Robert E. Lee Birthday
Back to Milledgeville
The Robert E. Lee Birthday event will return to Milledgeville for 2018. The event will be held Saturday, January 20th at First Baptist Church in the Old Capital City, sponsored by the Old Capital Camp #688.

The keynote speaker will be Sam Hood a descendant of Gen. John Bell Hood.

Show your support for the memory of General Lee. Make a statement about the removal of Lee statues. Let’s have the biggest crowd we have ever had.

Let’s let the whole State know that General Lee was born in JANUARY, not November!

So, what’s the good news?
The Georgia Division is talking lobbyists and PR. Your Executive Council is serious. But, you want to know something?

THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION IS FOR A CONSTITUENT TO CONTACT HIS/HER GEORGIA STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND GEORGIA STATE SENATOR. Period.

This will require the members to get involved. The biggest fear of any elected official is that he/she will NOT be re-elected. A State Representative from Muscogee County may see one of your Division Officers and be respectful. When that Representative sees a voter from Muscogee County, it’s an entirely different scenario. To succeed in protecting the Confederate monuments, we MUST be engaged at the local level.

For those of you who are already engaged, THANK YOU. [See the letters from Kim Beck, Page 17, and Johnny Mack Nickles, Page 18, this issue.]

If you don’t like the things your Executive Council is doing, speak to your Brigade Commander.

If you care, if you are serious, if you want to leave the treasures that we received to future generations, GET INVOLVED! These treasures most likely will not be here if you AND I don’t act...NOW.

What are you waiting for? Make yourself known in your local community and let the elected officials know where you stand.

Lord, help us to stand for something, lest we fall for anything.

al perry., Editor
The Georgia Confederate

PURPOSE
We, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, having been commissioned by the Confederate Veterans themselves, retain our responsibility and right to adhere to the founding principles of the United States of America remembering the bravery, defending the honor and protecting the memory of our beloved Confederate Veterans, which includes their memorials, images, symbols, monuments, and gravesites for ourselves and future generations.

SCV GHQ Executive Council

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.
Camp Commander Garry Daniell [L] (Leonidas Polk #1446) and Michael Reither [C] (Kennesaw Mountain Camp #700) installed twelve (12) new Southern Crosses of Honor at Maloney Springs Cemetery in Cobb County. The new crosses are replacements for those stolen by cemetery vandals back in 2009. Maloney Springs is a historic cemetery that pre-dates the War of Northern Aggression and is the resting place for many of compatriot Daniell’s pioneer ancestors.

Far Right, William Reither

George W. Anderson
Benjamin J. Hamby
Micajah L. Hamby
Jesse W. Martin
John D. Polston
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Isaac A. Reed
Lee used the sentence that begins with “Remember it is your duty...”

Moving on to current affairs, the past weeks and months since Charlottesville have been disheartening, frustrating, and upsetting to all of us. There is however good news: as of this writing, not a single monument in our State has been taken down, moved, or altered. How long that continues to be the case no one knows. The threat however is more real than it has been since the State flag issue, and we must prepare and work harder than we ever have. It will take time, money, and personal sacrifice.

Time means putting other things aside except Church and family and giving as much to the SCV as you can. Time means attending your Camp meetings unless there is an absolute emergency that prevents you from doing so. Time means reading every local newspaper, and any other publications that contain information about the political, social, or cultural goings on in your community. Time means attending every county commission/town council meeting in your community. Time means monitoring local Churches and colleges for anything that sounds like “community meeting”, or “panel discussion”, and knowing exactly what the topics are and who is involved.

Money means reevaluating your contributions to the SCV. If you only pay dues each year, please consider adding an additional donation when you reenlist. Pay your dues on time or better yet, pay them early. Money means contributing to heritage defense, both at the national, and at the Division level. Money means sponsoring a youngster, student, or retiree that may need some financial assistance. Money means supporting a permanent Camp be asked to bring only US flags. I respectfully ask that each banner, if they have one, and want each Camp to bring their US flag, (not torn, faded, etc.) No tea party battleflags. Period correct only, NO “Hank Williams” battleflags, CS flags of any pattern but US flag), and any other patriotic symbol of our State, and nation. Personal sacrifice means educating your family, friends, and coworkers at the risk of damaging a relationship.

Campaigns, get involved in the public arena. Join your local Chamber of Commerce. Pay for sponsorships for local events even though they may not be Confederate oriented (car shows, farm heritage festivals, music events, youth sports, etc.) If you have a great meeting place, plan an “elected officials” open house after the elections and invite every elected official in your area of operations to drop in for food and drink and to meet your members. Look at what other non-profits do in your community and use any good ideas that you draw from them. No matter what it is, do something.

Sincerely,
Scott K. Gilbert, Jr.
Commander, Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

Gentlemen:
Details for the Lee Birthday (and EC meeting) are set. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018. We will be back in Milledgeville and the Old Capitol Camp #688 is working hard to make it a great day.

We will be having our parade which will start at 10:45, lineup is no later than 10:30. The parade will head to the First Baptist Church of Milledgeville at 330 S. Liberty St. The Church is blocks away from the historic landmarks in town and they have been gracious enough to allow us the use of their fellowship hall. It seats 150, I think we will have overflow and that will be great if it happens. Our speaker is Sam Hood. You probably have heard of Sam, he is a collateral descendant of Gen. JB Hood. Sam was excited to get the invite, and refused all offers of a gratuity or any help with travel expenses (I hope we will try and provide with something, even if he turns it down).

Brigade Commanders: Please make sure you start reminding your Camps about this event. We want each Camp to bring their banner, if they have one, and flags. I respectfully ask that each Camp be asked to bring only US flags, CS flags of any pattern but NO "Hank Williams" battleflags, or "bass", "deer" or other types of battleflags. Period correct only, and ask them to make sure they are in good condition (not wrinkled up, faded, etc.) No tea party flags, etc.

This event will be advertised and with the legislature in session, PR might be very big for us.

Thanks in advance,
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Statement of Purpose

We, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, having been commissioned by the Confederate Veterans themselves, retain our responsibility and right to adhere to the founding principles of the United States of America remembering the bravery, defending the honor and protecting the memory of our beloved Confederate Veterans, which includes their memorials, images, symbols, monuments and gravesites for ourselves and future generations.

