General Lee’s Birthday to be celebrated in Irwinville This Year on January 21st

Due to changes in policy at Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, the annual Georgia Division Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration has been moved to Jeff Davis Memorial Park in Irwinville, Georgia.

Commander Gilbert has named Commanders Parks and Arvin to make the arrangements, and all is set.

There will be a parade, a fine program, musket and artillery salutes, some refreshments, with the Executive Council meeting to follow. [See Commander Gilbert’s column for more details. Page 3]

~ AGENDA ~

ROBERT E. LEE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: 9th Brigade Commander Ken Arvin and 8th Brigade Commander Charlie Parks have been assigned the duty of heading up the 2017 Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration. There’s an old saying that goes something like this, “the best laid plans of mice and men sometimes go awry.” So, with fear in our hearts, we’ve set out to do what we can to make this year’s celebration one to remember. The basic plans are as follows:

- The parade will form up no later than 10:00 AM on Saturday, 21 January, 2017 at the Irwinville Peanut and Grain Plant. This is located at the intersection of Ga. State Road 125/32 and Jeff Davis Park Road.
- The parade will kick-off at 10:15 AM for the 1 Mile trek to the Jeff Davis Park expecting to arrive around 10:45. Commander John B. Carrol III of the Alexander H. Stephens, Camp-78 and the Honor Guard will head up the parade.
- When the parade arrives at the Park, Georgia Division Commander Scott Gilbert will take over at that point for the service.
- Following the Service, the firing team, both Infantry and Artillery, will form up by the Jeff Davis Monument to fire Salutes.
- Following the Firing of the Salutes, there will be a time of refreshments and fellowship provided by 9th Brigade Commander Ken Arvin.
- Following the refreshments, the Georgia Division EC will meet for their scheduled meeting at either the pavilion, the museum or other such facility as deemed appropriate.

~Commander Charlie Parks

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The Charge

to the Georgia Division

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

Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.
On 7 May 2016, Army JROTC cadet Sgt Christion Anfield was the recipient of the inaugural H. L. Hunley Award at Jenkins County High School in Millen, GA. Making the presentation on behalf of the SCV was Georgia Division 5th Brigade Commander Thomas Miller, on right and MSGT (Ret) Darryl Drake, USAF, Life Member of both the Georgia and national SCV, the local sponsor of the Hunley award.

Cadet CSM Lewis Drake was promoted to the rank of cadet lieutenant colonel and appointed commander of the Jenkins County HS Army JROTC War Eagle battalion for the 2016-17 school year. Congratulating him on his promotion is his parents Darryl and Donna Drake and his maternal grandmother, Doris Lewis, all of Millen, Georgia. Lewis is a member of Ogeechee Rifles Camp 941 in Statesboro, GA.

Scenes from the Muster ing Grounds monument dedicated in Cleveland GA on Saturday Oct 15, 2016. See Page 5 for more details.
November/December, 2016

Commander's Report.

Fellow Compatriots of the Georgia Division:

It is my hope that each of you and your families had a very blessed Thanksgiving. Our family was blessed with great food, family time, and most importantly, the marriage of our son and fellow Compatriot Joshua Gilbert to the wonderful and beautiful Abbey Ford of Sharpsburg. Amanda and I have gained a daughter and we could not be happier. Josh and Abbey will make their home in Sharpsburg. That makes all the parents happy since the Ford’s and the Gilbert’s live in the same area.

The past weeks have been very busy for many Camps of the Division. I was honored to be able to attend the Confederate Monument dedication in Chickamauga on November 5. John Culpepper and the John Ingraham Camp #1977 unveiled a beautiful monument, complete with a Confederate soldier in downtown Chickamauga. Think about that: in 2016 we, the SCV, are still putting up monuments even while some work hard to remove them. Let’s use this example and keep putting them up, and faster than they can be removed!

While there was a great crowd for the event, I would encourage us all to focus on working hard to increase our attendance at such events. Football, home chores, hunting and fishing, golf, all of these “hobbies” and “jobs” are just that. The Confederate soldier is a mission and we need to prioritize accordingly. Only when the public, the media, and local power brokers see us in large numbers will they take us serious (or more serious than they do now).

On November 13th I attended the Major Henry Wiz Memorial in Andersonville. The Alexander H. Stephens Camp #78 did a great job as usual. In addition to honoring Major Wiz, one of the bravest of the brave, current SCV members that have served their country in uniform were recognized with SCV War Service Medals. Commander-in-Chief Tom Strain was with us along with members from surrounding Camps. All-in-all it was a beautiful, and satisfying day.

November continued to be busy with our first Brigade Training/Leadership Meeting. Camps from the 11th and 13th Brigade, along with a representative from one of the Camps from the 10th Brigade, joined together in Jonesboro for what was a very informative, and motivational day. A report and photo are in the paper so I will not go into details other than to say that any Camps and/or Brigades that want to host such a meeting need to get in touch with me as soon as possible. The calendar is rapidly filling up and months ahead at that. Special mention has to go out to the Frankie Lyle Chapter of the UDC (Jonesboro) for their gracious hospitality in allowing us to use their beautiful Chapter house. While they offered it rent free, the Compatriots at the meeting chipped in and raised $100 as an offering to the Chapter.

I am honored to report that Georgia Division Graves Project Chairman Garry Daniell of Cobb County is working hard on the Graves Registry Project. For those of you with a passion for this part of our responsibility as SCV members, reach out to Compatriot Daniell and support this project. See the enclosed article by Chairman Daniell for more details, and please participate.

Moving on to current events: The most important issue we are dealing with at this moment is the situation re the annual Division Lee Birthday event. As many of you know, for some years now the event has been held in downtown Milledgeville on the grounds of, and inside of Georgia’s historic capitol building. The capitol building is owned by Georgia Military College (GMC). GMC is growing and long story short, they are pressed for space, and money. They are evicting the museum from the basement, and they have raised their rates (for everybody, not just for us) from $150 to $3,000 and that does not include additional service fees for chairs, security, etc.

Commander Roy Mixon and members and friends of the Old Capitol Camp #688, Division Judge Advocate Dan Coleman, and myself tried everything we could think of, from emails, to calls, to in-person visits to try and get a reasonable fee and make the event work. It just is not going to happen this year. The fees are the fees and it is a “take it or leave it” issue. We tried two local Churches but one is too small, one is too far out of town. The Governor’s Mansion, owned by Georgia College and State University (GCSU) was willing to rent us the lawn and a meeting building, but the lawn in January is not wise for a speaker, and the building seats only forty people.

We tried Wesleyan College in Macon at the suggestion of 4th Brigade Commander Thomas Stevens. I went to the school and met with the CFO. She was very friendly, knew Lee’s Birthday without me telling her, and was eager to have us. The building that I liked was beautiful and would have been great, but the rate, $1,750, was still out of reason for our budget.

To make sure that we looked at every option, I convened the EC in an emergency meeting (email). We discussed three options over the past days:

1. Pay the fee for Milledgeville with the help of donations
2. Have the event at Wesleyan College
3. Cancel the event and begin planning a new event for 2018.

There was no motion for Milledgeville. There were three positive votes for Wesleyan College in Macon. The choice of cancelling the event for this coming January and begin planning for 2018 was voted in favor of by seven member of the EC, and opposed by a vote of one member. This motion failed for lack of a majority of the EC.

At the last minute we received a motion from 8th Brigade Commander Charlie Parks to hold the event at the Jeff Davis Park in Iwinnville. The motion was seconded, and twelve yes votes were raised quickly received, none opposed. While all details are not complete at press time, the general plan is food by cookout provided by our own 9th Brigade Commander Ken Arvin, along with a parade or procession, and hopefully some Southern thunder from the our artillery units. Chaplain-in-Chief Ray Parker is our scheduled keynote speaker. Our regularly scheduled EC meeting will take place immediately after Dr. Parkers presentation.

On another positive note, there are many other Lee-Jackson events coming up in January. Make sure you and your Camp members get out to at least one and show the world that these two great men and those that lived with them so long ago are not forgotten.

