At noon Dixie Jubilee will start playing some of the best Southern Bluegrass Gospel in the South. Perfect time to have a picnic dinner and enjoy the music. They will continue to play after the Memorial Service.

At 1:00 pm the memorial service begins. The keynote speaker will be SCV National’s CIC Paul Gramling with a cannon and Honor Guard Salute immediately following.

National Confederate Memorial Day Service is held at Stone Mountain Park in front of the world’s largest monument to the Confederate soldier. We need to show the public and our politicians we will not let the memory of these Confederate heroes be forgotten. Be sure to bring family & friends and enjoy a picnic lunch after the service.

A Cannon Bounty Is Offered & we Need Honor Guard Reenactors. If you have an artillery piece or serve on a crew of a gun, we need your cannon, we are offering a Cannon Bounty of $200. If you are a reenactor and would like to serve in the Honor Guard we would be honored to have you participate.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.
Contact: David Denard 404/372-3420, denardodian@bellsouth.net or Dave Floyd, 770/979-2637, dlfreb@msn.com

To name all of the members of the Georgia Division that have worked very hard for the last two years to make this opportunity to give Georgians a strong veterans’ monument protection law would take up more room than I have here.

Our folks working with the team of Poole & Dunn have gotten us to this very important position. The veterans’ monument protection bill is ready to make its way through the 2019 Georgia Legislature.

We are calling EVERY member, relative, friend, associate of the Georgia Division to send a hand written letter to all your Representatives asking for their support of SB # 77.

YOUR HELP NOW IS VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS LEGISLATION !!

We MUST act NOW !!
If you can’t find your Representative’s and Senator’s mailing address, call 866-728-4642
GA. Div. Secretary Kitty Dorety

BAD NEWS !
Opposition files hate bills !!!!!
HB175 & SB51
These MUST be defeated !!!!!!
1. Milledgeville monument, repairs completed.
2. On November 10, 2018, members of the Black Creek Volunteers Camp #549 raised a 6' x 10' Battleflag on a 30' flagpole and recruiting sign on U.S. HWY 301 North of Sylvania, GA. This was a collaborative effort involving the Ogeechee Rifles Camp donating the pole and Dale Thompson of the Buckhead-Ft. Lawton Brigade Camp clearing the site. Those helping were Bill Arthur, Caden Arthur, Duncan Arthur, Adam Bazemore, Don Bazemore, Samuel Bazemore, Donny Mallard, Kerry Mallard, and Carl Sheppard.
3. Damage to Viet Nam Veterans' monument in Macon.
4. The Yancy Independent Camp in Worth County in cooperation with the American Legion held a clean-up of the Sikes Cemetery. Sgt. William J. Ford, 10th Georgia Infantry is a Confederate Veteran buried here.
5. Members of Montgomery Sharpshooters Camp 2164, Mount Vernon, Lt. James T. Woodward Camp 1399, Warner Robins and Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039, Eastman held joint memorial services on November 10th. North of Alamo, a service was in honor of John Clark CSA at Clark Cemetery at 11 am. At 2 pm, the Camps moved to the Miller Cemetery in Laurens Co. to conduct a service to honor Harrison Sears CSA. Sears is an ancestor of Compatriot Ben Lowery of Camp 1399.
6. Annual Longstreet Memorial in Gainesville’s Alta Vista Cemetery 1/13/19

GEORGIA’S CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS
In Honor of a Fallen Nation
Gould B. Hagler, Jr.

This unique work contains a complete photographic record of Georgia’s monuments to the Confederacy, a full transcription of the words engraved upon them, and carefully researched information about the monuments and the organizations which built them. These works of art and their eloquent inscriptions express a nation’s profound grief, praise the soldiers’ bravery and patriotism, and pay homage to the cause for which they fought.
Gentlemen,

Now our time has come. Senate Bill No. 77 has been issued and assigned to committee. All of us as defenders of our Confederate Heritage need to do our part and make every effort to help get this legislation passed into State law.

We need to write, call and visit our State Senators & Representatives to let them know about our concerns of these acts of vandalism against all our Veterans’ monuments and the absolute necessity of strengthening our monument protection laws.

It has been proven that the most influential and effective way to communicate with your Legislator is to:

Send them a polite, to the point handwritten letter (Sample letter provided below).

Schedule a meeting with your Legislator if at all possible.

Have friends and family write a letter and meet with their Legislator.

Place an announcement or ad in your local newspaper, (the Division has a prepared ad available contact Division Secretary Kitty Dorety at secretary@gascv.org or call her 1-866-728-4642 and she can e-mail you a copy).

Direct folks to our Division Web Site at www.gascv.org/monument-protection which gives detailed instructions on the Monument Protection Tab.

Find out who your State Representative and Senator are by going to the link below and typing in your address:
www.openstates.org/find_your_legislator/

Then click on their name in blue for their contact information.

You can also go to:


To get your Legislator’s local contact information.

If you’re not computer savvy, then contact our Division Secretary Kitty Dorety at secretary@gascv.org or call her 1-866-728-4642 and she will help you get the information.

Remember the main points we need to emphasize about the SB Bill XX are that it accomplishes the following:

Broadens types of monuments to be covered in this code sections by including religious, civil, political, social, or cultural events or series of events.

Creates a deterrent through strong civil penalties such as treble damages for the cost of repair and restoration, as well as attorney’s fees and court costs.

SAMPLE LETTER:

Dear Representative / State Senator

My name is _______________ from your district. My Family and I are appalled with the acts of vandalism against our Veterans’ Monuments across our Country. These acts of vandalism and removals are nothing more than pre-planned overreactions to events that are not remotely related to our Heritage and the sacrifices our Veterans made for their Country and State. It’s an agenda by radical leftist groups, establishment liberals and the liberal media to destroy our Nation’s history.

We respectfully ask that you oppose and vote against any legislation that weakens our monument protection law 50-3-1 and any legislation that would give any authority to the local liberal politicians of our Cities and Counties to remove or alter any Veterans monuments like Senate Bill # 51. We also would ask that you oppose any legislation that changes any current laws that protect Georgia’s Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Park to anything other than what it was originally designated as a Confederate Memorial.

We also ask that you support modifications to the current monument protection law in code 50-3-1 that strengthens and will enforce tougher penalties against those who violate our laws. We want to put an end to these attacks and we hope by strengthening these laws it will deter any future attacks.

We appreciate your service and consideration. My family feels as Americans it is our duty to always preserve the honor and sacrifices of our Veterans.

Thank you,
(Signed by you and maybe other family members in your household)

Now some bad news, on February 6, SB 51 was introduced that gives cities and counties the authority to remove and/or conceal from display any monument, plaque, marker or memorial. Basically, it would allow these liberal mayors and city council members to do as they may with our Veterans monuments by resolution.

The Description to Senate Bill 51: A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state and local governments may relocate, remove, conceal, obscure, or alter certain monuments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

We need to adamantly oppose Senate Bill 51 and make reference to it in our correspondence with our State Representatives and Senators.

In addition a more destructive bill, HB175 has been filed to make it legal to destroy and/or remove ALL Confederate monuments. This is serious.

Other good news, I’m pleased to report that the Division’s annual Robert E. Lee event was a great success. We had a record turn-out and it was a standing room only event. Pastor John Weaver delivered a rousing talk on the character of General Robert E. Lee. Afterwards, 9th Brigade Commander Ken Arvin had a fine BBQ dinner awaiting us all. Many thanks to the Jefferson Davis Cowboys Camp for hosting the event and providing the honor guard, 8th Brigade Commander Hershel Smith and Lt. Division Commander South Al Perry.

After the meeting we had our quarterly Executive Council Meeting. One of main items we brought up was the relocation of the Division Office from Macon to the City of Forsyth. As many of you may remember it was about five years ago when we opened our Division Office and brought on a part time Division Secretary to manage our office, store, rosters, deposits and many other necessary items to maintain our Division’s daily operations. It’s my opinion that our Division Office and Secretary have brought us to a level of professionalism and establishment that we need to maintain as a Division. Those of you who have dealt with our Division Secretary, Kitty Dorety know where I’m coming from. We were looking for a rental office in Forsyth but, in the process, have located a building in the historical Forsyth square that was in good shape and affordable for the Division. We are in negotiations now with a real estate company and the owner and hopefully by the next issue of the Georgia Confederate we can announce we have a new Division Office and small museum in Forsyth. This will be a big accomplishment for our Division and give us a permanent office that we own.

Brothers, let’s get focused on our major task before us, getting Senate Bill XX passed into law. We have invested an enormous amount of our money and our time to get our monument protection laws strengthened. It is our Charge as Sons of Confederate Veterans. We may not have another chance. The Georgia Governor’s race came within 1% of being won by a candidate who ran on the demolition of the carvings on Stone Mountain. Please write a letter to your State Representative and Senators today, and encourage your family and friends to do the same.

At your service, always,
Tim Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander.
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| Executive Council Meeting Schedule: March 30, 2019 (Ole Times Country Buffet, Macon)
2 HATE BILLS
SB 51 & HB 175
ENEMIES OF DEMONSTRATE

On February 6, SB 51 was introduced that gives cities and counties the authority to remove and/or conceal from display any monument, plaque, marker or memorial. Basically, it would allow these liberal mayors and city council members to do as they may with our Veterans monuments by resolution.

The Description to Senate Bill 51:
A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state and other flags, so as to provide that local governments may relocate, remove, conceal, obscure, or alter certain monuments; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

We need to adamantly oppose Senate Bill 51 and make reference to it in our correspondence with our State Representatives and Senators.

In addition a more destructive bill, HB175 has been filed to make it legal to destroy and/or remove ALL Confederate monuments. This is serious.

Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, no publicly or privately owned monument, memorial, plaque, marker, or memorabilia dedicated to, honoring, or recounting the Confederate States of America, the several states thereof, or the military service of military personnel thereof shall be erected, constructed, created, displayed, or maintained on the public property of this state or its agencies, departments, authorities, instrumentalities, counties, municipalities, political subdivisions, or local authorities.

Designed specifically to not be “offensive” or damaging to the fragile psyche of our opponents, it is an attack to de-Confederatize Chapter 3 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated [i.e. 50-3-1]

Should you need more motivation to support SB77, here it is. The battle lines are drawn. Will you answer the call of your ancestors whose blood stains the ground of so many States?

What kind of an individual will not show respect for the dead?
THE TIME IS NOW!
al perry., editor
The Georgia Confederate

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Executive Council Meeting Jan 19, 2019
Irwinville, Ga.

Executive Council Members Present
Cmdr. Pilgrim Present
Lt. Cmdr. Crawford Present
Lt. Cmdr. Perry Present
Adj. Straut Present
Judge Adv. Coleman Present
Chief of Staff Hawkins Present
Past Div. Cmdr. Gilbert Absent, excused
1st Brig. Cmdr. Colbaugh Present
2nd Brig. Cmdr. Dean Present
3rd Brig. Cmdr. Collier Absent, excused
4th Brig. Cmdr. Beck Present
5th Brig. Cmdr. Miller Present
7th Brig. Cmdr. Griffin Present
8th Brig. Cmdr. Smith Present
9th Brig. Cmdr. Arvin Present
10th Brig. Cmdr. Medcalf Absent, excused
11th Brig. Cmdr. Robison Present
12th Brig. Cmdr. Latham Absent, excused
13th Brig. Cmdr. Camp Absent, excused

Meeting Minutes
Call to Order by Commander Tim Pilgrim
Invocation given by Commander Kim Beck
Flag Pledge and Salutes led by Commander Pilgrim

Motion made Commander Pilgrim for the Chief of Staff Tim Hawkins to document meeting minutes. Second provided by Al Perry, motion passed

Motion made by Commander Pilgrim to accept the Executive Council meeting minutes from 10 Nov 2018 meeting. Second provided by Al Perry, motion passed
Division Commander Report: Attached, key points below.

Monument Protection Legislation: Legislation has been submitted and there should be a Bill # assigned to the legislation later this month to protect all Veterans monuments if passed. Our lobbyist has been working to make this happen and have kept up updated monthly on their progress. Hopefully the Bill that will strengthen 50-3-1 will pass strengthening monument protection laws by increasing punitive penalties and damages that can be taken against those that vandalize our monuments.

Georgia Monument Books: We need to get the books out to our legislators. If you don’t know who your legislators are contact our Division Secretary. The goal is for Camp Commanders or Camp representation to meet with their legislators and present them with a Monument Book. It will also provide a venue to share what the SCV stands for with your legislators. Get the books out, I have more on order.

Veterans Coalition: I have been reaching out to Veterans Organizations to get them to join in our efforts for Veterans Monuments protection legislation. We have reached out to the UDC, SUV, SAR, Vietnam Veterans, American Legion and VFW, we have received some verbal commitments but still waiting on something in writing from these Veteran Groups. Nothing from the UDC has been received. If you are a member of these Veterans Organizations, please explain our efforts with the Veterans Monument legislations that protects all Veterans Monuments.

New Business:
Office Space - We have located a new Division Office space in Forsyth on East Main Street, our lease runs out in February at our current location in Macon. The Office space is in an excellent location and will represent the Ga. Division well. We have met with the landlord and reviewed the property. It will meet our needs for office, storage and possibly a small museum. I have sent a letter of intent for 40K to get negotiations started, no reply as of today.

Motion made by Richard Straut to authorize Commander Pilgrim up 55K to negotiate the Office Space. Final purchase pending a favorable building inspection. Second provided by Al Perry.

Dan Coleman made a motion to amend the original motion to raise the amount to 75K to provide funds for building updates before the Division moves in. The additional funds would provide for new carpet, floor plan alterations and other necessary changes to provide a first-class Ga. Division Office space. Both the original motion and Amendment passed unanimously.

Bronze Monument Mold – The foundry that cast our Bronze Monuments in closing. They contacted Commander Pilgrim to see what the Division wanted to do with the mold since the Ga Divisions owns the mold. Commander Pilgrim inquired if they could do one more casting before the close the foundry. They haven’t gotten back with the yet on the cost or when they could do the casting. Our mold is capable of 3 more casting. After the foundry closes the mold will be stored in Commander Pilgrim’s shed until another location is found.

Motion made by Al Perry to authorized Commander Pilgrim up to 30K to negotiate the final casting with the foundry. Richard Strat provided second. Motion passed.

Time and Place Committee, Commander Tom Stevens – Tom has been working with the Marriott and has negotiated the same packages the Division had in 2019 for the next 3 years (2020, 2021, 2022). Needs approval to close negotiations.

Commander George Crawford made a motion for the Division to sign up for 3 more years and authoring Commander Stevens to close the deal. Motion seconded by Al Perry. Motion passed unanimously.

Commander Stevens reminded the Executive Council of 2019 Awards Luncheon. We need to be thinking about the Confederate of the Year and Camp of the year nominations.

Stone Mountain Confederate Memorial Day Event – Commander Pilgrim provided an update on planning for the event. The National SCV Commander Paul Gramling will be the keynote speaker. Dixie Jubilee has agreed to provide the music. The Ga Division in providing a cannon bounty of $200 per cannon. So far 10 cannon crews have signed up, asking for more. Commander Pilgrim has reached out to Commander Grambling for funds to support the event.

Martin O’Toole has sent a letter to Carolyn Meadows the Chair of the Stone Mountain Association with the Divisions plans for the Memorial Day Services. No reply has been received as of the EC meeting.

Reports
Lt. Commander South-Al Perry:
Four of the six Brigade Commanders have distributed their Gould Hagler Confederate Monuments In Georgia books to their Camps. The Brigade Spokesmen/ Brigade Commanders will give the names of the Representatives and Senators that they have already contacted at the E.C. meeting.

Camps have been asked to provide their members with outlines of our command messages and talking points to send a hand-written letter to their Senators and Representatives along with the Monument flyer asking them to support the new Monument Protection law being presented to the legislative committees.

A Viet Nam monument in Macon has recently been vandalized.

Key points below:
Provided CD of media training workshop to Commander Pilgrim. The recording of the media training will be put on our website for use by the Camps.

The Ga Confederate printing has been moved to Jesup Ga. to a new printer.

EC Minutes: Next page
1st BRIGADE REPORT

1/19/19
The Colonel William Luffman Camp #938 has dwindled to only a few members.

The John Ingham SCV Camp Chickamauga, Ga has been involved with our monuments submitted by member Senator Jeff Mullis.

The State of Duke Camp #707 has a new camp logo and has been working join their own camp Headquarters.

The Stiles Akin Camp #670 Cartersville/Cassville, Georgia has been making improvements to the Cassville Museum roof and helping with museum restoration.

The Lt. Col McConnell Camp #1859 Ringgold has been getting along fine.

The General Patrick Cleburne Camp #2209 has been getting along fine.

The Nathan Bedford Forrest Camp #469 Rome GA has been getting along working with the Myrtle Hill Association of preparations for the Rome Monument.

The Captain Max Van Den Corput Camp #669 Lindale, Georgia has been working with the Rome Monument and still moving along strongly.

The General John B Gordon Camp #599 in Lafayette, Ga has been getting along.

The General Stand Watie Camp #915 Calhoun Georgia has been getting along fine and has been very active with their Facebook Page.

The Chattooga County Camp #507 has been getting along.

The General Joseph E Johnston SCV Camp #671 has been holding meetings with the Dalton Civil War Round Table and their monthly programs.

Most of the Camps in the First Brigade will be attending the Dalton Civil War Show and Sale February 2nd & 3rd at the Dalton Convention Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and visit some of the camp tables out front.

Thank You
First Brigade Commander
Barry Colbaugh

2nd BRIGADE REPORT

19 January 2019

Brigade Status:
Old Blairsville Cemetery – Dedication held in November. Project is complete.

Habersham Veteran’s Wall of Honor – Dedication was held in November, and was well attended.

Project is complete.

Christmas parties – A number of camps held holiday celebrations.

Lee/Longstreet/Jackson Dinner – Multiple camp effort, scheduled for even-

ing of 23rd February, in Dahlonega.

Confederate Medals of Honor – Ceremony held for first Medal of Honor 25th August at Northside Forsyth Bennett Center and Bell Research Center.

Second camp member has had his application granted. Ceremony for second medal scheduled for 23rd February at Beaver Toyota in Cumming.

3rd BRIGADE REPORT

No Report

4th BRIGADE REPORT

The 4th Brigade Staff:

Brigade Spokesman
Commander Tim Hawkins-upper brigade

Brigade Commander Kim M. Becklower brigade

Heritage Officer
Commander John C. Hall, Jr.

Brigade Attorney, Sarah Riedel

CAMP REPORTS

Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr. #184

Macon, Georgia


Capt. Hardy B. Smith #104

Dublin, Georgia

Participated in the 2nd Annual Dublin Veteran’s Day Parade in November.


Old Capitol Camp #688

Milledgeville, Georgia


James T. Woodward #1399

Warner Robins, Georgia

Camp supported the disaster relief efforts in South Ga. (this is one of the greatest annexes of the SCV). Supported the replacement of the flag and cable at Exit 71 on I-75. Supported Wiz Memorial and Irwinville re-erection. Fundraising Committees: Sold hats and flags to support Camp efforts. Hunley Awards, working with area high schools on 2019 awards program. Cemetery Clean Up, Supported a cleanup at Shiloh Cemetery.

Held Camp Christmas party, swore in 4 new members and a transfer from Tennessee.