Sons of Confederate Veterans
support our nation and the rule of law

(Elm Springs, TN) 14 August 2017 – The Sons of Confederate Veterans opposes the KKK and other racist organizations. The SCV condemns in the strongest possible way the actions, words, and beliefs of any racist group. These groups are filled with hatred and bigotry, and their espoused principles are counter to the American principles of freedom for all citizens. Neither white supremacists nor any other racist group represent true Southern Heritage or the Confederate Soldier, Sailor, or Marine. In like manner, the SCV condemns the actions of the “Antifa” counterprotestors whose role was to meet violence with violence and to answer hate with hate. The SCV also condemns the Alt-Left’s attempts to attack Confederate monuments and other war memorials in an attempt to tarnish the true history of our great nation and to further their modern socialist political agenda.

The clash in Charlottesville, Virginia on 12 August between the “Antifa” and “Alt Right” has nothing to do with the Confederacy, the SCV, nor Southern history. Antifa and the Alt-Right are opposing political perversions which chose a hallowed historical monument as the location for their vile criminal acts. There is no link between these criminal elements and Confederate history, and to try to create one is ridiculous. Leave history to history.

The SCV has a strict policy which forbids SCV members from associating with the Klan or any other racist organizations. The SCV supports and promotes a unity and respect. The U.S. is a nation of laws, and the SCV respects the Constitution our forefathers wrote and the government of our reunited country. There are no classes of citizens and the SCV is no different. We expect and demand that all Americans respect each other’s perspectives with civility, regardless of demographics.

As an organization, the SCV goal is to follow the direction of the Apostle Paul and “speak the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:16). There is no place for violence and hatred. All individuals are created in the image of God and worthy of acceptance and respect. The SCV condemns all acts of hatred and the improper use of our ancestors’ battle flag, which they nobly carried into battle for their own political independence. The Battle Flag was not and never has been a legitimate symbol of racism; it is a soldier’s battle flag given to the SCV by the Confederate veterans themselves. The KKK, nor any other group, has legitimate use of our Confederate symbol.

Thos. V. Strain Jr
Commander-in-Chief

General Orders 08-083117

It is my privilege to announce the creation of the Georgia Division HAM Radio Signal Corps to be headed up by Compatriot Richard Myers, AD4VS, Heard County Rangers Camp #1996, and 1st Lt. Commander Bill Grimes, KK4UA, of the Major William Simmons Camp #96, of Gwinnett County.

The Corps is hereby charged with using the HAM network to foster a positive image, and Southern hospitality focused on our Confederate heritage, to promote the story of the Confederate soldier, and his people.

The Corps will also focus on recruiting new members, and helping them establish contact with Camps in their respective home areas.

Scott K. Gilbert, Jr.
Commander, Georgia Division

Dear Brigade Commanders:

At your earliest opportunity, please send out a request to all of your Camps to please help with the following issues:

1. Local heritage issues: any and all heritage violations/potential violations/rumors/news/articles/internet stories/local government actions need to be verified, and be dealt with immediately at the local level, regardless of what the response may be.

2. Camps should report any of these issues to their respective Brigade Commander immediately.

3. Brigade Commanders need to offer any immediate or emergency assistance, and at the first opportunity, inform the Division Commander, and their respective Division Lt. Commander.

4. Please make sure that each Camp in our Brigade has the legal reference to the current Georgia law that pertains to monuments, flags, etc. This law is in Ga Code Section 50.1.3; the law has forced several larger cities and individuals to back off efforts to remove monuments, etc. Each Camp needs to furnish this information in a friendly, formal, and official capacity to their respective Mayors, and Commissioners.

5. Please respect the chain of command. Each day we are bombarded with calls from one section of the State concerning stories and rumors about monuments in a completely different area of the State. Almost every instance has proven that the Camp in the concerned area is already aware of the news. Please concentrate all your actions in your area unless otherwise requested (at the Camp level).

6. Please ask your Camps to contact any other Camp if it intends to physically involve itself in a situation without having been asked to do so. Camps driving all over the State from one issue or rumor to another is not productive and in some cases, it is counter-productive.

I appreciate your assistance with these items in advance.

Sincerely,
Scott Gilbert, Commander
Georgia Division
MEETING MINUTES
Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans Third Quarter Executive Council Meeting held at the Macon Convention and Visitor’s Bureau Building Macon, Georgia September 23, 2017.

Division Commander Scott Gilbert called the meeting to order and Chief of Staff David Moncus called the roll to determine a quorum.

Those present: Division Commander Scott Gilbert, Lt. Commander North Phil Autry, Lt. Commander South Al Perry, Adjutant Tim Pilgrim, COS David Moncus, Judge Advocate Dan Coleman, 1st Brigade Commander Barry Colbaugh, 2nd Brigade Commander Michael Dean, 3rd Brigade Commander Curtis Collier, 4th Brigade Commander Kim Beck, 5th Brigade Commander Thomas Miller, 6th Brigade Commander Don Newman, 7th Brigade Commander Charles Griffin, 9th Brigade Commander Ken Arvin, 10th Brigade Commander Al Medcalf, Jr., 12th Brigade Commander William Latham, 13th Brigade Commander Steven Camp.

Not Present: 8th Brigade Commander Hershel Smith, 11th Brigade Commander Jeff Robinson, Immediate Past Commander Jack Bridwell. All were excused absences.

Invocation was given by Division Chaplain Jack Wray.

Flag pledges were led by Division Commander Gilbert who also delivered the Charge to the SCV.

Division Commander Gilbert asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the Post Reunion EC Meeting in June, 2017 as published in the July-August Georgia Confederate. A motion to do so was made by 3rd Brigade Commander Curt Collier and seconded by Lt. Commander North Phil Autry. The vote to accept was unanimous.

Old Business
A. Commander Tom Stevens gave a report on the 2017 Division Reunion
1. Were 215 registered delegates with an estimated total of 270 people in attendance.
2. Commander Stevens expressed his appreciation for all who attended.
3. Commander Stevens said his Camp made $3400 as the host Camp

4. He asked Brigade Commanders to please get the word out that you should put the name you want to see on your name tag on the registration form.

5. For the 2018 Reunion the registration fee will be $25 and late fee $35

6. The Georgia Division will be hosting the 2018 Reunion in Macon again and his Camp will take the lead on handling everything. Volunteers from any other Camp are more than welcome and much appreciated.

