Scott K. Gilbert, Jr.
New Division Commander

The delegates assembled at the International Horse Park in Conyers, Georgia on June 11th for the 119th Georgia Division Reunion have elected Scott Gilbert to be the Division Commander.

Nominated from the floor and seconded with rousing speeches, Gilbert laid out an organized list of changes for the Division.

Commander Gilbert has been an SCV Camp Commander for 16 years and is committed to growing the Division through training at all levels while encouraging all Camps to be active in their respective communities.

See “Commander’s Report” on Page 3.

New Brigade Commanders:
3rd, Tommy McCullers; 6th, Bob Whitarian; 9th, Ken Arvin; 11th, Jeff Robison; 12th, Rick Leake.

The 121st National Reunion was held July 13 ~16, 2016 at Richardson, Texas.

Except for one race in the ATM, all officer candidates were unopposed.

Members who recruit 5 new members or more are recognized with awards in the Dixie Club. Those who sign up 10 ~ 15 receive a Bronze Medal; 16 ~ 25, Silver Medal; and 25 +, the Gold Medal. 2015 ~ 2016 Dixie Club Awards for Georgia members are: Tim Pilgrim (50+); Al Medalf (23); James King (10); Tony Pilgrim (9); Mark Taylor (9); James Garner (7); Kelly Barrow (6); Alan Lerwick (6); Wayne Boseman (5); Steven Camp (5); Johnny Ray Sparks (5).

Other Georgia members who received awards are:
2015 ~ 2016, Graves Award, Garry E. Daniell.
2015 ~ 2016 Commander-in-Chief’s Award, James William Barrow, III; Curtis Harris Collier III; John C. Culpepper; Samuel Rogers McDougal; Thomas Miller; Jonathan Lee Mize.
2015 ~ 2016 Heritage Preservation Award, Jerry Segal.
2015 ~ 2016 Superior Achievement Award, Scott K. Gilbert.
2015 ~ 2016 Leadership Award, P. Charles Lunsford
Next two Reunions:
July 17 ~ 20, 2017
Memphis, TN
July 18 ~ 21, 2018
Franklin, TN

Proposed Amendments to the Standing Orders 10.7 and 10.8, Seal, Badges, Memorial Day passed and 11.1, Parliamentary Authority & Rules failed by voice vote.

As of print time for the 2016 Annual Book of Reports, the Georgia Division was #1 in membership (3,472), followed by Texas (3,289), North Carolina (3,127), Virginia (3,065), South Carolina (2,837), Tennessee (2,530), Alabama (2,181), Mississippi (1,590), Florida (1,371), and Louisiana (1,206).

The Georgia Confederate won the DeWitt Smith Jobe Award for the best Division newsletter, 2015 ~ 2016.
Michael Mullis, Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson Camp No. 141, Albany, and his daughter have been cleaning crosses and painting them in the Crisp & Dooly County areas. Below, Right: Compatriot Mullis, daughter Melissa, and wife Heather celebrate Confederate Memorial Day in Cordele, Crisp County; Left: Melissa Mullis celebrates in Vienna, Dooly County.

William Latham, L and David Brannan, R received Division Awards at the 119th Reunion in Conyers from Camp McDonald #1552.

On April 23 2016, Members of Buckhead-Ft. Lawton Brigade Camp No. 2102 with the assistance of Main Street Millen provide breakfast for members of the ROTC and Jenkins County 4-H, along with other volunteers as they prepare to help keep Jenkins County beautiful. We strive to help our community as much as possible.

Little Mary Phagan Day. Our 1st visit to her grave in Marietta City Cemetery was moving for my wife Susan and me. So sad, this little 13 year old girl was on her way to the 1913 Confederate Memorial Day parade but she never arrived. A Georgia state(?) historical marker near Mary's grave site is not nearly as informative as the marker (shown in photo) next to her tombstone. It states Leo Frank was convicted of her 1913 murder, but was pardoned in 1986. “The 1986 pardon does not exonerate Leo Frank for the murder of Little Mary Phagan”. Another marker is “erected by Marietta Camp no. 763, U.C.V.”. As the Georgia Division of the Son of Confederate Veterans proclaimed, each June 1st is Little Mary Phagan Day. I urge my brothers to visit. Art Bayless, Camp General Leonidas Polk # 1446.

2015-2016 Georgia Division Confederate of the Year, Compatriot Marvin Mixon, Thomas Nelson Camp 141, Albany.
Fellow Compatriots of the Georgia Division:

Allow me to begin by saying “Thank you”. Thank you, to the men who supported my becoming Georgia Division Commander at the 2016 Reunion and for the privilege of serving as your Commander for the 2016-2018 term. And to those who did not feel so compelled, all I ask for is the open mind of a Compatriot who will allow me the chance to prove my resolve. Let me also take a moment to extend my thankful appreciation to outgoing Commander Jack Bridwell for his willingness to serve, and his dedication to the Cause. I know that you will join with me in wishing him well in his future SCV activities.

Now as we move forward, I am pleased to report that we have a great team in place. We welcome several new Brigade Commanders and appointed staff personnel, as well as new committee members. In accepting the position of Division Commander, I recognize you have placed in me your trust. I in turn, have placed my trust in the men who will assist me in moving the Division into the next phase of living the Charge. We are strong when we are together.

In government, business, athletics, and non-profit organizations, change at the top always leads to change in the command structure. We believe that this tradition is healthy and necessary. In doing so, we have initiated a number of changes, all of which are allowed by our bylaws and policies. Commanders before me made changes when they took office, and those that follow in the future will do so as well. We have received some inquiries about this policy so, in an effort to be open at all times to you the members, let me explain how these changes came about.

First, we should all recognize that leaders must have a circle of influence; those who are like-minded and are willing to put forth the effort required to get the job done. Sometimes those folks are personal friends, sometimes they are family members, business leaders, co-workers, or members of a Church family. Therefore, it is only natural that a Division Commander would want to have some members of his leadership team come from that circle of influence. At the same time, we also want to retain those talented men who, while not necessarily within his previous circle, are a much needed asset to a solid foundation. A good Commander knows these men by reputation and respects their Southern-minded ethos. This is the case with our current leadership team. Some are incumbents and some are new. I look forward to working with them all to get the job done.

My own philosophy for the Division moving forward is COMMUNITY STRONG! I believe that each Camp and the community in which it is located is where we, as a Division, can be the strongest. I believe that to be an organization which achieves great results, we MUST be organized and we MUST be knowledgeable on many levels. All of us. We have too many Camps that are not growing, not working in the community, and in some cases, not even meeting on a regular basis. Gentlemen, we must address and reverse those weaknesses. We cannot expect to be a force in this State if we cannot be a force in our own hometown.

One aspect of my vision which I believe will help address this issue is training. As most of you know, I have a very strong track record as a Camp Commander for sixteen years; thanks in part to a lot of great Camp members. During my time as Camp Commander I wrote a Camp Commanders Guide that I will be happy to share, and I am currently working on a new Brigade Commander training outline, which will be ready shortly. To that end, I am committed and will dedicate my personal SCV time to working with, training, and coaching any Camp and/or officer who is committed to moving forward and seeking ways to strengthen his Brigade, or his Camp.

Also, in an effort to streamline and better utilize our core strengths, I will be directing efforts to examine every area of our operation as a Division. With new leadership comes new opportunities and we will be looking at ways to improve. At this point in time, all things Confederate are under attack from some group or organization, we all know this. So our first response should be to present ourselves as a proud and resourceful Division. Because of that, every single thing we do will be done professionally. In fact, it has to be done more professionally than any other organization in the local COMMUNITY. Every single thing we do has to be done with the focus on positive public relations. Without these objectives being met we cannot be successful.

I give you my solemn word that the fight to save our landmarks, our flags, our tags, and our heritage will go on with no apologies. Make no mistake! To a man, we have no intentions of surrendering, compromising, or giving up on ANY heritage fight. As long as there is an enemy at the gates, we will defend our ancestors and our right to stand beside them in the face of overwhelming odds and, with the knowledge that our Confederate ancestors deserve it, brave any attack. We will recover from that attack and, when necessary to win the day, go on the offensive.

At the same time we will be smart. We will keep our composure and when those who would seek to tear us down by destroying the solidarity of our ranks, or by weakening the will of the public to openly support us, our enemy will be confused by our strength and resolve. Those attributes of strength and resolve will be enhanced by training and knowledge! We will then design and implement the best plans to be victorious.

I have given you my commitment to return the strength and honor to this, the Georgia Division of the Army of Tennessee of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Now I ask for you to join with me and inspire the millions of Southerners by blood to forward the colors. Together, and with the Lord’s blessings, we are invincible.

Scott K. Gilbert, Jr.
Commander

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Thank you, Commander Jack
13 years, Georgia Division Commander, leading the # 1 Division.

I can only guess what it’s like to work with over 3,000 independent, Southern men. Commander Bridwell knows what it is like. He’s been there.

And whether you like it or not, he has led the #1 Division in the SCV for 13 years through some of the most challenging times and situations that have confronted this 120 year old organization for quite some time.

Through his leadership, the Georgia Division has been the leader in many fronts. We have published The Prison Pens of the North, The Other Side of the Coin [Southern curriculum], Confederate Heritage and History Month posters for the schools, protected The Georgia Confederate through her ups and downs, and supported the Youth Camps from day one. He has worked for and defended the State specialty license tag.

Commander Bridwell has been true to his belief that this organization exists to fulfill the Charge, not to try and please every single individual’s wish.

As his Sesquicentennial Chair, I fully understand how difficult it is to get members to pull together to accomplish a goal. What with jobs, family, hobbies, vacations, you name it, it takes a toll on the volunteers’ time to be able to shoulder responsibility and do the work it takes. I take full responsibility for the failures of the Division Sesquicentennial program.

But look at the successful initiatives. I have all ideas that Susan Hathaway and her team would admit they were inspired by the “Flags Over Georgia” program. And approximately 1/2 million dollars worth of monuments and renovations would not have been possible without the efforts of Commander Bridwell and his team. It is true, no man is an island, and all these things could not have been done by one man. But, it is also true, without sound leadership, the team is weakened.

A member in the SCV and Georgia Division since June, 1987, Commander Jack has been at the front lines, protecting the good name of the Confederate veteran. Even through personal family loss, Commander Jack suited up, stood up, and spoke up for those who could do none of that.

With all this said, the thing I admire most about Commander Jack is that he is my Christian brother, born again, walking the walk, and standing on the Rock.

Some of you may have seen Commander Jack on a bad day, but let you who have never erred pick up the first stone to cast. I have met a few people who think they know it all.

Commander Jack, Thank You. Thank You for putting up with us for 13 years, and I look forward to your putting up with us for a few more as the Past Division Commander. How valuable is your insight for future Division Commanders? Priceless.

Thank You, Commander Jack.
Jaden Thompson
(Cadet member of Camp of the Unknown Soldier)

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 pins as you complete new tasks
❖ The opportunity to attend and participate in your local SCV Camp meetings
❖ The opportunity to meet other Cadets in your area and participate in “Cadet only” outdoor activities like camping, fishing, and participating in local heritage events

Go to www.gascv.org to download an application.
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New Cadet Members:
Gil Sheppard Millen, GA
(Cadet member of Savannah Militia Camp)

Jaden Thompson Gray, GA
(Cadet member of Camp of the Unknown Soldier)
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Georgia Division

Executive Council Meeting 11:00 a.m. May 7, 2016
Ole Times Country Buffet in Macon, Ga.

Executive Council Members Present:

- Division Commander: Jack Bridwell
- Division Adjutant: Tim Pilgrim
- Division Judge Advocate: Dan Coleman
- Division Chief of Staff: Pete Giddens
- Division Lt Commander – North: Philip Autrey
- Division Lt Commander – South: Al Perry
- 1st Brigade Commander: David Cordell
- 2nd Brigade Commander: Karl Haun
- 3rd Brigade Commander: Steven Satterfield
- 4th Brigade Commander: Thomas Stevens
- 5th Brigade Commander: Thomas Miller
- 6th Brigade Commander: Don Newman
- 7th Brigade Commander: Chuck Griffin
- 8th Brigade Commander: Charlie Parks
- 9th Brigade Commander: John Fisher
- 10th Brigade Commander: Al Medcalf
- 12th Brigade Commander: Rhett Coleman
- 13th Brigade Commander: Steve Camp

Meeting Minutes:
- Call to Order by Commander Jack Bridwell
- Invocation given by 8th Brigade Commander Charlie Parks
- Flag Pledges and Salutes
- The SCV Charge was given by 8th Brigade Commander Charlie Parks
- The roll of Executive Council members was called with 12 present thus a quorum was established.

Division Adjutant’s Report:

Division Adjutant Timothy Pilgrim distributed a written Adjutant Report on the Division annual budget, account balances, deposit log and tag fund report. Adjutant Pilgrim reported that the Division’s budget revenues have exceeded its goals and the Division has received more donations than any past year. The Georgia Division is in sound financial condition.

Adjutant Pilgrim reported that the Division’s on-line store has started off extremely well. The store had sales over $5,000 within the three months it has been open.

Motion to bypass individual reports was approved.

Flags over Georgia:

It was reported that the property where the 50th Division pole off I-75 is located has been sold and the pole will need to be re-located.