Maj. Mark Newman #1602

Sanderersville, Georgia

No report

Johnson Grays #1688

Wrightsville, Georgia

No report

Logan E. Bleckley Camp #1998

Cochran, Georgia


Pine Barrens Volunteers #2039

Eastman, Georgia


Camp of the Unknown Soldier #2218

Gray, Georgia

Unfortunately, must report the tragic death of Compatriot Colton Charles King. Camp members were honor guards at Compatriot King’s funeral.

RIP. Assisted Sidney Lanier #25 UDC, Dorothy Blount Lamar #388 CoFC, Atlanta #18 UDC and Dorothy Blount Lamar #2104 UDC in marking grave of John H. Blount CSA on Jan. 12th at Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon. Camp cleaned grave site of Lt. William Barron, Pvt. John Graybill Barron and family members. Previously paid Clark Memorial to reset the grand obelisk which marks Lt. Barron’s grave. Hosted the annual memorial service at the Griswoldville Battlefield in Nov. Supported the Logan E. Bleckley Camp by marching in the annual Christmas Parade in Cochran. Worked to add to the list of names for the 150 some odd soldiers who are listed as unknown in the Forsyth City Cemetery. Making plans to remove trees from the McFerrin.
**BRIGADE REPORTS: Continued.**

US Hwy. 441 between Smarr and Bolingbroke. This was a Confederate Hospital Cemetery. Lee/Jackson Banquet held on Jan. 17th. Reported that Camp mascot, a Golden Retriever named Hawk, Ethan Bloodworth’s service dog, died Jan. 13th.

**Capt. Ruel W. Anderson #2239**

Hawkinsville, Georgia

Working to revive this Camp.

4th Brigade Cmdr. Kim Beck

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**5th BRIGADE REPORT**

1/19/19

The 5th Brigade is getting ready for a great 2019 as I am writing this in the midst of Lee-Jackson celebrations. We have active camps who are meeting regularly and enjoy visitors. Here is our current rundown of camps and meeting dates:

**Dixie Guards** (Metter) - First Thursday of each month, Bevrick's Chair House Grill, 7:00 pm

**E. Porter Alexander** (Augusta) - Second Thursday of each month, Scooner's BBQ, 7:00 pm

**Black Creek Volunteers** (Sylvania) - Third Tuesday of each month, Wall's Diner, 7:00 pm

**Ogeechee Rifles** (Statesboro) - Third Thursday of each month, Fordham's Farmhouse, 6:30 pm

**Buckhead-Fort Lawton** (Milledgeville) - Third Saturday of each month, Honey's Restaurant, 7:00 pm

**Ambrose R. Wright** (Evans) - Fourth Tuesday of each month, Big Daddy's Bar & Grill, 7:00 pm

**Thomson Guards** (Thomson) - Fourth Tuesday of each month, Thomson's McDuffie Library, 7:00 pm

**John C. Carter** (Waynesboro) - Last Monday of each month, Burke County Public Library, 6:30 pm

**Olive Hardy** (Harlem) - Regular Meeting Date TBA

—we don’t have any new leads just yet in trying to find who toppled and destroyed the Confederate monument in Sylvania. The local Camp, led by Commander Adam Bazemore, is still working closely with law enforcement officials to hopefully bring the vandals to justice. Donations towards helping to restore the monument are still being gladly accepted.

—to switch gears for just a minute, the Hunley Awards are available to purchase from the Division Headquarters store at this time. Information on scholarships should be coming in the next month or so. For now, Camps should look for a Hunley Award liaison with their Camp to contact local high schools with JROTC programs to ask about giving the award at the JROTC award banquets, which usually come up in April or May.

Also, please consider supporting the Cadet program for boys aged newborn to 11, and sending boy and girl campers to the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp who are ages 12-17. We will be accepting campers for the 2019 camp until March 1st. Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Miller
5th Brigade Commander
Youth Committee Chairman

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**6th BRIGADE REPORT**

Companions, the men of the 6th Brigade grieve the loss of Brother Tommy William Wallace, long time Commander of the Tattnall Invincibles #154.

The 6th Brigade of the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans consists of 11 Camps. All of them are active, meeting monthly and involving themselves in the life of their communities.

Francis S. Bartow #93
Commander Joe Dawson; 105 Talahi Place; Savannah, GA 31410; 912.898.8292; joe.dawson1@comcast.net

GS. Robert A. Toombs #932
Commander Dale A. Morris, Jr.; 912.388.1333; 210 E. 1st St; Vidalia, GA 30474

Adjutant Robert Whitaker
Camp meeting 1st Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Higginson

Established a permanent meeting clubhouse due to the generosity of Companions Jerry Powell.

Meleo-Moring #1386
Commander Joe Webb; 912.494.0371; spencerjw55@gmail.com

Adjutant Nick Kraus;
912.736.2535; Swainsboro, GA

Meeting at New China Restaurant

Savannah Militia #1657
Commander Don Newman; 912.758.7387;
donneman0601@comcast.net, 128 W. Deerfield Rd.; Bloomingdale, GA 31302

Adjutant Derek T. Kauhane;
912.661.0550; 113 Grayson Ave.; Savannah, GA 31419

Meeting 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 at Western Sizzlin’; Pooler, GA, US Hwy 80

Sponsored the SCV unit in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade and the Veterans’ Day Parade in Savannah. Continue to work on defending our Confederate Monument in Forsyth Park. Held several school programs this year. Continue to keep up our Camp website www.scvsavannahh.com and our Facebook page.

Ebenzer Rifles #1901
Command and Adjutant Charlie Watson; 912.658.5479; elwj2@ hotmail.com

Gen. Robert H. Anderson Camp #1919
Commander James Shurling; 1 Hugh Gordon LNE; Ludowici, GA 31316;

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**7th BRIGADE REPORT**

1/19/19

Commander Charles W. Griffin

The Brigade is in good shape right now as we start a new calendar year, all camps have a Spokesman in place and are willing to serve if called upon (I have included a list of Camp Spokesman). The six Monument books provided by the Georgia Division have been given to the Commanders in each Camp that has a legislator in their area that was on the list provided by the lobbyist. I have received two more books that I will be presenting to Representatives Ste-
Brigade Reports: Continued

8th BRIGADE REPORT

8th Brigade-Hershell Smith:
8th Brigade doing well. Supporting the renovations at Jefferson David Park. Special Note to everyone on the Monument protection signs, it is your responsibility to check to make sure a permit is not required or a city ordinance to prevent posting of the signs.

9th BRIGADE REPORT

The Disaster Response Team had a positive influence in the local communities. And presented this attached email on behalf of Commander James King for the PR report for 9th Brigade.

Ken "Sarge" Arvin
9th Brigade Commander

January 18, 2019 Report by James King—SCV Camp 141 Commander

Albany Georgia and spokesman for the 9th Georgia SCV Brigade concerning the News Media in connection with any incidents involving Confederate, Veterans, or America’s Founding Fathers monuments, statues, graves, flags or memorials or any negative attack on Southern and Confederate heritage, history, and culture. This report also includes a summary of contacts and discussions with members of the Georgia Legislature in regard to strengthening Georgia’s current monument protection laws.

I spoke with representatives Ed Rynders (Albany) and Gerald Greene (Cuthbert) by phone and explained that the Georgia SCV Division has contracted with the lobbying firm of Poole & Dunn to work to pass a Bill strengthening Monument protection for veterans. Both Rynders and Greene have previously attended Lee-Jackson Banquets in Albany. I sent E-mail letters to Representative Tommy Benton and Senator Greg Kirk (both have attended Wirz Memorial Services at Andersonville). Within the next 2 weeks I plan to send a personal letter to all Republicans and selected Democrats in the Georgia Legislature asking them to support and vote for the upcoming Bill which will be introduced by Senator Jeff Mullis and co-sponsored by Senator John Wilkinson. I spoke with Ga. SCV Division Commander Tim Pilgrim and Lt. Commander South Al Perry and both approved of my plans to contact members of the legislature.

To my knowledge there have been no attempts in the areas encompassed by the 9th SCV Brigade to remove, vandalize or destroy any monuments, statues, graves, etc. However last night I was contacted by Albany SCV Camp member Michael Mullis from Cordele Georgia. He stated that a movement to remove the Confederate monument in Cordele in the early stages primarily as Facebook discussions but is expected to later be brought to the city commissions for a vote. A lady named Becky Crissman at South Georgia TV wants to interview me. She is a UDC member and 100% on our side. I spoke with her by phone today. She will contact me several days in advance if this movement is to be brought before the Cordele City commission. She has previously attended the Lee-Jackson Banquets held in Albany. She and I worked together several years ago when she worked for the Cordele Dispatch newspaper. She printed 3 of my articles after CSA flags were removed by city workers from a Cordele cemetery. We had a police investigation and the flags were returned and an apology was issued by the Public Works Supervisor. We had no more instances of flag removal.

I stand ready and prepared to meet with any representative of the news media involving Confederate and Veterans issues.

James W. King
SCV Camp 141 commander
Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelson's Rangers
Albany Georgia
229-854-1944
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10th BRIGADE REPORT

No report.

11th BRIGADE REPORT

11th Brigade-Jeff Robison:
Brigade doing good with exception of two Camp that are struggling. Supporting Brigade events (meeting, parades). Hosting Legislators at Wicks Tavern in Villa Rica, date TBD

12th BRIGADE REPORT

No report.

13th BRIGADE REPORT

No report.

End of Brigade Reports

Public Relations Committee Report
1-19-19

Working with the Media expert Angela Falletti on the media training packages. She has provided a draft package that may need support from use to add more detail that she wouldn’t know. It is a good start for use to continue working with to provide more detail. To date we have paid her $100 for her time. She is currently working to select a web site developer. Once she has a developer selected the Committee will meet with her again at the Bell Center to provide more direction.