7. The Saturday luncheon will be a Division Awards Luncheon.

8. Profit from the 2018 Reunion will go to the Georgia Division to help make the Division Office self-supporting.

B. Commander Gilbert gave a report on Confederate Flag removal from the city cemetery in Lagrange, Ga. The flag was removed and replaced with a current Georgia State flag without notice to anyone and a new sign was put up calling it the Mulberry Street Cemetery without any mention of the fenced off Confederate Section. Commander Gilbert met with city officials and they did put up a marker acknowledging the Confederates buried there but refused to change the flag. The SCV has sent a letter to them of a pending lawsuit if they refused to cooperate with getting the Confederate Flag back in place.

C. The Henry County Commission has refused to take a vote on putting the Confederate Flag back up at Nash Farm. Commander Gilbert is going to meet with the County Commission Chairperson to get a vote scheduled for the Commission meeting. If they refuse to meet then a similar letter notifying them of a pending lawsuit will be sent. The local SCV Camp is ready to take legal action if the Commission won’t vote.

D. Special Discussion on “The Charge”- Commander Gilbert introduced Past CIC Kelly Barrow to speak as a historian on the history of the actual wording of “The Charge” given to the SCV by UCV Commander Stephen D. Lee. Kelly gave three versions of “The Charge” that have been used and published.

“The Minutes Charge” – To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emolument of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved, and which you also cherish, and those ideals which made him glorious, and which you also cherish.

“This is the entire paragraph pertaining to the SCV from the speech of Gen. S. D. Lee as taken from the 1906 minutes of the UCV pages 30 – 35. The paragraph previous to that quoted above is a charge to the Memorial Association and the paragraph following is a charge to the Daughters of the Confederacy. Also found in the 1906 minutes of the United Sons of Confederate page 4, 58-59

“The Magazine Charge” – To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier’s good name, the guardianship of his history, the emolument of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved, and which you also cherish, and those ideals which made him glorious, and which you also cherish.

“This comes from the June 1906 Confederate Veteran pages 245 – 255 where the magazine version of Gen. Lee’s speech is printed.

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

“As you can see each version in common use today is similar and is comprised of the Minutes Charge with a different ending added after the word cherish.

“I have found no document contemporary to the 1906 United Confederate Veterans (UCV) or the United Sons of Confederate Veterans (USCV) reunions that contains the History Charge.”

Historian Barrow gave the following basis for concluding that the Minutes Charge is the official charge given to the SCV and that is why it should be used.

“1. The minutes version is quoted in two newspapers of 1906 in New Orleans

“2. The minutes version is shown used in the 1907 minutes of the USCV in Birmingham

“3. The 1923 CV Magazine

“4. The 1951 last UCV Reunion “Minutes Charge” was used

“5. The National SCV voted in 2004 to use “Minutes Charge” as the official SCV Charge.”

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Lt. Commander South Al Perry asked does anyone know where the “History Charge” actually came from and when it was first used? Historian Barrow said it is not known. Lt. Commander Perry asked why do we want to change to the “Minutes Charge” if we don’t know where the “History Charge” came from? Historian Barrow said that since we are saying that we are quoting Gen. S. D. Lee then we need to be historically accurate in the quote.

Commander Gilbert said that the National SCV demands that we use the “Minutes Charge” as the quote.

Division Chaplain Jack Wray offered comments on his research that supports the “Minutes Charge” as the official charge given.

4th Brigade Commander Kim Beck asked why with all the efforts to destroy our monuments and history are we worrying about this issue.

13th Brigade Commander Steven Camp made a motion that the “Minutes Charge” as accepted by National be accepted by the Georgia Division as the official charge to be used. Lt. Commander North Phil Autrey seconded the motion. An amendment was offered by Lt. Commander South Perry that if the motion passes the issue should be brought before the 2018 Convention. Commander Gilbert asked for a ruling from Judge Advocate Coleman if bringing it before the convention was the right thing to do and JA Coleman said that he thought it was proper. Commander Camp accepted the amendment

13th Brigade Commander Camp withdrew his original motion and submitted the following motion: The “Minutes Charge” as accepted by National should be accepted by the Georgia Division as the official charge to be used pending approval by the Division body at the 2018 Convention to be held in Macon.

2nd Brigade Commander Michael Dean seconded the motion. Vote was 9 yes and 8 no thus approving to accept this motion

12th Brigade Commander William Latham made a motion that the last sentence of the “History Charge” beginning with “Remember” be adopted as the Division Motto.

13th Brigade Commander Steven Camp seconded the motion

5th Brigade Commander Thomas Miller made a comment that the word “Remember” should remain. Vote was 8 Yes, 9 No, thus the motion failed

New Business

A. Judge Advocate Dan Coleman made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a real estate issue. Lt. Commander North Autrey seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Commander Gilbert stated that there is a small piece of property on Peachtree Street in Atlanta that had been donated to the National SCV some years ago. Currently it has two markers installed on it put there by the Georgia Civil War Commission. Commander John Hall has requested that the Georgia Division work with National for the Division to assume control of the property and erect a flag pole to fly the Confederate Battle Flag. Past CIC Barrow was asked if he thought that the National Organization would support such a request and he said he thought they would. There was some general discussion about the property and caution made about potential problems with the city of Atlanta in being able to erect a flag pole. There were also cautions about potential problems with underground utilities. There were questions about the taxes on the property and they are paid up-to-date and are less than $100 per year. Question was raised about the potential of being able to be exempt from the taxes and that is thought to be a possibility. Judge Advocate Coleman made a motion that the Division take control of this property and a committee be appointed to see what would be the best use of the property for the benefit of the Georgia Division.

7th Brigade Commander Griffin seconded the motion. It was a unanimous “Yes” vote.

B. Adjutant Tim Pilgrim presented an Adjutant’s Report to each EC member and then reviewed the report. Some questions were presented and all were satisfactorily answered by Adjutant Pilgrim. A motion was made by Adjutant Pilgrim to purchase 100 crosses of honor to come from the tag fund or operating fund after verification of the appropriate fund to draw from. Division Judge Advocate will verify that the funds can be utilized from the tag fund by EC approval. Lt. Commander Autrey seconded with a unanimous approval vote following.

9th Brigade Commander Arvin made a motion to accept Adjutant Pilgrim’s report and 5th Brigade Commander Miller seconded. A unanimous approval vote was given.