This pole is maintained by the General Patrick R. Cleburne Camp from Catoosa County. The Camp has found another location for the pole in a highly visible location. Motion was made and seconded to relocate the pole - motion passed.

New Business:

Proposed Division Budget 2016/17- was presented by Division Adjutant Pilgrim and discussed with the Executive Council. Lt. Commander Al Perry recommended that the Georgia Confederate budget be increased due to the increased Division membership which has increased the printing and postage cost.

Lobbyist Efforts- Compatriot Martin O’Toole, Adjutant Pilgrim and Commander Michael Dean have been in contact with the lobbyist firm of Massey, Watson and

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Gentlemen,

Hope by the time you receive this issue of the Georgia Confederate you will have also received your annual dues billing statement. It has been a challenge getting the billing statements out this year. The company that did our billing statements and did many other Divisions for many years, decided that they no longer wanted to do business with the SCV. They are from Columbia, SC (Laser Print Plus) and they indicated it was the “issue” with the Confederate Battle Flag that prompted their decision.

So good riddance to them, I had rather give our business to folks who appreciate it. I was able to get a local Georgia company to do our billing statements. The problem in preparing our Division billing statements isn’t just a print job, its takes a fairly complex software program to transfer the billing data from our rosters to the billing statement. So, the new company has had to make some software up-grades.

Between August 1 and December 1 is the time when the Camps need to file their annual electronic e-files with the IRS to maintain the Camp’s individual EIN number. Starting last year I had our Division Secretary start filing these electronic e-files on behalf of the Camps. The main objective is taking that filing burden off the Camps and also it makes sense that it be handled centrally if at all possible. Division Secretary will continue to file the electronic e-file this year as well, and will mail the confirmation to the Camp Adjutants.

Congratulations to Georgia Confederate Editor Al Perry for receiving the Best Division Newsletter award at the 2016 National Convention. The Georgia Confederate is the best newsletter in the entire Confederation. Some within the Division say the Georgia Confederate needs to be “fixed”. How do you “fix” the best newsletter in the entire Confederation? I have spoken to many Division Adjutants and they say, on the most part they are lucky to even get two issues of their Division newsletter every year. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated Editor who makes sure we get our Georgia Confederate every two months on a timely basis. The purpose of a Division newsletter is to communicate Division business to its membership. It’s not supposed to be a chamber of commerce magazine, costing our Division an “arm and leg” in publication cost, in an attempt to try and impress those outside our organization who will never really care about us or our Charge.

Another note about the Division Reunion. I am disappointed that the new Division Commander did not announce his candidacy to the general membership before the Reunion. In the nomination speeches from the floor and in his nominations acceptance speech at the Reunion, much emphasis was placed on the “division within the Division.” Many members have mentioned to me that they did not appreciate the apparent political tactic to gain advantage employed by Commander Gilbert. Subsequent actions by the new Commander such as announcing the expulsion of Ray McBryer from membership in the SCV, and the attempted removal of our Past Commander Jack Bridwell from the Division Executive Council only serves to widen “the division within the Division.”

The focus for our Division should be to protect and preserve the good name of the Confederate Soldier. They deserve better.

At your service always.

Timothy Pilgrim
Georgia Division Adjutant
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Georgia Division

119th Georgia Division Reunion Minutes June 11, 2016

Reunion Minutes

Call to Order by acting Division Commander Jack Bridwell.

Invocation was given by Division Chaplin Kim Beck.

Opening ceremony and welcome statements were conducted by host Camp, the Confederate Memorial Camp #1432.

Judge Advocate Coleman gave the Standing Rules Report.

Division Adjutant Tim Pilgrim gave the credentials committee report:

Of the 105 active Camps in the Georgia Division, 60 were represented which was 57%, 35% being required, therefore a quorum was established.

Of the 369 eligible Delegates, 228 were registered.

Division Adjutant Pilgrim presented the annual financial report for 2015/16.

- Division revenues from dues, store sales and donations was up $27,897 from last year's revenues. It was the best year of revenues that the Georgia Division has ever had.

- Georgia Division membership had an increase of 502 members from last year for a new total of 3,536 members.

The new on-line Division store has had sales of $5,831 and net profit of $2,573 since it was opened in April, 2016.

Division Adjutant Pilgrim, then presented the 2016-17 annual budget and made a motion for its acceptance. Motion was seconded and motion to accept the annual budget was approved.

Georgia Confederate Editor Al Perry gave a report on the Georgia Confederate.

Lt Division Commander South Al Perry gave a report on the new Georgia Confederates Youth Camp that was being held the week of June 12th at the Refuge Baptist Camp.

4th Brigade Commander Thomas Stevens gave an up-date on the 2017, 120th annual Division reunion in Macon hosted by the General Tracy Edward Dorr Camp #18, and the 2018, 121th and 2019, 122th annual reunions that will be hosted by the Georgia Division.

Division Adjutant Pilgrim presented two tag fund projects that were submitted:

- Project 2016-01: Cannon wheel replacement for the memorial cannon at the Marietta Confederate Cemetery. To replace the rotten wood wheels with aluminum wheels.

- Project 2016-0: For the Georgia Division to purchase a bulk of 100 Southern crosses from the Clarkdale Foundry to be available to the Camps of the Division at the bulk cost.

Lt Division Commander North Phil Autrey objected against the projects stating that the recommended vote from the Executive Council was held via e-mail and that violated by-laws. Judge Advocate Coleman over-ruled his objection reading from the tag fund procedures that e-mail voting was allowed.

Both Projects were approved by the Delegates.

By-law amendments were presented and discussed.

The proposed Division dues increase of $3 to fund lobbyist efforts was discussed. Camp Adjutant Charles Garvin of the Gen. James Longstreet Camp # 1239, objected to the increase stating that the 35 day notification requirement was not met. The notification was sent on May 7 and the 35 days ended on June 10, but it was ruled that the reunion started on Friday June 10th being reunion activities were taking place on Friday, June 10th.

Therefore the $3 Dues Increase for lobbyist efforts was not considered.

A roll of Camps was called per Brigade and written ballots for officer election and by-law amendments were distributed.

Dinner break was called for.

The business session was called back to order.

Georgia Division Awards were presented as follows:

- Compatriot Marvin W. Mixon of Lt. Col Thomas Nelson Camp #141 was awarded the Georgia Confederate of the Year trophy.

- Compatriot David Carey Brannan of Camp McDonald Camp #1552 was awarded the Georgia Division Distinguished Confederate of the Year award.

- Compatriot, Robert Gary Brooks of the Private John Ingham Camp #1977 was awarded the Georgia Division Outstanding Confederate of the Year award.

- Georgia Division Appreciation Awards:


Voting Results were announced as follows:

- By-law Amendment 2016-01-failed-Suspension Clarification

- By-law Amendment 2016-02 - passed - Staggered Elections at Reunions

- By-law Amendment 2016-03-passed - Ratification vs. Election Clarification

- By-law Amendment 2016-04 passed - Division Adjutant responsible managing Elections

- By-law Amendment 2016-05 failed - Move Haralson County to 12th Brigade

- By-law Amendment 2016-06 passed - Move Putnam County to 3rd Brigade

Division Commander
Scott Gilbert - Elected / Jack Bridwell - Lost

(Scott Gilbert was an unannounced candidate nominated from the floor)

Lt. Cmdr North
Phillip Autrey - Re-elected / Ray McBerry - Lost / Barry Colbaugh - Lost

(No majority on the first ballot and a run-off vote was required. Phillip Autrey won run-off vote against Ray McBerry)

Lt. Cmdr South
Al Perry - Re-elected / Don Newman - Lost

3rd Brigade: Tommy McCullers – Elected/Steve Satterfield - Lost

6th Brigade
Robert Whitaker - Elected / Cecil Greenwell - Lost

(Cecil Greenwell was an unannounced candidate nominated from the floor)

9th Brigade: Ken Arvin – Elected/Pete Giddens - Lost

Brigade Commanders, with no opposition elected by Acclamation:

1st Brigade -David Cordell
2nd Brigade- Karl Hahn
4th Brigade - Thomas Stevens
5th Brigade - Thomas Miller
7th Brigade - Chuck Griffin
8th Brigade - Charlie Parks
10th Brigade - Al Medcaft
11th Brigade - Jeff Robinson
12th Brigade - Richard Leake

(Richard Leake was an unannounced candidate nominated from the floor)

13th Brigade- Steve Camp

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the convention. It was seconded and approved.

Benediction and singing of Dixie closed the convention.
The Georgia Division Annual Report, 2016

Greetings Brothers from the Georgia Division,

I’m pleased to report the Georgia Division remains stronger than ever. The Georgia Division remains the largest Division in our Confederation, serving over 3,400 members based in 105 active Camps that are located throughout the largest State East of the Mississippi River.

Our Division’s membership has increased 15% since 2015. This is mainly due to our Camps aggressively recruiting new members, advertisement initiatives, the implementation of our associate membership program, having a Division Genealogist on staff, and with a Division Head-Quarters Camp to place our new members who are looking for a home Camp. All this has brought record growth to our Division.

With our 2015 Division license tag funds we have been able to help our Camps fund the erection of two new Confederate monuments in the City of Nicholson and in the City of Dahlonega, along with donating funds to the White County Historical Society toward the erection of a bronze plaque at the White County Courthouse grounds that honors the Confederate Soldiers of White County. As of date the Georgia Division has allocated $437,611.87 from our tag funds to help our Camps fund local Heritage projects and Division wide projects.

As in many of our Brother Divisions, the Georgia Division has been aggressively fighting off attacks from the American Taliban against our Confederate monuments and memorials. In August 2015 the Georgia Department of Revenue (DOR) suspended the Georgia Division’s, SCV specialty license plate from circulation, stating that the recent supreme court case of Texas vs. The SCV gave them the authority to do so. The Division leadership along with the Division’s General Council acted quickly to provide the legal precedent that showed that the DOR was in violation of both State and contract law. After many meetings with the DOR the Georgia Division was successful in getting our specialty license plates reinstated and back on the roads.

In September 2015 the Hersey Family Entertainment Corporation that leases the Stone Mountain Memorial Park attempted to erect a “bell tower” monument to Martin Luther King on top of Stone Mountain above the memorial carving of President Jefferson Davis, General Robert E. Lee and General Stonewall Jackson. Again, by having our Division General Council provide the legal precedent to the Stone Mountain Memorial Association that governs the Park which clearly showed that action would be in violation of state law, the “MLK bell tower” monument proposal was never materialized.

Many local n.a.a.c.p. chapters attempted to have local Confederate Soldier monuments and flags removed from the local courthouse grounds throughout the State of Georgia and to the credit of our fighting Camps in our Division, these attempts were defeated soundly.

We did experience a setback when the scalawag Governor of Georgia removed the Holiday names of Robert E. Lee Birthday and Confederate Memorial Day from the State calendar. Unfortunately after a legal review it was determined by General Council that the Governor was within his legal right to remove the names per State law.

With the realization of these attacks on our Confederate Heritage the Division leadership determined that both internal and external communications had to be improved. Along with the monthly press releases the Division makes to all the State media outlets the Division decided to purchase an on-line e-mail management software and has been successful in creating a Division wide e-mail distribution to our membership and our supporters. Our Division’s Internal Communications officer has taken over the management of the Division Facebook account and has made it one of the most active Southern Heritage liked sites in Georgia. We have also implemented Facebook advertisement initiatives that reach over 100,000 Georgians and along with our Division wide e-mail “Call for Action” posts, the Division has been able to help defeat anti-Southern legislation that was submitted this legislative session. There was proposed legislation that would have changed Stone Mountain Memorial Park from being a Confederate Memorial, another that would have given the State Department the authority to deem if Historical monuments were “appropriate” and another that would have removed any State recognition of Confederate Veterans. All these legislative bills never made it out of committee due to the overwhelming opposition shown through letters and e-mails to State Representatives.

The Georgia Division has hired a part-time Division Secretary (Kristen Dorety) to manage our new Division Office that was opened in March 2016 at the American Federal Building located at 544 Mulberry Street, Ste. 310 Macon, Ga. 31202, 1-866-SCV-in-GA or 1-866-728-4642. We believe we are the first Division in our Confederation to have a Division office and staffed by a paid Division Secretary and see this as key to taking our Division to the next level of growth.

Along with the opening of our new Division Office the Division has opened an on-line store to our membership and the general public, making available Confederate Flags, Tags, Stick Flags and CDs. Please visit our Division’s web-site at www.gascv.org to see the store items we have to offer.

The Georgia Division’s Flags Across Georgia program is going strong. We have 12 large Division Flag poles across the State of Georgia. The Division purchases these oversize Battle Flags for the Division poles and distributes them to the local Camps that maintain these poles. We are always on the look out for any “prime” locations to erect new Flags.

As of date, the Georgia Division has distributed over 180,000 “Truth Concerning the Confederate Battle Flag” CDs by Pastor John Weaver throughout the Confederation and the Country. This has been one of the Division’s most influential projects that we have had the privilege to be a part of. Pastor Weavers sermon on the Confederate Battle Flag gives the true origins of this symbol of the South and discloses many of the facts of why the War of Southern Independence was fought. These CDs are distributed by the Georgia Division at our bulk purchase cost of .35 cents each which makes our minimum order of 100 CDs for $35 plus shipping very affordable for individuals and Camps to distribute to folks who need a history lesson and all they have to do is listen. They are available on our Division store. You can also listen to Pastor Weaver’s Sermon on-line at http://gascv.org/audio-cds/

In 2015 our 5th Brigade Commander Thomas Miller created and is heading up the Georgia Division’s Cadet Program, giving our Cadets SCV hats and the ability to earn hat pins for performing Heritage related projects. Our Cadets also receive an annual subscription to The Georgia Confederate and a nice membership certificate.