We are continuing with the Southland Magazine adds. We are currently running an add on the Georgia Confederate Youth Camp. Over the past 6 months we have run a Monument Protection add, SCV tag add and a Georgia Confederates Youth Camp add.

We currently have one billboard up on Hwy 441 in McRae Georgia. The contract on the billboard located at exit 201 on I-75 has expired. It will remain up until someone else leases the sign so we may get a few weeks free publicity for free. Working with billboard companies to find a location north of Atlanta for our net Monument Protection billboard.

Preparing to order another 250 of the 18x24 yard signs. We have given out over 600 of the signs of the 18x24 signs and about 50 of the 4x4 signs. We have received good feedback on the yard signs and the 4x4 Monument Protection signs.

Chairman Tim Hawkins

Chaplains Report 1/19/19

Dear Camp Chaplains,

The LORD be with you. Happy New Year! I pray that you and yours enjoyed wonderful Advent and Christmas seasons and that the New Year is filled with the blessings of Almighty God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - our only Creator and Redeemer! As we enter into this new year, we praise our Heavenly Father for His providential care and we look with expectation unto Him for all opportunities of worship and service. The 2019 Chaplains Conference is quickly approaching, and I hope to see many of you in Macon. Again, I extend my personal appreciation to Past Div Chaplain Jack Wray for all his efforts in coordinating and overseeing the arrangements for this year’s Conference. If you have not already registered, please contact Chaplain Wray or you may reply to Kitty, our Division Secretary, and she will pass your email along to Jack. And now, may the Divine blessings of our Saviour rest upon you and your family. God’s peace, Jim


Thank you! Jim
Monument Committee Report – Commander Barry Colbaugh  
1/19/19

Rome Monument
Spoke with Stan Rogers, sexton of Myrtle Hill Cemetery, in regard to the Rome Monument. Work with Carveworks is coming along. I spoke with Jon Dixon at Carveworks and he said that with their digital technology they have scanned the soldier and have a digital mold they can reuse if needed. Jon explained that the head had a lot of damage but they will carve the head out of marble using a 3D Printer out of marble. The arms and rifle will also be replaced and need to be carved. Jon predicted it will be complete within a month and the head will be attached with a steel rod. The monument itself is being cleaned. I spoke with Jon at length. He seemed convinced that their mold could be used in other monument projects.

Milledgeville Monument
Contacted Nancy Kennedy about Jeff the monument. The soldier is ready and will be placed on the pedestal this month. She will be in touch when all is ready.

Screven County Sylvania Monument
Spoke with Adam Bazemore. Currently he has 2 quotes with one from Carveworks at a cost of $60,000 and Gary Casteel of Casteel Sculptures LLC for $33,000. The $10,000 reward for the vandal is still available. No suspects have been found as of yet. Three names were submitted to the Facebook page when the reward was offered and all three were found to be bogus. The Black Creek Volunteers Camp #549, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be heading up the monument replacement. They are still searching for quotes and donations.

Sigma Chi Constantine cross monument on Tara Boulevard, Jonesboro, Georgia
All plaques are currently missing. Timothy L. Johnson of Stockbridge reported the vandalism to Clayton County Police on the morning of Sept. 20, 2018. According to the incident report filed by Officer J. Gant. All plaques are missing as of last week. All of this was reported to the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Cost of replacement unknown. David O’Keefe researched who to get in touch with and reached out.

Habersham Co. Veterans Wall of Honor, 11002 names on wall
The wall has been completed and photos displayed on Facebook. Michael Dean Brigade Commander worked with this project. It was completed in November 2018.

Heritage Defense Report  
1/19/19
As most of you know, the NAACP and SPLC have launched an initiative to continue their hatred during the Superbowl this year on February 2nd. Our enemies have stated they want to remove all Confederate Monuments in Georgia will the culmination of the removal of the Confederate Memorial Carving at Stone Mountain. They just recently held a news conference stating their intentions. We of course rebuke any and all actions by these modern day hate groups previously mentioned. We must strengthen OCGA 50-3-1 in order to save all that we hold dear.

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I trust this finds each of you well. I remain in the service of the South, and, as always, I believe, Forever the Cause...

Tony Pilgrim
Georgia Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Chief of Heritage Defense
Commander
Col. Charles T. Zachry Camp 108
13th Brigade, Georgia Division
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I trust this finds each of you well. I remain in the service of the South, and, as always, I believe, Forever the Cause...

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2. Pine Barrens Volunteers #2039 End of year Christmas Dinner with members and family.


The History of the Georgia Division
Sons of Confederate Veterans
Compiled by: Mark Pollard
Georgia Division Historian

Part – (18) 1941

During the first half of the year of 1941, World War II covered much of the news. So much was covered on the war front that many of the S.C.V. events held earlier in the year, such as the Lee/Jackson Memorial Services had to be canceled. But on Tuesday, October 14th, the United Confederate Veterans, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Order of the Stars and Bars meet with their perspective annual reunions in Atlanta.

The 51st Annual Convention of the United Confederate Veterans, (U.C.V.), the 46th Georgia Division Convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the fourth meeting of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars, (MOSB) all convened at the Ansley Hotel in Atlanta. The MOSB is made up of descendants of Confederate Officers. A lot happened and it was covered quite well in the newspapers.

First, we’ll look at the United Confederate Veterans Convention. The day before the convention started, 18 Confederate Veterans gathered knowing their meeting had been threatened; they seemed even spryer than in years past. They kissed the ladies of the U.D.C. heartily upon their suits of gray, they are going to lay down their arms to General Sherman near Durham, N.C. He said he remembered how they looked, and a little of what they said. He said he and other comrades took a drink together, bowed their heads in silence and cried. Jones said he remembers the long ride back home that took from the 26th day of April to the 12th day of May.

J.D. Dickerson, of Winthrop, Va., who came by early to the big convention so he could visit with the Georgia boys tells how he lost two brothers at Seven Pines, and himself was shot in the leg. He said he saw the body of Stone wall Jackson after the pickets had shot him by mistake at Chancellorsville. When they had finished, R.P. Scott of Dallas, Texas told how he was the second color bearer shot down at Mansfield, La. He showed the scar of bullets on his face and the saber cut on his head. Then he got up and danced a jig and yelled the Rebel Yell just to prove he still could do it at the age of 94.

General H.T. Dowling of Griffin, the new division commander, talked about the battle at Bentonville in North Carolina. He said he was a buck private in the old First Florida Regiment. “I went in fighting and come out fighting,” he said, “but I never got a scratch.” D.W. Seigler of Columbia, S.C. then begins to tell his tale and at the beginning he laughs and then at the end he cries. He said: “It was only the Lord that saved me and brought me safely through.”

Thus the old tales go on and on, interspersed with jigs, yells and hugs for the ladies who look after them. As the convention came to a close the old soldiers stood, gathered up their walking sticks, hugged each other and shook hands. Though the old Confederate soldiers know there can’t be many more gatherings together, they were determined that as long as two of them are left with the strength to put on their suits of gray, they are going to tell the old tales of the Rebel Yell. They seemed determined to prove that their years sat lightly upon them.

They told Atlanta newspaper reporters before their convention started: “So long as two gray veterans are left they will meet once each year to tell the old tales of battles and marches, to sing the old songs, (in cracked and quavering voices), and to remember a Confederate Army that used to be.” This was the sentiment in the old men’s hearts as they assembled in Atlanta for their 51st UCV convention. The convention brought together 80-plus of the 600 Confederate Veterans still living at that time, (and who make up the United Confederate Veterans organization).

Only 10 of the 56 Georgia Confederate Veterans were in attendance, but their number was swelled by early comers to the main convention which was held first thing in the morning at the Ansley Hotel with 80 veterans from throughout the South expected.

The meeting of the Confederate Veterans was called by three past commanders in defiance of the present commander, General Julius F. Howell, of Bristol, Tennessee, who, at the 1940 reunion in Washington DC, sought to disband the organization.

Defiance was in their voice and manner as they came together with comrades from other states as their guests. It was their answer to what they termed an effort by their present Commander to declare the present meeting illegal, and to terminate, with the last year’s meeting, the history of their organization.

Virginia’s unreconstructed Confederate General Julius F. Howell who insists that an Atlanta convention of veterans wasn’t called by him and therefore won’t be official, received his invitation the day before it was supposed to start. The 96-year-old veteran, who his opponents say wants to die the last remaining U.C.V. Confederate Commander was invited in a personal letter from McWhorter Milner, General Chairman of the Atlanta John B. Gordon Camp 46, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The John B. Gordon Camp 46 of Atlanta sponsored the U.C.V. Reunion along with the Fulton County Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. It took place October 13-15.

**Statement Issued**

With General John M. Claypool of St. Louis, a past commander, as their spokesman, they said: “Too precious to be passed lightly by are the civic and spiritual values for which our fathers and mothers lived and fought and died. They established a nation which lives now only in song and story and which can be perpetuated only by emulation of those virtues that made that nation great. So long as there are two of us left who symbolize that time, we will continue to meet.” (And they did) …

**Several Speakers**

After they heard Governor Eugene Talmadge speak, they heard from A.L. Henson, State Treasurer George B. Hamilton and Mrs. Howard McCutcheon and others speak in welcome and tribute, they sat down to spin the old yarns like they have done at every convention since the war.

The old tales have worn smooth with the telling. Some of them were of great battles that got in the history books, and some were of little skirmishes that nobody but the teller remembers. But every man, whether he fought in the Wilderness, or guarded prisoners, or hauled supplies, or rode as a courier, has his story and it must be told.

