Governor Kemp Signs SB77 Into Law!

April 26, 2019
Chickamauga, Georgia

The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans is pleased to announce that today at 3:30 pm at Gordon Lee High School in Chickamauga, Ga. Governor Kemp signed into law Senate Bill 77 that strengthens Georgia's monument protection laws, State code 50-3-1.

This is a great day and victory for all Georgians who cherish the sacrifices of all our Nation's Veterans. The State of Georgia now has some of the toughest monument protection laws in the Country. This strengthened law sends a strong message that vandalism, removal or defacement of any Veterans’ monument will not be tolerated by the State of Georgia.

See Page 8 to find out how your Senator and Representative voted.

Confederate Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines are American veterans designated by an act of Congress in U.S. Public Law 85-425: Sec. 410 approved 23 May 1958. They deserve the same respect as all American veterans and we believe that an attack on one set of veterans is an attack on all American veterans.

Timothy F. Pilgrim

The Charge to the Georgia Division

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

Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.


L to R: Appling County High School Cadet, PFC Corie D. Turner receives the H.L. Hunley Award presented by William Bowers, Commander Appling Grays Camp #918 of Baxley at ROTC Military Honors Night April 25, 2019.

Joe Wheeler Camp [Birmingham, AL] member Al Lassiter, Sr. presents H.L. Hunley Award to Cadet Carlos Wilson, Hoover High School, AL.

I would like to thank the Georgia Division for the effort made to make this event happen today. Alyssa and Troy both received the award and scholarship and were very thankful. Both will be attending The Georgia Military College in Milledgeville next year.

Camp Cmdr. Denny Forster

L to R: Danny Dean (State of Dade 707 member), Cmdr Denny Forster (State of Dade 707) Cadet 1st Lt Christian Troy Mussared, Scott Moreland (State of Dade 707), Cadet Lt Col Allyssa Marie Kiser, Brigade Lt Col Steve Hamerstone.

It was an honor and privilege to recognize these outstanding Cadets.

Commander Judson Barton, Camp 926, Hartwell, GA

Upper photo: On April 12, 2019 the Lt. Dickson L. Baker Camp 926 Hartwell, GA awarded the H. L. Hunley Medal, Certificate and a $250.00 Scholarship to Hart Co. High School JROTC Cadet Sergeant First Class Mary Holmes [Upper photo], Cadet Captain Madeleine Mitchell [Lower photo].

JROTC Cadets receive H.L. Hunley Awards and scholarship.
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Gentlemen, by the time you receive this issue of the Georgia Confederate our 122nd Annual Division Reunion will be over. We should have some new Brigade Commanders ready to serve their Camps / Brigade, so please thank them for stepping up to serve and support them in their new duties. Their success in their duties is a success for all our Camps and our Division.

I did want to take this opportunity to personally thank you all for your hard work and dedication in our efforts getting Senate Bill 77 passed into law. We need some good news and this was a major victory for our Division and for our Veterans monuments. But, as I mention in the below report, it doesn’t stop the cowards violating the Law. We need to be ever vigilant monitoring our Confederate monuments and cemeteries.

Below is the Georgia Division’s 2019 annual report that I submitted to SCVF National for publication. We can be proud of our efforts and for always being the Division leading the charge.

Brothers, greetings from the Georgia Division,

I’m pleased to report the Georgia Division is stronger and more organized than it has ever been. The Georgia Division remains the largest Division in our Confederation, serving over 3,500 members in 105 active Camps that are located throughout the largest State East of the Mississippi River.

This is an especially proud year for the Georgia Division. On Confederate Memorial Day, April 26, 2019 Georgia’s Governor Brian Kemp signed into law Senate Bill 77 that amended Georgia’s current monument code 50-3-110 giving the State of Georgia some of the toughest monument protection laws in the Country.

But, this also came with many years of efforts, disappointments, and failures. Over a period of (6) years our efforts to strengthen our monument protection laws failed many times, our Bills died in Legislative committee on three separate sessions.

