of the King James Bible teaches us:
"Remove not the ancient landmarks, which thy fathers have set."

By Mark Pollard

As Southerners, we are never far away or removed from the trapings of the War Between the States and our Confederate ancestors...

Actually we see reminders of our Confederate ancestors just about everywhere we travel today in the South.

In many places we drive down the same roads that great Confederate armies once marched and traveled on. We worship at many of the same churches and rest under some of the same trees they rested under...

We dig bullets and other artifacts from our gardens and yards. We notice other reminders of them with historical markers and Confederate monuments standing on our courthouse squares. We have many cemeteries in our local communities that mark their final resting places and there are other obscure places located near us where many of them lay buried, unknown...

In our own communities we see Confederate battle-flags flying on flag poles in yards and on license plates as we drive down our local neighborhoods. Just about every day we drive past by old historic homes that were once standing during their time...

In reality, we walk just like our Confederate ancestors did, with one foot out in front of the other. Our Confederate ancestors were people just like you and I. They felt, they hurt and they bleed just like you and I.

Sadly, their hallowed places no longer have a voice to speak for them or their history, so we must speak for them. That's why it is not only important just to remember them, but know where, when and how they were involved in our own community's history.

We as members of the SCV are people to whom our Confederate past is forever speaking. We listen because we cannot help ourselves, for their past speaks to us with many voices. Far out of that dark nowhere, which is the time before we were born, men who were flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone, went through fire and storm to break a path to the future. And we are part of the future they died for. They are part of the past that brought our communities future...

What they did – the lives they lived, the sacrifices they made, the stories they told and the songs they sang and finally, the deaths they died – make up a part of our own communities experience. We cannot cut ourselves off from it. It is as real to us as something that happened last week...

And we should never forget...

Learning the Confederate history in your own community is not isolated to any single one area. It bridges across all areas in the county and state where you live. Interestingly enough, people who live in your own community have a basic desire to know where they came from and how they got to where they are today. Thus, in some ways there is a philosophical connection between your Confederate ancestor and your community's rich history.

Look at it from the perspective of one of your ancestors. From their point of view, you would represent the future. Such a simple exercise produces a profound truth: you are the end product of their generation that came before you.

Chances are your Confederate ancestors had to overcome considerable personal hardships in their lives. The knowledge that your ancestors had great inner strength in a devastating war. It can be a powerful motivator for anyone trying to understand their place in the world and your community. If it were not for them, you would not be here today reading these words.

Local history on a personal scale. It helps satisfy a deep need to understand how we fit into the broader world around us. Our ancestors were more than just a collection of single family threads passing through time. Theirs' was truly a journey of many lifetimes woven together from the past, the present and (from our perspective) the future.

Final Thoughts...

Local history and the parts our Confederate ancestors played in it is important because ultimately it lies at the heart of who we are as an organization today.

We Should Never forget that nor the charge made by Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.

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If all we do as an organization is meet, eat and retreat at our monthly meetings and do nothing to identify and protect our local historical sites, then all we are doing is paying lip service to our heritage.

AND ON SHERMAN

Some thoughts about Sherman, "The Exterminator":

William Howard Russell, the war correspondent for the London Times, best expressed the feelings of hatred which were created in the North when he wrote: "The war which has made to develop and maintain the Union sentiment in the South... is now to be made a crusade against slave holders, and a war of subjugation - if need be, of extermination."

In his book "Citizen Sherman," William Fellman has quoted Sherman as agreeing with this sentiment: "To the petulant and persistent secessionist, why death is mercy, and the quicker he or she is disposed of the better... Until we can repopulate Georgia, it is useless to occupy it, but the utter destruction of its roads, houses, and people will cripple their military resources."

Sherman even wrote to his wife about his plans for complete holocaust in Georgia. On July 31, 1862, he wrote to his wife that "the war will assume a turn to extermination not of the soldiers alone, that is at least part of the trouble, but the people... There is a class of people, men, women and children, who must be killed."

"Extermination!" Is this the American history you remember being taught in school? Is this the American history being taught to your children? Abraham Lincoln micro-managed his war. There is virtually no chance he was unaware of his general's actions and intentions. He made no efforts to curtail them; therefore he approved of their measures...

I implore you to honor our liberty-loving ancestors. By continuing to study the true history of their struggle and to stand in their place, speak, your voice for theirs and vindicate their glorious cause...

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Look at it from the perspective of one of your ancestors. From their point of view, you would represent the future. Such a simple exercise produces a profound truth: you are the end product of their generation that came before you.

Chances are your Confederate ancestors had to overcome considerable personal hardships in their lives. The knowledge that your ancestors had great inner strength in a devastating war. It can be a powerful motivator for anyone trying to understand their place in the world and your community. If it were not for them, you would not be here today reading these words.

Local history on a personal scale. It helps satisfy a deep need to understand how we fit into the broader world around us. Our ancestors were more than just a collection of single family threads passing through time. Theirs' was truly a journey of many lifetimes woven together from the past, the present and (from our perspective) the future.

Final Thoughts...

Local history and the parts our Confederate ancestors played in it is important because ultimately it lies at the heart of who we are as an organization today.

We Should Never forget that nor the charge made by Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 25, 1906.

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

If all we do as an organization is meet, eat and retreat at our monthly meetings and do nothing to identify and protect our local historical sites, then all we are doing is paying lip service to our heritage.

AND ON SHERMAN

Some thoughts about Sherman, "The Exterminator":

William Howard Russell, the war correspondent for the London Times, best expressed the feelings of hatred which were created in the North when he wrote: "The war which has made to develop and maintain the Union sentiment in the South... is now to be made a crusade against slave holders, and a war of subjugation - if need be, of extermination."

In his book "Citizen Sherman," William Fellman has quoted Sherman as agreeing with this sentiment: "To the petulant and persistent secessionist, why death is mercy, and the quicker he or she is disposed of the better... Until we can repopulate Georgia, it is useless to occupy it, but the utter destruction of its roads, houses, and people will cripple their military resources."

Sherman even wrote to his wife about his plans for complete holocaust in Georgia. On July 31, 1862, he wrote to his wife that "the war will assume a turn to extermination not of the soldiers alone, that is at least part of the trouble, but the people... There is a class of people, men, women and children, who must be killed."