There was old General J.R. Jones, 97, of Atlanta, the retiring division commander, who was as close as 20 feet away when old Joe Johnson told his men to lay down their arms to General Sherman near Durham, N.C. He said he remembered how they looked, and a little of what they said. He said he and other comrades took a drink together, bowed their heads in silence and cried. Jones said he remembers the long ride back home that took from the 26th day of April to the 12th day of May.
# History: Continued

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The 46th Convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans took place at the Ansley Hotel in Atlanta. Stiles A. Martin, commander of the John B. Gordon Camp 46 of Atlanta called the meeting to order, after which McWhorter Milner, Commander of the Army of Tennessee Department and General Chairman of the Reunion Committee resided.

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**PROGRAM**

**Sunday Meeting**

October 13, 1941

**Chairman:** Rev. J.F. Todd

**LITURGICAL—11:00 A.M.**

10:00 Joint meeting of all Conventions. President: Following:

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Texas State Sons of Confederate Veterans.
- 18th Annual Convention.

11:00 10th Annual meeting and Home of Miss Ana C. Campbell.

Morning service in order by R. Stiles A. Martin, Commander.

- John W. Comerley, Jr., M.R. SCV, Atlanta, Ga.

11:30 Brookum, President, Georgia Division, UDC, and the Governor.

Governor Eugene Talmadge

- Commander, Army of Tennessee Department, SCV, and the Governor.

Evening meeting in order by W.R. Stiles A. Martin, President, Georgia Division, UDC, and the Governor.

11:45 Response by W.F. Stiles A. Martin, President, Georgia Division, UDC, and the Governor.

- Commander, Georgia Division, UDC, and the Governor.

12:00 Address by John A. Harris, Commander, Alcorn County, Mississippi, SCV, Mississippi.

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12:15 Address of Welcome, Governor Eugene Talmadge.

12:20 Address of Welcome, Dr. Roy LeCraw, President of Atlanta.

12:25 Address of Welcome, Gen. J.K. Harris, Commander (Ga.), U.S.A., United Confederate Veterans.

12:30 Address of Welcome by Miss. Elizabeth Akins, President, Georgia Division, UDC, Atlanta, Ga.

12:35 Address of Welcome, Gen. J.K. Harris, Commander, Georgia Division, U.S.A., Atlanta, Ga.

12:40 Response to the Address of Welcome.

- Rev. J.F. Todd, Chairman, Alcorn County, Mississippi, SCV, Mississippi.

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**Governor Talmadge to Speak**

Governor Eugene Talmadge was first introduced to speak to the Sons. Governor Talmadge proclaimed the unfinished memorial at Stone Mountain that had started decades ago remained nothing but a tourist curiosity. He told the Sons that early in the year, (1941), he convinced the State Legislature to provide the Stone Mountain Memorial Association (SMMA). The Governor said that Atlanta sculptor, Julian Harris, was hired to oversee completion of the work and the Works Progress Administration was assigned the task of providing labor.

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**Julian H. Harris**

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As mentioned above, Julian H. Harris was the Chief Speaker at the Reunion and he was introduced by Governor Talmadge. Harris, the Atlanta sculptor announced that he had been commissioned to complete the Stone Mountain Memorial. He gave his background as being born in Carrollton, Georgia in 1906. He said his father owned Harris Hardware on the square in 1906. He said his father owned Harris Hardware on the square in Carrollton. Julian Harris said he graduated in 1934 and later in 1930, he enrolled at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. After the first year of study, he was granted by the Academy a full scholarship for the remaining three years. He graduated in 1934 and returned to Atlanta Georgia. He was licensed by the State of Georgia as an architect and worked briefly for architect Philip Schutze. That same year, he opened his sculpture studio and by the close of his first year was sculpting full-time. Side Note: (As we all know, World War II intervened and interest in the project again waned. The State of Georgia bought the Stone Mountain property outright in 1958. The carving was started back up in 1963 and it was finally completed in 1972. Ironically, Com- patriot Wes Freeman, who is an active S.C.V. member of the Col. Charles T. Zachry Camp 108 in McDonough, Georgia, is the only person living today that worked on the Stone Mountain carving. Freeman worked alongside Master Curver Roy Faulkner. (Roy Faulkner was the man responsible for the completion of the Stone Mountain carving). Sadly, Faulkner died in September 2016.

Other speakers were: Atlanta Mayor Roy LeCraw, General J.R. Jones, Commander of the Georgia Division, U.C.V., Mrs. Charles Tillman, of Quitman Georgia Division, U.C.V., and Colonel O.B. Burchoughs, Augusta, Commander of the Georgia Division, S.C.V.

The Entertainment featured a barbecue at Grant Park, followed by a trip to the Battle of Atlanta Cyclorama. The next day, the S.C.V. Convention program included committee reports, followed by tea at the Governor's mansion in the afternoon, a trip to Stone Mountain and a dinner and dance the next night in the ballroom of the Ansley Hotel.

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**Part (19) – 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 S.C.V Camp has ever held a Reunion in the past, please submit the year and who the elected officers were. Submit that or any other Division information to: Georgia Division Historian, Mark Pollard at: pollardsville@gmail.com**

“Every man should endeavor to understand the meaning of subjugation before it is too late... It means the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit objects for derision... It is said slavery is all we are fighting for, and if we give it up we give up all. Even if this were true, which we deny, slavery is not all our enemies are fighting for. It is merely the pretense to establish sectional superiority and a more centralized form of government, and to deprive us of our rights and liberties.”

~ Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne, CSA, January 1864

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Eighteen of the Confederate Veterans who attended the 1941 U.C.V. Convention

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~ [Image]
1. Dedication service of restoration of Old Blairsville Cemetery. See Page 21
2. Compatriot Joe Gaskin was inducted into Kennesaw Battlefield #700 during the January 16th meeting by camp commander Michael Reither. Mr. Gaskin’s Confederate ancestor was Private Solomon S. Boss, Company K, 6th Georgia Cavalry Regiment. Private Boss enlisted on August 1, 1863 in Lafayette, GA for a three (3) year enlistment. He was killed in battle on October 20, 1863.
3. The Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp #2102, recently joined the Georgia Division’s “Flags Across Georgia” project. See Page 21
4. Jeremy Mixon being sworn in by Brick of the Mechanized Cavalry 3B troop 3 at Forsyth Park in Savannah next to Confederate Monument
5. Members of Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039 in Eastman set up at The Leatherman Motorcycle Shop and Sidecar Adventures. The event was to raise money for our buddy ‘Lil Man. Thanks to Compatriot Joel Yarbrough, owner of The Leatherman in Eastman. Pictured L/R Compatriot Tony Crumbley, 4th Brigade Commander Kim M. Beck and Camp 2039 Lt. Commander Wright Harrell and our friend ‘Lil Man.

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Ol’ times here are not forgotten!

Sons of Confederate Veterans
MEMORIAL SERVICE AGENDA:

- At 12:00 noon Dixie Jubilee will start playing some of the best Southern Bluegrass Gospel in the South. Perfect Time to have a picnic dinner and enjoy the music. They will continue to play after the Memorial Service.

- At 1:00 pm. the memorial service begins, keynote speaker SCV National's CIC Paul Gramling. Cannon and Honor Guard Salute immediately following.

National Confederate Memorial Day Service at Stone Mountain Park in front of the world’s largest monument to the Confederate soldier. We need to show the public and our politicians we will not let the memory of these Confederate heroes be forgotten. Be sure to bring family & friends and enjoy a picnic lunch after the service.

Cannon Bounty Offered & Need Honor Guard Reenactors

If you have an artillery piece or serve on a crew of a gun, we need your cannon, we are offering a Cannon Bounty of $200. If you are a reenactor and would like to serve in the Honor Guard we would be honored to have you participate. Contact information below, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

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In I Peter 5:8 we are told to “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour.” We (preachers) also are told in II Timothy 4: 2, 3, and 4 the following: “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

We are certainly living in that time, and our Confederate forebears would be horrified if they were to be able to enter almost all churches of our day. Most pulpits are filled with the same kind of apostates of the northeast that were in the lead of those stirring up a rabid hatred of all things Southern. They are more concerned with what the local “community” may think than what the message of God wants them to hear. It is the gospel of Jesus Christ that has the power to save the souls of fallen man and not some social soliloquy. Many have betrayed their Confederate ancestors because of fear of what people will say about them. But we must follow the example of Jesus Christ and tell people the truth even if it offends them.

There are many examples of the truth that offends people, and I want to give one to illustrate the point. It is about the so-called Battle Hymn of the Republic and a letter I wrote to the General Overseer of the denomination that I was in at that time. In his letter dated September 2, 2004 he asked that in remembering the attack of 9/11 that we also remember the people of the Gulf Coast hit by Katrina. And among his suggestions was that we sing that damned song. So, I wrote him the following letter, and I have left out his name intentionally. What I wrote follows:

“Dear Brother:

“I received your letter of September 2, 2004 and I want to thank you for your concern for the people of the Gulf Coast area. However, I must take strong exception to your suggested order of service, for in it you include a so-called hymn ‘Mine eyes have seen the glory.’ The correct name is ‘Battle Hymn of the Republic.’ It is evident to me that you are unaware that this song was written by a Christ-rejecting reprobate concerning the faith. It is not written as a hymn, but as a rallying cry to be used to rally northerners to their evil cause of invoking God in it to make it more acceptable.

“Julia Ward (Howe) married Dr. Samuel Gridley-Howe in 1843, and, in Boston was associated with the famous Unitarian ‘Church of the Disciples,’ pastored by the transcendentalist James Freeman Clark. As a Unitarian she did not believe in the fundamental doctrine of the Bible. Her beliefs, which are too much to go into now, were guided by the ‘higher critics, poetic mystics, advocates of transcendental meditation,’ and she was a radical socialist zealot, whose desires centered on an all-powerful central government to force their views on the people of the nation.