We issue our Division newsletter “The Georgia Confederate” consistently to our membership every two months, 6 issues a year. Our Editor Al Perry has done a tremendous job editing and having our Division newsletter published.

The Georgia Division will be the first Division in our Confederation to start a Division Youth Camp for a full week of Southern / Confederate Heritage curriculum modeled after the Sam Davis Youth Camp. The Camp starts from June 12th to June 17th. The Camp is located at the Refuge Baptist Camp in Carnesville Ga. and is a testimony of the Georgia Division’s commitment to educate our Youth.

By the time the SCV National

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Reunion begins in July the Georgia Division will be the first in our organization that will be making available a Sons of Confederate Veterans phone application that will be free to download on any android and I-phones. This SCV phone "app" will be able to send notices, calls for action, and give immediate access to our Division web site. We deem this application as part of our Division's endeavor to keep the Sons of Confederate Veterans on the cutting edge of new technologies keeping all our members and supporters up-dated regularly with text notifications and instant access to our web site for updates.

Currently our Division is engaged in negotiations with a professional lobbyist firm to represent the Georgia Division in the up-coming legislative session in the endeavor to make changes to Georgia Code 50-3-1 which will strengthen monument protection laws and keep us up-dated with any new legislation that we should be concerned with.

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

Live the Charge, 
Jack Bridwell
Georgia Division Commander
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Clifford Emory Johns

Mr. Clifford Emory Johns, age 77 of Flowery Branch, passed away on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Northeast Georgia Medical Center following an extended illness.

Mr. Johns was born July 22, 1938 in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Homer Clifford Johns and Hettie Ayers Johns. He was retired from Roadway Express and was a member of First Baptist Church.

Mr. Johns is survived by his wife, Pat Johns of Flowery Branch, his daughters, Monica Johns of Alpharetta and Melissa Sewell of Dahlonega and his grandchildren, Dustin Sewell, Kelsey Sewell, Alex Sewell.

Second Option costing $5,000.00 a motion was made by Webmaster Ray McBerrry and seconded by Carl Hahn to pursue Option Two.

Amendment offered by Rhett Coleman that he have 10 days to research other options. After the 10 days if no better pricing was obtained then we would proceed with the second option. The amendment and motion was seconded and both passed unanimously.

White County Confederate Monuments- Adjutant Tim Pilgrim made a motion that the Georgia Division donate $500.00 to the White County Historical Society to finalize the funding needed to erect a bronze plaque at the White County Courthouse grounds that will display the historical account of the Georgia 24th and 52nd regiments that were formed in White County.

-Motion seconded by Tom Stevens and passed unanimously.

Georgia Confederate Phone App- After explanation of a phone "app" for the Georgia Division that will be free to download on any android and I-phones, with an explanation that this SCV phone application will be able to send notices, calls for action, give immediate access to our Division web-site, with a cost of:

First Option costing $15,000.00

Georgia Division member comes to aid of VA compatriot:

We are very happy to announce the government marker for Private David S. Brown, Company B, 10th Battalion Georgia Infantry is now fully funded.

Two gifts helped to make this possible. The first was from a member of the Sons of Confederate Veterans Mechanized Cavalry who wished to remain anonymous. The second was from Pete Giddens of Worth County, Georgia, the Chief of Staff for the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. Giddens's ancestor served with Brown in Company B.

The application will be endorsed by the cemetery administrator and then submitted to the National Cemetery Administration. The marker should be in place for our fall dedication ceremony.

Thank you Mechanized Cavalry 
Thank you Pete 
Barry Colbaugh
Stiles/Akin Camp #670

EC meeting minutes, Continued from Page 6

Hembree discussing the possibility of the firm taking on the Georgia Division, SCV as a client in the endeavor to have Georgia Code 50-3-1 strengthened. This monument protection code lacks enforcement language against those who violate the code. With the attacks against our Confederate monuments increasing, the Executive Council agreed that action had to be taken to strengthen monument protection laws.

After discussion mainly focused on how the Division would try to fund the services of a lobbyist firm, the majority of the Executive Council expressed that a $3 increase in Division dues would be the best way to fund the initiative. Adjutant Pilgrim made a motion to recommend to the Delegates at the reunion a $3 dues increase for the lobbyist efforts, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

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18 August 2016

YANCY INDEPENDENTS CAMP #693 WORTH COUNTY, SYLVESTER, GA SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS Book Signing Host

“Yesterday’s Memories”
By: George Ray Houston
SCV Telegraph

Camp Adjutants,

The below letter will be sent out electronically to you along with a camp roster. Please print this roster out and follow the instructions below so that we may provide the best customer service this year to you.

23 June 2016

Dear Camp Adjutant,

I'm sure you are aware of the overwhelming response last summer of new members, heritage issues, phone calls, media inquiries, and donations we received last year during the dues renewal processing time. We had a significant amount of mail and distractions which took us away from processing our normal business on time. In addition, a lot of our mail was "lost" in the US Postal System, making tracking of mail at both HQ and the camps difficult.

We found that our business model was outdated and not capable of handling the overwhelming stress placed upon it.

As such, I ask that you assist us as much as possible in ensuring that this year's processing goes much smoother and quicker. We are providing you a camp roster for you to use in sending your dues in. I would also ask that you DO NOT mix new member applications with your camp renewals - it actually slows the process down. You can still place multiple new applications in the same envelope, but when sending in the camp's renewals, just use one check/letter for that.

Here is the process to use for renewals: determine which member is renewing and highlight their names on the roster we provide - make corrections to addresses on the roster provided. Do not use a different roster - it only slows down the process for us and will actually move your camp to another stack where we have to trouble shoot it. If it slows the process for us, we will move onto a camp that we can process quickly and then come back later to trouble shoot your camp. Do not highlight National Life Members - they do not pay national dues. If a member has passed and is on your roster, it means we were not notified - please annotate deceased members and we will take appropriate actions to honor them. If you have delinquent members reinstating, write them below the roster with the same information in the roster and include a current email address.

Once the names are highlighted, count each name highlighted and multiply this number by $30. If you have delinquent members reinstating, include $35 per member reinstating. Write one check for the entire amount and send it in with your highlighted roster. Again, do not mix reinstatements with new member applications. It is a separate process performed by different secretaries. If you have a merchandise order, place it in a different envelope with a separate check unless you want your camp's reinstatements to be placed on the trouble shooting pile.

Remember, the fiscal year ends 31 July 2016 and all dues are due on 1 August 2016. There is a 3 month grace period until 1 November 2016 - on that date, if you have not paid your $30, then you are delinquent and owe another $5 to reinstate.

We are in the process of modernizing our processes and next year this process should be a lot more intuitive for you and our members. It will be ready in a few months, but not before we start the renewal process this year. Please stand by for more information.

Please understand that we have well over 25,000 members in 850 camps reinstating within a 3 month window. We drop everything on our plates to process this in the quickest manner possible. All mail is date stamped on the date received and processed in the order in which it was received. The best thing you can do for your camp is to follow the procedures above so that we don't have to guess who is reinstating and who is not. If we have to guess or it's not intuitive, then we will have to place it aside and move onto the next camp. It takes about an hour to reinstate a camp if there are no problems - this means updating addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. It takes about 15 minutes to process a new member, without interruptions.

Please don't call asking for updates on your camp. It can take 15 or more minutes just to find your camp's paperwork in a stack and these phone calls can take 30 minutes or more. Between 1 August and 1 November 2016, I have given specific instructions to the secretaries not to search for camp specific mail - it just slows us down too much and hurts everyone. If we have all 850 camps calling in, it slows us down to a snail's pace when we could just be processing reinstatements and new member applications. Believe me, we want to get your stuff out to you as fast as we can, we just need your help in doing so. We enjoy talking to you, it's just that we owe you the best customer service we can provide - help us do that.

Lastly, please keep track of your checking accounts, annotate which check numbers are for which letter (reinstatement, merchandise, new member, etc.), and notice when these checks clear. If your check hasn't cleared in 2 months (from when you mailed it), it was most likely lost in the mail and contact us to see if we received it. If your check cleared, that means that we've processed your mail and it will be mailed that day. If you don't receive it within 10 days, please contact the USPS and make a formal complaint. Also, contact us and we'll resend you the information - and we will annotate it on our list for a formal complaint on our end. The good news is that merchandise isn't getting lost because it has tracking numbers.

Thank you for all you do for our organization. The camps are where we do our best work and I am in awe of all the things each of you do. I am working hard to relieve you as adjutants of the minutiae of your duties and make it more intuitive and easier on the administrative side.

God bless you all!

Michael L. Landree
Executive Director
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Attention:
Camp Adjutants
Important notice.
Please read this letter from Exec. Director Mike Landree regarding dues remittance.
The year 1911 was another sad one for the United Confederate Veterans and the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans as well. We lost General Clement A. Evans on 5 January 1911. The funeral, like that of General Gordon, was enough to shut down things down in the capitol city as the beloved General Evans lay in the rotunda within the capitol and thousands passed through.

The funeral of General Evans included Sons in the procession, walking behind the Veterans. General Evans was put to rest near his commander, General John B. Gordon at Oakland Cemetery on land donated by the Ladies Memorial Association. Many in the City attending thought it was an honor that these two commanders of the United Confederate Veterans were Atlantans.

![General Clement A. Evans](image)

The funeral procession was so large that there were four sections, each with a commander. Like such large processions, it was duly shown in the cover story headlines all across America and it is recorded that up to 100,000 persons were present. The activities of 1912 began with a big display written in the Confederate veteran magazine of the Peace Monument and the fascinating story of how Atlanta's old militia company, long called the Gate City Guards, began what would turn out as a coast to coast tour of many cities for the purpose of creating monuments to peace.

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Later in the spring of 1912 came another Memorial Day celebration, yet another article appearing in the Atlanta Constitution noted with sadness how the ranks of Veterans had thinned in only one year. They again stood, unmoving, during the entire speech, delivered SCV CIC, Dr. Clarence J. Owens, (and not one dropped!)

In June 1912, the Georgia Division Convention was held in Rome, Georgia and the officers were: Commander Charles C. Harper of Rome; 1st Brigade Commander G.E. Maddox of Rome; 2nd Brigade Commander J.M. Dunwoody of Macon; and 3rd Brigade Commander was George Drummond of Savannah.

The years 1913-1914 produced more commemorative activity as a rousing couple of reunions. The 1913 reunion was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee where the "red carpet" was rolled out by Mayor Thompson and the local Veterans. The older group of loyal Southerners, the Veterans, held Grand Army of the republic, (G.A.R.) our yankee counterpart to form a peace committee which would organize a 50 year celebration of Gettysburg.

On a less happy notion, the Veterans approved a resolution to support a bill in Congress that would force the return of millions of dollars held in the U.S. Treasury that belonged to Southerners. It was confiscated at the close of the war and while it did not include the millions in personal possessions, those were in the homes of thousands of Union officers who looted homes during the pillage, it did include the "cotton tax" money and represented the economic base of the South. Its withholding kept the South out of the industrial movement for many years. The bill was proposed in December 1913.

At the session held by the Sons, CIC J.P. Norfleet of Memphis was succeeded by William W. Ols of Norfolk, Virginia. He appointed a new staff including J.M. Mullen of Rome, Georgia as a member of the Executive Council. Clearly, Rome was a center of activity in the State.

The year 1914 brought a great thrust of activity and also a considerable change with regard to SCV organization. Under the strong leadership of Adjutant in Chief Nathan Bedford Forrest of Memphis, Tennessee, the SCV maintained its growth and also was brought into the official publication of the Confederacy, the Confederate Veteran, in October of the year. It was no doubt the aggressive leadership of the grandson of General Forrest that led S.A. Cunningham to declare the Confederate Veteran as the official organ of the SCV. Adjutant Forrest travelled far and wide throughout the nation organizing SCV camps. The preserving of our large numbers during the period leading up to WWI can be attributed to our AIC N.B. Forrest and his staff.

With this new status, the activity of the SCV became much more thoroughly covered. The October 1914 issue had three pages of news and activity. It was entered by CIC Seymour Stewart of St. Louis, Mo. (great-grand-nephew) of Revolutionary General John Stewart of Georgia, for whom the southern legislatures to commence any effort to correct school history book that misrepresented the history of the South. There were also division reports as well as a lot of small entries concerning various other activities. There was even a rare paragraph concerning an endorsement of the educational activities of the Ku Klux Klan.

This is historically significant as the national movement of the Klan was burgeoning and the help as well as moral support for its efforts was eagerly sought from the heirs to the Confederacy. It should be noted, however, that since the original Klan was disbanded by General Forrest in 1868, the gentlemen of the South have steadfastly held out against any effort to institutionalize violent or secret activities.