"Extermination!" Is this the American history you remember being taught in school? Is this the American history being taught to your children? Abraham Lincoln micro-managed his war. There is virtually no chance he was unaware of his general's actions and intentions. He made no efforts to curtail them; therefore he approved of their measures...

I implore you to honor our liberty-loving ancestors. By continuing to study the true history of their struggle and to stand in their place, speak, your voice for theirs and vindicate their glorious cause...

Mark Pollard
Georgia Division Historian
Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily,

But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS:

for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1: 18 ~ 21

Emmanuel,

God with us.

Merry Christmas
“To preserve a sectional equilibrium and to maintain the equality of the States was the effort on one side, to acquire empire was the manifest purpose of the other. This struggle began before the men of the Confederacy were born…”

~Jefferson Davis
Simple Heritage traditional musical ensemble (as photographed by Kellie Banks at Old Clinton, Georgia on Monday, October 26th, 2015). All are members or associates with the 16th Georgia Infantry, Co. G “The Jackson Rifles” and The Camp of the Unknown Soldier #2218 of Old Clinton, Jones County, Georgia. From left to right:

**BACK ROW**

John Wayne Dobson – Adjutant of Camp 2218/16th GA retired from the industrial supply field; now a free-lance writer in Macon, GA.

Brenda Dobson (wife of John Wayne Dobson) Ladies’ Auxiliary of Camp 2218/16th GA and the Educational Services Director for The Cannonball House of Macon, GA.

Ethan Bloodworth – Judge Advocate of Camp 2218/16th GA; a law student at Mercer University in Macon, GA

**FRONT ROW**

Brick Lee Nelson – 1st Lt. Commander of Camp 2218/16th GA; currently a high school student in Jones County, GA.

Charles Whitehead – Commander of Camp 2218/16th GA; a subcontractor for AT & T who lives in Jones County, GA.

The ranks 16th Georgia, Co. G, “The Jackson Rifles” are largely composed of Companions from the Logan E. Bleckley SCV Camp #1998 (Cochran, GA) and The Camp of The Unknown Soldier #2218 (Old Clinton, Jones, County, GA). This number includes the Commanders and many other officers of these Camps. On Saturday, October 3, 2015, they were extremely honored to both march in the Andersonville Historic Fair parade and participate in the re-enacted battle with none other than legendary Companions H.K. Edgerton who was the parade’s grand marshal.

Ross and Marie Glover at the Final Salute to the CSS Shenandoah in Liverpool, England, November 6, 2015. See story: Pages 15 & 16

New monument at Nicholson, Georgia, dedicated October 31, 2015. CW from top: 18th GA Honor Guard; Monument; Div. Adj. Tim Pilgrim; and Monument unveiling.

William C. Whittle, Jr.  
CSN

Born into a naval family at Norfolk in 1840 (his father William Conway Whittle, Sr. was also a noteworthy US and Confederate Navy officer), young William Whittle graduated from the Naval Academy in 1858 and got his shakedown aboard the ‘Roanoke’ and ‘Pebble’ in the Caribbean and Gulf. When his native state seceded, Whittle resigned from the old navy and was commissioned a lieutenant in the Virginia Navy, and later the Confederate Navy. Whittle’s first wartime assignment was command of the naval battery at West Point on the York River, Virginia during the Peninsula campaign. After a short stint on the James River, Whittle proceeded to Charleston where he was posted to the CSS Nashville as 3rd Lieutenant. The ‘Nashville’ made an epic cruise to England in November 1861 and a hazardous return voyage to Beaufort, N.C. where he was left in command. In March 1862 Whittle was assigned to New Orleans as 3rd Lieutenant of the steamer CSS Louisiana. He saw action against Farragut’s fleet as the Federals passed Fort Jackson and St. Phillip and captured New Orleans. In the aftermath the ‘Louisiana’ was scuttled and Whittle was taken prisoner and sent to Fort Warren in Boston Harbor. Exchanged in August 1862, Whittle took command of the gunboat ‘Chattahoochee’ as 1st Lieutenant. Whittle was later selected to run the blockade with important correspondence for the Confederate commissioners in Europe and to personally deliver dispatches to Captain Bulloch, the officer in charge of purchasing and outfitting the English-built Confederate cruisers built for commerce raiding.

By late spring of 1864 however, Whittle was languishing in Paris, awaiting orders in the company of other Confederate naval officers. When the CSS Alabama put into Cherbourg for repairs, he attempted to join her crew but was prevented from doing so by French police, Northern agents and an ‘uneasy friend’ on board the ship who warned him off. The ‘Alabama’ would soon be sunk in combat by the USS Kearsarge. Whittle did not record his thoughts on having avoided the ‘Alabama’s’ demise, but he soon gained a place on a commerce raider when Confederate naval agents finally procured a ship they had long been eyeing. The Sea King had been built as a British military troop transport. James D. Bulloch managed to purchase the vessel and saw it as a replacement for the recently lost ‘Alabama’. Bulloch and other agents quickly worked to man the ship with officers and William C. Whittle got his chance to inflict damage on the Northern war effort.

In October 1864 Whittle finally joined the CSS Shenandoah as Executive Officer in an epic voyage to the distant reaches of Northern Pacific in search of the American whaling fleet. The ‘Shenandoah’ captured and destroyed twenty nine vessels during a twelve week span in the spring of 1865 not knowing that the war was already over. Upon learning in August that the Confederacy had been defeated, the ‘Shenandoah’ with a divided crew (most of seamen were from Scotland and England) set sail for England where the ship surrendered to the Royal Navy at Liverpool docks on November 6, 1865.

Following the end of their cruise, the Shenandoah’s crew suffered for association with their ship, some being exiled for years after the cruise ended. Indeed, the father of one of the ship’s officers looked into the possibility of obtaining pardons for several officers, including Whittle but was told that the men were considered pirates. Whittle spent the next few months looking for work in several countries, with the most promising opportunity seeming to be Argentina. He and several other officers spent the next few years there while efforts were continued to obtain pardons.