C. The Georgia Confederate Editor Al Perry gave a report on the Division newsletter. He wants more Camps to be involved in getting reports submitted to him on their activities during the quarter. He would like to have all Camps submitting information. He urged Brigade Commanders to promote this effort with each of their Camp Commanders.

D. Commander Gilbert discussed the ongoing situation with developing laws for protection of Georgia military monuments. He said that he has been informed by our friends in the legislature that there is no support for strengthening the law in the 2018 legislative session. He said that we need to be battling against legislation to repeal the current law. Commander Gilbert handed out and discussed a proposal to hire Poole & Dunn Management Services, LLC as a lobbying firm to support us in the upcoming 2018 legislative session. Judge Advocate Coleman spoke against the proposal. Lt. Commander Autrey made a motion that we hire the firm as proposed at a cost not to exceed $30,000. 6th Brig. Commander Newman seconded the motion.

Judge Advocate Coleman proposed an amendment that for every dollar spent on a lobbyist we spend an equal amount on PR. Lt. Commander Perry seconded the proposed amendment. The amendment failed with 3 Yes and 7 No.

Adjutant Pilgrim stated that he felt we needed to know more about the firm and that he thought the proposal was too broad in what services we would actually be getting. 5th Br. Commander Thomas Miller proposed an amendment that within two weeks that EC members send Commander Gilbert questions that they may have for the lobbyist firm and that a meeting be held with the proposed lobbyist with EC members who can make the meeting to discuss his services then have an electronic vote by October 14. The proposed amendment was seconded by 3rd Br. Commander Collier and passed with a vote of 8 Yes, 2 No.

Due to this amendment passing the previous motion to hire the lobbyist firm as proposed was tabled until the amendment requirements were met and rescheduled for October 14 by computer balloting.

E. Division Spokesman Charles Lunsford made a presentation on his media packet for the best way to handle the media during any attacks on our heritage or attempts to remove monuments.

Judge Advocate Coleman then made a motion that we spend $30,000 for PR to fight against attacks on our heritage. 13th Br. Commander Camp seconded the motion which led to discussion on how to fund this effort. The motion passed with a 7 Yes, and 3 No vote.

Adjutant Pilgrim then made a motion that the funding come from a dues assessment over the next three years of $6 per year and at the end of the three years the dues would return to the original $12 unless the membership decided otherwise. Motion seconded by 5th Br. Commander Miller.

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Brig. Commander Griffin offered an amendment to raise the assessment to $8 per year and that was seconded by 10th Brig. Commander Medcalf.

At that point Commander Gilbert gave control of the meeting over to Lt. Commander Autrey so that he could offer an amendment to make it a permanent Division dues increase of $8.00. Judge Advocate Coleman seconded this amendment. This amendment was accepted by Adjutant Pilgrim and the vote was 9 Yes and 1 No to permanently raise Division dues by $8.00 a year.

Of course this will have to be presented and voted on by the Division Body at the 2018 Convention.

Commander Gilbert reassumed control of the meeting and the meeting was closed with prayer and the singing of Dixie by all.

Respectfully submitted by COS David C. Moncus

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**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 20, 2018**

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Robert E. Lee Birthday Event

First Baptist Church

330 S. Liberty Street

Milledgeville, Georgia

Georgia Division

Executive Council meeting to follow.

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Keynote Speaker for Robert E. Lee Birthday Event

Stephen M. “Sam” Hood

Sam Hood is a graduate of Kentucky Military Institute, Marhsall University, and a veteran of the United States Martine Corps.

A collateral descendant of General John Bell Hood, Sam is a retired industrial construction company owner, past member of the Board of Directors of the Blue/Gray Education Society of Chatham, Virginia, and is a past president of the Board of Directors of Confederate Memorial Hall Museum in New Orleans.

Sam resides in his hometown of Huntington, West Virginia with his wife Martha. He is the proud father of two sons, Derek Hood of Lexington, Kentucky, and Taylor Hood of Barboursville, West Virginia.

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**NEEDED: CAMP NEWS**

Y’all doing anything out there?  Editor

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Third National Flag flying at Newton, Georgia. We take our stand in Dixie Land!
V. T. Akridge

1st Lt. Cmdr. Corey Harrelson administers the oath to his son Bradley Harrelson at the Confederate Monument in Eastman, Georgia as he joins the Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp # 2039 as an SCV Cadet.

Third National Flag flying at Newton, Georgia. We take our stand in Dixie Land!
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The Confederate Veteran ~
Testimony to his noble character.

Wesley W. Chadwick
John Theodore Pace
James L. Wylie
Jacob B. Barber
John A. Booth
Maloney Springs Cemetery
Lest We Forget

Haralson Invincibles Adjutant Richard Boarts receives the National SCV’s Graves Award and Medal.
The History of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans
Compiled by: Mark Pollard, Georgia Division Historian, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

1927

The year 1927 was significant in two ways. It was the year in which the first major revision of the SCV Constitution took place and it was also the movement of several Georgians to prominent positions within the SCV.

The 1927 Constitution was the first major revision in several years and was the result of considerable debate. No significant changes were made from the old version as an entry was merely "updated." This probably meant that they raised the dues.

In 1927, the Confederate Veteran Magazine ran an article about the 37th Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans which was held in Tampa, Florida.

Some of the guess attendees were the last living General of the Confederacy, General Felix Huston Robertson, of Texas. He rolled up on the platform in a wheel chair, 88 years young to a roaring crowd. Also in attendance was Mr. D. Witherspoon, a grandson of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence of South Carolina.

Just before the convention was to start, in came a colored man into the Tampa Hotel and sat down with the Virginia Division. He was the only colored man on the floor, everyone seemed embarrassed. The writer of the Confederate Veteran magazine article knowing him, introduced him to the Veterans as the Rev. William Mack Lee of the Baptist Church, (servant and cook) of Mas, General R.E. Lee. Although it had never been confirmed that he had been General Lee's cook and servant during the war, William Mack Lee claimed he was freed by General Lee in 1863 by the Custis will.

The crowd broke lose a applause in asking to send him up to the platform. Two Boys Scouts took him by the arm and led him to the platform and sat him down by the side of the official ladies. They all shook his hand and he was welcomed to the Convention.