In Georgia, the Sons met with the Veterans in Macon on September 16 and 17 and several actions were taken. Among them, our new Division Commander was named as John S. Cleghorn of Summerville. He, in...
As we follow the history of our Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, I am in the process of compiling as much information as possible on the division. Research shows there isn’t much detailed information about the division until around the mid 1920’s. If you’re SCV Camp has ever held a reunion in the past, please submit who the elected division officers were in that particular year. Submit that or any pertinent information about the division to: Georgia Division Historian, Mark Pollard at: pollardsville@gmail.com

Part (4), 1915 -1920 History of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans will continue in the upcoming editions of the Georgia Confederate magazine.

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Ahoy!

Searching for Confederate sailors graves.
If you know of one, contact Ross Glover:
email: rossgloverjr@comcast.net.

Ogeechee Rifles
Lee/Jackson, 2017
Ogeechee Rifles Camp #941, Statesboro, will conduct its annual Lee-Jackson Banquet and Observance on the evening of Saturday, January 21, 2017 beginning at 6 pm at R.J.’s Restaurant, S. Main St. in Statesboro. Speaker for the event will be Lt. Commander-in-Chief Paul Gramling.

Copperhead, during the American Civil War, pejoratively, [was] any citizen in the North who opposed the war policy and advocated restoration of the Union through a negotiated settlement with the South. The word Copperhead was first so used by the New York Tribune on July 20, 1861, in reference to the snake that sneaks and strikes without warning.

Nearly all Copperheads were Democrats, [and their] strength was mainly in the Midwest where many families had Southern roots and where agrarian interests fostered resentment of the growing dominance of industrialists in... federal government.

The 42nd annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service will be held in the town of Andersonville on Sunday, November 13, 2016, at 3:00 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the Service will be held in the Village Hall in Andersonville.

The Capt. Wirz Memorial Service is sponsored by the Alexander H. Stephens Camp 78 in Americus and all SCV members and friends are urged to attend. Guest speaker for the Nov. 13 Memorial Service will be SCV Commander-in-Chief Thomas Strain from north Alabama. The Musical group, Southern Sounds, will perform from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and will also participate during the Service.

Capt. Henry Wirz was Commandant of Andersonville Prison Camp from 1864-1865. After the War ended, he was paroled, and then taken prisoner and sent to Washington, D.C. Many historians have said his trial was the most unjust one in the history of this country. He was made a scapegoat, found guilty of murdering 13 Yankee prisoners (no bodies were ever found, and no names of the prisoners were ever given), and was hanged on November 10, 1865.

After his death, the barbaric Yankees cut off his head, arms, and legs, and exhibited them about the country. After four years, his attorney was able to collect a few of the bones for a burial in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Washington. At the present time, some of the bones from one arm are on public display in a Medical Museum in Maryland.

For more information, contact James Gaston, Chairman of the Memorial Service, at 229-924-7460 (email: gaston7460@bellsouth.net) or Camp Commander John Carroll at 229-924-8751.
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1862 Kentucky Campaign
Fri & Sat, Sept 2 & 3

Friday, Sept 2, 2016
Travel in auto convoy to Perryville Battlefield State Park. Continue to Crawford Springs, location of field hospital at Goodknight Cemetery. Then to Bardstown and enjoy lunch at Old Talbott Tavern (1779). After lunch, visit the Civil War Museum of the Western Theater and follow route of General Bragg’s Army to Perryville from Danville.

Saturday, Sept 3, 2016
Bus Tour~ Follow retreat route through Lancaster, Big Hill, Stanford, Crab Orchard, Mount Vernon and London. Enjoy lunch at the Cracker Barrel in London. After lunch, visit Confederate camp site in Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park.

For more info
Contact Jack Bolen, 42nd Georgia descendant cell 813-477-9534; jbolen@mindspring.com or Paula Kramer, 41st Georgia descendant cell 770-352-4498; paulakrae1551@gmail.com
Pvt. Dee Jobe, who had just turned 24 in June, was near Nashville, probing for information, speeding it southward. With him had come Tom Joplin and other Coleman Scouts. They were operating around College Grove, Triune and Nolensville. Danger didn’t matter. They knew what had happened to their fellow scout, Sam Davis.

Monday comes, Aug. 29. West of Atlanta, Sherman is tearing up 13 miles of the Montgomery line. In Chicago, the Democrats are nominating McClellan, with bright prospects of victory. A former Tennessee governor, William B. Campbell, addressed the Democrats assembled in that city, urging peace, amnesty for Southerners, restoration of rights and property. He blasted Gov. (Andrew) Johnson as a despot. Near Nolensville, the luck of Jobe is running out.

Between Nolensville and Triune, Jobe was in grave danger. He had an important message on his person and Yankees from Murfreesboro were scouting nearby.

The father of two Rebel soldiers had given Jobe breakfast. The house might be searched. Jobe hurried away on his horse. It is said that, as he rode on, a telescope lifted on a farm not far away. It searched the hills to the west. Did a Yankee see a horseman going along a fencerow, uphill, in a cornfield? Jobe had been spotted. Soon the horse was being tracked, perhaps as Jobe lay sleeping.

Did Jobe hear corn leaves rattling? Was that when he yanked out his message and tore it up? He started chewing and swallowing.

Bound and disarmed, helpless and bleeding, Jobe revealed nothing. They were dealing with a man in gray who held the welfare of the Confederacy above his life.

The torture went on. The Yanks were whooping now, yelling so loudly that they could be heard at a distant farmhouse.

They put out Jobe’s eyes. Perhaps then it was that Jobe heaped epithets upon them. How much courage did it take to do what they did then? They cut out Jobe’s tongue.

Enough? They’re at him again. Tell, and we’ll let you live. Did they want him to write out a few words? This, Jobe, is your last chance.

They’re tying something to a horse’s tail. The reins, or a leather Strap? The other end - Jobe, it’s about your throat. (Did you think for a moment of your friend Sam Davis, who was hanged . . . ? Ah, but they let him die in dignity, compared to this.) The horse is struck. It gallops away. Jobe’s agony is ending.

Some of the Yanks, when they reached the Nolensville Road, had the grace to say that Jobe was the bravest man they’d ever seen.

A woman friend rode by, dismounted, and placed a handkerchief over Jobe’s face, to keep off the hot August sun. Word of the crime was spreading.

For years afterwards, an aura of evil would seem to linger there, and passersby would shudder. Many good men who passed the spot would think of Jobe and the deal he got, or cross themselves like nuns.

And say, on nights when the dark clouds toss,
Can you hear the clatter of a runnin’ hoss?

Oh, Lawdy! What’s the matter?
But nobody talks.
The clatter stops
and the ghost hoss walks.

It’s the Yankees teachin’ Dee Jobe who’s boss.

... At the point of 15 guns.

Days hence, the news would reach DeWitt Smith Jobe’s cousin and friend, of the 45th Tennessee Regiment. They had been close companions and may have been namesakes. Smith’s mind would become “unhinged” when he heard it. He would break away from Hood’s army and “run up the black flag.” That is, he would vow to take no prisoners; to kill every Yankee he met. Smith would come riding back into Middle Tennessee as the avenger. Many a Yankee, as many as 50 of them some said, would die in the night, his throat quietly slit with a butcher knife.

The August sun is sinking. A spring wagon is creaking through the shadows. Old Frank, the Negro slave who had tended Jobe as a child, is driving. His cheeks are wet as he lifts his young master’s body, places it in the wagon, and heads back to the big log house where Jobe was born, June 4, 1840.

Today a roadside marker speaks of Jobe, on U. S. Highway 31A in Williamson County between Triune and Nolensville:

DeWitt Smith Jobe, a member of Coleman’s Scouts, CSA, was captured in a cornfield about 1 1/2 miles west, Aug. 29, 1864, by a patrol from the 115th Ohio Cavalry. Swallowing his dispatches, he was mutilated and tortured to make him reveal the contents. Refusing, he was dragged to death behind a galloping horse. He is buried in the family cemetery six miles northeast.

No granite shaft stands tall today to mark the spot of the Middle Tennessean who wouldn’t be brainwashed. On a lonely little knoll he sleeps, where visitors seldom go, near the site where he was born.

There is no inscription on the stone. The night of oblivion has almost closed in. Ask anyone, who was De Jobe? And the answer may be, “I don’t know what you’re talking about.”

Epilogue
The preceding narrative was adapted from “The Civil War in Middle Tennessee” by Ed Huddleston. Originally published as a series of supplements to the “Nashville Banner” in 1965, the series was later assembled and published in book form. In the years that have passed since this was written, the resting place of DeJobe has come under the care of the William B. Bate Chapter of the MOS & B, and now receives perpetual care.

The grave is located on private property - a farm a few miles off the Smyrna / Almaville Road exit of I-24, about 20 miles southeast of downtown Nashville. Some years ago, a Sam Davis Camp member and Real Son, Robert Herbert, whose father also rode with Coleman’s Scouts, installed an appropriate marker at the grave.

Source:
Tennessee Division, SCV

“For Now He Lives in Fame, Though Not in Life.”

“Dee” Jobe and Sam Davis were cousins.
Roswell Mills Camp #1547 Commander Ross Glover, R, was appointed Honorary Vice President with the rank of Captain to the 290 Foundation.

Commander Garry Daniell, L of the Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp 1446, presents the 25 yr. member medal to Compatriot Charles Cole, R.

Gen Leonidas Polk Camp #1446 conducted their annual General Polk Memorial Service in June. It was held at his monument on Pine Mountain with an attendance of over 60. Included was a 21 gun salute by the 27th Regiment Georgia Regiment Camp 1404, Gainesville, Ga. and cannon fire provided by Jessie Baily. Guest speaker historian Michael K. Schaffer discussed the life and achievements of General Leonidas Polk. A special presentation by Compatriot Martin O'Toole to Mr. Fred Bentley, Sr. who owns the property the monument where Gen. Leonidas Polk resides. CW: 1; 2; 3; 4.


Lest we forget.
I'm Not Growing Old

They say that I am growing old.
I've heard them tell it times untold,
In language plain and bold--
But I'M NOT growing old.
This frail old shell in which I dwell
Is growing old, I know full well--
But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning grey?
Grey hairs are honorable, they say.

What if my eyesight's growing dim?
To lengthen out his life's short span

Another house not made by hand,
But I'm NOT growing old.

What though I falter in my walk?
Another house not built by hand,

They say that I am growing old.

What should I care if Time's old

The outward man
Is growing stronger every day.

As everything in nature must.

The inward man, the Scriptures say,
Is growing stronger every day.

Then how can I be growing old
When safe within my Saviour's fold?

Ere long my soul shall fly away,
And leave this tenement of clay.

This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize"
I'll meet you on the Streets of Gold
And PROVE that I'm not growing old.

--Clyde Brigner

Lessons Learned
Cemetery Flag Theft

★ TEXAS ★

Every April Sul Ross Camp #1457 of Bryan flags 161 Confederate graves in the Bryan City Cemetery. This year someone stole 160 of the flags on 21 April. As Camp Commander, I filed a police report and indicated that we believed we could identify the party(s) responsible. After some investigation, Bryan PD said that unless we could positively identify the flags as ours with some sort of unique identifier, they could not proceed with a criminal prosecution. Our flags are the generic Ruffin Flag Co. product and as such are not uniquely marked.

The result of this is that before we flag next year, we will mark our flags with a stamp and/or paint pen mark on both the cloth and staff so that if a theft occurs again, we will be able to identify any flags recovered as ours and then a criminal case can be made. Also the local PD said that if they are notified of the flagging next year, they would assist us by increasing patrols in the cemetery and putting up game cams for surveillance during April while the flags are up.

The lesson is that if we want to make criminal cases for desecration of graves, criminal mischief, or theft of grave objects such as flags we need to have unique identifiers on them to show ownership. Also ask your local PD for assistance in protecting grave flags during the flagging period.

Bill Boyd
TX Div. Chief of Staff
Sons of Confederate Veterans

CORRECTION to front page story, May/June, 2016 issue.
To The Editor:

Fraternal Greetings,

I read, with interest, the front page article of the May/June, 2016, Vol. II Issue 6 edition of “The Georgia Confederate.” Captain Henderson was my Great-Great-Great-Grandfather on my Grandmother Pearl Henderson Goodman’s side of the family.

There are several discrepancies that need to be addressed. First is that his name was John (Jackson Henderson). He was shot in the face at the battle of Fredericksburg (13 December, 1862), not at Petersburg, and was back on active duty by the time of Gettysburg. He was captured at the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse on May 12th, 1864, and sent to Point Lookout, Maryland, then to Ft. Delaware on 23 June, 1864. While at Ft. Delaware, he was selected for “special treatment”, and sent first to Morris Island, S.C., then to Ft. Pulaski, Ga., then up to Hilton Head, S.C. He and the survivors (who became known as the “Immortal Six Hundred”) were returned to Ft. Delaware on 12 March, 1865. But because he refused to sign a loyalty oath, Captain Henderson was not released from prison until 16 June, 1865, nearly three months after Lee’s surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. Other than the above, this article was spot on.

I am humbled, yet proud, that this man’s blood courses through my veins, and every Confederate Memorial Day, I go up to Sycamore and place a fresh Confederate Battle Flag on his grave and salute him. I would that we modern Southerners loved our land as thoroughly as this wonderful Son of the South. Deo Vindice!