Looking further ahead, I am very pleased to announce the first ever Georgia Division Chaplains Conference. Under the leadership of Division Chaplain Jack Wray, we have prepared an event for Saturday, February 18th, at the Macon Marriott (home to our 2017 reunion). A registration form is enclosed so please check it out. Seating could be limited so make your reservations as quickly as possible. Dr. Ray Parker, Chaplain-in-Chief of the SCV will be with us for another visit so let us show him a full Georgia house.

Until we meet again in person, please accept my sincere prayers for you and your family over the Christmas season. Remember that this time is more than more food and gifts. It is about the birth of our most precious Savior.

Sincerely, Scott K. Gilbert, Jr.

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November/December, 2016

The Georgia Confederate
Merry Christmas

Compatriots,

May your family be blessed this Christmas season and in the coming year.

Tim Pilgrim
Georgia Division Adjutant

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Gentlemen, Donations for our Division projects are the lowest they have ever been. Last year the Division set an overall record for project donations. If you have made a donation to any of the Division’s projects and if your Camp is not listed on the above list, please contact me at 404-456-3393 or timpilgrim@yahoo.com.

Please consider making a donation to any of these worthy projects, I assume you that every penny donated is earmarked for the project your money was donated too and it will get spent on that project only.

Thank you,
Tim Pilgrim, Division Adjutant

Muster Ground

The Muster Grounds monument dedicated in Cleveland GA on Saturday Oct 15, 2016. The invitation was printed in the last Georgia Confederate. The monument was erected at the old Historic White County Courthouse which now houses the White County Historical Society. This was a White County Historical Society project and Bill Huff of the Society was the project chairman. The event was well attended by spectators, historical society members and the 2nd Brigade Sons of Confederate Veterans with GA Division Adjutant, Tim Pilgrim (a speaker). Some of the Camps attending and participating were: Camp 1404 (Gainesville), Camp 1418 (Cleveland), Camp 1642 (Cumming), Camp 1860 (Dahlonega), Camp 1633 (Blairsville), and Camp 2135 (Dawsonville). Contributors to the monument included the GA Division, Camp 1404, and Camp 1860 along with some members private donations. It was an honor to participate in such a notable event. I believe that each Compatriot present was living up to the Charge bestowed upon us.

Deo Vindice,
Mike Couch, Adj.
Camp 1404
Gainesville, GA
Brigade Officer Meeting/Training

By Mitch Crabbe

On Saturday, November 19, 2016, Ga Division Commander Scott Gilbert called for the first of many Brigade level meetings. This first one was held in historic Jonesboro Ga. The prime motivation for the meeting was to deliver on a campaign promise made by Commander Gilbert in July to support all camp and Brigade officers by bringing training and communication efforts to the forefront of the Division. Those in attendance were presented with the opportunity to hear from members who are considered experts in their respective fields of work or study.

In attendance were representatives from 12 camps within 3 different brigades; the 10th, 11th and 13th. The Camp's represented were: Sharpsburg, Fayetteville, Griffin, Carrollton, Palmetto, Stone Mountain, Conyers, Jonesboro, Lawrenceville, McDonough, Villa Rica and Barnesville. The meeting is being dubbed a Brigade Training/Officers meeting with Georgia Division Commander Scott Gilbert spearheading the project. Presentations were given by Georgia Division Spokesman, P. Charles Lunsford on public relations, Aide de Camp, Gould Hagler on working with our legislators, and Ga Division Historian, Mark Pollard on the history of the SCV.

Compatriot Lunsford, as our first speaker, expressed the need for every member to be aware of how knowledge can combat ignorance of those who consider the SCV a hateful or racist organization. Also, he brought to light how it is easier to change someone’s opinion of us as an organization by being a gentleman first.

Make no mistake here. Wheth-
**CHAPLAIN’S REPORT**

Christmas Greetings to all. It is my privilege to invite all Georgia Division camp chaplains to attend a GEORGIA DIVISION CHAPLAINS CONFERENCE on February 18, 2017, in Macon, Georgia. The purpose of this conference is “to instill an understanding of how strongly personal faith sustained our ancestors through four horrendous years of war, to evaluate our faith against that of our ancestors, and to build a supportive fellowship of chaplains within the Georgia Division.”

Chaplain-in-Chief Ray Par-ker will be with us for this three and a half power-packed conference and invitations are being sent to Division Chaplains in VA, NC, SC, FL, and ALA.

I sincerely hope camp chaplains will plan to attend. Wives are invited since the conference will be informative for anyone.

A Registration Form is enclosed below.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

In His name,

Jack C. Wray, Chaplain

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**Confederate Graves Registry**

The corrections needed to our Division Website have been made. You may now view and search within the SCV National Confederate Graves Registry (CGR), find instructions and forms for submitting soldiers/sailors to be added, and contact us for advice and/or questions through that site. Go to [http://gascv.org/](http://gascv.org/) and click on “Graves Registry” in the blue banner at the top of the homepage.

Information may be submitted electronically through an Excel spreadsheet or manually through the mails. The manual option is something new that does not exist within the other Divisions. We are offering it as we realize that there may be members who wish to participate, may have a wealth of information, but do not have access to Excel or are uncomfortable using the program.

Attempting to record all of the Confederate graves within Georgia is a huge project, but we have a large Division and much of the information needed already exists in many camps through their efforts in erecting headstones, installing “Crosses of Honor”, and conducting memorial services.

If you have information, we need your help, whether it is a County, cemetery, or a single grave. If your information relates to soldiers buried outside Georgia, we can help you get those recorded.

If your ancestor has not been recorded in the CGR, then I ask you, why are you waiting to do so?

Deo Vindice,

Garry Daniell

Chairman, Georgia Division Graves Project
Part (5) – The History of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Compiled by: Mark Pollard, Georgia Division Historian, Sons of Confederate Veterans

1918-1919

The WWI Period

The year 1918 was a very sad one for America as we were in the middle of World War I and the confederation was particularly hard hit due to its patriotic nature. There can be no doubt as to the loyalty of the Sons as they responded with great nerve when the president called for volunteers. The membership was reduced to just enough to carry on. President Wilson was in command and the south responded like no other region.

Perhaps the most noteworthy example of this patriotism was shown by our Commander-in-Chief, Ernest G. Baldwin of Roanoke, Virginia, when on 15 May 1918 he called an Executive Council meeting to be held in Wichita Falls, Texas to tender his resignation for a second term in order to enlist in the Great War.

He was commissioned a first lieutenant in the 112th Marine Gun Battalion of the 29th Division. With regret, his resignation was accepted and he was elected honorary Commander-in-Chief for life, a position held only by another SCV member, the honorable Clyde Boynton of the John B. Gordon Camp, (as far as the records indicate). It is clearly an honor to have a SCV Camp member from Georgia to be bestowed with such an honor.

At this same executive Council meeting a new CIC was elected, he was Carl Hinton of Denver, Colorado who was born 25 May 1888 in Arkansas and was the son of William J. Hinton, formally of the 1st Arkansas Cavalry. This Southern patriot had six brothers under Lee's command and his wife had five brothers in the same unit!

In Georgia and throughout most of the World War I, there were only a few active camps, (Gordon and Bartow), although they did not always keep their dues current. There were however other Confederate veterans in the state who were sufficiently active in the confederation to be appointed as high level officers. They were Mr. John W. Bale from Rome, Georgia, again appointed the command of the Army of Tennessee. Mr. John S. Cleghorn of Summerville, Georgia was again appointed to the Executive Council and (who was a active supporter of Hinton as our new CIC at the meeting of 15 May in Wichita) and Walter P. Andrews of the John B. Gordon Camp in Atlanta, was appointed again as Georgia Division Commander.