Each year we would learn from our mistakes, gain more experience and most importantly, we didn’t give up. Some of the key strategy lessons we learned were:

➢ Have sound legislation that will stand the legal test of our critics. We even included other types of monuments like civil rights, Christian and first responder monuments to make the monument laws more “inclusive” to get more Legislative support.
➢ We engaged with a professional Lobbyist firm to help our sponsoring Legislators through the process and to give us key advice as needed.
➢ Keep your membership involved, by having a Division wide e-mail list (and newsletters) and sending out regular updates. Ask your members to respectfully and politely contact their local Representatives and Senators by mail, e-mail and phone calls. This is by far the most influential way to influence your Legislators, especially hand-written letters.
➢ Social media accounts can be useful to get the public and supporters engaged but be careful, it could also energize your enemies (Discuss with your Lobbyist & Legislator Sponsors for their advice).
➢ Try to gain support and create coalitions with other Veterans Organizations who will endorse the Legislation.
➢ Always have a Division Spokesman to deal with the media.

We spent a couple of years with our “Protect Our Monuments” initiative by placing large billboards on major highways, distributing large 4‘ X 4‘ road signs and smaller yard signs. Also we ran monument protection ads in Southern friendly Georgia magazines.

But, we did have our share of monument vandalisms. The Confederate Soldiers monuments at Myrtle Hill Cemetery and Screven County Cemetery both were toppled and destroyed. The Division offered and publicized awards for the arrest and conviction but no leads as of date. Both of the Soldiers are in the process of being rebuilt and replaced. Many other non-Confederate military monuments have been vandalized in Georgia, indicating that all Veterans monuments are under attack. Even though we have tougher laws it doesn’t mean these vandals and cowards in the night won’t continue to violate the law. We can only hope these tougher penalties will act as a deterrent and hope law enforcement will do their jobs. We need to always be coming up with more creative ways to catch these cowards. Our Heritage Defense Officer Tony Pilgrim has organized the Georgia Monument Guards to regularly monitor and take photos of our monuments and cemeteries to keep the Division informed and have been the first to report any suspicious activity.

With our Division specialty tags funds we have been able to help our Camps fund the erection of three new Confederate monuments. A black granite wall of honor at the Habersham County Veterans’ park with over 1,200 names of Confederate and Revolutionary Soldier Veterans from Habersham County has been erected, a new Confederate monument obelisk honoring the Confederate Soldiers from Glynn and Camden County has been erected in Brunswick, Ga. and a memorial fence and plaque for the Confederate Soldiers buried in the old Blairsville Cemetery has been erected. As of date the Georgia Division has allocated approximately $545,300 from our tag funds to help our Camps fund local Heritage projects and Division wide projects.

Our Division recognizes that one of our major weaknesses is how we deal with the media speaking with a unified voice. In September 2019 we engaged a professional Public Relations expert, Dr. Joe Trahan a past Army Colonel, who was a media training officer and now specializes in training corporations, groups and individuals in the art of engaging with the media, discussing media strategies and crisis management. Dr. Trahan’s firm provided two day long Media Training Workshops for the Georgia Division in locations in South and North Georgia. The Media Training Workshops were a great success. We plan to continue the training by having our...
REPORT: Continued
Brigade Spokesmen attend an advanced media workshop session. We will have a media training booklet prepared for all our members and the taped session of the media training workshop will be on the Division web page for live review and training proposes.

With the appointment of a Division H.L. Hunley Award Liaison, Scott Seay, the Division is making a proactive community out-reach effort to new JROTC High School programs. The Division decided to pre-purchase thirty H. L. Hunley Awards to have available for our Camps at our Division Store. The Division also voted to grant a $250 scholarship to every H. L. Hunley award recipient.

Our annual Stone Mountain Memorial Event was a great success this year with the help of SCV National promoting the event. We had the largest participation in the 18 years since we have had the event. Dixie Jubilee played old fashioned Gospel bluegrass, we had 21 cannons firing salutes, Rebel tee shirts residents thought the Confederate army had mobilized, but all were very grateful for the generous help and goodwill.

The Georgia Division’s Flags Across Georgia program is going strong. We have 12 large Division Flag poles across the State of Georgia and the Division purchases these oversize Battle Flags for these Division poles and distributes them to the local Camp that maintains these poles. We are always on the lookout for any “prime” locations to erect new flagpoles. The 3rd Battalion, Company B of the Mechanized Calvary unit of the Division has created a preventative maintenance crew that inspects and makes repairs to our Division poles, with our gratitude.