With cries of retribution emanating from angry Northern shipping interests coupled with an ambiguous legal status, the homeless Whittle opted for life in Argentina where he remained until 1876. Returning finally to Virginia, he was appointed captain of the Bay Line in charge of the coastal steamers on the Baltimore-Norfolk-Portsmouth route and held the position until 1890. He then became superintendent of floating equipment on the Norfolk & Western Railroad until the fleet was sold in 1901. In 1902 Whittle and partners organized the Virginia Bank and Trust Company in which he served as vice-president and director. He died at age 80 on January 5th 1920 and was buried in Norfolk. He was hailed by a local newspaper as having the greatest record of Norfolk’s wartime sons. He had served his ship and nation well, and remained a devoted and loyal officer. His journal portrays his strong expressions of heart and mind through defence of and opposition to, fellow officers through affection for his men and through the strict brand of discipline he showed them, as well as his fierce devotion to duty.

The exploits and seamanship demonstrated by few Confederate raiders still captivate today, now with several dedicated website catering to enthusiasts. In 2005 Lieutenant Whittle’s memoirs entitled The Voyage of the CSS Shenandoah: A Memorable Cruise was published by his namesake and descendant. This original manuscript remains in the possession of another descendant, Mary Whittle Chapman.

Source: 290 Foundation

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“If pro is the opposite of con, what is the opposite of Congress?”

~ Will Rogers
**Final Salute:**

**CSS Shenandoah**

*By The 290 Foundation*

For seven months after Appomattox, the commerce raider CSS Shenandoah continued to fly the Confederate naval jack, the last official flag of the country. James D. Bulloch, Confederate Agent in Liverpool, gave Lieutenant James I. Waddell command of the ship with the mission to cripple the U.S. whaling industry in the Northern Pacific.

Bulloch bought the Shenandoah, originally called the Sea King, from a Scottish builder and outfitted her as a raider in Funchal, Madeira in the Azores where she was commissioned the Shenandoah in October 1864.

During her year of operation the Shenandoah captured 38 commercial vessels and burned 32 of them. Operating primarily in the Bering Strait, it has been estimated that the total loss of the U.S. whaling industry was 1.4 million dollars.

Although some of his captured ships told him the war was over, he didn’t believe them. He stopped a British merchantman on August 2 and was shown newspapers with the story of capitulation of the Confederate government. For two months the Shenandoah had operated, capturing and burning U.S. vessels without a government sanction which meant he and his crew could be tried as pirates.

It was obvious that the Federal navy would have a fleet of ships searching. It didn’t take long to convert the Shenandoah back to what looked like a commercial ship by stowing guns and ammunitions in the hole.

Conferring with his officers and crew they decided on Liverpool, England as the safest place to go. Ship and crew sailed around Cape Horn directly to England approximately 9000 miles being the only Confederate ship to circumnavigate the world and fired the last shot of the War in June 1865.

November 5, 1865 the Shenandoah was taken up the Mersey to Liverpool flying the Confederate flag where Lieutenant Waddell anchored beside the HMS Donegal. The next day he was taken to Liverpool Town Hall and formally gave the ship over to the British government (some say ‘surrender’ but since the Confederacy was not at war with England, there was no surrender.)

Waddell lowered the Confederate flag for the last time on November 6, 1865.

On November 6, 2015 the **290 Foundation** honored the Shenandoah with a commemoration ceremony at the Mersey Dock and a formal dinner that night.

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**11th Brigade Report**

We are proud to announce the opening of a new camp in Haralson County, The Haralson Defenders, Camp 2265.

In the past two months there have been 4 past commanders, 2 past adjutants, 1 past treasurer, 10 new members and 4 reinstatements to come together to form the beginning of this camp.

I was told the month of December will be a huge month for prospects.

On January 9, 2015, they will have their charter presentation meeting with guest speaker, CIC Kelly Barrow.

The camp extends a special invitation to those who would like to come and eat BBQ and along with BBQ there will be a covered dish. The meeting will be held after the meal.

With this group of experienced compatriots, I am looking for great things to happen in Haralson County.

Respectfully submitted,

Curtis "Bear" Hamrick,
11th Brigade Commander

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"Live in such a way that you would not be ashamed to sell your parrot to the town gossip."

~ Will Rogers

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Photo P: NH 42279 - Painting of CSS Shenandoah in the Arctic ice, 1865

CSS Shenandoah on a slip at Williamstown, Australia, in 1865

Lt. James I. Waddell
In command of the
CSS Shenandoah

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Annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service  
November 1, 2015

Sponsored by Alexander H. Stephens Camp 78

Col. Wirz displays his ancestor’s Medal of Honor.

The Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039 presented a living history program at South Dodge Elementary School, Eastman, Georgia on November 14, 2015. Mrs. Jennifer Bellflower, 5th grade teacher came to school in period dress. The students learned “why it was not a civil war” by Commander Gary Lowery, who also treated the students to some good ole Confederate hard tack. Reverend Brian Martin gave a brief history of each of our beloved Confederate Flags [top] and Division Chaplain Kim Beck gave demonstration of an infantryman’s camp life, accoutrements and weaponry. Companions Wright Harrell, Harris Burnham and Mac Rogers made up the artillery unit featuring ‘Lil Albert, the camp’s cannon. (Photos by Mrs. Ann Rogers).

Veterans Day at The All Wars Monument: SCV Camp#158 Honour Guard - B/Gen E Porter Alexander Camp - Augusta, Georgia.
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Recruitment/Genealogy Officers

Application For Membership
Type or Print Clearly in Black Ink Only to Avoid Mistakes

To the Officers and Members of
Camp No. Located at ______________________________________
State of ______________________________________ I, the undersigned, respectfully petition to become a member of the

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Initial Dues are $15.00 which includes a $3.00 recording fee; local and state dues are additional. Go to www.scv.org/camp.locator.php to find a local Camp. Submit your application directly to the local Camp you wish to join or to: SCV, P.O. Box 59, Columbia TN 38403-0059. If there is no Camp in your area, attach a copy of the ancestor’s war service record or an approved pension for him or his widow. Also include a single genealogy/family tree linking the applicant to the Confederate Soldier. If accepted, kids hereby promise strict compliance to the Constitution and rules of the organization.