“As a radical abolitionist, she glorified the murdering, plundering, and seditionist zealot, John Brown, who was hanged for his crimes. When he was condemned to die for his outrageous crimes, Julia W. Howe said that ‘John Brown will glorify the gallows like Jesus glorified the cross.’ (Reprobates concerning the faith that was once delivered to the saints love to invoke pious platitudes to make their outrageous beliefs, and actions, palatable to the unsuspecting.)

“She stated during the time of the War Between the States that, ‘Having rejected the exclusive doctrine that made Christianity and special forms of it the only way to spiritual redemption, I now accept the belief that not only Christians, but all human beings, no matter what their religion, are capable of redemption.’ Brother, I feel sure that you know this kind of heresy is rampant in the church world of today, for it is being continually promoted through the heretical doctrine of the universal fatherhood of God. Like Cain of old they are rejecting the blood bought way for their own basket of fruit (ways).

“When Mrs. Howe wrote the words to the song, which is now misrepresented as a hymn, she did it with the blessing of President Lincoln, who certainly was not a believer. (Lincoln was into what the Bible calls dealing with familiar spirits, and the new agers call it channeling.) She used the tune to a popular gospel song of that day written by a Methodist preacher so it could be used as a rallying cry in the north to support their invasion of the Confederate States. In our day we call it propaganda. The message of the song was intentionally shrouded in religious terms so as to convince the people of the north that they were in fact fighting a holy war for a righteous cause, (the Muslims call it a jihad). It was used to brainwash the northerners to secure their support for the imperialistic invasion, and the destruction of the Southern people, as a nation and culture.

“As Mrs. Howe, along with other prominent Unitarians, viewed the Union troops, she got the idea for the song. She portrayed the Union army as the ‘coming of the Lord’ going ‘to trample out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,’ which was the blood of the soldiers, and the civilian population of the South. To her the Union troops were the ‘Army of God’ going forth to slaughter those evil, Bible-believing Southerners. For these socialist zealots believed these Southerners were impediments to have an all-powerful centralized Government, which would be necessary to attain their socialist reforms, that even many northerners would not accept, and would have to be forced upon the people.

“The ‘burnished rows of steel’ referred to the Union cannons with which they not only rained death on the Southern soldiers defending their sovereign States, but Lincoln’s army used them to make war on the civilian population trying to discourage their support for the Confederate armies defending their land, families, churches, and the right to be free from economic plundering from these northern zealots.

“Christianity played a huge part in the war against the Southern people, and as already stated, was fomented by Christ rejecting zealots such as Julia Ward Howe. They hated the South for rejecting their new-found doctrines, and for holding onto the Bible plan of salvation and redemption found in Jesus Christ alone. That is where the term by which the Southern people are called ‘The Bible Belt’ originated. It was said in derision and contempt to slur the people of the South, which they looked upon as ignorant and not progressive. Why? Because they refused these reprobates’ religious concepts of universalism, humanism, deism, rationalism, atheism, and radical socialism (to name a few). These northerners, especially the northeasterners, were accepting and promoting anti-Biblical concepts of the ‘progressive’ approach to such truths as the authenticty and inerrancy of the Scriptures. However, the Southern people were adamant in their holding to the Bible plan of salvation that is in Jesus Christ alone.

‘Brother, I do not know if you have ever heard about the great revivals that swept through the Confederate armies, for so much of the truth of our Southern history has either been revised by the politically correct or was left out completely and on purpose. In my research on the subject, I found that the fires of revival began to burn in the Southern armies in October of 1862, shortly after the awful carnage in the Battle of Sharpsburg. I do not have space to tell you the wonderful way that the Holy Ghost moved in unit after unit, and men were gloriously saved. I will say that it started in Gen. Thomas Jonathan ‘Stonewall’ Jackson’s troops. Jackson was a Christian and attended as often as his duties permitted. The Spirit of revival continued moving

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Throughout the war, and even afterward, even during the continued northern effort to destroy our Southern culture that they called Reconstruction, revival still was taking place in different locations across the South.

“So much more could be said, but I hope this has helped you to understand what this so-called hymn is about. I trust that you will not think me presumptuous for sharing, in a spirit of love, some true history with you. But far too many people have sung this song with no idea of what the true message was about, nor that the writer was a Christ-rejecting unbeliever. God bless.

Sincerely, W. Herman White”

In case you are wondering if I received an answer from the head of the denomination the answer is “No.” But I am not in a popularity contest. I am a preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ and speaking the truth about the history of our Southern ancestors. In both efforts the truth will offend those who are not honest. Jesus was Truth manifested, and everywhere he went he was honest. Jesus was Truth manifested, and he stood no chance, however, and withdrew back away from the town without firing a shot.

Confederate authorities were shocked by the merciless attack on civilians. Captain William A. Lane of the 20th Battalion Georgia Cavalry reported that when he saw smoke coming from Darien he tried to intervene with a detachment of only 15 men. He realized he stood no chance, however, and withdrew back away from the town without firing a shot.

On June 13, 1863, two days after the raid, Captain W.G. Thompson of the same unit reported to Brig. Gen. Hugh Mercer:

‘...I have to report that the enemy have burnt Darien to the ground; there is only one church and two or three small buildings standing...They came up the river in three gunboats, shelling as they came along.

The only prisoners taken by the Federals, he reported, were two women who were later released.

Among the buildings burned in Darien by the Union troops was the historic First African Baptist Church. Founded in 1822, it was one of the oldest African American churches in the South.

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By Hu Daughtry

By the time the tenth month of 1966 rolled around on the calendar, That Late War For Southern Independence had been over for more than a century. As a matter of fact, its final surviving combatants / participants had been lifeless since the preceding decade.

The Centennial Commemoration of That Uncivil American Conflict had come and gone; the second president of “The Sixties” had been assassinated and The 1956 Georgia Flag was still the vexil of choice for The Empire State of The South. I was in the fifth grade at Old Sylvan Elementary and my Grandfather had already educated me properly on such important topics as Confederate Pride and possessing the utmost respect for my ancestors who had donned The Gray and answered The Call of The Confederacy.

But, for the purposes of our informal discourse, the most pertinent occurrence endemic to The Autumn of 1966 was an article which appeared in THE GREENVILLE NEWS. Rather succinctly, it stipulated that a plaque had been recently unveiled on the grave of one Whitemarsh Henry McFeeley, whose carnal remains were in a state of perpetual somnolence in a Savannah, Georgia Cemetery. Some historians say that MacFeeley was perhaps the youngest soldier to fight for The South in That Magnanimous, But Unsuccessful Struggle Against Northern Aggression and Lincolnian Imperialism.

In an arithmetic sense, MacFeeley was purportedly nearly twelve years of age when he enlisted in The Secessionist Army of Jefferson Davis. Additional data gleaned from his Confederate Pension Papers suggests that he voluntarily joined The 21st South Carolina Infantry Regiment during The Spring of 1864. He served as a drummer boy, and subsequently, as an orderly.

The Agent of Death came calling upon Whitemarsh Henry MacFeeley on April 9th, 1920; his site of eternal repose is Hillcrest Abbey Cemetery East, located, as aforementioned, in Chatham County, Georgia. According to his death certificate, his official cause of death was “Lobar Pneumonia.” I found it to be quite enthralling, and even symbolic, that his date of death would be the 55th anniversary of Lee’s Surrender at Appomattox.

At any rate, I elected to perform some rudimentary / basic research to disinter as much as humanly possibly about Whitemarsh Henry MacFeeley, late of Company B of The 21st South Carolina Infantry Regiment. As it turns out, he may very well have been The Youngest Confederate……

The genesis of Whitemarsh Henry MacFeeley occurred in Charleston, South Carolina on October 11th, 1852. His mother was descended from Blueblood, Carolina Aristocrats; whereas his father was a Scottish / Irish Immigrant.

Perhaps the first, official written record of the existence of W. H. MacFeeley is his presence on The 1860 Federal Census Enumeration for Chatham County, Georgia. Penciled in at nine years of age, he is the youngest of a domicile containing four inhabitants. Since his mother is listed as the head of the household, I am quite confident that his father had acquired decedent status at some point prior to early August of 1860. Capitalizing upon the opportunity to expound upon this postulation, some researchers of this line have actually established the date of death for William J. MacFeeley as February 1st, 1857; on a personal level, I was able to access some late Ante-Bellum Death Records for the city of Charleston and quickly learned that W. J. McFeeley was vanquished by the lethal microbes of Consumption on the eve of Ground Hog Day, 1857. In the argot of Nineteenth Century America, Consumption was synonymous with Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Looking at William J. MacFeeley, father of Whitemarsh Henry MacFeeley, it has been written that he was born in Londonderry, Ireland on August 8th, 1813. He may have braved the perils of The Titanic Atlantic and sailed to America circa 1833 / 1834. In any event, he espoused one Honoria Wilkes Seabrook on some unrecorded date during the mid 1840’s. More than likely, the venue of this exercise in Holy Matrimony was Charleston, South Carolina.

The union of William J. MacFeeley and Honoria Wilkes Seabrook produced a trio of offspring; of their three specimens of progeny, both of the boys, despite being underage, fought for The Confederacy. James Gadsden MacFeeley may have been fifteen when he enlisted in Company H of The 25th South Carolina Infantry Regiment. Of course, Whitemarsh, who was much younger, enlisted in The 21st South Carolina in 1864 at the age of eleven. Eventually, both The 21st and 25th South Carolina Regiments would belong to General Haggerd’s All-South Carolinian Brigade.

At this point, a brief look at the maternal genealogy for W. H. MacFeeley might be worthwhile; in a specific sense, we shall examine The Seabrook Line:

According to several accounts, one Robert Seabrook, believed to have been the known progenitor of this line, had emigrated from England to The Colony of South Carolina in late 1679. He later served as the high sheriff of Colleton County during the closing decade of The Seventeenth Century.