At the Reunion of 1918, there were not many Sons, most had gone away to defeat the Germans. CIC Carl Hinton was elected to a full term. The Reunion was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma which was a bustling town that had been experiencing a boom and development until slowed down by the war. It was still a delightful gathering even though most Sons were away. One interesting event shed some light on the importance of Southern soldiers in the victory in Europe. The Colorado Division had created a banner called the “Service Flag” which was paraded around the reunion with great fanfare. On this flag were the symbols which showed that 160,000 Sons of Confederate veterans were then in uniform in Europe. It gives pause to consider the impact of this on the outcome of the war. This must have been weighed heavily on old Kiser Bill as he pondered his situation. Just a thought that many descendants of the great Confederacy on the same side as the "Yankees" must have made him shake in his boots. It is little wonder that the war was quickly ended and the United States of America was then and forever more to be known as the mightiest military power ever to exist on the face of the earth.

The year 1919 was very eventful for the Confederation, both on the local and national level. The reunion was held in Atlanta and the newspapers were just full of stories of the Veterans and Sons. First, news was published in the Confederate Veteran magazine early in the year telling of a harrowing event concerning past Commander-in-Chief, Ernest G. Baldwin who was stationed in France with the 112th Machine Gun Company. It seems that he was involved in the battles of Château Thierry and the Argonne Forest and had been seriously gassed, however, he was recovering and reported the formation of an SCV Camp in France called Camp Verdun! He also reported that he expected to be at the following SCV Reunion. The Reunion was held at the newly finished Atlanta city Auditorium and at other places throughout the city.

Some of the big events included an encampment of old veterans at Camp Gordon in Piedmont Park. One telling incident was a story of an old veteran who had lost his way in the terrible rain and was found (South of Atlanta) in Lakeview Heights trying to find his way back to town. He and his wife were taken in by a local family for the night and treated royally. In fact, many such stories were circulated as the homes of Atlanta opened for the many visitors. The official headquarters of the Reunion was held at the Piedmont Ho-
“Is JINGLE BELLS a CONFEDERATE Creation?”

James Lord Pierpont once belonged to that elite, fighting equestrian unit known as The Fifth Georgia Cavalry. He served in Company H, well known to Northern adversaries as “The Lamar Rangers.” Since his compiled service records list him as “a company clerk,” it is doubtful that he experienced a substantial amount of combat. But, Private Pierpont was not “your prototypical Confederate Horse Soldier;” being a native of New England (Massachusetts), he was the son of a radical abolitionist, who was also a poet and a Unitarian Minister. During “That War Of The Rebellion,” Pastor John Pierpont served as Chaplain of The 22nd Massachusetts Regiment. At the time, he was 76 years of age.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1822, James Pierpont moved to Savannah, Georgia circa 1853. His older brother, John Pierpont, Jr., had accepted a pastoral post with The Savannah, Georgia Unitarian Congregation. Young James accompanied his brother as the organist / music director for The Church.

Following the death of his first wife (in the mid-1850’s from that malady known as tuberculosis), James married a local girl, who just happened to be the daughter of Savannah Mayor Thomas Purse. Hence, his roots were now deeply embedded in Savannah’s Southern soil!

By the time the decade of the 1860’s rolled around, The Unitarian Church of Savannah, Georgia had ceased to exist. Of course, this was directly related to its radical abolitionist leanings and inclinations – which weren’t incredibly popular down South in Savannah, Georgia during those final Antebellum years. As one might readily expect, Reverend John Pierpont, Jr. packed his bags and headed “Due North.” His younger brother, James, remained in Savannah. In April of 1862, James joined an outfit known as “The Isle of Hope Volunteers.” Subsequently, as alluded to earlier, this unit would be designated as “Company H of The Fifth Georgia Cavalry.”

In 1857, James wrote a jingle called ONE HORSE OPEN SLEIGH. A couple of years later, he changed the name of the composition to JINGLE BELLS. Initially, in 1859, it wasn’t a Christmas Carol. For decades, it remained little more than an obscure sleighing song.

By the time James L. Pierpont passed away in 1893, JINGLE BELLS had generated precious few royalties. It did not become a popular Christmas Carol until the days of radio broadcasts and phonograph records.

Although James died in Winter Haven, Florida, he is interred in Laurel Grovel Cemetery in Savannah. He lies in a state of eternal rest beside his brother-in-law, Thomas Purse, who was killed in action at First Manassas.

James Pierpont also wrote and composed numerous other tunes; during the four years of hostilities between North and South, he further exhibited his Southern Patriotism by composing music for His Beloved Confederacy. Such pseudo-anteluiders as OUR BATTLE FLAG, STRIKE FOR THE SOUTH, and WE CONQUER OR DIE are musical creations penned by Private Pierpont. It has been written that James Pierpont embraced and supported The Southern Confederacy because he viewed the anti-slavery stance held by many Northerners (New Englanders, in particular) to be a prime example of HYPOCRISY! It was certainly no secret that many had become quite opulent as a result of “That Peculiar Institution.” Having said this, it is quite simple to ascertain why many New Englanders (who were familiar with The Pierpont Family) considered James Pierpont to be a rebellious musician with a bad reputation! One Massachusetts Mayor even referred to him as “A BIT OF A ROGUE!”

In closing, “is JINGLE BELLS a Rebel Tune?!” You bet it is… ❗

Hu Daughtry
SCV Camp #1942
Metter, Georgia

First song in outer space

"Jingle Bells" was the first song broadcast from space, in a Christmas-themed prank by Gemini 6 astronauts Tom Stafford and Wally Schirra. While in space on December 16, 1965, they sent this report to Mission Control:

Gemini VII, this is Gemini VI. We have an object, looks like a satellite going from north to south, up in a polar orbit. He's in a very low trajectory traveling from north to south and has a very high climbing ratio. It looks like it might even be a ... Very low. Looks like he might be going to reenter soon. Stand by one ... You might just let me try to pick up that thing.

The astronauts then produced a smuggled harmonica and sleigh bells and broadcast a rendition of "Jingle Bells." The harmonica, shown to the press upon their return, was a Hohner "Little Lady," a tiny harmonica approximately one inch long, by 3/8 of an inch wide. See also Music in space.

Source: wikipedia

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

~ Luke 2: 10 ~ 12, 14

~ 2017 ~

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You will be notified of the dedication ceremony at a later date.
The Cobb County Board of Commissioners recognized the Sons of Confederate Veterans for their work in adopting and maintaining Blackwell and Garrett cemeteries. At the Cobb County Board of Commissioners meeting on November 22, SCV/Michael Reither accepted the certificate on behalf of the camp from District 3 Commissioner JoAnn Birrell. Blackwell Cemetery has four Confederate veterans buried there while Garrett Cemetery has two veterans.


Top right: Camp Commander Jeff Wright of Camp McDonald # 1552 and his Brother Tracy Wright of Col Joseph McConnell Camp # 1859 and Sister in front of the new monument. Jeff's sister is pointing to the engraving of the name of their Confederate Grandfather Pvt. Joseph H. Fletcher.

Bottom: Dedication of Bronze Confederate Soldier Monument in Chickamauga on November 5, in honor to the Confederate Soldiers of Walker County. The monument was erected by the Pvt. John Ingraham Camp # 1977 using the Division's Confederate Soldier casting.

The new Bell Research Center in Cummings, Ga. operated by the Col. Hiram Park Bell Camp # 1642. [Above, R] Camp and Board member Michael McAlpin getting things organized.

☞ R. The Clement A. Evans Camp #64 of Waycross, recently presented Lee Hardware and Building Supply a Certificate of Appreciation for there support and donation for Flags to be put on Veterans Graves in Ware County. Pictured on left store owner Richard Lee and Camp Commander Chuck Griffin.
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Annual North Georgia Lee – Jackson Dinner
January 28, 2017
American Legion Post 160
160 Legion Drive SE
Smyrna, GA 30080
Cocktails at 6:30, Dinner at 7:30 PM
Dress: Sunday Best or Period (WBTS) Military or Civilian
Wives, families, and guests are encouraged.

Our keynote speaker is Scott Gilbert, Commander of the Georgia Division, Sons of
Confederate Veterans. His topic will be: “The Mighty Stonewall: Origins”.