The Reunion of 1927 elected favorite Son, Sumter L. Lowery as Commander in Chief from the Tampa Bay area. He lost no time in appointing Georgians to positions of leadership within the Confederacy. There was our Son, Nathan Bedford Forrest III of Atlanta was selected as a member of the Executive Committee as Secretary and former CIC, Dr. W.R. Dancy of Savannah as the Georgia Division Commander. John Ashley Jones, past Commander of the John B. Gordon SCV Camp 46 in Atlanta became Commander of the Army of Tennessee.

The Georgia Division was clearly in good shape in 1927, although it had lost some membership in 1926.

After the days Convention was over, there was a grand parade seven miles long, headed by Forrest Cavalry and William Mack Lee. In all, seven miles of cars in double formation and 15 bands. They were cheered and saluted by two hundred thousand citizens along the street, from curb to upper story.

A good Georgia lady, aged 94 in this column said she had attended every reunion. Two brothers who had not met for 62 years were also in the parade, now marching side by side.

The old vets were marched with thousands of boys and girls, women and their friends. Three of the 15 bands with the Veterans, one of them was called, "The Million Dollar Band."

First came two ladies carrying Confederate flags and flowers, behind them a column of old Confederates with a lady on his arm, stepping to the music of these bands.

This made a grand march and picture in the presence of 5,000 participants. Then bandim broke loose, music changed for those marching in the parade to the tune of Dixie! It was wonderful to see these octogenarians of a hundred battlefields enjoy themselves. The Veterans lives were renewed like the eagle.

The parade disbanded at the fair ground, wherein the grand stand were thousands of school children. The Veterans meet the local citizens for a greet and meet.

Here, the Million Dollar Band played for its guests. While sitting listening to this good music, one Veteran stated; "At my back was where DeSota landed about the 16th century and where Teddy Roosevelt loaded his rough riders for Cuba and San Juan Hill.

This is on the Hillsborough River, which is a beautiful stream. The winds blows gently throughout the city and it has six beautiful bridges spanning the river. This city is in Hillsborough County."

At 11 o'clock pm, the boys and girls got the dance floor and the old Veterans seemed delighted to watch them dance. At 12 o'clock the music stopped and every one was off for home.

Although the Reunion was held in Tampa, it also included an excursion cruise to Havana, Cuba with special rates for the Veterans. It would be interesting if the Veterans could see what has become of the Cuba today by those who had visited it in 1927.

1928

In 1928, the year before the Great Depression, the SCV was as
HISTORY: Continued

The Georgia Division had 617 paid members and ranked third behind Virginia with 1,188 and South Carolina with 651. The John B. Gordon Camp, 46 of Atlanta had about 100 with Savannah close behind.

The 38th annual Reunion of the UCV/SCV was held in Little Rock, Arkansas with the usual pomp and of course, discount train rates. A total of 32 committees were active in different facets of the activities with Edmond R. Wiles as overall Chairman. The State of Arkansas rolled out the red carpet for the occasion, even going as far as to appropriate $30,000 dollars from the State budget to defray the costs.

There were several compatriots that were mentioned in the records during the year from Georgia. John Ashley Jones was Commander of the army of Tennessee, Chairman of the Stone Mountain Committee, Chairman of the Textbook Committee, member of the Executive Committee and for a time, candidate for CIC. Nathan Bedford Forrest III was Secretary of the Executive Committee. Savannah was also represented as Dr. W.R. Dancy was our Division Commander for the year.

At the Reunion, Compatriot John Ashley Jones of the John B. Gordon Camp 46 of Atlanta was presented as a candidate for CIC, but he asked Nathan Bedford Forrest III to withdraw it in favor of host Edmond R. Wiles of Arkansas. Edmond was elected without dissent and the Reunion proceeded with regular business such as passing a resolution thanking President Coolidge for sending the Marine Band to the Reunion.

In another action, Camp's were urged to seek out loyal, former slaves who were in financial need and to adopt them so that their needs would be met. Many were old and without recourse for their own care. The resolution passed and notice was printed in the Confederate Veteran.

Close to home there were important events happening throughout Georgia in association with the 195th Birthday of the State of Georgia. On 12 February, which is “Georgia Day,” many events commenced. It is sad that this day is no longer celebrated as it once was. The schools went all out lecture series and the libraries put books relating to Georgia history on the shelves for the occasion.

The UDC also participated by holding an essay contest with the subject being “Alexander H. Stephens,” and the Georgia Society. The UDC held a flag sale to support the Helen Plane Educational Fund, which assisted young women with college tuition. Also, in association with Georgia Day, a bust of Alexander H. Stephens was given to the State on the late Governor's birthday, 11 February which represented a replica of that which was unveiled in Statuary Hall, Washington, D.C.

The most important event of the year was the unveiling of the Lee sculpture at Stone Mountain on 9 April. This event was a very big deal. All Governors were invited as were all Confederate organizations. A joint congressional resolution delegated five Senators and ten members of the House to attend. The military pageantry was provided by the Old Guard of the Gate City Guard and other “ancient” military organizations from around the nation were in attendance from Louisiana to New Hampshire.

The unveiling started at 2:00pm by Mr. Hollis Randolph, a longtime compatriot and President of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association. The invocation was given by Bishop H.J. Mikell of the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta. Judge Marcus W. Beck of the Georgia Supreme Court was a principal speaker and accepted the statue in behalf of the South. Mayor James J. Walker of New York accepted it on behalf of the North.

Part (11) - The History of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans will Continue in the next issue of the Georgia Confederate.

In an effort to document the history of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, I am in the process of compiling as much information as possible on the Division.

If your SCV Camp has ever held a Reunion in the past, please submit who the elected Division Officer's were in that particular year. Submit that or any other Division information to: Georgia Division Historian, Mark Pollard at: pollardsville@gmail.com

Special guests included Major Giles B. Cooke, the last surviving member of General Lee's staff and little five year old Master Robert Edward Lee IV, son of Dr. George Boiling Lee of New York and great grandson of the Great Lee. Clearly this was the biggest event of the year in the Georgia Division.

9/28/17
Compatriots,
It is with heavy heart I am sending this email. Our Friend, Brother, and Compatriot Michael “Killer” Kilpatrick passed away in his sleep last night. Please keep the Kilpatrick family in your thoughts and prayers. Arrangements are incomplete at this time. As soon as the arrangements have been confirmed, we will let everyone know.

For those of you who are new to the Mechanized Cavalry and the SCV, “Killer” was our State Safety Officer, an ordained chaplain, and Chaplain for the Lt. James T. Woodward Camp 1399 in Warner Robins.