Thomas Wilkes Seabrook, the maternal grandfather of W. H. MacFeeley, was an opulent Carolinian Planter. Born in Colleton County in 1807, he failed to reach that often unattainable plateau known as “old age.” Lamentably, he died on May 1st, 1835 at his plantation in Jefferson County, Florida, at the premature age of 28. He left a relict and three small children to mourn his untimely departure from The Land of The Living. By and large, I am inclined to presume that he was keenly aware of his upcoming death – as his will was composed a mere two days before his appointment with The Grim Reaper.

Inasmuch, it appears that Thomas Seabrook had procured some land down in The Florida territory and subsequently established a plantation in Jefferson County. A look at The 1830 Census Recording for Colleton County, South Carolina reveals that he was the proprietor of no less than 49 slaves. Therefore, by way of inheritance, he was, indeed, an affluent businessman endowed with a plenteous supply of material wealth.

Probably prior to 1840, his young widow, who was three years his junior, chose to re-marry. Her second marital consort was one James L. Rose, who was likely one of Seabrook’s Charleston business associates.

In his will, Thomas Wilkes Seabrook elected to equally split his 44 slaves and 210 acre Florida Plantation among his four heirs (his widow and three children). Of course, his widow received her portion at once; whereas the trio of minor children had to wait until each either married or attained the age of 21. Meanwhile, the funds generated from his monetary investments were utilized to provide each “a quality education.”

The primary point to be made here is such that Honoria, the eldest child and sole daughter of Thomas Wilkes Seabrook, was the first to enter the realm of Holy Matrimony. Immediately, she and her husband requested her share of the inheritance. James Gadsden, the executor of the will / estate (a close friend of Thomas Wilkes Seabrook, who is well known in the annals of American History for The Gadsden Purchase), did not concur with her thinking and felt that the funds should remain intact until her pair of younger brothers had completed their education. Of course, this wound up in Court and Honoria, who would later give birth to Whitemarsh Henry MacFeeley, did receive the annual profits from her share of her father’s property. However, the funds, as a whole, remained untouched until her youngest brother turned 21 years of age.

So, in essence, History tells us that Honoria Wilkes Seabrook MacFeeley, mother of perhaps The Youngest Confederate, definitely came from Rich Carolina Planters. Conversely, her husband, who was an Irish immigrant, may very well have been “financially disadvantaged.”

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As alluded to earlier, Honoria and her three children were residents of Savannah, Georgia in 1860. Apparently, at some point prior to the second year of That Second American Revolution, she had moved her family back to Charleston, sometimes referenced as “The Cradle of Secession.”

Given their background, and their maternal heritage, it was certainly no surprise that both of The MacFeeley boys wanted to do their part in protecting “home and hearth” from Those Slithering Yankee Invaders from The Faraway North…….

Despite being fourteen or fifteen years of age, during the spring of 1862, James Gadsden MacFeeley volunteered to be a Confederate Foot Soldier. The infamous incidents at Fort Sumter were scarcely thirteen months old. In an official sense, his unit was designated by The Confederate War Department as Company H of The 25th South Carolina Infantry Regiment. Interestingly enough, one of his mother’s brothers, Whitemarsh Henry Seabrook, was one of the commissioned officers in this company. Available records stipulate that W. H. Seabrook held the rank of First Lieutenant in this outfit. In an informal sense, The 25th South Carolina was frequently referenced as The Eutaw Regiment. A significant percentage of the men in this unit hailed from The Charleston area of South Carolina was frequently referenced as “The Cradle of Secession.”

The courageous paladins of The Eutaw Regiment saw action at Secessionville and Morris Island. In September of 1863, The 25th became part of General Hagood’s Brigade. During the spring of 1864, they were ordered north to The Killing Fields of Virginia and participated in the combat at Drewry’s Bluff, and Cold Harbor. Additionally, they were actively involved in most of The Petersburg Campaign.

Needless to say, they represented an integral part of Robert E. Lee’s Famed Army of Northern Virginia. Deplorably, in May of 1864, at Swift Creek, Virginia (near Petersburg), Lieutenant Whitemarsh Henry Seabrook was mortally wounded in the cranium / skull by a Yankee Minie Ball. Several days later, he died in a Federal (Field) Hospital near City Point, Virginia. Unsurprisingly, he left a young widow and several minor children back in The Carolina Low Country.

In late 1864 early 1865, the remaining men of The 25th South Carolina were ordered down to Fort Fisher, North Carolina. On the fifteenth day of 1865, Fort Fisher fell to The Blue-Clad Invaders from The North. Private James Gadsden MacFeeley was one of the defenders. Soon, he was on his way to that den of Purgatory and Perdition known as Elmira, New York. He was released on May 17th, 1865 and may have walked to New York City. At the time, his mother had married a French Merchant named Michael Fendingheim and was a resident of New York City. Without question, I am certain that he earned the right to call his place of incarceration “HELLMIRA…….”

Before we advance to his Post-War years, the thought suddenly occurred to me that James Gadsden MacFeeley could easily have “defected to the other side.” With his mother living nearby, it would have been relatively simple “to have taken the oath of allegiance to The United States.” Upon doing so, The Yankee Government would gladly have furnished transportation to him to New York City. However, this never happened; he was true to South Carolina until the very end. As would be stated in his 1893 obituary, “he was esteemed by all who knew him as an honest man.”

James Gadsden MacFeeley, namesake of his grandfather’s close friend and business confidant, spent the majority of his Post-Bellum years out west. Lamentably, he died in The California Gold Country in February of 1893. A direct quote from his handsome obituary states, “He was esteemed as an honest man by all who knew him.”

His death was definitely due to unnatural causes. It appears that he lost his life by accidentally falling into the shaft of a mine in Calaveras County, California. Some students of The Genre of Western American Literature may recall that Calaveras County was the setting for The 1865 Mark Twain Tale about “A Notorious Jumping Frog.” But, in any event, The Confederate Service of James Gadsden MacFeeley is mentioned more than once (in his obit) and the fact that he enlisted at the young age of fifteen is also heavily lauded.

Unfortunately, there are no Confederate Compiled Military Service Records for Whitemarsh Henry MacFeeley. If not for several newspaper articles and his Confederate Pension Application, there would be virtually no proof that he ever marched off to war during That Horrific American Conflict of The 1860s.

According to information obtained directly from his 1911 / 1912 Pension Papers, Whitemarsh MacFeeley was mustered into Confederate Service in April of 1864 near Petersburg, Virginia. Basing my supposition upon accessible data, it seems that he was roughly six months shy of his twelfth birthday. In his own diction, he writes that he was physically present at The Surrender of The Army of Tennessee near Greensboro, North Carolina on April 26th, 1865. Quite laconically, upon carefully inspecting the first page of his pension application, it is readily apparent that he is a well-educated Southern Gentleman. Moreover, I would also like to take the time to point out that he possessed superb penmanship. This is blatantly obvious to anyone who is interested enough to peruse his pension papers.

Another invaluable source of data on Private W. H. MacFeeley, late of Company B of The 21st South Carolina Infantry Regiment, is an article which was published in THE SUMTER DAILY NEWS on July 18th, 1966.

Among other historically-scintillating morsels of knowledge, this expose mentions that he enlisted as a drummer in mid-July of 1864. At the time, The 21st South Carolina was part of Hagood’s Brigade / Hoke’s Division / Anderson’s Corps of The Army of Northern Virginia. It seems that the claim that he was The Confederacy’s Youngest Soldier was made in 1900 by a former member of General Hagood’s Brigade to a reporter who was employed by THE CHARLESTON NEWS AND COURIER. In the article, MacFeeley is quoted as stating that he enlisted at nearly the age of twelve and performed the work of a drummer boy until his outfit was sent to Wilmington, North Carolina. With this change in venue, he became an orderly around Brigade Headquarters for primarily General Hagood.

Since he was big for his age, he was able to pass for a fourteen-year-old. He goes on to say that he was well-treated by all and trudged many miles in the heat and snow of Virginia during the summer and winter that he was there.

Furthermore, he had the honor of shaking hands with Generals Beauregard and Lee while stationed near Petersburg. He vividly recalls their kindly, smiling countenances and their obvious amusement at so young a soldier…….

Following the capitulation of Johnston’s Army at Greensboro, he walked home to Charleston with the rest of his surviving compatriots.

After The War, MacFeeley traveled extensively as a crew member on numerous ocean-going vessels that were bound for various European ports. Later, he worked for different newspapers in such locales as Columbia, South Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina, Baltimore, Maryland, and New York City.

Laura Emily de Torlay

Around 1883, he espoused one Laura Emily de Torlay, who was also a native of Charleston. Appropriately enough, they were married in the city in which they both “originated.” On an ancillary note, Laura was also a daughter of a Confederate Soldier who served in a Charleston Home Guard Unit. In time, they would procreate five offspring. Fortunately, all would outlast their parents and reach the coveted threshold of adulthood.
Old Blairsville Cemetery

On Saturday, November 10, 2018, a dedication ceremony was held on a cold, breezy morning in Blairsville, Georgia at Old Blairsville Cemetery, completing a nearly five-year restoration project initiated and coordinated by the David W. Payne Camp #1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV), and capping off a year which marked the Blairsville-based SCV camp’s twenty-fifth anniversary.