The Confederate patriot through whom I petition for membership, and who adhered to the cause of the Confederate States of America, was my ________________________________ whose name was ________________________________

Relationship to Applicant (Print Clearly)

Full Name of Confederate Soldier (Print Clearly)
of ________________________________ ________________________________
City/County (Print Clearly) ________________________________ State ________________________________ ________________________________

My Lineal Confederate Ancestor was a ________________________________ in Company ________________________________

Rank (Print Clearly)

My Confederate Ancestor was: [ ] Pensioned, [ ] Surrendered, [ ] Released on Oath, [ ] Discharged, [ ] Killed, [ ] or Died

On ________________________________ is buried in ________________________________ ________________________________ County ________________________________ State ________________________________

Name of Cemetery

Clear print Full Name ________________________________ Legal Signature ________________________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________ CITY: ________________________________ STATE: ________________________________ ZIP CODE: ________________________________

Data of Birth: MM/DD/YY ________________________________ Occupation ________________________________ Home Phone ________________________________ Work Phone ________________________________ email address ________________________________

RECOMMENDED BY ________________________________

Report on Application
This application has been examined, and when the information with which the camp committee has been able to procure, is approved.

__________________________________________________________________________

SIGNATURE: Camp Committee on Application ________________________________

Data approved for Membership by Camp ________________________________

Date received at GHQ ________________________________
HIGWAY CAMP FLAGS IN GEORGIA:
• I-75 Ringgold, 80’/ 20X30’ Real Georgia
• I-16 near Hwy. 221, 55’/ 10X15 Battle flag
• Hwy. 80 near Stilson, 55’/ 10X15 ’56 GA
• Hwy. 82 near Waycross, 60’/ 10X15’ Battle flag
• Hwy 91S, Newton 30’ lighted/ 5X8 Bonny Blue, 1-3 Nationals

If your Camp has a flag pole and would like to be recognized on this list, send the information to:
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I AM THEIR FLAG
In 1861, when they perceived their rights to be threatened; when those who would change the nature of the government of their fathers were placed in charge; when threatened with change they could not accept the mighty men of valor began to gather.

A band of brothers, native to the Southern soil, they pledged themselves to a cause; the cause of defending family, firesides, and faith.

Between the desolation of war and their homes they interposed their bodies and they chose me as their symbol.

I AM THEIR FLAG.
Dr. Michael R. Bradley

SHOW ME ON THIS DOLL
WHERE THE CONFEDERATE FLAG HURT YOU

GEORGIA DIVISION’S FLAGS ACROSS GEORGIA

FLAGPOLE LOCATIONS:
• I-85 North near exit 173, 60’/ 10’X15’ Real Georgia
• Interstate 20 and Wheeler Rd. Augusta, 50’/10’X15’ Battle flag
• I-95 near mile marker 65, 60’/ 10’X15’ Real Georgia
• I-75 at exit 71, Tift County 120'/ 30’X50’ Battle flag
• Hwy 520 (Jefferson Davis Hwy) Weston, 70’/ 10’X15’Battle flag
• I-75 and Battlefield Pkwy Ringgold, GA 50’/10’X15’ Battle flag
• I-75 Ringgold, Ga, 80’/ 20’X30’ Real Georgia
• I-16 near Hwy. 221, 55’/ 10’X15’ Battle flag
• Hwy. 82 near Waycross, 60’/ 10’X15’ Battle flag
• Hwy. 19 near Albany, 60’/ 12’X18’ Battle flag

GUARD OUR FUTURE
PREERVE OUR PAST
LET THE FLAG FLY!

Oh, I’m glad I live in the land of cotton,
But something I smell seems to be rotten.
The northermites came and stole our history,
Teaching our children with tales of mystery.

How long, how long can we abide,
The dreadful lies taught by THEIR side?
One day like Rip, we’ll awake,
I hope by then, it’s not too late.

Awake, thou that sleepest!
Greetings in the name of our Lord,

We’ve lost some good men in the Division since last report: James Thad Miller Jr. of Guyton, member of Camp Davis #2073, James J. Dur- rence of Glenville, member of Tattanll Invincibles #154, M. J. Jen- nings of Hiram, member of Gen. Wil- liam J. Hardee #1397 and Jim Alan Denham of Eatonon and James Wa- verry Brittain of Gray, both members of W. F. Jenkins Camp #690. Please remember the families in prayer, especially as we approach the holidays.

I pray that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving spending time with family and friends, enjoying an abundance of food. We have our share of problems, as more arise daily, but we have truly been blessed by our Heavenly Father in this country.

As we begin focusing on Christ- mas, I can’t help but think of those who are less fortunate. Christmastime often softens the hardest of hearts to become generous. Compared to other nations, there really isn’t any such thing as a poor American. We have programs in place to aid medically and to meet the basic needs of anyone who desires help from our out-of-control government. Our veterans and our disabled and elderly deserve to be provided for. The Bible gives us several references on taking care of the poor and needy, one which comes to mind is Proverbs 22:9 (ESV) “Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.” Unfortunately, the programs set forth by the United States government is being abused by able-bodied citizens who think they are “entitled” and “deserving” because of race or past indignation.

I saw a post recently on Facebook (to some) showing how crazy people reacted in a store on Black Friday when the last on sale item was displayed. It was chaos with people pushing, shoving and punch- ing. Below the picture it said “If people will do this over a television, just what will they do when the food runs out?”

At Christmas times during the War of Northern Aggression, people in the South had no luxuries at all. Blockades of the Union Army prevented basic necessities such as clothing and medicine to reach their destin- nations and small villages were the hardest hit. Luxuries became a thing of the past. We know the story, but I want you to give it some thought as we approach the holiday that celebrates the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. General William T. Sherman entered Savann- nah at Christmas of 1864. His army had just ended their march to the sea that started in Atlanta. They have marched through the heart of Georgia...They have burned and destroyed everything in their path. Railroad tracks were rendered useless, plantations and churches have been burned to the ground. Food supplies were exhausted. Wells were poisoned with rotting carcasses of dead ani- mals. Slaves have been forced off plantations in the name of “liberation” only to find themselves hungry and alone. Forests are burned and cropland scorched.

A few more long and grueling months and the War would officially come to an end. Georgia, as most of the Confederacy was devastated, but December 25th continued to come and children continued to be children with visions of sugar plums and Christmas tradition in their hearts and on their minds. Reconstruction would begin and prove even crueler than the years of fighting.