Matthew St. Clair
Camp #693
P.O. Box 61
Poulan, GA 31781

My apologies to the memory of a true patriot. Thank you for sending this information to correct the record. I will not willingly or knowingly print incorrect information. ~ Editor

Hollywood Cemetery

The first memorial in Richmond, Virginia to the Confederate soldiers, this 90 foot granite pyramid was completed in 1869. Although it cost over twenty-five thousand dollars to erect, the pyramid was constructed without mortar, making the construction very dangerous. The crane was not tall enough to put the capstone into place so volunteers were requested to climb the pyramid and manually guide the capstone into place. Not surprisingly, no one responded. Eventually, a sailor, who was serving time in the state penitentiary (located fairly close to the cemetery), volunteered. For accomplishing the feat without being killed, officials granted the sailor his freedom.

Source: USACivilWar.com

HOLLYWOOD CEMETERY; RICHMOND, VA
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**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 $35.00 which includes a $10.00 recording fee, local and state dues are additional. Go to www.scv.org/camplocator.php to find a local Camp. Submit your application directly to the local Camp you wish to join or to: SCV, P.O. Box 39, Columbia TN 38402-0039. 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 simple genealogy family tree listing the applicant to the Confederate Soldier. If accepted, I 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)

My Lineal Confederate Ancestor was a __________________________ in Company __________________________

Collateral Confederate Ancestor was __________________________ in Company __________________________

I hereby certify that my knowledge of this ancestor is __________________________

My Confederate Ancestor was: _______ Pardoned _______Dismissed _______ Released on Oath _______ Discharged _______ Killed _______ or Died _______

On __________________________ and is buried in County __________________________ State __________________________ Name of Cemetery __________________________

Full Name of Confederate Soldier (Print Clearly)

City/County (Print Clearly) __________________________ State __________________________

Complete Name of Regiment or Unit (Print Clearly)

City/County (Print Clearly) __________________________ State __________________________

Current Member/Name (Print)

Report on Application

This application has been examined, and the information herein the camp committee has been able to procure is approved.

SIGNATURE - Camp Committee on Application __________________________

SIGNATURE - Camp Committee on Application __________________________

Date approved for Membership by Camp __________________________

Date received at GHQ __________________________

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**Odd Ends**

A reader who has kept a copy since we first published it in April, 1970, has suggested that “lost we forget!” the following be published again:

In May of 1919 at Dusseldorf, Germany, the Allied Forces obtained a copy of the Communist Rules for Revolution. Fifty years later the Reds are still following these rules.

A. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion, get them interested in sex, make them superstitious, destroy their ruggedness.

B. Get control of all means of publicity thereby:

1. Get the people’s minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.

2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

3. Destroy the people’s faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy.

4. Always preach true democracy: but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.

5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

6. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster tenant and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.

7. By Sperios’ argument, cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, confidence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

8. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view toward confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.
The first two photos are members of our camp at Shady Grove Methodist Church Cemetery in Lumpkin County honoring Confederate Memorial Day. Our camp Lieutenant Commander Ralph Mills can be seen to the left of the Honor Guard. The second photo is camp members Chad White and Adjutant Mike Couch folding the flag, while Raymond Loggins (portraying General Robert E Lee) and Lieutenant Commander Ralph Mills stand ready. (Assisted Dahlonega Camp 1860 The Blue Ridge Rifles)

The middle three photos are members of our camp at Forsyth Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery in Alpharetta honoring Confederate Memorial Day. The third photo shows members of our camp honoring this Confederate Soldier with the canteen detail. Compatriots Left to Right Jerry Bryan, Kade Martin, Brett Martin and Steve Pitts. (Assisted Col. Hiram Parks Bell Camp #1642)

The next three photos are members of our camp at the Old Clarkesville Cemetery in Habersham County participating in a Headstone and Cross of Honor dedication. We honored 2nd Lieutenant Frederick E. Durbee. Lieutenant Durbee was a photographer and took some of the first photographs of the War Between the States. He later joined the 25th South Carolina Infantry, Company E. The first photo shows our Lieutenant Commander Ralph Mills giving the order to present arms. Second photo is Chad White and Adjutant Mike Couch folding the flag, while Lieutenant Commander Ralph Mills stands ready. The third photo shows Lieutenant Commander Ralph Mills presenting the flag to descendants of Lieutenant Frederick Durbee. (Assisted Habersham Guard Camp #716)

27th Georgia Regiment Camp #1404, Gainesville, Georgia; by Chad White
A POSTHUMOUS DATE WITH THAT HIDEOUS YANKEE ALBATROSS KNOWN AS ‘RECONSTRUCTION’

By Hu Daughtry

A PROLOGUE

Noah Webster was a New England Yankee; however, since he compiled / constructed “The Dictionary,” even folks down south chose to name their sons after him. Quite succinctly, he was a shining symbol of literacy in an Antebellum America which was inundated with illiteracy. But since God predestined him to live and die prior to That Unsuccessful Struggle for Southern Independence (he lived from 1758 until 1843), his role as a lexicographer (one who compiles or writes dictionaries) expired upon his death, in 1843.

Hence, according to the numbers, the sands in his earthy hourglass ran out more than a score of years before Those Once-Indomitable Gray Armies of Lee and Johnston were compelled to capitulate to the numerically-superior forces of the north. Therefore, Webster’s initial definition of RECONSTRUCTION failed to include those approximately twelve years of purgatory and perdition which our Confederate Ancestors were forced to endure. The primary objectives of this informal discourse are to introduce you to this dark and abysmal period in our nation’s history and cite / reference a few of the many examples of precisely how some of our Georgia denizens were compelled to endure. After all, RECONSTRUCTION was all about punishing those who had once comprised The Confederate States of America; as a matter of fact, it has been written that the RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM which Congress so rudely forced upon our Beloved Southland was, for the most part, “vengeful, punitive, and humiliating……”

THE SABLE MASSACRE AT DOCTOR TOWN

According to a very concise article in an archaic Savannah Newspaper, Henry Grantham, an aged white man, went to meet his Maker on Christmas Eve Night of 1865. Of course, by the night of his earthly passing, That Confederate War had been officially over for approximately eight months. Quite laconically, Mister Grantham vacated the terms and conditions of his natural life in a very unnatural way; early Post Bellum journalism informs all who happen to read this article that he was murdered by a Black Yankee in Blue. Moreover, three more of the men in this outfit were also criminally charged by The Federal War Department. Despite weeks of
afford the slave labor required to do the work. Therefore, as common sense surely dictates, he, his sons, and probably his wife and daughters perform all of the labor which is necessary to keep their farmstead afloat and financially solvent.

When That War For Southern Independence commenced during the spring of 1861, Thomas Grantham was approaching sixty years of age. Consequently, he had observed too many birthdays to be a viable candidate for the rigors and hardships associated with military service. Nonetheless, three of his eldest sons eagerly and nobly answered The Call of Their New Nation: The Confederate States of America. All were Confederate foot soldiers and served in Company A of The 29th Georgia Infantry Regiment. Accessible records stipulate that James and Henry survived the hostilities, but William did not. He succumbed to the sinister pathogens of disease during the second summer of The War; more than likely, his cause of death was Typhoid Fever.

At this point in our narrative, it is well worth mentioning that all three of the sons of Thomas Grantham voluntarily enlisted in The Confederate Infantry in September of 1861; thus, all were True, Pure, Southern Patriots – who “joined up” more than seven months before conscription / the draft was invoked by The Confederate War Department.

So, it appears that Thomas Grantham not only gave up one of his sons for that magnanimous, but unsuccessful cause of Southern Independence, he was also forced, in a belated / perverted kind of way, to give up his own life..... more than eight months after The Once-Indomitable Gray Armies had been compelled to acquiesce to the numerically-superior forces of The North.

Returning to that hideous, nocturnal / yuletide crime which took place on December 24th, 1865, we are able to learn that there was more violence inflicted upon The Grantham family of Doctortown, Georgia. It seems that the four assailants of Company K of The 103rd Regiment of United States Colored Troops had attacked and harmed other members of The Grantham family; in addition to fatally shooting poor, defenseless Mister Grantham in the heart, they had stopped even lower by attacking Mrs. Grantham with their bayonets. As she rushed out to the porch to assist her injured husband (who died the instant the Yankee musket ball invaded his cardiac muscle), the dastardly former slaves mutilated the right side of her face with bayonets. According to the newspaper account, she was assaulted in the face, head and neck. Her eldest daughter, who attempted to assist her mother, was also bayonetted in the head and at least one of her fingers was practically “chopped off.” Unsurprisingly, once the soldiers had finished slicing and dicing Mrs. Grantham, she was in a state of insensibility. As a result, they then dragged her inside her house, down the hallway and cast her beneath a bed in what has been described as an anteroom. She lay there until she somehow came to her senses. A neighbor, a Mrs. McCollum, was also in the domicile at the time; as soon as she could, she ran out the back door into a field and screamed for help and assistance. Soon, alarmed friends and neighbors were on the scene. The final statement in the article explains that The Grantham household was located on the river, about three miles below Doctortown.

According to official records, The 103rd Regiment of United States Colored Troops (Infantry) was formed at Hilton Head, South Carolina on March 10th, 1865. Therefore, it is relatively simplistic to ascertain that they never found themselves in a combat situation. Most, if not all of the enlisted men were former / runaway slaves from Georgia and The Carolinas. This tells us that all were illiterate and were primarily farm / plantation laborers. All of the commissioned officers were white and hailed from New York. Most of the white officers had previous combat experience with The 127th New York Infantry Regiment.

Following the end of the war, available records suggest that the ten companies of men which comprised The 103rd Regiment of USCT were scattered / stationed in various points of Southern Georgia. Four companies occupied Thomasville, one company each was quartered in Brunswick and Darien. Company K was in Doctortown, another was located at Valdosta, one was at Homerville, and the last was at a place referred as "Dustman," which was located some 28 miles from Thomasville. Thomasville and Doctortown represented the two working ends of The Atlantic and Gulf Railroad. Most of this info was excerpted from a letter from Lieutenan Colonel Bogert to his parents, who were home in New York.....

The military records of Thomas Smiley, who was one of the alleged perpetrators in this case, mention that he was 22 years of age when he enlisted in The Union Army. Smiley was a native of Summerville, South Carolina and became a Federal Foot Soldier at Hilton Head, South Carolina. Although this cannot be known for sure, there is a distinct possibility that he had absconded from The Smiley Plantation, located in The Colleton District of South Carolina.

On December 28th, 1865, he was arrested and confined at Thomasville, Georgia. A month or so later, he was sent to Savannah, where he was held in captivity for General Court Martial. His army service records stipulate that he was held in confinement in Savannah, Georgia until April 19th, 1866; at this time, he was officially mustered out of The Union Army. Therefore, I have no choice but to believe that no trial / military tribunal was ever held; furthermore, Private Thomas Smiley, former South Carolina bond servant, was simply discharged from Company K of...
the 103rd Infantry Regiment of The United States Colored Troops – a little more than a year after Lee had surrendered.

Private Jack Lawton, probably a former slave of Alexander J. Lawton of Lawtonville, South Carolina. Quite succinctly, Old Alexander was an opulent, Palmetto, Low Country Planter whose holdings were located in what was then Beaufort County; during The Post-Bellum years, these lands became part of the newly-created county of Hampton (the namesake of General Wade Hampton, of course). In 1860, Alexander Lawton possessed slaves valued at approximately 70,000 dollars and land worth an estimated 20,000 dollars. At this point, it is somewhat historically scintillating to declare that General Alexander R. Lawton, who once headed up The famed Lawton Gordon Evans Brigade of The Army of Northern Virginia, was a son of Alexander J. Lawton. General Lawton, who was a West Point Graduate, as well as an alumnus of Harvard Law School, was gravely wounded at Sharpsburg and subsequently assumed the duties of the second quartermaster general of The Confederacy.

Nonetheless, in any event, nineteen year old Jack Lawton, who stood but five feet, four inches in height, invariably played a role in the slaying / assaulting of The Grantham family. Not unlike his partners in crime, he was also imprisoned from December 28th, 1865 until April 19th, 1866. Similarly, he also walked away from Fort Pulaski upon his discharge from The Federal Army. As with the others, he seems to have faded away into the pages of history – following his release from The Army…

A viable explanation for the discharge of these four, tainted soldiers is such that no trial / court-martial proceedings were ever held. It appears that their commanding officer, Lieutenant J. Addison Corwin, “took all of the heat for The Doctortown Massacre….”

First Lieutenant J. Addison Corwin was a native New Yorker; although he enlisted as a private, he was soon elevated in rank to sergeant. As a non-commissioned officer in The 127th New York Infantry Regiment, he hailed from Suffolk, New York.

A quick study of the regimental history of this New York unit reveals that the soldiers in this outfit were not involved in any significant combat until they were ordered to The South Carolina coast and soon became active participants in the fighting in and around Morris Island. It is interesting to note that they were initially ordered out of their home state to The Washington D. C. vicinity. For the most part, they were utilized to guard The U. S. capital city from The Gray-clad warriors of General Robert E. Lee….

In March of 1865, James Addison Corwin was offered a lieutenantship with Company K of The 103rd Regiment of United States Colored Troops. The Court Martial Proceedings probably obliterated any favorable memories which he may have possessed relative to “Black Yankees In Blue….”

Returning to Harriet Spell Grantham, history tells us that, in a Biblical sense, “she lived to be old and full of days.” The Messenger of Death came for her during the opening days of the annum of 1899. According to the numbers, she was in her 92nd year in The Temporal Land of Morbidity, Mortality, and Sin.