~ James H. Hall, Jr.

Hello Camps! GOT NEWS??

How about telling us about it.

Ask someone in your Camp to send us a short report.

gaconfederate@att.net
Camp 673 family member Jerry Segal is smiling big at reception of our real Certificate of Appreciation for his tireless work both on the front lines of many Camp events and behind the scenes efforts of promotion of the Haralson Invincibles, Georgia Division SCV and most importantly our Confederate ancestors.

9th Brigade Commander Ken “Sarge” Arvin [L] and Compatriot Al Redmond [R] of the Stewart/Webster Camp #1607 standing in front of an actual battle flag brought home after the war by one of the local members of the Clement Evans UCV Camp.

Michael “Killer” Kilpatrick has “crossed over the river.” He was an ordained chaplain, and Chaplain for the Lt. James T. Woodward Camp 1399 in Warner Robins. See Page 11.

16th Georgia in New York.
Wayne Dobson ~ The Howling Dawg.

16th Georgia at the August 16th Jonesboro Memorial Service. Wayne Dobson ~ The Howling Dawg.

Charlottesville, VA

Great news out of Charlottesville this morning! Patriots removed the tarps from both the Robert E Lee AND the Stonewall Jackson monuments! They are once again relieved of their illegal and disrespectful shrouds and are enjoying the beautiful fall sunshine!

God bless those willing to make a stand against tyranny and corruption...and God bless the eternal memory of Lee and Jackson!

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...the quietness of heavenly wisdom and inflexible willingness to obey present duty...
R. E. Lee

The 42nd Annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service will be held in the town of Andersonville on Sunday afternoon, November 12 at 3:00 p.m.
It is my privilege to announce the creation of the Georgia Division Disaster Response Team. The following Compatriots have volunteered to be on standby for emergency relief efforts in times of weather or other events that place our members and their family in danger and/or in need.

Adjutant James “Bo” Hall, Jr. of the James T. Woodward Camp #1399 is hereby appointed as Coordinator for the Team. Contact info: 478-256-8307; sejhj1998@hotmail.com

9th Brigade Commander Ken Arvin is hereby appointed Deputy Coordinator.

Contact info: 706-662-4532; orphabn@outlook.com

We encourage any member of the Division that has equipment and proper transportation to contact these very generous Compatriots and volunteer for their team. This is a great way to be of service to your fellow Georgians when they are in need.

Scott K. Gilbert, Jr.
Commander, Georgia Division
cc/file/staff

CAMP NEWS:
Is your Camp doing anything
OR are you ashamed they are
NOT?
Editor
Are you ready for the NOW?

I just wanted to comment. One of the problems I am seeing with a lot of folks is they are not connected to the Internet and Facebook. It’s a problem but like Forrest you have to get there the first with the most. Our Georgia Division Facebook page reaches 61,292 people and engages 20,873. That means 20,873 people respond to the posts there. Facebook is free and it’s a powerful tool. The email and contact forms allow you to connect with city hall, the Governor’s office and a great deal of news and information. I am preaching to the choir for you here because you are using the computer now but some of you are not on Facebook.

I am not advertising for Zuckerberg but in order to connect with youth who stare at their phone all day we need to speak through their medium. I also think we need to share something that the youth don’t have and that’s respect for each other. While I have been going through Samuel Hollingsworth Stout’s records and letters each time the surgeon or officer would sign "Respectfully Yours, the surgeon or officer would write down. The best scarecrow is the truth. They really hate it. Share pictures of your ancestors and their graves. Facts about your camps namesake pictures and letters. I have never successfully befriended a troll but sometimes you can convince them that we are not the enemies the liberal media says we are.

There are boulders on this farm. These things are in the way and all you can do is dig them up and move them. These are hard headed people and you are not going to sway them one way or another. Have you ever tried talking to a rock? They will not receive information and they exist for one purpose to get in your way. Some of them are large. People who cling to slavery for example. We have hundreds of facts on slavery and tons of documentation but they don't care. Their minds were programmed a long time ago and even the sharpest pick ax won’t penetrate. Let them go. Move them aside. A rock serves a purpose on a farm from time to time but these boulders on the internet are generally useless.

Our Facebook farm has to be cultivated for weeds. They pop up everywhere. Spam, people trying to sell flags and books on your page and especially those that have nothing to do with the SCV. We often promote booksellers from within our ranks but these people troll Facebook for any word Confederate and then try to ply their trade. You have to pluck these out soon because on Facebook they will sprout up everywhere. Spam, email that is free too. Just obfuscate them aside. A rock serves a purpose on a farm from time to time but these boulders on the internet are generally useless.

I maintain several Facebook sites for the First Brigade. Without pictures of the camp activities and goings on I can’t cultivate and attract new members. The same with the Georgia Confederate. If you don’t send camp activities and info no one will ever know. We can’t reach the youth of the world if you’re not willing to step in the information age. They are out there. They are looking for us. They have crows gnawing on them and boulders standing in their way. A good well maintained Facebook page can get you some members. If you have any trepidation I will be happy to help.

Barry Colbaugh
Stiles/Akin Camp #670
Confederate Graves Registry
By Frank Grimm
Immortal Six Hundred Camp 2600

The Georgia Division participates in the National Confederate Graves Registry which was established to provide a central database for recording the gravesites of those who served the Confederacy. It is meant as a research tool and to be helpful to those who may be searching for their Confederate ancestors.

Within the Confederate Graves Registry you will find the final resting place of the soldier or sailor along with his rank, company and regiment. Birth and death information is listed when available. In many cases there also will be his service dates, other units in which he may have served, spouses, and parents.

National statistics for the Confederate Graves Registry as of July, 2017:
Veterans ~ 137,569
Cemeteries ~ 17, 239
States ~ 46
Countries ~ 15

Currently the Georgia Confederate Graves Registry only contains a little over 20,000 Georgia soldiers and sailors, so there is a lot of work to be done to account for those 250,000 plus that Georgia contributed.

According to Garry Daniell, the Georgia Division Graves Registry Coordinator, we only have full enumerations for 17 Georgia Counties. Full enumerations in some of the larger cemeteries have not been completed. In the Savannah area, Bonaventure Cemetery and Laurel Grove have not been completed.

Qualifications are to follow membership guidelines. However, there are many instances of a record stating that the veteran deserted or took the oath. Those facts are added in the notes section as the service record often reports errors.