As of Date the Georgia Division has distributed over 235,000 “Truth Concerning the Confederate Battle Flag” CDs by Pastor John Weaver through-out the Confederation and the Country. These CDs are distributed by the Georgia Division at our bulk purchase cost of $.35 cents each which makes our minimum order of 100 Cds for $35 plus shipping very affordable for individuals and Camps to distribute to folks who need a history lesson and all they have to do is listen.

We have issued our Division newsletter "The Georgia Confederate" consistently to our membership every two months, 6 issues a year. Our Editor Al Perry has done a tremendous job editing and having our Division newsletter published in a timely manner.

The Georgia Division fully supports the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp and congratulates the Youth Camp on their 3rd year of successful operations. The Division continues to support the Youth Camp by offering a $200 scholarship to young men and women to attend a full week of Southern / Confederate Heritage education curriculum modeled after the Sam Davis Youth Camp.

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

Live the Charge,
Timothy F. Pilgrim
Georgia Division Commander

BE INFORMED AND GET CONNECTED

Sign up to be on the Georgia Division E-mail Notification List!

- Get Updates on Division, Brigade and Camp Events.
- Get Notified on Division Announcements and Calls for Action.
- Be the First to Receive Division and National Press Releases.

Its easy just send our Division Secretary “Kitty” an e-mail at Secretary@gascv.org
And ask her to add you to our Division E-mail notification list (include your Camp #).
Camp Commanders and Adjutants please Send Kitty your Camp’s e-mail list and she can up-date the Division rosters for these Division notifications.

*REMEMBER BEING INFORMED HELPED US GET SENATE BILL 77 PASSED.
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The year 1943 was one of mixed events for the Confederacy. It was a time when the last of the Confederate Veterans were passing and a time of world war. Many events were intertwined with the war effort. The war affected events at the National and State levels for both the UCV/SCV organizations.

The United Confederate Veteran Reunions were held in conjunction with the Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunions. No reunions were held in 1943, 44, 45, due to the war and transportation restrictions, however some Confederate related events were held locally.

The SCV Commander-in-Chief in 1943 was McWhorter Milner, formerly of the John B. Gordon, Camp 46 in Atlanta. Atlanta had not forgotten but it was tough. The UDC house on Juniper Street was converted to a sewing center for ladies to sew items for the troops and the parade on memorial day was canceled in reverence to the troops in far away lands, although the service at Oakland Cemetery was held. The worst thing, however, was the reduction of state holidays from 16 to 9 so that more production time would result. One holiday lost to the war effort was Jefferson Davis’s birthday. That caused considerable consternation.

The traditional ceremonies of Confederate Memorial Day services were held Monday, April 26, at Oakland Cemetery. The service was held at the Confederate plot, but for the first time in 77 years the city did not have a parade. The Atlanta Ladies Memorial Association, which has sponsored the annual tribute since its organization in 1866, dispensed with the parade because of the wartime conditions.

In order that their employees may attend the exercises, downtown stores were opened at 1 p.m. instead of 12:30 p.m., their usual Monday opening hour.

Banks of the Atlanta Clearing Association observed the day with a full holiday, and Atlanta school children had a day of freedom from their classroom.

At the Oakland exercises, McWhorter Milner, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans served as the Master of Ceremonies. Dr. Herman L. Turner, pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church delivered the main memorial address.

Gen. Henry Taylor Dowling

He briefly spoke on the courage of Confederate Veterans in the old days. He also spoke on the legacies of Memorial Day, in which he stated:

“The surrender of General Joseph E. Johnston and the residue of his army near Durham, North Carolina, April 26, 1865, completed the message of Appomattox and marked the end of the War Between the States. A year later, the first Memorial Day in tribute to the Confederate dead was inaugurated at Columbus, Georgia by a group of devoted women who carried spring blossoms to the graves of their fallen heroes and asked that all Southern States and communities join them in making this an annual observance. A little later the Atlanta Ladies’ Memorial Association was founded, and from that time to this, April 26 has been a day of tender memorials to the South.”

General Dowling continued...

“Now more than ever it is a day every dedication to the virtues of which the soldiers and the people of the Southern Confederacy stood - to the valor, the fortitude and the high-hearted sacrifice which the thought of my Confederate brothers-in-arms bids us all to put forth for our united America. Today on battlefronts the world around, descendants of you who wore the Gray and those who wore the Blue are fighting in the brotherhood of a common heritage and a common hope. Those of you whose part it is to keep the home front strong and productive can best honor our memory and our heroic Confederate dead by providing worthy of the spirit in which we lived and fought for and the immortal legacies we have bequeathed you.”