She outrived The Doctortown Massacre by more than 33 years. Although there are no pictures to view, there is little doubt that her face was grossly disfigured for the final three decades of her natural life. Available census gatherings indicate that her children took care of her in the years following the senseless death of her beloved husband.

As God was in full control in 1865, just as He is today, I am thoroughly convinced that at the time of this writing, Justice has definitely been served: In her Heavenly Home, Harriet bears no scars or disfigurations and has been reunited with her husband and
Haralson Invincibles Camp 673 report

We are at war with forces trying harder every day to destroy Confederate History and Heritage. Our Ancestors’ good name is constantly under attack.

Camp 673 welcomes yet another new Compatriot into our family, David Rush!

Our camp has now surpassed all previous membership totals and has set a new record. Since 2014, when our Camp had only 14 members, we have more than tripled our membership rolls and continue to expand our reach and recruit new members.

Our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/haralsoninvincibles) now exceeds 2,000 followers. One of our posts has been seen over 10,000 times. One pro Confederate video we posted currently has 414,400 views, 14,540 shares and 1,504 likes.

At the Georgia Division Reunion in Conyers, there was a leaflet placed at each delegates chair outlining some controversial and unsubstantiated claims. Our Camp membership is curious as to why the individual or individuals responsible for this leaflet didn’t choose to take their concerns through proper channels instead of resorting to this method.

From the National Reunion in Dallas Texas, our 2nd Lt Commander Nathan Forrister received a Commendation Medal for his dedicated efforts on our Confederate Monument, fundraising, cemetery Clean-up and other important projects. Associate member Jerry Segal received a “Heritage Preservation Award” for his tireless efforts in promotion of the Haralson Invincibles Camp 673, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, sharing information about our Confederate heritage and history with the public, and working on numerous other issues. This makes his 2nd time receiving this award. With these Awards, our Camp raises it’s total of members receiving high recognition from National Headquarters to 7.

Camp 673 is thankful to include such fine inspiring Compatriots in our ranks.

We marched in the Tallapoosa’s 4th of July Parade and will be participating in numerous up-coming events from now through the fall. We are scheduled to provide a Living History in mid-August. Our group is constantly on the move. We Live the Charge for our Confederate Ancestors, the SCV and our Camp. Come on out and see why we continue to grow!

Respectfully submitted
Billy Bearden, Commander
Haralson Invincibles Camp 673

William A. Wright:


Our country demands all our strength, all our energies.

To resist the powerful combination now forming against us will require every man at his place.

If victorious, we will have everything to hope for in the future.

If defeated, nothing will be left for us to live for.”

~ Robert E. Lee

Editor’s Report

When I joined the SCV in the summer of 2002, one of the first things I learned about the SCV was the Charge. I adopted and subscribed to those words wholeheartedly. Even the part about what was “your duty”, which I took to mean “my” duty. To me, then and now, the purpose of this organization is not to gain members, retain members, or promote the size of this organization. I am here to honour my ancestors and what they stood for, what they fought for, and what they knew was right in the sight of God. It’s about them, not me, not us.

PURPOSE: To report any and all news, events, projects, accomplishments, and programs of the Division and its Camps. The Georgia Confederate is not an “op-ed” newspaper. In addition to letting members know what is happening in their Division, historical and educational articles are very important.

The Georgia Confederate exists to maintain the proper dignity, honour, and respect for those who served the Confederate States of America in our Country’s hour of great need and peril. We are charged to present the truth, take our stand in Dixie land, and “demonstrate Georgia.”

If we say we believe in “The Charge” [no matter which version you support], it should be our main focus, our priority, our mission, our duty to live that Charge.

This organization has been around for 120 years. I will not be a part of destroying it. We each are responsible for our own behavior.

This is my policy.

~ al perry, Editor
Minutes of the Inferior Court of White County, GA, August Term 1861.

Wednesday, August 7th 1861: “Ordered by the Court that the White (County) Marksmen the use of any part of the courthouse that they may choose for the establishment of a military camp for the purpose of drill.”


Both Co. C, “White County Marksmen”, 24th Regiment Confederate Volunteer Infantry and Co. B, “Cleveland Volunteers”, 52nd Regiment Confederate Volunteer Infantry utilized the White County Courthouse and the square surrounding as Muster Grounds and Training Area in 1861 and 1862. (The town of Cleveland was not chartered until 1870. The community was known as Mount Yonah, GA.)

Co. C, 24th began its muster at Denton Springs about May 1861 and soon moved to Mount Yonah where they trained for about 3 months. Officers were elected in July 1861 and the name “White County Marksmen” was selected. Its first duty was in September 1861. The 24th Infantry Regiment was assigned to coastal defense in North Carolina and joined the Army of Northern Virginia in April 1862 under General James Longstreet’s command. In 1864, it took part in the last engagement of Clover Hill. The reduced regiment surrendered at Appomattox Court House on April 9, 1865.

Co. B, 52nd Regiment began mustering at Loudsville, White County GA about March 1862 and moved to Mount Yonah because of its central location and shelter in the courthouse during inclement weather. The company remained at Mount Yonah during the months of March and April; then joined a company from Lumpkin County at Mossy Creek. They were activated on May 15, 1862. The company took the name “Cleveland Volunteers” in honor of General Benjamin Cleveland. The Regiment served in the Vicksburg Campaign and siege where it was surrendered on July 4, 1863. Reorganized, it served in the Battle of Missionary Ridge, the Atlanta Campaign and the Nashville Campaign. The reduced 52nd surrendered at Greensboro, NC on April 26, 1865. A detachment was surrendered at Corinth, MS at a later date.

Co. K, Dixie Rangers mustered into Company D, Infantry Battalion, Smith’s Legion, Georgia Volunteers at Loudsville, GA in May 1862. In March 1863 Co. D became Co. C, 65th GA Volunteer Infantry Regiment. Smith’s Legion consisted of six companies of Infantry, and six squadrons of Cavalry. Both a company of Infantry and a Squadron of Cavalry were raised partially in Union County.

The 11th GA Cavalry Regiment mustered at Mossy Creek in 1864.

During the course of the war, most of the able bodied men were far from home. During 1864–1865 wagon loads of corn had to be brought from Athens into White County in order to avert starvation of many less fortunate families.

White County Historical Society 2016

Plaque provided by patriotic citizens and members of Sons of Confederate Veterans
Maj. Philemon Tracy was born in Macon 180 years ago on Monday – June 27, 1831 – when the city was in its infancy.

His father, Edward Door Tracy, was one of Macon’s leading citizens, serving as its second mayor from 1826-28. He also was a state legislator and judge. He offered a toast to Marquis de Lafayette during the renowned French general’s visit to Macon in 1825.

His brother, Gen. Edward Door Tracy Jr., was one of Macon’s most acclaimed Civil War officers. There is a state historical marker in Rose Hill Cemetery in his honor. He joined the Confederate Army at the start of the war in April 1861. He died leading a brigade of soldiers from Georgia and Alabama into battle at Port Gibson, Miss., in May 1863.

His sister Anne Clark Tracy married a wealthy banker and railroad man named William Butler Johnston. They had an extended honeymoon in Europe, then came back to Macon and built an amazing Italian Renaissance Revival mansion. It is sometimes called the “Palace of the South.” We know it as the Hay House.

Philemon Tracy is not as well-known as his famous father, sister and brother. But he can claim his own footnote in a city already rich in Civil War history. I feel a certain kinship with him. After all, he once served as editor of the Macon Telegraph.

But there is more to his fascinating story.

He was a major in the 6th Georgia Infantry and died in the Battle of Antietam on Sept. 17, 1862. Antietam, also known as the Battle of Sharpsburg, was the first major battle to take place on Northern soil (Maryland) and a turning point in the war.

It was the bloodiest one-day battle in American military history. More than 23,000 soldiers were either killed or wounded.

But instead of being buried with the rest of his family at Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon, Tracy’s final resting place was Batavia, N.Y., close to the shores of both Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.

Local historians in Batavia have long claimed Tracy holds the distinction of being buried farther north of the Mason-Dixon line than any Confederate soldier killed during the war. He is also believed to be the only Confederate officer moved from a battlefield and buried on Northern soil.

For 128 years, his military service was never acknowledged on his headstone at the Bavaria Cemetery on Harper Avenue. His grave carried only his name, the date of his death and his age at 31 years and three months. No mention that he was a Rebel with a cause, and a thousand miles from home.

Through the efforts of veterans groups and historians, a marker was placed at the grave site in 1990. More than 200 people attended the ceremony, and a Civil War re-enactment group played taps.

Every Memorial Day, a small, Confederate flag is placed between the marker and headstone. Yes, Philemon Tracy has become part of local lore in this town of about 15,000 in western New York.

In this sesquicentennial year, Tracy’s story is particularly interesting to me. I first learned about it from Jim Schmitt, who lives in Batavia. He introduced himself to me at the Cherry Blossom Festival a few years ago. I saw him again this past spring at the arts and crafts festival. His daughter, Gretchen Suk, lives in Macon with her husband and two children. Joe Suk, her husband, is a former hockey player with the Macon Whoopee.

As a young man, Tracy would often visit his uncle in Batavia during the summer to escape the oppressive Macon heat. (Sound familiar?) His uncle, Judge Phineus Tracy, was a prominent attorney in Batavia who later served in Congress.

Philemon went to Yale to study law, where he made friends who later would become his enemies on the battlefield. (Author Jacquelyn Cook’s 2008 historical novel, “Sunrise,” on the life of Anne Tracy Johnston, was based partly on the letters brother Philemon wrote to his family studying at Yale and during the war.)

He was a rather controversial editor of The Telegraph in the mid-1850s, before joining a local law firm. In 1959, he was elected to the state Senate. His wife, Carrie, and their baby died before the war began.

His age and his failing eyesight could have exempted him from military service. In the spring of 1862, he was wounded in the Battle of Seven Pines or Fair Oaks in Virginia. He was shot in the face, and a bullet also struck him in the leg between his knee and hip.

He was furloughed until September, when Gen. Robert E. Lee crossed the Potomac River into Maryland with 35,000 weary troops to fight against Gen. George McClellan’s rested and ready 70,000 Union soldiers.

Tracy was reportedly one of the first casualties at Antietam that morning. He died when a bullet struck him in the thigh and severed an artery. He was buried on the battlefield after Lee’s troops retreated.

When word of his nephew’s death reached Phineus Tracy, an emissary was sent to Sharpsburg to exhume the body and return it to Batavia to be buried in the family plot near the front of the cemetery. The body had to be secretly returned under the guise of a Union officer. Until two decades ago, the headstone made no mention of Tracy’s wartime allegiance.

There are about 90 Civil War soldiers buried in the Batavia Cemetery, but few more interesting than the life and death of Maj. Philemon Tracy.

His story needs to be shared with those who never knew it and re-told to those who do. —

FREEDOM OF CHOICE
By: Major W. Ian Thomas

Never allow anyone to deceive you into believing that God has placed an arbitrary limitation upon the efficacy of the blood of Christ, or that there are those who cannot repent, even if they would, simply because God has deliberately placed them outside the scope of His redemptive purpose! This blasphemes the grace, the love and the integrity of God, and makes Him morally responsible for the unbelief of the unbeliever, for the impenitence of the impenitent, and saddles Him squarely with the guilt of the guilty - as an aider and abettor of their sin.

Such is not the teaching of the Bible, for the Lord Jesus Christ made it abundantly clear that the reluctance is on man's part, not on God's!

Without freedom of choice it is equally impossible to obey or to disobey - to be commended for the one or to be condemned for the other!

The revelation that God has given to us by His Holy Spirit through the apostles is delightfully clear: “if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world” (1 John 2:2);

"Who gave himself a ransom for all" (1 Timothy 2:6); "... that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man" (Hebrews 2:9).

From:
The Mystery of Godliness.
By W. Ian Thomas
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.cherokeeligion.org Contact phone: 678-395-8031

Colonel Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642, Cumming, GA
Meetings are held, rain or shine, on the fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are held at the Bell Research Center, 101 School St inside the Gilmer House. They look forward to working with the newly elected Division Officers.
Contact: Commander Corbitt Kelly
Follow us on Facebook @SCVCamp690

3rd BRIGADE REPORT

The 3rd Brigade consists of camps in Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Franklin, Greene, Hart, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Putnam, Stephens, Taliaferro, Walton, and Wilkes Counties.