This year a buffet will feature London Broil Beef, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Parmesan
Crusted Flounder and seasonable vegetables with salad and dessert. We will again
conduct a drawing to award door prizes.

The cost is $35.00 per ticket ($25 for child under 14) which must be received by our
camp no later than Friday, January 13, 2017 as pre-commitment is required by the
facility. This event is non-cancellable in the event of inclement weather. All tickets
must be purchased in advance as ticket sales will not be available at the door.

Join us in making this a memorable event! Send your check made payable to "Gen.
Leonidas Polk Camp 1446, S.C.V." and send to George Burkett, Adjutant; Gen. Leonidas
Polk Camp 1446, S.C.V. at 1545 Pedro Dr SW; Mableton, GA 30126-1171.

Any questions should be directed to David Sapp at 770-427-2449, sappjulian@bellsouth.net,
or George Burkett at 770-944-8536, gbetter@outlook.com

Sponsored by the Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp 1446, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Smyrna, GA

Ham Radio Operators:
Mr. Richard Myers of Camp 1996. His contact information is:
105 Oakdale Dr.
LaGrange, GA 30240
Call > (706) 402-6410

“I'm not OK. You're not OK. But, that's OK. Jesus loves you any way.”
~ Ken Davis
A Most Surprising Gift

By Mitch Crabbe, Commander Camp 79
buster872@yahoo.com

A most amazing thing happened back in September 2016; one that I’ve not heard of before. It may have happened to you or someone in your camp, but to me it was amazing.

First, let me give you a little background. Our camp, Camp #79, which is located in Fayette County, has a very deep and abiding spirit to be part of our community in as many different ways and through as many different outlets as possible. It’s not like we are a huge camp full of driven members that look every day to be involved, but over the years we have cultivated certain expectations for us to show up and be present.

These events have not always been the easiest to get to; they required planning and coordination. They required being aware and being in contact with event coordinators. But once that contact was established, we seemed to be invited back again and again; no doubt due to the response from the general public, the good favor of those who support us as representatives of our beloved South and the conduct of our members.

One such event is held every year in September in Southeast Fayette County. That event is called, The Inman Farm Heritage Days. It’s been part of this community for 20 years. Many organizations are represented at this 3-day event and support the efforts of the Warr family which, beginning with Audrey Warr’s late mother, Addie Oakley, have been hosting this event for four generations. Over the years the Warr family have allowed many hundreds of folks annually to wander through the open fields of their farm.

Their displays include tractors of all ages, engines that hit so slow you think it’s going to stop any second but, somehow, hits another stroke and keeps on turning, candle making, antique cars and a most unusual truck. Vendors of raw honey, baked peanuts, homemade ice cream and the Big Pig barbeque, are also scattered over several acres.

Tucked away, across from the 4-H tents and pet displays, and right next to the old log cabin, sits our table. Our camp has, for many of those 20 years, set up a table of wares, books, signs, bumper stickers and other attractions which bring folks closer, to shake hands with a couple or three of our members; to say hello and to be a friendly face. I expect the huge St. Andrews’ Cross, the Stars and Bars, and the real Georgia Flag flying tall and proud on either side of our canopy, might have caught their eye first, though.

Our camp banner, draped across the front of the table was declaring to all who passed by that we are proud members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. And while boasting the very large SCV logo, it left no doubt as to who we were and are.

That September Saturday, Roy Butts and I met early to get the canopy, the table, and the flags all ready for the crowds; the families, the teens and those folks who just wanted to talk or ask questions. This wasn’t our first rodeo. We knew what to expect and were looking forward to spending the day and just being part of this community. At least we thought we knew what to expect.

Around 11:00 am a couple of our guys, Pat Murphy and Jim Rector, brought their banjos with them to play as they sat on the front porch of the log cabin; to serenade us all and I must say, hearing those Dixie songs and seeing the smiles of the folks who passed by, took me back to a time of remembrance; a time of sweet Southern mornings, to what it must have been like 160 years ago when town folks gathered to sell or barter their goods from the fall harvest. It’s easy to become part of that time, for me at least, in my imagination.

After about 4 hours of greeting and talking to folks, Roy and I decided we needed to take a bit of a break and, while he met his wife to eat lunch at the Big Pig, I slipped off to my house a couple of miles away. As I returned about an hour or so later, I approached the table. Lt. Commander Murphy was barely able to contain himself.

“Commander”, he started. “You aren’t going to believe this! You just aren’t going to believe this!”

“What are you talking about, Pat?” I asked.

Pat is a longtime member of our camp and given to a calm nature. It seemed to me very unusual for him to be this excited.

“Look,” he said, his hands were shaking as he handed me a folded up piece of note paper.

It was evident something was inside the paper and as I opened it, I had no idea what it held. That is, until the last fold was pulled back and there, sitting in the middle of the paper was a medallion. I could tell at once it was very old, but I had to look closely to tell just how old. I saw on its face the year 1909. One hundred and seven years ago that medal, (which was actually a reunion pin), had been on the chest of a Confederate soldier! It was impressed with the label “United Confederate Veterans” and the city of Memphis. In its center was the image of Gen. Albert Sydney Johnston. Now it was my turn to be amazed!

On the paper was written a man’s name and phone number. I had a million questions running through my mind, but all I could manage was one word question.

“How?” Who?” When?”

The biggest question I managed to speak to Pat was, “Why?” Why did we now have in our possession a 107-year old treasure?

Pat began to relate that an older gentleman who, alone, walked up to our table and began asking questions, simple ones at first. They began talking, the three of the men standing under our flags. Then a few minutes later the gentleman pulled the pin from his pocket and simply said,

“I want to donate this to your camp.”

Both Pat and Jim were shocked at the gesture. Then Pat spoke up and, being the honorable man he is, immediately replied, “No way. No way can we accept that! That’s a family heirloom, a treasure. Don’t you know how important that is?”

The donor, Mr. Hollis P. McLean of Peachtree City, was however, determined. We should have it.

“It’s been sitting in a desk drawer for as long as I can remember,” he said. “It’ll mean more to you guys than it will to anybody else in my family. I want you to have it.”

Pat accepted the gift on behalf of our camp and thanked Mr. McLean. Shaking his hand seemed not enough but that was all Mr. McLean wanted. And with that he left the pin, his name and phone number and disappeared down the path.

Mr. McLean was gone before I had a chance to speak to him and to thank him personally for this most surprising and inspiring gift. I was, however, able to talk to him on the phone a few days later and he told me basically the same thing he told Pat and Jim. His father had gotten it from another member of the family and he wanted us to have it.

Then he told me something that hit me as the reason we do these events. He told me he had been holding onto the pin for a year after he had decided to donate it to the camp.

Puzzled, I asked him to explain.

“Ya’ll were here last year,” he said.

“Yes,” I replied.

“I actually decided to give it to ya’ll last year so I brought it back this year; that past Saturday to give it to you.”

Wow. That’s called doing what we do to be part of this life as proud and unashamed members of the SCV and being rewarded for it. We connect to so many folks on so many different levels and most times we never see that connection beyond a smile or handshake. We hear things like, “Thank you for being here, thank you for showing pride in our ancestors and thank you for being an important sight for those who otherwise would never see what it means to be a descendant of, and carry the spirit of, the South!”

But this pin? This was truly a most surprising gift.

Lest We Forget
The Officers for 2016 - 2018 are: Commander Billy Bearden, 1st Lt Cmdr Nathan W Forrister, 2nd Lt Cmdr James Tolbert, Adjutant Kyle Clayton and Treasurer Nathan E Forrister. We meet the 1st Thursday of each month in Buchanan Ga, starting at 6:30PM, located at 2-78 Van Wert Street. Come join a Camp that proudly Lives the Charge on a daily basis.

L. Haralson Invincibles Kyle Clayton waves Camp Flag on Stone Mountain; R. Commander Bearden, Quartermaster Boarts and Color Sgt Snow march in the annual Bremen Towne Festival. Below: Commander Bearden swearing in new member Nathan Forrister at Camp 673's November meeting.