General Dowling took out a handkerchief, wiped his eyes and gently stepped down from the speaker’s platform. General Dowling received a heart felt, (yet a rousing standing ovation).

Sadly, only one of the three remaining veterans at the Soldier’s Home, (located on Confederate Avenue) were able to attend and there were many tears...

At the conclusion of the Confederate Memorial Day services, Dr. R.M. Eubanks of the Old

A younger Henry Taylor Dowling

The Atlanta Ladies’ Memorial Association’s biggest project was the “Lion of Lucerne” monument at Oakland Cemetery in 1894.

The History of the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

Compiled by: Mark Pollard

Georgia Division Historian

First to speak was General Henry Taylor Dowling, 94-year-old State Commander of the United Confederate Veterans. He announced the recent passing of General A.G. Harris, past Georgia Commander of the 1938 United Confederate Veterans. Commander Harris died peacefully, just days before his 96th birthday on March 1, 1943.
The Governor resisted pressure from the Sons of Confederate Veterans, the UDC and state officials all last week and refused to order the State Capital closed Monday for Memorial Day. As a result, several state departments opened, as usual, but not the executive department.

The Governor’s own office was locked up and on the bulletin board was this notice:

“Monday, April 26, is a legal holiday in Georgia. It is in honor of the Confederate soldier and this inspired thought was born in Georgia. Out of the highest respect the Governor’s office will be closed all day. All other departments are at liberty to use their own discretion.”

“As Governor of Georgia I pay tribute to those brave, gallant and courageous men of the South who gave unsurpassed expressions of their patriotism, heroism, love of home and country, and to the noble women and children who carried on for the soldiers in gray.

The sons, grandsons and grand- daughters of those great soldiers are now in the battle line that circles the globe, fighting and dying, (that freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness may be maintained all over the world).”

Having written this tribute, the Governor left for Griffin to deliver a Memorial Day address.

Part (21) - The History of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans will continue in the next issue of the Georgia Confederate. In an effort to document the history of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, I am in the process of compiling as much information as possible on the Division. If your SCV Camp has ever held a Reunion in the past, please submit 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

The Governor presented the wreath and it was accepted by Mrs. B. Williams, representing the local UDC chapter. Musical numbers played during the service were conducted by the Georgia Military Academy Band. Following the service refreshments were served at the Atlanta Athletic Club.

Several days before the Confederate Memorial Day service held at Oakland Cemetery, an interesting article printed by the Atlanta Constitution had the following article published in their newspaper:

Governor Ellis Arnall surrendered to the Confederate Army Monday.
NAY (N): 17

Not voting (-): 4

- HARIBSON, 15TH
- JACKSON, 2ND
Monument Fund

The Black Creek Volunteers Camp #549 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans is collecting donations to replace the statue and re-erect the Screven County Confederate Monument. Dedicated to the men from Screven County who defended Georgia in the war, it was toppled and destroyed by criminals during the night of August 30-31, 2018.

$4,000 of the $11,000 repair estimate has already been raised, but the community’s help is needed to preserve our history and honor veterans from America’s bloodiest war.

Tax-deductible donations can be made through gofundme.com or sent to: SCV Camp 549, 141 Bell Pond RD, Sylvania, GA 30467.

November 10th, 2019
Dear Friends,
We have set the date for the Annual Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service in Andersonville. It will be at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 10, 2019. Please put this date on your calendar, and we hope to see you there. Please tell your friends and members of your organizations and invite them to attend.

November 10, 1865 was the date that the Yankees hung Capt. Wirz in Washington, D.C.
As plans progress regarding speaker, etc. we will let you know. Thank you all so much for your attendance in the past. We had a wonderful crowd last November, 2018, and we hope to have as many or more this year to attend.
If you have any questions regarding the Service, please let me know.

In the Bonds of the Old South,
James Gaston
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Keynote speaker Steve Burke at Appling Grays Confederate Memorial day Service, May 5, 2019 at Holmesville.