Jackson County Volunteers, Camp 94, Jefferson, GA
Camp meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Beef O’Brady’s located at 1679 Old Pendergrass Rd, Jefferson, GA 30549.
Follow us on Facebook @SCVCamp94

Brig. Gen. T.R.R. Cobb, Camp 97, Athens, GA
The Cobb camp meets the first Thursday of every month (except July and December) at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center of the Oconee Veterans Park located at 3500 Hog Mountain Rd, Watkinsville, GA 30677.
Follow us on Facebook @SCVCamp97AthensGeorgia and Twitter @SCV97TRRCOBB
Contact: adjutantcamp97@gmail.com Camp website: scvathenscamp.org

Capt Charles W. Baldwin, Camp 105, Madison, GA
- The camp meets every even month at 7:30 pm at the NBC Realty Offices located Camp meets at 1291 Eatonton Rd, Madison, GA 30650.
Contact: Commander Richard Simpson rysimpson@yahoo.com

W.F. Jenkins, Camp 690, Eatonton, GA
The Jenkins camp meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm for dinner followed by their meeting at 7:00 pm at the Bledsoe-Greene House located at 105 W. Sumter St., Eatonton 31024.
Follow us on Facebook @W.F.Jenkins.SCV.Camp690 Contact: Commander Corbitt Kelly jcorbittkelly@gmail.com Adjutant Larry Manley larrygm921@gmail.com

Lt. Dickson L. Baker, Camp 926, Hartwell, GA
The Baker camp meets the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the UDC Clubhouse in Hartwell across from the McDonalds.
Our camp presented two H.L. Hunley Awards during May. The first was presented by Commander Jud Barton along with Compatriots Robert Williams and Allen Cartledge to Elbert County High School JROTC Cadet Colby Thomas. Commander Barton also awarded Hart County High School JROTC Cadet Victoria (Tori) Drake.
- On July 16, 2016, the Baker camp held a Memorial Service for Pvt. George Washington McMullan of the 37th Georgia Infantry.
Commander Barton along with Compatriots Jeff and John Chapman attended the 119th GA Division Reunion representing the Baker camp delegation. They look forward to working with the newly elected Division Officers.

The Baker camp welcomes transfer Compatriot Phillip Scott Crowe of Royston and new member Compatriot James Lee Wages of Hartwell.
Our camp would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Browder family with the loss of Compatriot Jesse Neal Browder. Compatriot Browder was a member of the SCV for 16 years.

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

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and will be greatly missed. He was very proud of his Confederate Heritage and loved honoring his ancestors through the SCV.

Contact: Commander Jud Barton judstaxidermy@harrcom.net

Currahee Rangers, Camp 935, Toccoa, GA -
The Currahee Rangers meet the third Monday of every month for dinner at 6:30 pm followed by their meeting at 7:00 pm at Quincy’s located at 605 Big A Rd, Toccoa, GA 30577.

Greene Rifles, Camp 942, Greensboro, GA -
The Greene Rifles meet the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm for dinner followed by their meeting at 7:00 pm at the Yesterday Café located at 114 N. Main St, Greensboro, GA 30642.

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Tommy McCullers, 3rd Brigade Commander
Georgia Division

5th BRIGADE REPORT

The 5th Brigade was represented by three out of our seven Camps at the 2016 Georgia Division reunion. We had 15 delegates total. As Brigade Commander, I want to thank all of my Camps for all of the work they put have done during our 2015-2016 year, and I am looking forward to this next year!

One of the fun things I get to do as my job as Brigade Commander is getting to award outstanding members of our area with Certificates of Appreciation. Before the reunion, I emailed out and asked my Camps for nominations for Brigade level awards. I did get a few nominations, so here we go...

So far, I have presented two awards to deserving Compatriots. One went to Mike Sorrell of the Ogeechee Rifles Camp. Mike was very active and vocal in the Bulloch County Commissioner meetings last summer when certain members of the Statesboro community petitioned to have our Confederate monument removed. As I was presenting the award to Mike, I told him that I felt that I should really be awarding it to his entire family. His son and daughter - Ian and Shannon - were also very active in the community last summer and helped to organize a flag rally in Statesboro. Mike’s wife, Sandra, has also been very active in our Camp since I have been a member. Again, my thank you to Mike and his family. As I told him, I thanked him on a personal level since one of my personal Confederate ancestors left his home in Bulloch County to join the 9th Georgia Infantry when the call came out in 1861. As I said, “to me, the monument represents not just those that didn’t make it home, but all Confederates from Bulloch County.”

On that same night (July 21st), I also awarded Ogeechee Rifle member Jason Cone a Certificate of Appreciation. Jason placed numerous flags throughout Bulloch County during the month of April. Almost daily he was providing Facebook updates with yet another cemetery that he had found. He is planning to write a book about the Confederate graves in Bulloch County. For his work and dedication in placing hundreds of flags on his own during the month of April, I thank you!

I still have a couple of awards to hand out, so I’ll provide updates on those next time!

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 supper 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

6th BRIGADE REPORT

Thank you, Compatriots, for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Brigade Commander. I have already visited three Sixth Brigade Camps, and plan to meet with the others soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas you would like to share, please contact me. If I do not answer my phone, please leave a voicemail. Bob Whitaker (912) 585-7391 bobwhitaker22@yahoo.com

Francis Bartow Camp 93 Savannah, GA

Meets the 3rd Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Barnes Restaurant on Waters Ave.
Cmdr. Joe Dawson joe.dawson1@att.net
Adj. Howard Williams howandbev@windstream.net

Tattnall Invincibles Camp 154 Reidsville, GA

Meets 4th Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Alexander Hotel
Cmdr. Tommy Wallace tommy280@windstream.net
Adj. Dale Saylor tattnallinvincibles@gmail.com

Appling Grays 918 Baxley, GA

Meets 4th Monday 7:00 p.m. B&K Restaurant
Cmdr. Herman Williams hrwill9@windstream.net
Adj. Bill Bowers bbowers@atc.com

Gen. Robert Toombs 932 Vidalia, GA

Meets 1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m. at Powell’s Corner in Higgston
Cmdr. George King kkinggeorgee@yahoo.com
Adj. Bob Whitaker bobwhitaker22@yahoo.com

McLeod-Moring Camp 1386 Swainsboro, GA
Meets 3rd Tuesday 7:00 p.m. New China

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Cmdr. Danny Greenway  dggreenway@ncvt.com
Adj. Nick Kraus  nkraus@pineland.net

Savannah Militia Camp 1657  Pooler, GA
Meets 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Western Sizzling
Cmdr. Don Newman  donnnewman0601@comcast.net
Adj. Jack Wray  jewray64@yahoo.com

Ebenezer Rifles Camp 1901  Rincon, GA
Meets 3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m. Ephesus Church, 226 Goshen Rd.
Cmdr. Steve Thomas  stevetom4824@gmail.com
Adj. Charlie Watson  dwir2@hotmail.com

Gen. Richard Anderson Camp 1919  Hinesville, GA
Meets 3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m. Capt. Joe’s Midway, GA
Cmdr. Jim Shurling  shurling@yahoo.com
Adj. Russ Powell  rupowell@coastalnow.net

Camp Davis Camp 2073  Springfield, GA
Meets 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Effingham Community Center
Cmdr. David Queen  johnnyrebna@yahoo.com
Adj. Jimmy Rahn  pl_jimmy@planters.net

Montgomery Sharpshooters 2164  Mt. Vernon, GA
Meets 1st Thursday 7:00 p.m. Seniors Citizens Center
Cmdr. James Keady  kejiames45@yahoo.com
Adj. Oscar Smith  sosmith96@bellsouth.net

Immortal Six Hundred Camp 2600  Richmond Hill, GA
Meets 2nd Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bryan County Community Center
Cmdr. William Hagan  moonrib@yahoo.com
Adj. Frank Grimm  frank.grimm@comcast.net

Bob Whitaker, Sixth Brigade
Live the Charge

7th BRIGADE REPORT

First, I would like to say congratulations to Compatriot Ron Clements of the Brunswick Camp, he was presented the Brigade Commanders Award at the June meeting for his hard work and dedication to the Georgia Division. Also, Compatriots Jack Matthews of Valdosta, Jerry Watkins of Nahunta, and William Harden of Folkston all received a Certificate of Appreciation for their services to the SCV. Also, I would like to welcome Ron Colson as the new Commander of the Col. Edmond N. Atkinson #680 and thank Past Commander Jack Mathews for his years of service to the camp. With that said, our camps are still meeting on a regular basis and would like for you to come and visit, just call before you travel to make sure the meeting is still on, as planned. Here is a list of the Regular Meeting times and places.

Clement A. Evans Camp 64
Regular Meetings held 3rd Monday of odd months at 6 pm at Jerry Js on Plant Ave. in Waycross.
Adjutant Chris Hiers

Thomas Marsh Foreman Camp 485
Monthly Meeting held every 4th Thursday of each month at Captain Joe's Restaurant located at I-95 and US 341. Eat Dutch treat at 6:00 pm meeting starts at 6:45 - 8:00.
Adjutant J.C. Carter

Col. Edmond N. Atkinson Camp 680
Meetings are held the last Monday of each month (September through May) at 7 pm at the Lowndes County Historical Society. The camp meets at the Northside Smok’n Pig during June through August.
Commander Ron Colson

McIntosh Guards Camp 1853
No meetings at this time. Commander C.M. Childree

Capt. James Knox "Seaboard Guards" Camp 2022
Meetings held 3rd Saturday of the month at Confederate soldiers’ park in Waynesville, GA in the Mumford Library @ 2 pm, Our meetings are usually informal since our active membership is low.
Adjutant Jerry Watkins

Capt. John Reddick Camp 2204
Meetings held 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm at American Legion in Folkston. Camp trying to become more active.
Commander Clark Allen

Chuck Griffin  7th Brigade Commander,
Georgia Division SCV

8th BRIGADE REPORT

The Dog Days of summer are upon us. Other than the Georgia Division Reunion, not much excitement in the 8th Brigade.

The W.D. Mitchell, Camp-163 in Thomasville with Commander Jason Harpe meets on an as needed basis at the home of Commander Harpe.

The John K. McNeill, Camp-674 in Moultrie with Commander Pete Cowart have voted to acquire the necessary materials to erect a protective barrier around the Confederate Cemetery at the Greenfield Church site. They’ve also procured the merchandise for their EXPO set up in October. The Camp’s participation in the 2016 Reunion was cut in half due to family illness and work scheduling.

Camp-674 meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Museum of Colquitt County History in Moultrie. Everyone is welcome, and refreshments are served.

The Yancy Independents, Camp-693 in Sylvester with Commander “Bo” Slack are sponsoring a book signing for Compatriot George Ray Houston. The event will be at the Worth County Sylvester Public Library on 18 April from 4:00-6:00 PM. All SCV members are invited, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Camp-693.

In other news, Commander Slack and Compatriot Silas Whitley represented Camp-693 at the 2016 Reunion. Compatriot Whitley is a new member of the Camp, and Commander Slack thought this would be a good introduction for his new member in the workings of the Division. Compatriot Whitley’s sons are prospective members for the Camp.

Camp-693 is planning to participate in the 2016 Peanut Festival Parade this year, and are in need of re-enactors. The Parade scheduled for 15 October in Sylvester will start at 10:00 AM. Anyone desiring to participate should contact Camp Commander Bo Slack at (229) 343-2345.

The Yancy Independents meet every 3rd Tuesday on the bottom floor of the Worth County Sylvester Public Library at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are served.

The Jefferson Davis Cowboys, Camp-682 with Commander Hershel Smith in Ocilla is planning to have their annual encampment at the Jeff Davis Park in conjunction with the 2016 Sweet Potato Festival in Ocilla. The annual battle re-enactment normally scheduled at this time will be rescheduled near the date of the festival but not to coincide with it. Anyone desiring to participate in this years activities should call Camp Commander Smith at (229) 425-2966.
The Cowboys still meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, but their meeting place has been changed. They are now meeting in the Fitzgerald Utilities Department Building, 103 West Central Avenue, in Fitzgerald. Everyone is welcome and refreshments are served.

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

The Wiegmann Geys, Camp-1683 in Adel, with Commander Barry Resta meets on an as needed basis at Commander Resta’s residence.

The Berrien County Minutemen, Camp-1789 in Nashville, with Commander Donald Futch meets on an as needed basis at the Masonic Lodge in Nashville.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlie Parks, Commander, 8th Brigade

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<td>Americus, Ga.</td>
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<td>Albany, Ga.</td>
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<td>Calhoun County</td>
<td>Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7PM</td>
<td>Contact Commander Aldine Owen at 229-835-2338 or <a href="mailto:owen1607@windstream.net">owen1607@windstream.net</a></td>
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<td>Gen. A. H. Colquitt “Fire Eaters” Camp #1958</td>
<td>Newton, Ga.</td>
<td>Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at 167 Baker Lane Newton, Ga. (Farm Bureau Office) … Normal meetings take place in the basement of the court house due to repairs in their meeting area in the court house they are using the Farm Bureau Office.</td>
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11th BRIGADE REPORT .................

Correction 11th Brigade
McDaniel-Curtis Camp 165. Meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Location is at the Carroll County Veterans Building. SCV Room, 1790 Striping Chapel Road. All visitors and guests are welcome and always invited to join us. Commander: Teddy Thomas, thomasas1970@yahoo.com Phone number is 770-283-0720. Adjutant: Darrell Smith, 770-834-3568, e-mail: Darrell-Smith@bellsouth.net

12th BRIGADE REPORT .............

Thank you to the 12th Brigade Camps for providing the information in this report.

Welcome to SCV and 12th Brigade:
Charles Sanger, Camp McDonald; Lance Miller, Roswell Mills; Wayne Gurley, Hardee Camp; Marc Perry, Hardee Camp; Blake Freeman, Hardee Camp; John Cooke, Hardee Camp; James Kelly, Hardee Camp; Isaac Kelly, Hardee Camp; Brett Lindsey, Hardee Camp.

Last Roll Call: Compatriots who have “crossed over the river to rest in the shade of the trees”
Joe Moore, Camp McDonald; Charles Edward Phelps, Sr., Camp McDonald; Bob Blankenship, Roswell Mills; Skipper Hoke, Roswell Mills.