2016 Memorial Service to the brave heroes of Griswoldville.


The 41st Annual Stewart/Webster Thanksgiving Supper at the camp. We had several guests, Al Metcalf of 10th Brigade, Tim Pilgrim Ga. Adjutant, members from the area EMS that were on duty and last but not least the wives and family members.

Yancey Independents raise SCV recruitment sign on US Hwy 82 near Sumner, Ga.

1st BRIGADE REPORT……

First Brigade
Lt. Col. William Luffman #938, Murray County, Chatsworth, Georgia
Meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Little Rome restaurant on Highway 411 N. Chatsworth, GA 30705
Commander Mitchell Parker
Adjutant Milton Clarke
1201 N. Third Avenue
Chatsworth, GA 30705
Chaplain Jerry Shippman
Submitted by Milton Clarke (706) 695-3149

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 Old Cumming Schoolhouse. Meetings usually last about 2 hours. Meetings start at 7 PM with plenty of time for fellowship before and after.
Camp website: http://www.scv1642.com/
Contact email: chiffl74@gmail.com

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

Concord Rangers Camp 2135, Dawsonville, GA

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

The Blue Ridge Rifles, Camp 1860, Dahlonega, GA
We meet the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lumpkin County Library.
Contact email - scvgcamp1860@yahoo.com
Camp website: www.camp1860.org/

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

Gilmer Light Guards, Camp 89, Ellijay, GA
Meeting every 3rd Monday at the Community Room, United Community Bank, 558 Industrial Blvd., Ellijay GA 30540, at 7:00 p.m. with fellowship at 6:30 p.m.
Bobby Bradford, Commander
Leo Baker, Lt. Commander
Second Brigade, Georgia Division
Contact phone: 678-395-8031
Contact email: secondbrigade@yahoo.com

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Karl Haun, Commander
Second Brigade, Georgia Division

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, Tallaferro, Walton, and Wilkes Counties.

Jackson County Volunteers, Camp 94, Jefferson, GA -
Camp meets the second Thursday of every month for dinner at 6:30 pm followed by their meeting 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.
Camp 97 had their annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 1st. Food, fun, and fellowship was had by all. The Freedom Fellowship Choir presented their musical “Faith of Christmas.”
Follow us on Facebook @SCVCamp97AthensGeorgia and Twitter @SCV97TRRCOBB
Contact: adjutantcamp97@gmail.com
Camp website: sevathenscvs.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.
On the 20th of December, the Jenkins Camp hosted their annual Christmas/Installation Dinner at the American Legion Hut in Eatonton. New incoming officers are David Ballengee, Commander; Gray Smith, 1st Lt. Commander; Thomas G. Scott, 2nd Lt. Commander; and Larry Manley, Adjutant. Honored guests were Division Commander Scott Gilbert and Third Brigade Commander Tommy Mccullers. Special Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Brown who have adopted the Brannan-Carter Cemetery located on Carter Dearman Rd, east of Eatonton. The Browns have continuously maintained the grounds for two years. There are three Confederate Soldiers buried in the cemetery.
Follow us on Facebook @W.F.Jenkins.SCV.Camp690
Contact: Commander Corbitt Kelly jcorbitt-kelly@gmail.com

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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. On Thursday, December 1st, the Baker camp held its annual Christmas Supper at Backstreet BBQ in Hartwell. Members brought gifts, toys, and food to donate to the local families in need. Commander Jud Barton presented the War Service Medal to Compatriot Jeffrey Walker Chapman in honor of his Naval service during the Desert Storm War. Commander Barton also awarded 5 Appreciation Certificates to members for their outstanding service to Camp 926 and the SCV.

Contact: Commander Jud Barton 706-717-0969 or judstaxidermy@hartco.com
Adjutant Bob Beck 706-476-7987 or backstreetbbq@yahoo.com

Currachee Rangers, Camp 935, Toccoa, GA -
The Currachee 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

18 B/G Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr. Camp
Macon, Georgia
Meeting: 4th Thursday; Jeneane’s at Pinebrook; 4436 Forsyth Road; Macon, Georgia 31210. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.- Meeting at 6:30.
Commander: Thomas E. Stevens; 384 River North Boulevard; Macon, Georgia 31211
Phone: 478-477-7468.
E-mail: tstevens43@aol.com
Adjutant: Johnny Mack Nickles; 260 Pineview Road; Gray, Georgia 31201.
Phone: 478-737-2623.
E-mail: tkjmingray@windstream.net

104 Captain Hardy B. Smith
Dublin, Georgia
Meeting: 4th Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Camp Commander’s home, 307 W. Gaines Street; Dublin, Georgia
Commander: John C. Hall, Jr.; 307 W. Gaines Street; Dublin, Georgia 31021
Phone: 404-964-6898
E-mail: rhtbutlerscsa@yahoo.com
Adjutant: Jackie R. Dillon, 261 Briarcliff Road; Dublin, Georgia 31021
Phone: 732-456-1761
E-mail: dillonpewewee@yahoo.com

688 Old Capital Camp
Milledgeville, Georgia
Meeting: 2nd Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., Jackson’s Sinclair, N. Columbia Street; Milledgeville, Georgia 31061 [Effective October meeting]
Commander: Roy H. Mixon; 119 Poplar Street; Gordon, Georgia 31031
Phone: 478-628-2592; Cell: 478-731-2624 E-mail: mixroy@windstream.net
Adjutant: Konreid Etheredge; 138 Main Street; Gordon, Georgia 31031
Phone: 478-628-2419; Cell: 478-456-7446
E-mail: konreid@windstream.net

1399 James T. Woodward Camp
Warner Robins, Georgia
Meeting: 2nd Monday, Ole Times Buffett; 1208 Russell Parkway; Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
Dinner at 6:00 p.m.- Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Commander: Timothy Hawkins; 104 Suncrest Place; Kathleen, Georgia 31074
Phone: 478-951-2628
E-mail: thawkins426@cox.net
Adjutant: James Herschel Hall, Jr.; 121 Elmore Drive; Warner Robins, Georgia 31088
Phone: 478-256-8307;
E-mail: sej1998@hotmail.com

1602 Major Mark Newman Camp
Sandersonville, Georgia
Meeting: 1st Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.; Brown House Museum; 268 North Harris Street; Sandersonville, Georgia
Commander: James Kindman Tyson; P.O. Box 1; Harrison, Georgia 31035
Phone: 478-451-7251
E-mail: tkvsons@gbh.org
Adjutant: Randy K. Hall; 231 Two Sons Street; Deepstep, Georgia
Phone: 478-357-7774;
E-mail: randy.hall@thielekaolin.com

1688 Johnson Grays Camp
Wrightsville, Georgia
Meeting: 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Dock at Fire Lake; 51 Cross Cedar Road; Wrightsville, Georgia
Commander: James E. Blizzard; Rt. 1 Box 1355; Wrightsville, Georgia 31096-3849
Phone: 478-864-2872
E-mail: blizzm@gmail.com
Adjutant: Roger M. Webb; 5051 Hwy 319 N; Wrightsville, Georgia 31098
Phone: 478-678-3447;
E-mail: roger.webb55@yahoo.com

1998 Logan Bleckley Camp
Cochran, Georgia
Meeting: 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Bethany Baptist Church; Hwy. 26; Cochran, Georgia 30230
30 Turner Street; Hawkinsville, Georgia 31036
Phone: 478-230-7189;
E-mail: danwill11025@yahoo.com
Adjutant: Clarence Alan Richards; 121 Robert Drive; Cochran, Georgia 31015
Phone: 478-934-0214
E-mail: jrebbleckley@hotmail.com

2039 Pine Barren Volunteers
Eastman, Georgia
Meeting: 4th Tuesday; Dinner, 6:30 p.m.- Meeting; 7:00 p.m.; Liberty Baptist Church; 1100 Chester Highway; Eastman, Georgia
Commander: Newton Gary Lowery; 2680 McRae Hwy.; Eastman, Georgia 31023
Phone: 478-373-3477
E-mail: loweryb6@yahoo.com
Adjutant: Kim M. Beck; 2321 Middle Ground Church Road; Eastman, Georgia
Phone: 478-358-4168
E-mail: gafourthscv@progressivetel.com