Habersham Guard Camp 716, Clarkesville, GA--Wallace Lewallen, 2nd Lt. Commander, presents a $500 donation to the Habersham County 4-H Archery Team. Each spring the archery team travels to the state tournament and for several years Camp 716 has helped sponsor the trip, as well as provide funds to pay for needed practice supplies.

#1399 and #2039 Camp members attend the Nash Farms Battlefield Confederate Ball.


Confederate Memorial Day Service Magnolia Cemetery Augusta, Georgia April 27, 2019 Sunshine Images by Jackie

Lest we forget

Black Creek Camp 549 the annual clean up of the Bazemore and Humphreys family cemeteries on April 20, 2019.

April, 2019, Com. Carl Tommy Miller leads Honour Guard; Stone Mtn.

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Youth Camp
The Henry L. Benning, Camp # 517 (Columbus, Ga.) had a Fellowship at the home of Dewey Burnham in Talbot County, Georgia on Saturday May 18th, 2019. Eastwind Bluegrass provided the music starting off with DIXIE. All in attendance were given a ride on Dewey's 7 1/2 inch Gauge Railroad. We were honored to have Timothy F. Pilgrim, Georgia Division Commander to join us.

Dewey G. Burnham, Camp Chaplain

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Confederate Memorial Day 27 April, 2019 Magnolia Cemetery Augusta SCV Camp #1914

Savannah Camps paint fence around Confederate monument in Forsyth Park. [Below] Visitors admire monument. See page 17

Pine Barrens Camp 2039 inducts new member Kyle White at the Confederate Monument in Dublin, GA. [Below] Camp 2039 members visit General Lee at Pondtown, and unload for parade in Rhine, GA.
L-R Pat Godwin, James W. King, Butch Godwin
Pat has been and continues to be the leading lady in the state of Alabama at Selma in defense of CSA General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Pine Barrens Volunteers
Camp #2039 Commander Corey Harrelson gets a picture with Wes Freeman, the last living man to work on the carving at Stone Mountain.

Mechanized Cavalry turns out in big numbers to support Confederate Service at Stone mountain.

Pine Barrens Volunteers #2039 likes to welcome two new members Chris Harrelson and Jacob Bond into our Camp.

[Upper] Eagle Pawn Outfitters in Waycross proudly displaying one of our Monument Protection signs at the front door of their business.

[Lower] UDC and SCV mark veterans’ graves in Lott Cemetery. See page 17
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“\textit{I have a reputation of being fond of saying, ‘no’, but I have had but one rule of action from the first and that was duty.}”
\textit{~ J.E.B. Stuart}

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In thee, O LORD,
do I put my trust:
let me never be put to confusion.
Psalm 71: 1
April 27, 2019 was a once in a lifetime experience for Compatriots of the South and their friends in the 200-year-old Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta, Georgia. With hundreds of battle flags saluting in the breeze over our sacred Confederate Dead Section and our newly rebuilt 150 year-old fountain of life spraying its living waters among the “bivouac of the dead”, over one hundred friends of the South were treated to an unforgettable presentation by General Robert E. Lee (a.k.a. Rev. David Chaltas of Kentucky). His poetic and humble blessing of our sacred ground where the mortal bodies of the “Boys in Gray” lie buried among the oldest magnolia trees in Georgia will long be remembered.

The section of the historic cemetery where almost 400 Confederate veterans from every Southern state were laid to rest was donated by the City during the last year of the War for Southern Independence. After the Battle of Atlanta, in July of 1864, the eight Confederate hospitals in Augusta were over run with patients. Physicians became so desperate they put out a call to over 30,000 citizens to take care for days on end. Home healthcare nurses would report the progress of their patients weekly to the Confederate medical administrative offices headquartered at the Medical College of Georgia on Telfair Street.

Despite their outstanding care, many of the wounded still succumbed to disease, dying from infectious diseases such as gangrene, smallpox, typhoid fever and dysentery. With the transportation system broken down and overwhelmed, there was no way to ship the dearly departed home. With over 60 acres of public burial ground available in Augusta’s Magnolia Cemetery, land was set aside for these heroes of the War who made the ultimate sacrifice defending their homeland. They have laid in repose for over 150 years having never returned to their loved ones of yesteryear.

To honor their great deeds, the Ladies Memorial Association in 1873 had a fountain placed in the middle of their final resting place. Dedicated in that year with a wreath for our beloved General Robert E. Lee placed on the fountain, it remained a source of “living waters of remembrance” and a memorial to all soldiers who never made it home after “crossing over the river and resting under the shade of the trees”. “Lest we forget.”