Those who had money could not buy, for it was not to be had. In many instances homes used parched wheat, parched okra seed or parched sweet potato chips for coffee. Tea which was a southern staple was now not to be found. Sassafras and similar native herb teas were used when the herbs were in season. Sugar and salt was not to be had. Land had not been cul- tivated in many cases for four years. Anyone who has ever farmed knows what happens to land that is not tilled and planted every year. Lands lie in shambles and the houses that had not been burned had been gutted. Furniture was gone. Rain flooding through holes in the roof and mosqui- toes that were always a pest, now carried diseases that there was no medicine to cure. But Southerners prevailed. There was no protesting in the streets. No shouting that the gov- ernment should provide for the fam- ilies. No welfare lines, no food stamps. No Obama-care or govern- ment hand out cell phones....and we survived. What about the generations of today? Are we so greed oriented that we would not help those less for- tune?

As Christmas approaches, thank God how lucky you are compared to what our ancestors endured. Perhaps it will make you want to give to some family who is in need- really in need, like that single working mother trying to make ends meet. That father who once provided for his family but has been laid off or maybe got hurt and can’t accommodate the needs of his children.

With my kids grown and out of the house, I look more to helping families in our community than buying unneeded presents. I hope I have set a good example for my children. One tradition we always had on Christmas morn was the reading of God’s word:

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Ro- man world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the city of David, because he belonged to the family and lineage of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a Son. She wrapped him in clothes and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds liv- ing out in the fields nearby, keep- ing watch over their flocks by night. An angel of the Lord ap- peared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the city of David, a Sav- ior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shep- herds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what they had been told him about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.


This is the Good News! The Good News today is that Jesus is ready to accept us and call us His before God the Father, if we just turn from our wickedness and ac- cept His Grace. I consider all my compatriots to be my brothers. I pray that none would perish and that all would come to the saving Grace of Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas, and may God’s blessings be upon you in the coming New Year!

Kim M. Beck,
Georgia Division Chaplain
2nd BRIGADE REPORT

Rabun Gap Riflemen, Camp 1929, Clayton, GA
Meeting time is 2nd Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the E.M.A. Rescue Building on Syrup City Road in Tiger, GA
Contact email: eng4@windstream.net
Camp website: http://freepages.military.rootsweb.com/~hemlockhill

David W. Payne Camp 1633, Blairsville, GA
Meets 2nd Thursday each month (except December) at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the United Community Bank on GA 515 in Blairsville.
Contact email: haroldlevi@hotmail.com
Camp website: http://camp1633.scv.org/
Contact phone: 706-745-5243

Cherokee Legion, Camp 914, Canton, GA
Meets every 3rd Saturday morning. Locations vary; check the camp website for the most up to date information.
Contact email: scvrecruit914@yahoo.com
Camp website: www.cherokeelegion.org
Contact phone: 678-395-8031

Colonel Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642, Cumming, GA
Meetings are held, rain or shine, on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. at the Old Capitol Camp 688, Macon, GA. Meetings usually last about 2 hours. Meetings start at 9 AM with plenty of time for fellowship before and after.
Camp website: http://www.scv688.com/
Contact email: cliff874@gmail.com

52nd Georgia SCV Camp 1418, Cleveland, GA
We meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Public Library in Cleveland, GA at 7:30 p.m.

Concord Rangers Camp 2135, Dawsonville, GA

27th Georgia Regiment Camp 1404, Gainesville, GA
We meet the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Piedmont Hotel, 827 Maple Street, in downtown Gainesville.
Contact email: nawgie@windstream.net
Camp website: http://scv1404.tripod.com/

The Blue Ridge Rifles, Camp 1860, Dahlonega, GA
We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lumpkin County Library.
Contact email - scvga1860@yahoo.com
Camp website: http://scvcamp1860.tripod.com/scvcamp1860/

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

Gilmer Light Guards, Camp 89, Ellijay, GA
Meeting every 3rd Monday at the Community Room, United Community Bank, 558 Industrial Blvd., Ellijay GA 30540, at 7:00 p.m. with fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Bobby Bradford, Commander
Leo Baker, Lt. Commander

Second Brigade, Georgia Division
Contact phone: 678-395-8031

Contact email: secondbrigade@yahoo.com
Note: Updates/changes/corrections to the Camp information shown above should be forwarded to me at secondbrigade@yahoo.com. Camps with newsworthy items and/or photos for inclusion in the Georgia Confederate should send them directly to Al Perry at the following email: gaconfederate@att.net.

Karl Haun, Commander
Second Brigade
Georgia Division

3rd BRIGADE REPORT

Currahee Rangers, Camp 935, of the 3rd Brigade, Georgia Division, The Sons of Confederate Veterans:
The Currahee Rangers Camp 935, SCV meets the 3rd Monday evening each month at 6:00 pm at Quincy’s Family Restaurant, 605 Big A Road, Toccoa, GA 30577. The program starts at 7:00 pm. Contact Commander Bobby Watkins rjwatkins50@gmail.com or Adjutant Lamar Davis charlesd01@windstream.net

4th BRIGADE REPORT

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

Somehow the report in the last edition was an old one. I’m not sure how this happened but I apologize for any confusion it may have caused. [Thank you for your kind confession. It was probably my error. Editor]

Meets each 4th Thursday of the month at Jeanene’s on Forsyth Road, Macon. Dine at 5:30; meeting begins at 6:00 pm.
Plans are underway for Camp 18’s annual Lee-Jackson Dinner.
Commander Tom Stevens (478) 477-7468, Adjutant Clifford Dunaway (478) 256-5400.

Capt. Hardy B. Smith Camp 104-Dublin. Meets each 4th Thursday of the month at Commander Pee Wc Dillon’s home, 612 Briarcliff Rd., Dublin, GA. Meeting time is 6:00 pm.
Camp 104 participated in the 12th Annual SCV Salute to American Veterans at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, Dublin on Sept. 19, 2015.

Old Capitol Camp 688-Milledgeville. Meets each 2nd Thursday of the month at the Milledgeville Country Club, 3700 Sinclair Dam Rd., Milledgeville, GA. Meeting time is 6:00 pm. Meeting

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time is 7:00 pm.