2218 The Camp of the Unknown Soldier;
Gray, Georgia
Meeting: 3rd Thursday, 6:00 p.m.; Chevy’s Pizza; 300 W. Clinton Street; Gray, Georgia 31032
Commander: Charles Perry Whitehead; 176 Jones Mill Road; Gray, Georgia 31032
Phone: 478-986-8943
E-mail: charlesw1778@yahoo.com
Adjutant: John Wayne Dobson; 3639 McKenzie Drive; Macon, Georgia 31204-2713
Phone: 478-731-5531
E-mail: waynedobson51@yahoo.com

2239 Captain Ruel W. Anderson Camp
Hawkinsville, Georgia
Meeting: 2nd Thursday;
Dinner, 6:00 p.m.—Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; The Steak House; US Hwy 341 By-Pass, 101 Buchanan Avenue; Hawkinsville, Georgia

Commander: Samuel Henry Hankey; 433 Empire-Chester Hwy; Cochran, Georgia 31014
Phone: 478-338-5828
E-mail: samuelhankey@yahoo.com
Adjutant: Dennis Raybon Lord; 1027 Lime-stone Road; Cochran, Georgia 31014-3553
Phone: 478-934-0490
E-mail: dlord1@yahoo.com

Thomas E. Stevens, Commander
Fourth Brigade, Georgia Division

5th BRIGADE REPORT.....

I want to take a moment to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. During this holiday season, I am thankful for the friendships I have made with many of you, and I am blessed by the heritage my Confederate ancestors set for me. I hope your holiday season is filled with warm memories and new adventures, and as the new year approaches, a continued or renewed resolve to stand firm in the face of the new Reconstruction known as “Political Correctness”. May God bless you all!

On a side note, as several Camps in the 5th Brigade and around the Division begin preparations for the New Year and their subsequent Lee-Jackson events, please keep in mind that some Camps do not meet in November and December. Please check ahead if planning to visit.

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.....

Francis Bartow Camp 93
Savannah, GA
Meets the 3rd Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Barnes Restaurant on Waters Ave.
Cmdr. Joe Dawson joedawson1@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

Applying Grays 918
Baxley, GA
Meets 4th Monday 7:00 p.m. B&F Restaurant
Cmdr. Herman Williams

hrwill9@windstream.net
Adj. Bill Bowers bbowers@ate.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
Adj. Danny Greenway dgreenway@netv.com
Adj. Nick Kraus nkraus@pineland.net

Savannah Militia Camp 1657
Poole, GA
Meets 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Western Sizzling
Cmdr. Don Newman donnewman0601@comcast.net
Adj. Jack Wray jcwray64@yahoo.com

Ebenezer Rifles Camp 1901
Rincon, GA
Meets 3rd Thursday 7:00 p.m. Ephesus Church, 226 Goshen Rd.
Cmdr. Steve Thomas stevethomas3824@gmail.com
Adj. Charlie Watson clwjir2@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 johnnyrebing@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 Kea kejames45@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

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7th BRIGADE REPORT.....

First off, I hope everyone had a Great Thanksgiving. The Brunswick camp has still been dealing with the flag issue at a local cemetery, but help from some people that believe the same way we do, some donations were giving to the camp to replace the flags that were taken from the graves. Thanks to these Fine People, Camp Officers, and Volunteers that helped with putting these New Flags back in there rightful place to Honor our Confederate Ancestors. Commander Ron Colson of the Valdosta Camp has reached out to General HQ for assistance in the collection & coordination of program material assistance to enable widespread nurturing of SCV camps, organization wide. The Folkston Camp has been showing a video series instead of having a speaker and this is a great way to change things up for meetings. Waynesville and Waycross camps are still holding regular monthly meetings. The meeting schedule for the camps are listed below. If you plan to visit one of the camps you may want to call before travelling to their location. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Clement A. Evans Camp 64
Regular Meetings held 2nd Monday of each month (September through May) @ 6 pm at Jerry J's on Plant Ave. in Waycross.
Adjudant Chris Hiers

Thomas Marsh Forman Camp 485
Monthly Meeting held every 4th Thursday of each month at Captain Joe's Restaurant located at 1-95 and US 341 in Brunswick. Eat Dutch treat at 6:00 pm meeting starts at 6:45 - 8:00.
Adjudant J.C. Carter

Col. Edmond N. Atkinson Camp 680
Meetings are held the last Monday of each month (September through May) @ 7 pm at the Lowndes County Historical Society in Valdosta.
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 the Mumford Library @ 2 pm in Waynesville.
Adjudant Jerry Watkins

Capt. John Reddick Camp 2204
Meetings held 2nd Tuesday @ 7 pm at American Legion in Folkston.
Commander Clark Allen

Chuck Griffin
7th Brigade Commander,
Georgia Division

8th BRIGADE REPORT.....

Fall has fell, and activities are picking up in the 8th Brigade.

John K. McNeill, Camp-674 with Commander Pete Cowart meets the second Monday of each month (except for December) at the Museum of Colquitt County History in Moultrie. The meeting starts at 7:30 PM, and refreshments are served. Everyone is welcome.

The McNeill Camp had a very successful three days at the annual Sunbelt Agriculture EXPO. Confederate flags and memorabilia are still in great demand even though the PC police are still scowling at us. Camp members participated in the Tallahassee, Florida Veteran's Day parade in support of our Florida Compatriots. Members also participated in the Sweet Potato parade in Ocilla, the Charlie Crisp Confederate "Social Event" in Leesburg, and the R.W. Clements headstone dedication in Irwinville. All in all, it's been a very successful Fall for the McNeill folks.

Yancey Independents, Camp-693 with Commander Bo Slack meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Their meeting place is the bottom floor of the Worth County/Sylvester Public Library. Refreshments are served, and everyone is welcome.

Camp members participated in the Tallahassee, Florida Veteran's Day Parade in support of Finley's Brigade, Camp-1614 from Havana, Florida.

On October 18th the Camp had a special guest in Mr. Robert C. Jones who gave an extremely interesting presentation on the "Lost Gold of the Confederacy."

The Camp has erected a new double sided Recruitment Sign on the Benson Family Farm on Hwy-82 East. Funds for the sign's metal frame were donated by Compatriot Silas Whitley and new member Ronnie Chapman assisted in its setting.

Upcoming events include a book signing by poet laureate, Compatriot Ray Houston, on December 16th, and the annual Christmas Party is planned for December 20th at Ed's Truck Stop in Poulan.

Jefferson Davis Cowboys, Camp-682 with Commander Hershel Smith meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Fitzgerald Utilities Department Building. Refreshments are served, and everyone is welcome.

The Cowboys had a rather busy Fall this year. Commander Smith and others in the Camp, along with Jeff Davis Park Ranger John Hughes spent time with the Irwin County Commissioners trying to come to an agreement on how to handle the possibility of the Park's closing. At last report, no decision will be made before the end of January 2017.

The Cowboys participated in the annual Sweet Potato Festival and Parade on October 29th. During the Festival, they sold Confederate memorabilia from their tent to help with Camp fundraising.

On November 4th, the Camp held their annual School Days Encampment at the Jeff Davis Park, always a hit with the children, followed by their re-enactment on the 5th and 6th.

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

States Rights Guard, Camp-1551 with Commander Raleigh Gibbs meets on an as needed basis at the home of Commander Gibbs.

Wiregrass Greys, Camp-1683 with Commander Barry Resta meet on an as needed basis at the home of Commander Resta.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlie Parks, Commander 8th Brigade

9th BRIGADE REPORT.....

Camp #78 Alexander H. Stephens
Americus, Ga.
Meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. Meetings take place at 923 North Martin Luther King Bl. Americus, Ga. (American Legion Hall Post 2)
Camp #78 is hosting the Wirz memorial again this year in Andersonville. The date on this will be the 13th of November at 3 pm, there will band will start playing.