Over the years the fountain began to age and crumble. Cracks and leaks would appear. Pumps would frequently fail. Maintenance became a difficult issue. Finally, in the year 2011, the Compatriots and friends of the General E. Porter Alexander SCV Camp #158 decided the glorious fountain needed to be rebuilt. Having cared for over 400 of the Confederate graves in the cemetery the past 30 years, the Camp felt it their duty to take on the project. After eight years of fundraising and three years on construction, the project was finally completed one day before the annual Confederate Memorial Day celebration on April the 27th.

On that glorious day we were graced by the presence of Rev. David Chaltas from Kentucky who gave us a moving speech in the first-person of General Robert E. Lee. After his blessing, with bagpipes playing “Amazing Grace”, cannons and a twelve-man honor guard giving black powder salutes and widows dressed in their widow’s dresses placing memorial wreaths again on the fountain, our “Boy’s in Gray” were again safe at rest in the historic Magnolia Cemetery. Such a beautiful day, such meaningful Christian fellowship, and a bald eagle swooping down over the Confederate fountain at the end of General Lee’s speech, we all knew God had a hand in such a glorious time.

---your humble servant
Dr. John B. Baxley, Commander of Gen. E. Porter Alexander SCV Camp #158.

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The history of slavery is as old as human history and is said to still exist in Muslim countries and in Asia. The Bible gives accounts of slavery in Egypt and the Roman empire. Muslims are known to have been involved in slavery from the 700 AD era to the present. The Scandinavian Vikings captured English, Scottish, and Irish people and sold them as slaves in the 793 to 1066 era. From 1440 to 1870 there were 54,200 ship voyages by Portuguese, Spanish, English, French, and Dutch to and from Africa for slaves. An estimated 11 million Africans were captured and enslaved but only about 500 thousand were brought to North America. Four million went to Brazil and 1 million to Cuba and the rest to European possessions in the New world in the Caribbean.

When America got into the slave trade business it started with Massachusetts in 1637 where the 1st American slave ship "The Desire" was fitted out in Marblehead. Massachusetts was the 1st colony to legalize slavery by statute in 1641 at the request of Jewish businessmen but had been enslaving Indians since the Puritans arrived in 1620. Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, and New York followed. The port cities of New England grew to prosperity based on the nefarious business. The economic infrastructure of New England depended on the trade. Virtually all slave ships were owned by Jewish Americans. Aaron Lopez was the largest of the slave traders and records show the names of the Slave Ships under his ownership and control. The Jewish DeWolf family owned most of the slave auction houses.

In Virginia from 1607 to 1655 a 7-year servitude existed to pay for the ship voyage to America. Truth can be stranger than fiction. In 1619 20 blacks arrived at Jamestown. Anthony Johnson worked off his servitude and became a Virginia land owner. In 1654-1655 he went before the courts of Virginia (English) and was granted lifetime ownership of fellow black John Casor.

THE FATHER OF SOUTHERN SLAVERY WAS A BLACK MAN. The Southern states initially tried to resist slavery, but Southern planters succumbed to sales pressure from the Yankee slave traders. Virginia tried over 30 times to stop slavery, but England refused. Slavery was supposed to have never been allowed in Georgia [Oglethorpe, when Georgia was an English colony.]

BLACKS PARTICIPATED IN SLAVERY. In the state of LA in 1860 there were at least six free blacks who owned 65 or more slaves. Widow C. Richard and her son P. C. Richard owned 152 slaves. Antoine Dubuelet owned over 100 slaves. In Charleston, SC 125 free blacks owned slaves. Six of them owned ten or more. Mistress L. Horry, of South Carolina owned 84 slaves in 1830. In 1830 one fourth of the free black slave masters in SC owned 10 or more slaves. According to the U.S. 1830 Census over 3000 free blacks owned over 12,000 black slaves albeit some were family members purchased.