Compatriot Ben Gautier age 98, past away Sept. 20, 2015. He served as Commander and Lt. Commander over his years of service with Camp 688. The Camp hosted a graveside service Oct. 3, 2015 at Memory Hill Cemetery in Milledgeville.

It was reported that the SCV logo sign has disappeared from the Welcome to Milledgeville entrance sign on Hwy. 441 coming into town. It is being investigated.

Lt. Commander Craig Coleman presented the September program on weapons used during the WBTS. Camp 688 participated in the unveiling of the Civil War Trail Marker placed at the City of Gordon’s Historical Depot. Plans are underway for the Camp’s Lee & Jackson Dinner scheduled for Dec. 10, 2015.

Commander Roy H. Mixon, Adjutant Konreid Etheredge (478) 454-7446.

W. F. Jenkins Camp 690-Eatonton. Meets each 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Bledsoe-Greene House, 105 West Sumter St., Eatonton, GA. Dinner is 6:30 pm and meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Camp 690 made a monetary contribution toward the Chris Dickerson (KIA-Iraq) fund in Dodge County and Camp 2039 greatly appreciates their actions.


Lt. James T. Woodward Camp 1399-Warner Robins. Meets each 2nd Monday of the month at Ole Times Country Buffet, 1206 Russell Parkway, Warner Robins, GA. Dine at 6:00, meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Compatriot Steve Scroggins served several years as commander of Camp 1399. Steve was always involved not only locally but also state-wide in the SCV. We wish him well in his new endeavors in Virginia. Steve will be missed but Camp 1399 will be in the capable leadership of their new commander, Tim Hawkins.

Camp 1399 participated in the 12th Annual SCV Salute to American Veterans at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center, Dublin on Sept. 19, 2015.


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

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

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

Commander Jimmy Blizzard (478) 864-2872
Adjutant Roger Webb (478) 864-8149.

Logan E. Bleckley Camp 1998-Cochran. Meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at Sugarberry’s Restaurant, Cochran, GA. Dine at 6:00 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Please note the new meeting date and location.

Commander Dan Williams (478)-230-7189, Adjutant Alan Richards (478)-308-9739

Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039-Eastman. Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Liberty Baptist Church 1100 Chester Hwy., Eastman, GA. 7:00 pm.

Camp 2039 donated $400.00 to the Chris Dickerson scholarship fund. Former Dodge Co. citizen Chris Dickerson was killed in action in Iraq in 2004 and efforts to have his name engraved in the soldier’s memorial wall in Eastman and a scholarship fund in Chris’ name had been underway.

Camp 2039 wishes to thank those who contributed on behalf of this effort. Members attended the tribute ceremony on Sept. 26, 2015. Camp elected to have a clean-up day on Oct 1 at the Cravey Cemetery in Rhine, resting place of Capt. John Cravey. Camp voted to purchase 2 gross of grave flags and continue placing flags twice per year, Confederate Memorial Day and Veterans Day. August meeting Commander Lowery gave a brief program on the military career of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and Reverend Brian Martin spoke on Chaplains in the Confederacy. September meeting featured a program on the true intentions of the 14th Amendment by Compatriot Brian Lowery. Camp members along with ‘Lil Albert, the Camp 2039 cannon, presented a living history program at South Dodge Elementary school in Eastman on November 14. The Camp 2039 Annual Thanksgiving/Christmas Dinner was held Dec. 4th at Liberty Baptist Church in Eastman. New officer will be reported in the next edition.


The Camp of the Unknown Soldier 2218-Old Clinton. Meets each 3rd Thursday of every month at Chuck’s Pizza, 300 W Clinton St., Gray, GA. Dine at 6:00 pm and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Camp 2218 celebrates their 3rd anniversary. On August 22nd Wayne Dobson conducted a program about Confederate currency and stamps for the Dorothy Blount Lamar Chapter 388, Children of the Confederacy at the Cannonball House in Macon. Guest speaker for the August 20th meeting was Laura Elliott of Rainbow City, Alabama who brought a presentation of the 16th Georgia Infantry. September guest speaker was Mrs. Sherrie’ Raleigh of Chapter 25 UDC, presenting Memoirs of a Confederate Soldier.

Camp officer elections were held at October meeting with Joel Whitehead’s presentation of War-time surgery and medicine. Nov. 21st was the Battle of Griswoldville commemoration. Plans are underway for the Camp 2218 Lee-Jackson Banquet scheduled for Jan. 21, 2016.

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


Camp 2239 initiated three new members into their ranks and has been instrumental in steering prospects into other local camps.

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

Please send your reports, newsletters and corrections to Compatriot Kim Beck by the 25th of each even month.

Send to: pinbarrensvolunteers@yahoo.com

Thomas Stevens, 4th Brigade Commander

5th BRIGADE REPORT.................

It has been quite an eventful year in the 5th Brigade! From Lee-Jackson dinners in January, to Confederate Memorial Day events in April, and heritage rallies, cemetery cleanups, Camp meetings, parades, reenactments, and heritage fights in between, I am proud to say that we have some very active Camps in the eastern part of Georgia who live and breathe “The Charge”. We have seen change come with new leaders stepping into leadership roles in most all Camps over the course of 2015. Those Compatriots are serving admirably, just as their predecessors before. I am thankful for the members we have, and can never say thank you enough to those who are actively carrying the torch of our ancestors that was passed along many decades ago. I also want to take a moment to remember those that we lost in 2015, and offer continued prayers for their families during this holiday season.

As 2015 winds down, I want to pass along...
my hopes that 2016 will greet each of you with health and happiness, and a continued vigor to carry on The Charge that was entrusted to each of us. May you all have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! God Bless!
- Thomas

Brigadier General Edward Porter Alexander Camp 158

Brigadier General E. Porter Alexander Camp 158 in Augusta meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month (except July) at the historic Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant (since 1956) at 2250 Sconyers Way. The restaurant's owner, Mr. Larry Sconyers, a true Southern gentleman, continues to proudly fly our '56 Georgia flag. Pictures of General Robert E. Lee and General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson are displayed in his restaurant.

Brigadier General John C. Carter Camp 207

Meets on the last Monday of each month at the Burke County Library in Waynesboro at 6:30 p.m.