The origins of the project can be traced to April 2014, during the traditional placement of flags on the graves of local Confederate veterans for the annual Confederate Memorial Day observances. Some members of the local SCV camp noted to their dismay the overall neglected condition of the cemetery, the oldest public burial ground in Blairsville, probably dating to 1835 when the town was designated county seat for the recently formed Union County. Many lifelong residents were unaware of the cemetery’s existence. As a result, David W. Payne Camp #1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Blairsville, made the commitment to clean-up, mark and revitalize Old Blairsville Cemetery and make this seemingly forgotten parcel of local history a point of civic pride. Enlisting the assistance of Sole Union County Commissioner Lamar Paris and Blairsville Mayor Jim Conley, both officials were overwhelmingly supportive and instrumental in the coordination of this multifaceted restoration project. Donations were solicited from both businesses and private individuals. With the guidance of 2nd Brigade Commander Michael Dean, money from the Tag Fund was applied for and approved by the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Dead trees and debris were removed, and many old and broken markers repaired. In 2016 ground-penetrating radar revealed the unmarked graves of 105 unknowns in the cemetery, and their burial spots have been given upright granite markers. Polished granite posts and the double chains connecting them were installed, which now enclose the cemetery. A decorative archway at the entrance, designed by noted Blairsville artist Al Garino, compliments the overall visual appearance of this historic site. Just beyond the entrance is a distinctive bronze marker on a granite pedestal, highlighted with the SCV logo, listing those responsible for the restoration. Finally, David W. Payne Camp #1633 installed a handsome plaque at the grave of Johnson Powell Wellborn (1810-1863), denoting his important role for Union County as one of its two secession delegates at the statehouse in Milledgeville in January 1861.

As David W. Payne Camp #1633 hosted the ceremony, Camp Commander David Junghans spoke briefly, welcoming those braving the weather for the special occasion. Among the speakers at the ceremony was Pete White, charter member of the local SCV camp, its former camp commander, and presently serving as its treasurer: “This old cemetery, the final resting place of many of the earliest settlers of this community, including many Confederate soldiers, was overgrown, and many, if not most, of the upright grave markers had fallen over or were broken. Many were covered with mold, mildew or algae. You could not read the inscription on most. From the beginning it became apparent this project was going to be much bigger than anyone had envisioned.”

Union County Sole Commissioner (since 2001) Lamar Paris: “This project began over four years ago, when Pete White influenced me to get involved into something that I’d never thought I would be involved in. Pete has always been there in the background keeping us going. This has been the most fulfilling project of all the things I’ve done in this county. I think I’m more proud of this than anything that I’ve done.”

Blairsville Mayor Jim Conley thanked many of those involved, including Johnny Holbrooks, whose crew of local detainees were responsible for repairing broken grave markers: “Thankfully, all of the pieces were here and they were able to find them all and put them together by what I call a ‘miracle’, using only raw materials.” Holbrooks and his crew also installed the granite posts that now surround the cemetery.

Mayor Conley concluded the ceremony with a ribbon cutting at the archway. The new granite marker inside the entrance, listing those responsible for the cemetery restoration, was unveiled by Miss Emma Pittman. Miss Savannah Levi played “Taps”. The Blairsville chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Smith’s Legion #2699, took the opportunity to hold Iron Cross ceremonies for Captain Allen B. Gaddis and Private J.B. Black, local Confederate cavalrymen that served in Smith’s Legion, and buried in Old Blairsville Cemetery.

David W. Payne Camp #1633 wholeheartedly thank Georgia Division Commander Tim Pilgrim; 2nd Brigade Commander Michael Dean; and the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, for its support with this meaningful and well-received project. Nothing but positive media coverage was received locally from the North Georgia News of Blairsville. The effort was truly an example of a small SCV camp successfully working not only within the division and brigade, but with county and city government officials.

Submitted by: Gregory C. White, Camp Publicist, David W. Payne Camp #1633, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Blairsville, Georgia.

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CAPT. HENRY WIRZ MEMORIAL SERVICE

On a recent partly sunny afternoon in the town of Andersonville, the 43rd annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service was held. A large crowd of friends and supporters were present from six states. The Memorial Service, sponsored by the Alexander H. Stephens Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp in Americus, honors the memory of Capt. Henry Wirz, Commander of Andersonville Prison Camp (Camp Sumter) during the final 12 months of the War Between the States.

Prior to the Service, the “Southern Sounds” musical group, headed by Rev. Ed Eschman, entertained the crowd with Southern Songs and Church hymns.

The Program began with a presentation of the Colors by the “Muckalee Guards” and a welcome by SCV Camp Commander John Carroll. The invocation was given by Rev. Mark Carter, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Georgia flags and a salute to the Confederate flag.

Andersonville Mayor Marvin Baugh welcomed the group and read a proclamation declaring “Capt. Henry Wirz Day” in Andersonville.

The guest speaker was retired Army Major and now attorney Glen LaForce from Hilton Head, South Carolina. Major LaForce did considerable research in the 1980’s on the Washington, D. C. Trial of Capt. Henry Wirz. He told how a lot of the prosecution “evidence” was by perjured witnesses. The star witness for the prosecution was a Yankee deserter who lied about a number of things, and soon after his testimony was completed was given a federal job with the U.S. Dept. of the Interior.

Major LaForce told how the presiding judge would not allow testimony from many defense witnesses who came forward to testify favorably on behalf of Capt. Wirz. Some of these were Ex-Yankee prisoners at Andersonville. Major LaForce called the very unfair trial “A National Disgrace.”

The speaker told how the rations for the Confederate Guards at Andersonville were the same as for the prisoners. He also explained that Yankee General Sherman with 62,000 soldiers came within 80 miles of the Prison Camp on his infamous “March to the Sea,” and could have come over and freed the Yankee prisoners, but chose not to.

Greetings were given by Georgia Military Order of the Stars and Bars (MOSB) Commander Martin Bell who gave all Veterans present a Flag Pin and a Red Rose to all the ladies. Georgia Division MOSB National Commander General Byron Brady, Florian Strahm from Bern, Switzerland for Col. Heinrich Wirz of Switzerland, and James Gaston for Dr. Leland Park, son of the Memorial Service Founder.

Special Thanks were given to Mrs. Cynthia Stormcaller and the Andersonville Guild for their help with the Memorial Service, “Southern Sounds, and Albany SCV Camp Commander James King for helping to promote the event.

When the Program ended, Southern Sounds played “Dixie” and the attendees walked to the Capt. Wirz Monument where different groups placed wreaths. A Rifle Salute was given by the Muckalee Guards and an Artillery Salute was given by Robert Coleman and the Anderson Battery from Warner Robins to end the Service.

James Gaston
Alexander H. Stephens Camp#78
Americus, Georgia

Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade Camp #2102
The Buckhead-Fort Lawton Brigade, Camp # 2102, recently joined the Georgia Division’s “Flags Across Georgia” project. Following many months of preparation, the new flagpole was erected on the northbound lanes of U.S. Route 25, just north of the City of Millen. At the November 17th dedication ceremony, Commander Dale Wiggins provided a tour of the site.

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By Hu Daughtry
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During the course of my research, I found the surname “MacFeeley” spelled several different ways. Therefore, I have intentionally reflected this phenomenon in my article…….
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1. Pine Barrens Volunteers 2039 participated again in the Chester Christmas Parade November 17th. The float was the design of Mrs. Danielle Harrelson. L. Gary Lowery, David Knight, Wright Harrell, Brian Martin, Randall Massingill, Tony Crumbley, Center/4th Brigade Commander Beck, Front/Lowery Noles, Commander Harrelson and Mrs. Danielle. R. Camp 2039 Cadet Corp.

Pine Barrens Volunteers #2039 welcomes our newest Member's David Knight and David Page to our ranks.

2. Hu Daughtry was the guest speaker for the Clement A. Evans Camp, Lee-Jackson banquet held in Waycross on January 14th. Hu spoke of all the Confederate Generals with January birthdays and gave a very good speech about the Confederate Medal of honor.

Members of the Clement A. Evans Camp in Waycross setup a recruiting and information table at the Okefenokee Heritage Center’s annual Christmas in the Cross event.

Mike Lee(left), Dennis Evans, Chuck Griffin, and not pictured Mike Griffin were on hand talking about monument protection and telling the public about the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

3. Carl Tommy Miller and Jim Davis of Camp #1914 General Ambrose R. Wright Columbia County, Georgia installed Georgia Division Signs in the middle of Grovetown, GA. on the main road running through town and to Fort Gordon, Georgia. Jim Davis pictured.

4. More veterans monument damage

Veterans memorial vandalized in Conyers, ‘attack on what it stands for’

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CONYERS, Ga. – A veterans’ memorial was vandalized over the weekend and police are searching for the suspects responsible.

Aside from being ripped from their concrete bases and busted up, two bronze statues, a globe, and a plaque were taken from the Walk of Heroes Veterans War Memorial in Black Shoals Park.

The statues are very heavy and would have been difficult to move by one person leading the Rockdale County Sheriff's Office to believe multiple suspects are involved.

A spokesperson with Walk of Heroes is sad about the vandalism. They said this was not just an attack on the memorial, but also the veterans it stands for.

If you have any information on this case or saw something over the weekend, you are asked to call the sheriff’s office at 770-278-8000.

We are so grieved to announce the death of Compatriot Colton Charles King, who died tragically on January 4, 2019. He was an exemplary member of the 16th GA and Camp 2218. May his gallant soul rest in eternal peace – we will miss him more than words can say.

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After lunch, continue to Stovall’s position on Missionary Ridge.
Visit Bragg’s HQ site, travel Missionary Ridge to see and discuss the 7 mile Defense Line.

Saturday April 20  Travel to Ringgold and visit the Gap battle site.
Discuss General Patrick Cleburne’s Rear Guard Action to save the Army.
Travel to Rocky Face Ridge and view the battle area from two vantage points.
A series of battles fought from May 8-12, 1864.
After lunch, continue to Resaca Cemetery
traveling over the route taken by the Army of Tennessee when it repositioned to Resaca.

Charter bus cost is $64.00 per seat per rider total for both days
and $32.00 per rider per seat for either day.

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