When the slave trade became unprofitable the hypocritical New England Yankees accused the South of grave moral sin. Slavery was a dying institution in the South and orderly emancipation was taking place. Radical Fanatical criminal corrupt New Englanders demanded instant abolition and 68 of 117 Republican politicians signed a resolution supporting terrorism against the South. All wars are fought over land, resources, money, and power. The upcoming Yankee Morrill tariff tax of 47-51% was one of the main reasons for Southern secession and was the only reason Lincoln invaded the South. Northern Industrialists and bankers refused to give up the 60 to 70 million dollars they were getting annually from an unfair sectional tariff tax from which the South was being forced to pay 75 to 85% of the money to operate the Federal Government. And 10% tariff rates in Southern ports would have put the Northern ports out of business.

Two years into the War for Southern Independence (aka Civil War) Lincoln brought in the slavery issue to prevent England and France from supporting the CSA. Since Southern surrender in 1865 Yankee lies and propaganda have successfully placed virtually all responsibility for American slavery on the South. Neither the Confederate flag nor the flag of any Southern colony or state ever flew over any slave ship, but the U.S. flag, "The Stars and Stripes" flew over many. The above references to Jewish slave traders should not be considered as an anti-Semitic statement and in no way places blame on today's many fine Jewish Americans.

Contact me for my article The 10 Causes of Southern Secession” James W. King jkingantiquearms@bellsouth.net Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) Camp 141 Commander Albany Georgia. Lt. Col. Thomas M. Nelsons Rangers

1860 census
Total US: 31,443,321
Slaves: 3,953,761
“free coloured”: 488,723

“The temple of truth has never suffered so much from woodpeckers on the outside as from termites within.” ~ Vance Havner

**GC Deadlines ~ 2019 ~**
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And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal.

~ Joshua 4: 20
May/June, 2019

**Sons of Confederate Veterans**

**Camp 158 / Magnolia Cemetery, Augusta, GA**

The E. Porter Alexander Camp sponsors an annual Confederate Memorial Day Service in the 200 year-old Augusta, Georgia Magnolia Cemetery. We have tenderly cared for over 400 of the 900 Confederate veteran graves in the cemetery for over 30 years. Besides mowing and cleaning the grave site every two weeks in the summer, we also replace damaged headstones, maintain the 150 year-old speakers stand and fountain originally built by the Ladies Memorial Association right after the War. The fountain was first dedicated in 1873 with a wreath honoring General Robert E. Lee placed on it. Through the years we have replaced pumps and repaired cracks and leaks the best we could. Finally, our hard-working Quartermaster Compatriot Joe Winstead drew up a plan to completely rebuild the fountain in 2011. After years of fighting "city hall" and local historical societies with the traditional "red tape", we finally got the go ahead to start on the project five years ago. I presented the idea to the Georgia Division, but our Camp decided that there was too much involved to go through the process to get Division support. So we did a crazy thing as a Camp and went out on our own to complete the project. After three years of fund raising which included several local Georgia and Carolina Camps, we were able to raise the funds. It took us two years after we broke ground to complete the project, one day before our annual cemetery ceremony! God had a hand in this as over 20 camp members volunteered hours of free labor. The concrete contractor donated 10 yards of concrete from his company. The brick masons donated all the concrete block and bricks. Joe Winstead was the lead project manager donating 100's of hours of his own time and finances to push the project through. Through the love and work of many local friends of the Confederacy, we were able to complete a $20,000 project for only $7,000. The lesson learned from this story is that there are thousands of folks out there who are not SCV members who love what we do and are on our side.

Have A Great Dixie Day! Your humble servant, John B. Baxley, III, MD, Commander of General E. Porter Alexander SVC Camp #158.

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**Savannah Militia Camp 1657**

Such a GREAT day today. The Sons of Confederate Veterans went out on a beautiful spring day, in Savannah and painted the fence around the Confederate monument. The fence was installed by the United Daughters of the Confederacy when the statue of Hamilton Branch was placed on top of the monument, by Mr. DeRenne. The fence was not originally required to keep human species out, but those of bovine variety; cows. The whole area was called the South Commons and contained gardens and farm animals of the city dwellers. The cows ate the shrubbery growing around the Monument. Today, we scraped and painted this century-old fence. We passed along information about the monument, about Hamilton Branch, Francis Bartow, and General McLaws to the many, many tourists that came to photograph this monument, one of the tallest in the south. As "Sons" we have a "Charge" or pledge to keep alive the history of the Southern Soldier. Informing people from Florida, and Ohio and many other destinations accomplish just that. There was one at least person that didn't like our "rebel flag" and asked a Police Officer to get us to remove it. He told the "lady" that he did not have the "authority to do so." Commander Newman explained to the officer, that that was NOT the "rebel flag, but our camp flag and the former Georgia state flag. The officer said that our painting of the fence was appreciated. We have saved the city many thousands of dollars in the upkeep of monuments and work in various cemeteries over the years. EVERY man out there today and another compatriot that started the painting four days ago is a VOLUNTEER. Coastal Georgia is stunningly BEAUTIFUL in the springtime. All of these men could easily have been enjoying themselves, elsewhere... Yet they were here, on a sunny Saturday morning, at this monument.