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around 2:30 and the guest speaker will be CIC Thomas Strain
Contact Commander John B. Carroll III at 229-942-5879 or carrolljohnbiii@bellsouth.net

Camp #141 Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson
Albany, GA
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7PM. Meetings take place 2524 Archwood Drive Albany, GA. (Golden Corral)
Contact Commander James King at 229-854-1944 or jkingantiquearms@bellsouth.net

Camp #1607 Stewart/Webster
Weston, GA
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM. Meetings take place at 210 Main Street Weston, GA. at the Stewart/Webster Camp.
Contact Commander Harry Ross at 706-366-7063 or thunder2ga@aol.com

Camp #1689 Decatur Gray
Bainbridge, GA
Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7PM. Meetings take place at 100 Scott Street Bainbridge, Ga. (1st Christian Church)
Contact Commander John Fisher III at 229-246-9739 or decaturgray5@gmail.com

Camp #1807 Ochlocknee Rifles
Cairo, GA
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7PM. Meetings take place at 320 North Broad Street Cairo, Ga. (Cairo Public Library in the Grady Room)
Contact Commander Earl Harrell at 229-377-2876

Camp #1855 Calhoun Rifles
Calhoun County
Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7PM
Contact Commander Aldine Owen at 229-835-2338 or owen1607@windstream.net

Camp #2071 Lt. Lovett Allen Tully
Colquitt, GA
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 PM at 627 US 27 Colquitt, Ga. (Moby Dick Restaurant)
Contact Adjutant Bobby B. Tully at 229-758-3128 or misterbobby13@gmail.com

I would like to thank everyone in the 9th Brigade for their support, guidance and patience since June. I look forward to visiting and working with each and every camp in the coming year. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each compatriot and their families. Pray for Dixie and America.

Ken Arvin
9th Brigade Commander

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orphanbn@outlook.com

12th BRIGADE REPORT……

Thank you to the 12th brigade camps for providing the information in this report.

Welcome to SCV and 12th Brigade:
Dewey D. Freeman
William J. Hardee Camp #1397
James L. Thompson
William J. Hardee Camp #1397
Mark Oliver Dungan
Kennesaw Battlefield Camp #700

Message from 12th Brigade Commander
I recently had the honor of representing the 12th Brigade at the dedication of a new Confederate monument to the men of Walker County in Chickamauga on the grounds of the Gordon-Lee Mansion. Camp McDonald's Commander Jeffery Wright was there to honor his 3 ancestor's whose name's appear on the monument. The Gordon Mansion was built by his ancestor, Mr. James Gordon.

I am honored to serve and represent the 12th Brigade at as many functions as possible.

I wish all of the 12th Brigade and Georgia Division members a Joyous Christmas Season.

Paulding County
William J. Hardee Camp #1397
- www.hardeeencamp1397scv.org
Commander: Wayne Willingham
wdwcsa@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 held a Living History program on Saturday, Nov.12th, at our meeting location, The Historic New Hope Second Baptist Church, Camp member's set up relic displays and gave gun firing demonstration's, talked about the SCV and the three battles that took place in Paulding County in 1864, We had a steady flow of visitors all day from 9am until 3pm.

The Hardee Camp supported along with other area camps the Oct. 8th Service at Old Van Wert Church in Polk County, led by past Commander Leonard Draper.

Two Hardee Camp members will be receiving War service medals from the SCV, Buddy Seagraves serving in Korea and Earl Young for service in Vietnam.

The Hardee Camp is Very proud of member Jacob Gann, an Eagle Scout who received a ROTC Scholarship to Virginia Military Institute and is attending school there at this time, Jacob is the Son of Camp member and Veteran Randy Gann.

We welcome two new members Dewey D. Freeman and James L. Thompson.
Commander Wayne Willingham

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

Wreath's Across America program has been successful with 670 wreaths ordered. Camp member David Brannan has been a cornerstone of this effort.

Wreath Laying from is scheduled for Sat. Dec 17 at noon at Brown Park and the Marietta Confederate Cemetery.

General Leonidas Polk Camp #1446
Commander: Gary 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

Once again, our camp will sponsor our annual North Georgia Lee-Jackson Dinner, new location, new menu, lower price same great fellowship!

Annual North Georgia Lee – Jackson Dinner
January 28, 2017
American Legion Post 160
160 Legion Drive SE
Smyrna, GA 30080
Cocktails at 6:30, Dinner at 7:30 PM
Dress: Sunday Best or Period (WBTS) Military or Civilian

Wives, families, and guests are encouraged. Our keynote speaker is Scott Gilbert, Commander of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans. His topic will be: “The Mighty Stonewall: Or...
gins.”

This year a buffet will feature London Broil Beef, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Parmesan Crusted Flounder and seasonable vegetables with salad and dessert. We will again conduct a drawing to award door prizes.

The cost is $35.00 per ticket ($25 for child under 14) which must be received by our camp no later than Friday, January 13, 2017 as pre-commitment is required by the facility. This event is non-cancellable in the event of inclement weather. All tickets must be purchased in advance as ticket sales will not be available at the door.

Join us in making this a memorable event! Send your check made payable to “Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp 1446, S.C.V.” and send to George Burkett, Adjutant; Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp 1446, S.C.V. at 1545 Pedro Dr SW; Mableton, GA 30126-1171.

Any questions should be directed to David Sapp at 770-427-2449, sappjulia@bellsouth.net, or George Burkett at 770-944-8536, gbetter@outlook.com

Commander: Harry Eubanks harrycpa@ mindspring.com
Adjutant: James Bishop j 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

Congratulations to new members: Kenneth Buggay, Jacob Buggay and Judah Buggay

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

Congratulations to Compatariat Michael Reither who received a certificate of appreciation from the Cobb County Cemetery Preservation Commission for his work on the Garrett/Old Holly Springs and Blackwell cemeteries.

Congratulations to Cadet Mark Oliver Dun gan who turned 12 and received his full membership into the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Chattahoochee Guards Camp #1639
Commander: Dan Coleman- email dancfin@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 Cafeteria 536 Cobb Pkwy SE Marietta, GA 30060

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 interest in preserving our Southern Heritage to attend our meetings.

Respectfully Submitted
Rick Leake 12th Brigade Commander

Lt. Commander North’s Report

Happy New Year Compatriots,

Greetings to all Camp Commanders and members. I can’t believe that it is 2017. A new year for all and an opportunity to do great things within the camps.

First, I hope all of you had a very nice Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for, our homes, family and friends. Also, I hope you had a very Merry Christmas.

Next, on November 19th, the 11th and 13th Brigades had their training session. It has been a while since our camps have had training. It was helpful and informative with over 20 members attending. We learned about history, lobbying and how to handle the media. I will be setting up these sessions for the rest of the brigades in the ensuing months. I will be sending out the information to sign up for these sessions to the Brigade and Camp Commanders this month.

2017 will be an exciting and growing year for all and an opportunity to do great things within the camps.

I am looking forward to working and seeing all of you soon.

Phillip Autrey, Lt. Commander, North
SCV Victory in Memphis

Dear Adj. Pilgrim,

I am pleased to tell you that Compatriot Jerry Bryan and I attended the meeting in Gatlinburg TN yesterday and the end results are that the graves of General and Mrs. Forrest as well as the monument are safe and will not be moved. As for the name of the memorial it is still under litigation. All in all this is fantastic news and much praise is to be given to Compatriot Lee Millar of Memphis, TN. If I understood correctly he is the one that has led the charge for the S.C.V. in this matter. A couple of pictures are attached, one of the Historic Committee (16 members present) and the audience of about 50 people. One of Compatriot Bryan and myself with Compatriot's Millar Committee (16 members present) and the audience of about 50 people. This past weekend, we broke ground on a new museum dedicated to the Confederate soldier. This is our charge and mission to do so. There is nothing controversial about that. I will point out that even the Smithsonian Institute has multiple museums dedicated to a particular perspective such as the African American History and Culture (quoting “through an African American lens”), the American Indian Museum (again quoting from the Smithsonian website “advancing knowledge and understanding of all tribes”), the Asian Pacific American Center, and numerous affiliated museums of like kind. We see this as positive history designed to look at history from many different angles. History is all inclusive and museums are designed to provide educational venues by which people can come, view items, read facts, and learn. We don’t always have to agree on everything, because history is not about only one perspective. According to the Smithsonian, “The Smithsonian Institution was created by Congress in 1846 as “an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge.”” Museums are not propaganda institutions. By the way, it was Jefferson Davis who was the impetus for your institution.