Black Creek Volunteers Camp 549

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Wall's Diner in Sylvania. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Ogeechee Rifles Camp 941

Meets on the third Thursday of each month at RJ's Seafood and Steaks in Statesboro. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

General Ambrose Wright Camp 1914

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Side Track Grill in Martinez. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Dixie Guards Camp 1942

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at Bevrick's Restaurant in Metter. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Buckhead/Fort Lawton Camp 2102

Meets on the third Saturday of each month in Millen. The Camp meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., with dinner being served around 7:00 p.m. Be sure to give us a "Like" on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/5thbrigadegascv for news and updates from the 5th Brigade!

Submitted by 5th Brigade Commander, Thomas Miller

8th BRIGADE REPORT....................

It hardly seems possible that another year is coming to a close, but ready or not, here it comes. This past quarter has seen both triumphs and setbacks. The unwavering tenacity of our Georgia Division leaders has brought us victory in the "tag fight", but the stupidity of that little twerp in South Carolina continues to send shock waves across the entire Confederacy (You know they hung John Brown for trying something like that.).

Southern leaders, and I use that term geographically only, have bent over backward to appease their Politically Correct Masters in both parties by doing all they can to bring about the final demise of all things Confederate. Our monuments and our flags are bearing the brunt of this relentless onslaught, and for all practical purposes, we, the SCV, are the only ones left in the fight on the side of right (I know there are some other pro-Southern organizations but I never see their names in print).

Anyway, let me get off that "soap box", this was supposed to be an 8th Brigade Report

W.D. Mitchell, Camp-163 is making final preparations for their annual "encampment" at the 23rd Thomasville Victorian Christmas Festival. The Festival will be held on December 11th & 12th. The encampment will consist of a tent, campfire, flags and re-enactors. For further information, contact Commander Jason Harpe at (229) 236-5254. The W.D. Mitchell Camp meets on an as needed basis at Commander Harpe's home.

John K. McNeill, Camp-674 has been busy this quarter maintaining the Greenfield Church grounds, maintaining the 20' X 30' Battle Flag in Tifton, working at...
the Sunbelt EXPO (which, by the way, had the highest sales receipts in the history of the Camp). Members who donated their time and efforts making this year's EXPO such a success were Compatriots Jim Graham, Chafin, Danny McHan, James Mock, Leon Sellers, Bobby Massey, William Walters, Charlie Parks, Commander Pete Cowart, and Georgia Division Commander Jack Bridwell. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the tireless help of Mrs. Faye Bridwell, and Mrs. Charlotte Mock, both of whom added greatly to our success. Members of the McNeill Camp also participated in the re-enactment put on by the Jeff Davis Cowboys, Camp-682. This was "yours truly's" first ever re-enactment and so I had to go through the ancient ritual of "public humiliation" of gun powder being smeared on the face. Thankfully I couldn't work up any spit and so was allowed to use water to wet the powder. Compatriots Jesse McMullen, William Walters and Jesse's nephew Andy Clayton and his son Drew Clayton also participated. These four also participated in the Pepper Festival Parade in Omega, Georgia on Sept 12th.

John K. McNeill, Camp-674 with Commander Pete Cowart, meets the second Monday of each month, except December, at 7:30 PM at the Museum of Colquitt County History in Moultrie. Refreshments are served, and all are welcome.

The Jefferson Davis Cowboys, Camp-682 has been busy this quarter getting ready for and participating in the Annual Ocilla Sweet Potato Festival October 30th, 31st, and November 1st. As usual, the Camp participated in the Sweet Potato Parade in Ocilla, and had a very nice encampment at the Jeff Davis State Park in Irwinville. Friday, October 30th was school day, and the re-enactors at the encampment made a good impression on the youngsters. Re-enactments were scheduled for October 31st and November 1st across the road from the State Park, but the November 1st re-enactment was canceled due to heavy rain. Needless to say the 30+ re-enactors were disappointed due to the cancelation.

The Jefferson Davis Cowboys, with Commander Gene Arnold, meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Commander Arnold's home. For further information, contact Commander Arnold at (229) 426-3253.

The Yancy Independents, Camp-693, with Commander Mark Thornhill, put on an impressive "Flag Rally" on August 15th. Beginning at Ed's Truck Stop in Poulan, Georgia, the mile long convoy wound its way through Tifton and on to Moultrie. With 70+ cars and trucks and an additional 30 or so motorcycles, each with at least one Confederate Flag of some description, it made for an impressive sight. Just prior to the departure, Commander Thornhill gathered all participants around and gave excellent instructions on how we were to conduct ourselves in case of confrontations. All went well, and public response was 99% positive.

The Yancy Independents will be having their annual Christmas Supper on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 PM in the Sylvester Library.

The Yancy Independents, Camp-693 meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month on the bottom floor of the Sylvester Library.

The States Rights Guard, Camp-1551 in Rochelle, with Commander Raleigh Gibbs, meets on an as needed basis.

The Wire Grass Greys, Camp-1683 in Adel, with Commander Barry Resta, meets on an as needed basis.

The Berrien County Minutemen, Camp-1789 in Nashville, with Commander Don Futch, meets on an as needed basis.

Respectfully Submitted

Charlie Parks, Commander, 8th Brigade

9th BRIGADE REPORT

James Gaston was presented with his certificate for Distinguished Confederate of the Year at the September, 9th Brigade meeting. He wants everyone to know how much he appreciates their consideration.

We had a great turnout for the annual Wirz Memorial Service hosted by the A. H. Stephens, Camp #87 in Andersonville. This year marks the 150th anniversary of his execution.


Albany Camp 141 will host the Annual Southwest Georgia Lee-Jackson Banquet on Saturday, January 9, 2016.

The Decatur Grays and the Ochlocknee Rifles will set up a living history at the annual Rattlesnake Roundup in Whigham, Georgia on Saturday, January 30, 2016.

John Fisher, 9th Brigade Commander

11th BRIGADE REPORT

As 2015 is nearly closed, we reflect back on the just ended SCV Sesquicentennial, and say Wow, what a great ride it was! Many of our Camp members either attended, participated in, or hosted numerous 150th events.