Paulding County
William J. Hardee Camp #1397 - www.hardecamp1397scv.org
Commander: Wayne Willingham  wdwcvsai@aol.com
Adjutant: James Morris
Meetings: Every 4th Monday at 7:30 PM Location: New Hope Second Baptist Church at 44 Bobo Rd. Dallas, Ga. 30132, located at the corner of Dallas Acworth Highway 381 and Bobo Road in New Hope.
The Hardee Camp sent delegates to the Annual Georgia Division Reunion and supported along with all 12th Brigade Camps the cannon wheel replacement project at the Marietta Confederate Cemetery.
We held a Living History Day on the Second Baptist Church grounds and Battle of New Hope Church Monument location, Camp members Dennis Deal & Brain Copelan provided a large relic display and we talked with visitors about the Battles that took place in Paulding County, gave Infantry and Artillery firing demonstrations with a three inch Ordnance Rifle and 12 lb Howitzer during the day, Camp member Hugh Walters again had Confederate Rose plants available raising over $250.00 for the Camp in donations. There were dozens of people on the grounds all day and we signed up two new members.
Again we presented the H. L. Hunley Award, this year going to Cadet Schaffer of East Paulding High School Air Force Junior ROTC.

We maintain the Historic Second Baptist Church of New Hope built in 1886, the Battle of New Hope Church Monument and grounds, maintain the Lewis Graveyard which is the burial site of Nine Kentucky Orphan Brigade Soldiers that died at the Battle of Dallas, maintain the New Hope Battlefield Atlanta Campaign Pocket Park, Camp member Jim Shurling in charge of the Pocket Park. We keep Confederate Flags Flying at New Hope Cemetery, New Hope Pocket Park & Lewis Graveyard.

Welcome new members: Wayne Gurley, Marc Perry, Blake Freeman, John Cooke, James Kelly, Isaac Kelly & Brett Lindsey.

Cobb County
Camp McDonald # 1552 - www.campmcdonald.org
Commander Jeffrey K. Wright jkwrightcsa@yahoo.com
Adjutant David Beam beamgen@gmail.com
Meetings: Every 2nd Tuesday at 6:45 PM at Come and Get IT restaurant. Come and Get It is across from Cobb EMC on the Church St. Extension

Congratulations to Camp member David Brannan who was selected as Distinguished Confederate of the Year, for the Georgia Division during the reunion.

We are a participating camp in the cannon carriage wheel replacement at the Marietta Confederate Cemetery.

We had several members and family members participate in the Marietta July 4th parade, which we were warmly received by thousands along the parade route.

We are having work days at the Marietta Confederate Cemetery including prep work and installation of 2 pallets of sod.

We welcome new member Charles Sanger.

We mourn the passing of two members:

Companion Joe Moore

Life Member Companion Charles Edward Phelps, Sr.

Chattahoochee Guards Camp #1639
Commander: Dan Coleman - email dancoolin@yahoo.com
Meetings: Every 3rd Wednesday. Gather at 6PM for dinner and socialization meeting starts at 7PM.

Joint meeting with Robert E Lee & Kennesaw Battlefield Camps
Location: Piccadilly Cafetería 536 Cobb Pkwy SE Marietta, GA 30060

The Camp joined other Marietta based camps and participated in the Marietta 4th of July parade.

On July 9th, the members participated in a scheduled work day at our adopted cemeteries in Cobb County (Garrett and Blackwell).

General Leonidas Polk Camp #1446
Commander: Garry Daniell, 770-435-4605, g_daniell@bellsouth.net
Adjutant: George Burkett, 770-944-8536, gbetter@outlook.com
Meetings: Every 4th Thursday Gather at 6PM for dinner and socialization meeting starts at 7PM.
Location: The Piccadilly Restaurant in Marietta 536 Cobb Parkway SE, Marietta, GA 30060, phone 770-425-5589. It is located a few hundred feet south of the intersection of Cobb Parkway and the South 120 Loop

Camp 1446 participated in the Confederate Memorial Day celebration at the Marietta Confederate Cemetery where our long time member Martin O'Toole was the keynote speaker.

Camp 1446 sent delegates and supporting members to the Annual Reunion for the Georgia Division at the Georgia International Horse Park in Conyers, Ga.

We would like to congratulate the new officers that were voted into the Division, and welcome a new Brigade Commander, Rick Leake with the Roswell Mills Camp 1547.

Our Camp presented a proposal, to the tag fund, for the Confederate Memorial Cannon Wheel Project that was approved. Due to a resounding majority vote, and help from other camps in the 12th brigade, a standing monument to the Confederacy at the Marietta Confederate Cemetery will continue to be preserved.

Our compatriot Martin O’Toole gave a lecture at the Kennesaw Depot on the topic of: Georgia’s Confederate Hero’s after the War, which was well received.

Our annual General Polk Memorial Service in June was held at his monument on Pine Mountain with an attendance over 60. Included was a 21 gun salute by the 27th Regiment Georgia Regiment Camp 1404, Gainesville, Ga. and cannon fire provided by Jessie Baily. Guest speaker historian Michael K. Schaffer discussed the life and achievements of General Leonidas Polk.

Camp 1446 participated in the Marietta Independence Day Parade carrying our flags among a group of our compatriots dressed in gray firing muskets along the parade route that ran by the town square in Marietta. The show was well received by about 50,000 spectators along the route for miles. We received standing ovations and shouts to keep our flag flying as a show for Southern Independence.

The Camp’s annual picnic on July 23rd at the Lake Laurel Clubhouse in Smyrna was a success with many in attendance and plenty of food.

Our past Commander Charles Cole was awarded with the 25 year service metal for his dedication and longtime membership in our camp.

Commander: Harry Eubanks harreyca@mindspring.com
Adjutant: James Bishop bishop5@bellsouth.net
Meetings: Every 3rd Wednesday. Gather at 6PM for dinner and socialization meeting starts at 7PM.

Joint meeting with Kennesaw Battlefield & Chattahoochee Guards Camps
Location: Piccadilly Cafeteria 536 Cobb Pkwy SE Marietta, GA 30060

The Camp joined other Marietta based camps and participated in the Marietta 4th of July parade.

On July 9th, the members participated in a scheduled work day at our adopted cemeteries in Cobb County (Garrett and Blackwell).

Kennesaw Battlefield Camp #700
Adjutant: Tim Pilgrim timfpilgrim@yahoo.com
Meetings: Every 3rd Wednesday. Gather at 6PM for dinner and socialization meeting starts at 7PM.

Joint meeting with Robert E Lee and Chattahoochee Guards Camps
Location: Piccadilly Cafeteria 536 Cobb Pkwy SE Marietta, GA 30060

The Kennesaw Battlefield Camp is proud to have sponsored our youngest Comrade, Jay Dungan go to the Georgia Confederate Youth Camp during the week of June 13.

The camp joined other Marietta based camps and participated in the Marietta 4th of July parade.

On July 9th, the members participated in a scheduled work day at our adopted cemeteries in Cobb County (Garrett and Blackwell).

Fulton County
Roswell Mills Camp #1547 - www.scv1547.org
Commander: Ross Glover rossgloverjr@comcast.net
Adjutant: Jessie Pinson jpinson1952@yahoo.com
Meetings: 1st Thursday, Dinner at 6:00, Program at 7:00 PM
Location: The Harp Irish Pub at 1425 Market Blvd., Roswell

The Roswell Mills Camp invites anyone with

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interest in preserving our Southern Heritage to attend our meetings.

We would like to recognize our Commander Ross Glover who was presented by the
290 Foundation (BVI) last month as Honorary Vice President for North America.

The 290 Foundation (BVI) is your information source to American Civil War Naval History. Ross has authored books on this very interesting part of the War of Northern Aggression.

We had a beautiful ceremony on the 16th of July planned by compatriots Ray Barry and Doug Allen to re dedicate the monument to the Roswell Mill Workers, mostly women and children, that were "captured" by Sherman's troops and sent north; many never to return home.


Roswell: Cadet Parrish West; Centennial: Cadet Devin Butler; Etowah: Cadet Parker Reinhardt; North Springs: Cadet Shayan Lalainpour; Sequoyah: Cadet Michael Skarbek.

Welcome new compatriot Lance Miller.
We also wish to recognize, with Honor, the passing of two compatriots, Roland Thomas "Skipper" Hoke and Robert Vann Blankenship, who crossed the river to rest in the shade of the trees.

Respectfully Submitted
Rick Leake, 12th Brigade Commander

13th BRIGADE REPORT .................

I would like to start this report by offering my sincere thanks to the members and delegates at the 2016 Division Reunion for allowing me the Honor to serve another term as your Brigade Commander. I am indebted to Camp Commander Straut, Camp Commander Maxey, Past Camp Commander Underwood and the men of the Confederate Memorial and Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camps for their hard work in making the 119th Georgia Division Reunion a Great Success. As we roast in this hot summer heat I know several Camps are looking forward to cooler Fall days and fairs and festivals. Please keep me informed of your upcoming events. It is my goal for this next year to Re-activate the Monroe area Camp and I am looking to get a Camp started in the Loganville area.

For The Cause, Steve

LaFayette McLaws Camp 79 meets the 3rd Thursday at the Fayette County Historical Society, 195 Lee St. Fayetteville starting at 7:00

John McIntosh Kell Camp 107 meets the 1st Monday at the Panda Bear Rest. on Hwy 41 in Griffin. Dinner at 6:00 meeting at 7:00

Eli P. Landers Camp 1724 meets at the Eli Landers Church, 900 Pleasant Hill Rd. in Lilburn. Contact Brigade Commander. For more info

Gen. George 'Tig' Anderson Camp 2038 meets the last Saturday of odd number months at Adjutant Jim Leathers Pond House
jhleathers@att.net

Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne Camp 1361 meets the 3rd Thursday at Noah’s Arc Church, corner of Noah’s Arc and Carnes Rd. in Jonesboro

Col. Charles T. Zachary Rangers Camp 108 meets the 4th Monday at the Nash Farm Battlefield Museum, 100 Babs Mill Rd. Hampton starting at 7:00. Tony Pilgrim Commander rebelson1974@yahoo.com

Maj. William E. Simmons Camp 96 meets the 4th Monday at the Female Seminary, 455 Perry St. Lawrenceville, starting at 7:00. Contact Joe Bath jbath@bellsouth.net or www.scv96.org for Temporary location while Seminary is undergoing renovation.

Confederate Memorial Camp 1432 meets the 3rd Monday at the Stone Mountain Baptist Church fellowship hall, 3306 Memose Dr. Stone Mtn. beginning at 7:00. Richard Straut Comm. scvbear@bellsouth.net


Steve Camp, 13th Brigade Commander

Lt. Commander North’s Report

Compatriots,
It is an honor that you have given me the privilege to serve as your Lieutenant Commander North of the Georgia Division. I would like to thank every one of you for your support. I’m looking forward to working with the new Commander Scott Gilbert, and all the new members of the EC. The Georgia Division is under attack from all sides, I’m asking all members of the Georgia Division to work with each other. The battles are going to be many and we need to work together.

This past July I attended the National reunion in Richardson, Texas. The reunion went well even though there was some tension over the shooting of a number of police officers a few days before the reunion in Dallas, Richardson is next to Dallas. The SCV National has a new Commander-In-Chief, Tom Strain. If you ordered an SCV directory it should be out some time in late August.

I’m looking forward to the next two years as your Lt. Commander North and if I can be of any help, please contact me.

Philip Autrey
Lt. Commander North

NY City Draft Riots
The New York City draft riots (July 13–16, 1863), known at the time as Draft Week, were violent disturbances in New York City that were the culmination of working-class discontent with new laws passed by Congress that year to draft men to fight in the ongoing American Civil War. The riots remain the largest civil and racial insurrection in American history, aside from the Civil War itself.[7]

Initially intended to express anger at the draft, the protests turned into a race riot, with white rioters, mainly but not exclusively Irish immigrants,[3] attacking blacks wherever they could find them. The official death toll was listed at 119.[6] The conditions in the city were such that Major General John E. Wool, commander of the Department of the East, said on July 16 that "Martial law ought to be proclaimed, but I have not a sufficient force to enforce it."

The military did not reach the city until after the first day of rioting, when mobs had already ransacked or destroyed numerous public buildings, two Protestant churches, the homes of various abolitionists or sympathizers, many black homes, and the Colored Orphan Asylum at 44th Street and Fifth Avenue, which was burned to the ground.

Source” Wikipedia

[Racism in the North?!?!?!]
Editor
Two photos of Marietta Freedom Parade, July 4th.

Top: 2016 Reunion dais, Dallas, Texas; Bottom: L to R, Dr. Arnold Huskins, Al Perry, and Tim Pilgrim accept the 2015 – 2016 DeWitt Smith Jobe Award for the Georgia Division.


Staff, Georgia Confederates Youth Camp, 2016
L to R: Al Perry; Thomas Miller; Tara Miller; Valerie Cox; Rebekah Peacock; Tom Stevens. Not pictured; Shannon Tuten.

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Annual Griswoldville Memorial, 2015: L to R Joey Young, Earl Colvin, Wayne Dobson, Sherrie Raleigh, Tom Stevens. Don’t miss 2016 this November.
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

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

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