Those that ended the War in the Union army are not considered for registration.

Our Camp, the Immortal Six Hundred Camp 2600, participates in the two annual tours to cemeteries at Ft. Stewart. There are some 66 cemeteries that the Army preserves and maintains there. Including the Confederate veterans buried there and in the Richmond Hill area, we have submitted 86 names to Chairman Daniell for inclusion in the Registry.

We must take our stand!
Our Confederate ancestors WERE “VETS”

The Georgia Confederate Graves Registry Coordinator is Donna Hill. If you believe you have a Confederate relative, please contact Donna at 404.939.0400 or via email at donnahill002@gmail.com. Important: the Georgia Division requires full documentation to confirm service and the veteran’s grave site. Included in the documentation is a copy of the service record. We typically do not accept internet sites.

The Camp met at Chevy’s Pizza (115 West Clinton Street just past the courthouse). Our June meeting featured Lt. Col. (USMC Ret.) Professor of History, at GMC who made a return visit to our Camp to speak on the topic of “George Washington”. We will next meet on August 17th when Donna Faulkner Barron, daughter of Roy Faulkner, the man responsible for the completion of Stone Mountain’s iconic Confederate Memorial will speak. Looking ahead to September we will enjoy a revisit by artifacts expert extraordinaire, Johnny Mack Nickles (SCV Camp 18) and on October 19th, Compatriot Earl Colvin will bring what promises to be a vital and mighty interesting program on the 45th GA, Co. F men from our own Jones County area. Our November 2017 Camp meeting will be held on the Griswoldville Battlefield during our annual memorial service. The guest speaker for that date, Saturday, November 18, 2017, will be State SCV Commander Scott Gilbert. We do not meet in December. Our 2017 guest speaker openings for Camp 2218 meeting programs are filled. Please apply to Adjutant Dobson if interested in booking 2018 dates.

Inclusion in the Registry.

Southern Ladies:
The ties that bind.
The women of the South gave all they had to the Confederacy. They saw their fathers, husbands, and brothers march off to war, and some they saw no more forever. They put away their store-bought garments and dressed in clothes that were homespun. They tore up the carpets from their floors and sent them to the camps to be used as blankets. They wove blankets, knitted socks, made over and patched old garments, and sent them to a half-naked army.

They took charge of the hospitals and nursed the wounded and sick back to health. They dressed the dead and laid them away in their last resting place. They followed the army on the field of battle and hung like ministering angels at the side of the wounded and dying. They bound up the wounds of friend and foe alike, and cheered them with sympathy and kindness. They heard the last wish of a dying boy, and sent it with a lock of hair and words of undying love to the mother at his far-off home.

They were truly angels of mercy and the true heroes of the War and should never be forgotten. The southern lady has always been a special breed apart and should never be forgotten!

Have A Great Dixie Day! -- Commander "Doc John" Baxley
B/Gen. E. Porter Alexander
Camp #158; Augusta, Georgia

Memorial Service
On Saturday October 21, 2017 there will be a memorial service at Van Wert Church (Rockmart) 100 Church St. For information call Leonard Draper 770.748.2042 or email draperleonardc@gmail.com.

CAMP NEWS

THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER
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Hey! Hey! What’re y’All doing? There’s room for Camp News.
Colonel Charles Edward Broyles, C.S.A.

On August 14, 2017, Coach John Franklin [Frank] Broyles passed away at age 92. He was an outstanding three sport player at Decatur High School; a football All-American and three year let- term at Georgia Tech; and As- sistant Football Coach for Head Coach Bobby Dodd during the glory years of the late 40’s and early 50’s at Tech. In 1958 Broyles became Head Coach at Arkansas and later was Athletic Director.

Coach Broyles great-grandfather was Colonel Charles Edward Broyles of the 36th Georgia Infantry Regiment. He was born March 26, 1826 in Pendleton, S.C. The family migrated to northwest Georgia where he passed the bar and practiced law. In 1858 his 2nd cousin, Governor Joseph Brown appointed him Colonel and Aide-de-camp. In addition he was elected to the Georgia legislature from Whitfield County. He opposed secession.

In 1861 C.E. Broyles joined the 11th Georgia Infantry Regiment as a private. At First Manassas the 11th was not engaged. In the fall of 1861, Broyles returned to Georgia where he and Colonel J.A. Gleason formed the 36th Georgia and Broyles was appointed Major. The 36th served in Kentucky and Tennessee until Christmas of 1863 when it was assigned to Steven- son’s Division in Vicksburg. They fought at Champion Hill and surrendered at Vicksburg with the Army.

Following his parole/exchange, the 36th Georgia reformed and Broyles was posted at Chattano- ga and fought at Missionary Ridge. Following the “advance to the rear”, they fought at Resaca in May. Before the battle, Major Broyles was promoted to Colonel in April, 1864.

Next, the Regiment fought at Cassville, New Hope Church, Lost Mountain, Brushy Mountain Line, Kennesaw Mountain [Kolb’s Farm], Atlanta, Jonesboro and Nashville.

On February 5, 1865 Colonel Broyles was furloughed by Gen- eral Beauregard at Augusta for incapacitating rheumatism, thus ending his Confederate service.

Physically unable to return home, he was paroled in the fall of 1865 at Anderson Courthouse, S.C. Eventually he made his way home to Georgia and then relocat- ed to Colorado where he engaged in mining. He was appointed Registrar of the U.S. Land Claims Office, and resumed his law prac- tice.

Colonel C.E. Broyles died on October 13, 1906 and today rests peacefully in Antonito Cemetery in Conejos County, Colorado under-neath a Veterans Administration Confederate headstone.

Post-war he was quoted: “...We worked hard and our troubles were great and many, but bourn as we could.”

By Mike Bowen, Life Member Sons of Confederate Veterans Sources:

Diary of C.E. Broyles; Ancestry.com;
Find-a-grave.com;
Soldiers and Sailors website;
Bing Search

Dodge County News; Eastman, GA
August, 2017

Greetings:

On behalf of the Dodge County chapter Sons of Confederate Veterans known as the Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp #2039, we express sorrow over the tragedy that took place in Charlottesville last week. While it is at this time unclear to us exactly who the individuals and organizations were that were involved, the one thing that is absolutely certain is that the Sons of Confederate Veterans had no connection to the event.