Yesterday Danny Lewis wrote an “article” in the Smithsonian Magazine entitled “A Controversial Museum Tries to Revive the Myth of the Confederacy’s “Lost Cause”. How does he know this? Who told him that was what this museum is about? I take great offense to the tone, assumptions, misrepresentations, and the magnitude of inaccuracies in it.

First of all, I have not spoken to Mr. Lewis at all on this museum and neither has my staff. I have no emails or missed calls from him. If he is a professional, isn’t this part of journalism? Not even the name of the museum is correct in his article. The square footage is wrong. The organization’s intent of the museum is wrong. The cost of the museum is wrong. In reality, Mr. Lewis read a local article with hosts of inaccuracies, read a propagandist’s blog, and then went to town trashing our organization without doing any real homework himself. Is this acceptable to the Smithsonian?

I have great respect for the Smithsonian Institute and what it is supposed to represent. I am an institutional man and you probably are as well. The foundations of any institution can only support it for so long based upon how strong its foundations are. I would be ashamed if this kind of propaganda came forth from my organization. If the Smithsonian truly is an educational institution, this “article” is unworthy of the institution it represents. If this is what the Smithsonian is dipping to, then it begins the slow fall of its credibility as an objective institution.

I noted that Mr. Lewis states that he “focuses on stories from a Health/Science bent.” I recommend him keep to this rather than delve into areas he has no understanding and relies on parroting other people’s lopsided sentiments. This “article” is not balanced at all and is unworthy of the Smithsonian.

http://www.smithsonianmag.com/.../controversial-museum-tries.../

Semper Fidelis!
Michael L. Landree
LtCol, USMC, Ret.
Executive Director
Sons of Confederate Veterans
McDaniel-Curtis Camp 165/ 11th Brigade

It was a great year here in the 11th brigade . Started off January by seeing a new Camp, The Haralson Defenders form in a neighboring County. Then the Heard County Rangers had Bobby Horton come perform in February.

In April, between us and Villa Rica’s Forrest Escort Camp, we put out close to 2,000 flags on Confederate graves . We helped the Haralson Defenders in the Tallapoosa Dogwood Festival one weekend, then a memorial service for the Sharp Family Cemetery in Carrollton the next and then our Confederate Memorial Day service at the Veterans Park in Carrollton. To finish the day we ran down to Heard County to help the Heard Rangers and the local UDC ladies in their service.

We did a living history at Moores Bridge Park in Whitesburg (the only battle site in Carroll County) in June.

Fourth of July Parade and then Bowdon Founders Day in August, Roopville Homecoming in September. We along with the Haralson Defenders, Forrest Escort, and Lt Col Thomas Coke Glover from Douglasville put on a living history for Buchanan Elementary.

In October the same co-op of Camps put on a huge event at the Carroll County Ag center for 1,500 kids over two days with flag talk, encampment musket and mortar demonstration. The very next week the same Camps did it again at Bremen Academy.

And last but not least was a visit at our September meeting by Lt. Cmdr. Al Perry who gave a great presentation on the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp.

State Cmdr. Scott Gilbert came to see us in October.

After the Christmas parade in Carrollton in a couple of weeks we will take a hard earned break but already are planning for next year. Living the Charge and passing on history to our youth in the 11th brigade.

Teddy Thomas
Commander
McDaniel-Curtis Camp 165

9th Brigade Activity!

The 9th Brigade has been on a roll the last couple of months.

Camp # 78 Alexander H. Stephens in Americus, Ga.

Set up an information and recruiting tent at Ellaville first annual BBQ cook off.

Attended the Charlie Crisp flag ceremony and BBQ in Lee County. This event also was attended by members of the Albany camp.

Wirz Memorial Service in Andersonville, Ga. The guest speaker was CIC Thomas Strain. There were members from all over the state to include Georgia Division Commander Scott Gilbert. Also in attendance were members of the Georgia Mechanized Cavalry and the Order of Confederate Rose.


Attended the Charlie Crisp flag ceremony and BBQ in Lee County. This event also was attended by members of the Americus Camp.

Also Commander King spoke in Irwinville at the Jefferson Davis Capture Site at the head stone dedication to Mr. Clements.

Camp#1689 Decatur Grays in Bainbridge, Ga.

Truly by the grace of God Commander Fisher had a flag pole donated to the Camp. The Division sent Commander Fisher three flags to proudly display.

I also saw Commander Fisher and several other men in attendance at the Irwinville Battle re-enactment.

Camp#1608 Stewart/Webster in Weston, Ga.

Set up an information and recruiting tent at the Fair on the Square in Preston, Ga.

Had a Thanksgiving Supper at their meeting in November. This makes the fourth year that we have done this. Always have a good turn out to close out the year and discuss issues and plans for the coming year.

I had the privilege and honor to present the Dixie Club Award to Commander James King at his Camp meeting in October. It was also as muster in a new member to the Mechanized Cavalry, Compatriot James Tate of the Stewart/Webster Camp #1607.

In the ending of the year 2016, it has been busy and the beginning of the 2017 is shaping up to be busy as well. I would like to thank each and every member in the 9th Brigade for the hard work and dedication to the Southern Cause. Gentlemen your ancestors are proud of you. I look forward to visiting and working with each and every camp in the coming year.

To the Georgia Division EC again thanks for the support, guidance and patience that you have shown not only to the 9th Brigade but to me as well.

And last but not least I want to say thank you to all the support from the Mechanized Cavalry, Order of Confederate Rose and the Friends of Confederate Veterans. Without the support of these organizations I know I would feel lost. They always go where needed and help in any manner to make sure that the mission is completed. My hat is off to each and every member in these organizations.

May everyone have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR, As always may God bless the United States of America especially the South.

Ken “Sarge” Arvin
9th Brigade Commander
Georgia Division SCV

Haralson Invincibles

From a low of just 14 members in August of 2014, we end 2016 with 32 members - more than double!

We kicked off our Camp Facebook page

( www.facebook.com/haralsinfvincibles ) in March of 2014. As of November 10th, 2016, we now have the largest number of followers amongst all SCV Camps with Facebook pages in the entire 11th Brigade!

We are nearing $1000 for our upcoming Haralson Confederate Monument. When finished it will be the most unique design ever built in memory of our Confederate Ancestors and certainly 156 years overdue.

Commander Billy Bearden

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

If your Camp has a flag pole and would like to be recognized on this list, send the information to:

Editor, Georgia Confederate  gaconfederate@att.net
Several 11th Brigade Camps held a two day living history encampment. At Carroll County Ag Center for 1,500 students. R. Div. Cmdr. Scott Gilbert visits McDaniel-Curtis Camp 165. Camp Cmdr. Teddy Thomas at right.

Div.Cmdr. Gilbert [L]; Cmdr. Thomas [R]

The Wirz Memorial Service in Andersonville, GA. CIC Strain was the guest speaker, Ga. Div. Commander Gilbert, Camp#78 Commander John Carroll and the honor guard from Camp#78 are pictured.

Some of us from Georgia Mechanized Cavalry went to Tallahassee, Fl. To ride with the Florida Members in the annual Veteran’s Day Parade.

The flag ceremony and BBQ at Charlie Crisps Plantation. Camps from Albany and Americus were present.

Re: Washington College

“Young gentlemen, we have no printed rules here. We have but one rule and that is that every student must be a gentleman.”

~ President Robert E. Lee
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~ Robert E. Lee

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