Starting with a radio interview on December 10th 2010, hosted by WLBB 1330 AM in Carrollton - the secession of South Carolina was discussed. Members marched in the Jefferson Davis inauguration in Montgomery, AL, witnessed the Battle of Big Bethel in Newport News, VA, and even created an officially recognized special day every April 30th henceforth observing the creation of the Virginia State Flag in York County, VA.

Our Camp had a representative host the 150th observance of the muster of Company B, Bowdon Volunteers of Cobb's Legion in Bowdon, and of the Haralson Invincibles and Haralson Defenders in Buchanan.

Members attended the 150th anniversary of Lt General Forrest's raid at Murphysboro in Tennessee, and participated in the dedication of the Monument of the Battle of New Hope Church in Dallas.

A proclamation for the 150th passing of General Cleburne at the Battle of Franklin was signed in Hefflin, Alabama, per the request of a Camp member, and the recent Wirz memorial service included a member of our Camp.

Our members did much to help make the Sesquicentennial as successful as it was, and we look forward to doing it all again and more for the 175th!

2015 Official Georgia State Employees Robert E Lee Birthday Holiday

While some politicians have decided to remove the official designation of the holiday in a weak minded attempt to erase history to appease our enemies, members of the Haralson Invincibles made sure that the great Robert E Lee was honored on the day bearing his name for over 100 years - on November 27th.

Since August 2014 our Camp membership has doubled in size and we now have added another delegate to our allotted amount. The Camp's presence on the web continues to grow, now topping over 1,230 followers on our Facebook.com/HaralsonInvincibles page. Camp 673 continues to appear on radio and in print locally, defending our Confederate ancestors, advancing the Cause and Colors while promoting the SCV and of course - ALWAYS Living the Charge!

Thank y'all

Merry Christmas Happy New Year God Bless
Billy Bearden, Commander
Haralson Invincibles Camp 673
Heritage Defense Officer
Georgia Division
SCV Member Needs Your Vote

Fellow Compatriots, my name is Robert E. Thornton and I am a candidate for the NRA Board of Directors. Qualified NRA Members will receive a ballot in their February issue of The American Rifleman, or other NRA publication. I believe there is a great deal of “cross-over” between the SCV and the NRA. I feel that the SCV vote could make the difference for me in my effort to ascend to the NRA Board.

I am a Charter Member of Brigadier General T. R. R. Cobb Camp #97, a Life Member of the Georgia Division and a Life Member of national SCV. My Confederate ancestor was Wiley A. Thornton, one of ten brothers my family sent to serve the Confederacy. If you elect me to the NRA Board of Directors, you can be sure that the reputations of our ancestors will be defended! It is much better to work from within an organization to change attitudes.

I am a Benefactor Member of the NRA. I have been a grass roots’ activist for the Second Amendment all of my adult life, serving over 20 years on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Sport Shooting Assn. I am a two time past President of GSSA. You can watch me defending the Second Amendment in an interview with a biased reporter at: http://news.sky.com/story/1293418/guns-everywhere-law-allows-firearms-in-church

I need every qualified NRA member to vote for me. I am asking that you support me with a “bullet vote”. As you know the NRA ballot allows members to vote for 25 candidates. This dilutes your vote. If you vote only for me, it increases the “power” of your vote by a factor of twenty five. Because I am an outsider, I will not be endorsed by the NRA Nominating Committee. If I am to have any chance of success, I will need the full support of my SCV compatriots.

Robert [Bob] E. Thornton

I need your “bullet vote”!

NEW CADET PROGRAM

It is truly an exciting time in the history of the Georgia Division as we work to build our future leaders through membership in a totally new Cadet program. Beginning on November 1, 2015, we will roll out phase one of Georgia’s Cadet Membership program. From day one, members of the Cadet program will not only get a newly designed membership pin denoting them as a Cadet member, but also a membership certificate, camouflage SCV cap, and a subscription to the Georgia Confederate newsletter.

Membership in the Cadet program is $20 per year, or a one-time $100 payment to cover all years up to age twelve. Cadets who join at the $100 one-time level will also receive a "Legacy" pin, noting their membership at the Legacy level.

Cadet Membership Benefits:

➢ Subscription to The Georgia Confederate, a bi-monthly newsletter to members of the Georgia Division
➢ A camouflage baseball cap with SCV logo
➢ A special "Cadet Member" pin - only available to Cadet members of the Georgia Division
➢ A "Cadet Member" certificate from the Georgia Division
➢ Participation in our Georgia Division’s Cadet program with the ability to earn more points as you complete new tasks
➢ The opportunity to attend and participate in your local SCV Camp meetings
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Thomas Miller, Coordinator
Cadet Program
Georgia Division

What Every Camp Needs!

Our members want to be a part of the effort to honor our ancestors. They want more than just a night out of the house to hear a lecture. We are more than a Civil War Club. They need to see the efforts of their Camp making progress. I hear the same thing when I visit our Camps, “We are really working on recruitment.” And we should be working on recruitment and retention. We should also be doing more to get our members grounded in the vision of the Charge.

Last month I visited the Immortal Six Hundred, Camp 2600, Commander William Hagin’s Camp down in Richmond Hill. A fine group of men, the speaker for the meeting was Compatriot Steve Luse, of the Camp Davis, Camp #2073 in Springfield Ga. His subject was The Charge. I have heard many talks on the Charge; but none that inspired me as did the presentation Brother Luse brought us at that meeting. If your Camp needs a program, I would recommend this one for every Camp.

As we looked deep into the Charge, Brother Luse helped us to see that the Charge is much more than our Marching Orders. It is our ancestors’ passing their mantle on to us. Are we the strong visionary sons that they needed to continue the fight for our rights? Are we made of the same moral fiber as were our UCV predecessors?

Yes, the Charge is much more than our Marching Orders. It should be our Vision. It should be our high calling: His virtues, his ideals, his good name. He is under attack on every front. He is being vilified every time they take down a flag, or pull down a monument. Every effort to rewrite history is an attack on his good name.

We must become so large that we have a voice in every community across our state and nation. I am asking every Officer in this division to help our members get hold of this fundamental call: Let the Charge be our guiding light.

Don Newman, Commander
Savannah Militia Camp 1657
6th Brigade Commander

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