From all appearances there seems to have been multiple groups of antag- onists who showed up with helmets, shields and clubs which serves as evi- dence that they fully expected a violent confrontation. In addition to this, it seems that the city’s authorities stood idly by and allowed the situation to get out of hand until it was too late. Where is the logic in any of this, and precisely what did it accomplish? As could have easily been expected, the outcome had tragic consequences and the SCV deplores the violence and loss of life that resulted from such emotionally-charged, irrational and ca- lamitous circumstances.

The events in Charlottesville and across the country calling for hatred from both sides do not represent what the Sons of Confederate Veterans stand for. We do not represent hatred or bigotry; we are not a neo-Nazi or white supremacy organization. We are fathers, husbands, laborers, doctors, lawyers, preachers, teachers, and U.S. Veterans. We are just average Americans who proudly support our Southern heritage. Our heritage includes all races and nationalities.

In 1906 as the aging veterans from the War began dying off, General Stephen D. Lee charged that the sons of those veterans and his off-spring protect the relics and tell the story of the Confederate soldier to future genera- tions. Just as God told Joshua to have men build a “memorial” as a remind- er of the Israelites crossing the Jordan River, memorials were erected to remember the dead from both side of the “Civil War”. No other group can legitimately make this claim and no other group or individual has just auth- ority to define, re-define or represent the true Cause and history of the Confederate soldier, other than the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Confederate soldiers are officially considered American veterans and are supposed to be afforded the same protection as Union soldiers because of a law approved by the 17th Congress called Public Law 810, Feb. 26, 1929. Robert E. Lee said “I pray that, on this day when only peace and good- will are preached to mankind, better thoughts may fill the hearts of our ene- mies and turn them to peace.” In this spirit we denounce the hatred being leveled against our glorious ancestors by radical leftists who seek to erase history, and we will continue to fight these battles in court or by any and all other lawful and peaceful means. We likewise mourn the loss of life and repudiate in the strongest terms, attempts by any group that advocates hatred, bigotry or violence towards others, to use our symbols, or otherwise undertake to tarnish the good and glorious name of the Confederate soldier.

With that said, we abhor any unlawful act to remove our Confederate monuments and pray that when such actions arise across our nation, that you will join in voice with us and declare such actions as cowardly and un- constitutional.

If you would like to know more about the Sons of Confederate Veterans you can find us online at scv.org and gascv.org.

May God bless and bring togetherness to our country and a healing to our land.

K. M. Beck, Chaplain
Pine Barrens Volunteers #2039
Eastman, Georgia

It’s a FACT: The monuments are for the VETERANS!

It’s a LAW: No anarchist can tear them down!

Stand up or go home.
August 23, 2017

Attention Mayor Reichert and all nine Commissioners
Macon, Georgia

For years Macon has had three monuments: two to honor the Confederate Veterans and the Woman and Children of the Confederacy, and one to honor a Railroad man, W.M. Wadley.

In recent years the City has changed the name of roads, bridges, interchanges, and parks. As an example, Armory Park was changed to Rosa Parks Park. We added a monument to Rodney Davis, Otis Redding, and a Vietnam memorial at the Coliseum. Why did the City change the names and add the monuments? It was done to honor someone and to make sure future generations remember their contributions to our city or state. Building memorials to commemorate an event or to remember person's achievements are not new.

When the Children of Israel crossed the Jordan River on dry ground, Joshua called together the twelve men God had told him to choose. Joshua sent these twelve men into the Jordan to each pick up a large stone and carry that stone into the land of Canaan where the Children of Israel would camp. God told Joshua, "That these may be a sign among you when your children ask in time to come saying, what do these stones mean to you? Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it crossed over the Jordan the waters of the Jordan were cut off. And these stones shall be for a memorial to the Children of Israel forever." (Joshua 4:6-7) The monument built from those twelve stones was a visible reminder of God's faithfulness and it was also a silent reminder that God was in control.

The two Confederate Monuments were built by people who wanted to honor their fallen comrades as well as their struggles. They put those monuments up for us to see, remember, to ask questions and to try to understand our past and to learn from our past.

One hundred years from now, there will be no one alive that knew Rosa Parks, Rodney Davis, Vietnam soldiers, Otis Redding, or M.L. King. What if future generations no longer find their accomplishments worthy of a monument and decide to take them all down or put them in a cemetery because they are offensive?

These two Confederate Monuments are just as important to me and other descendants of Confederate soldiers. If the Confederate Monuments have to go, then all monuments have to go as well. You can not pick and choose according to what you believe is proper or not proper. All monuments are there to remind us of our past. We either learn from our past or we will relive the same actions.

I have watched documentary films on the History Channel of Germany, Austria, Italy and Russia in the 1930's. No one at that time could agree on which way their countries should go. There were a lot of different factions and each thought they had the answer to their countries problems. If you did not agree with them, you were their enemy and they would beat you, kill you, or burn your house or business.

When I saw what was going on in Charlottesville, Va., my first thoughts were of Europe in the 1930's. The European people's inability to appreciate everyone's contribution led to the rise of Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin. Hate groups like the Klan and Neo-Nazi's are always looking for a place to spew their hatred. When Charlottesville decided to remove General Lee's monument, they opened the door for the hate groups to come in. Then along comes the Alt-Left, whoever they may be. Now the hate groups have the fight they went looking for. Three people died over a monument. The Alt-Left wants to remove George Washington and Thomas Jefferson from everything. When will all this end? Will this problem destroy our country like it did Europe in the past?

Looks like the ball is in your court. I want you to be unanimous in your support for our Confederate Monuments. I want you to send a message to all our citizens that Macon respects every ones history and the right of all to honor their hero's whoever they may be.

I want the Commission to make it clear that all monuments will be protected and any attempt to damage, pull down, or paint with graffiti will not be tolerated. All violators will be punished.

As a city, Macon if full of problems. We have robberies, shootings every day or week, fathers not raising their children, and gang violence. We need to work on the problems we already have. We do not need to add to our problems by removing monuments. To move the Confederate Monuments will not unite our city behind our existing problems. It will only divide.

Please keep my concerns in mind as you consider this issue.

Respectfully,
Johnny Mack Nickles
478-737-2623

Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:
Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.
How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?
Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep:
So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth, and thy want as an armed man.
A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth.
He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers;
Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.
Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.
These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:
A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.
Proverbs 6: 6 ~ 19
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