We don't "join" this organization. Our family bloodline enlists us, for the duration.

Cecil H. Greenwell III
First Lieutenant
Savannah Militia Camp #1657

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**Habersham Guard Camp 716, Clarkesville, GA**

Commander Michael Dale welcomes new member Tony Irvin into the SCV. Tony is retired from North Georgia Technical College where he was an instructor of Machine, Tool, & Die. He is married and has two grown children. Tony stated that the preservation of our Confederate Heritage prompted him to join our Camp. You will often find him in the middle of restoring an old car or out in the woods stalking that monster buck. The members of Camp 716 are pleased to welcome Tony into our ranks.

John J. Butler

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**Clement A. Evans Camp 64**

Members of the Clement A. Evans Camp 64, Sons of Confederate Veterans started off Confederate Memorial Day morning by helping the ladies of the Francis S. Bartow chapter 83, United Daughters of the Confederacy put out flags on both Confederate and Union Veterans graves at Lott Cemetery. Then both the SCV and UDC went to the Confederate Monument in downtown Waycross to dedicate wreaths to honor our Confederate Veterans. Chuck Griffin, 7th Brigade Commander of the Georgia Division SCV, welcomed a crowd of around 20 with a Compatriot from Athens, GA and his friend from Texas in attendance. SCV Chaplain Randy Wilkinson gave the invocation. UDC President Linda Hayes gave a brief speech 'Why Have Memorials?' about how we need to keep sacred in the memory of the rising generation the traditions of their fathers and that we need to teach younger generations about the past, present, and things to come. Hayes then dedicated the UDC wreath and Griffin dedicated the SCV wreath. Griffin also thanked everyone for coming and lead the group in the singing of 'Dixie'.

Chuck Griffin

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General Stand Watie Camp # 915

Ken Padgett’s father, Billy passed away April 13th. Our sincere prayers go out to the family in their loss.

On April 6, “Park Day”, nine Camp #915 members joined with sixteen others to clean the Resaca Confederate Cemetery in preparation for the Battle of Resaca Re-enactment. Camp #915 members participating were: John Biddy; Stan Chambers; David Mitchell; Jeremy Silvers; Ken Padgett; John Warren; David Pendley; Max Tomlinson; and Steve Chastain. Battle flags were renewed at the Cemetery.

Camp #915 helps sponsor the Battle of Resaca Re-enactment, and maintained a recruitment, souvenir tent at the event, May 18th & 19th.

Calhoun Rifles Camp #1855

Compatriots,

The May Camp meeting will be held next Monday May 20, 2019 at the Calhoun Co. Farm Bureau office in Morgan, GA 7:00 PM. It was decided at last month’s meeting to hold the May meeting on the third Monday instead of the fourth Monday due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Compatriot Frank Miller will present the program this month.

Thank you to all members who put out flags in April in honor of Confederate history month. I know most of the flags have been removed from the cemeteries but if you know of any that have not, please remove them. They do not need to left out to deteriorate and the flags will last for several years if they are removed.

Compatriot Bob Ball and his group put out close to three hundred flags in Randolph Co. Two men in a truck were seen removing flags at the Rosedale Cemetery in Cuthbert and we do not know who they are. We feel like it was someone in the Camp so if you have the flags please let us know.

The Georgia Division Annual Convention/Reunion is being held June 8th at the Marriott Macon City Center in Macon, GA. Our Camp is eligible to have three voting delegates to vote on pending issues and the position of 9th Brigade Commander.

Please consider attending this meeting to represent our Camp #1855. Registration is available online and the forms are available in the current issue of The Georgia Confederate.

Sincerely, Glenn Sinquefield
Camp Commander
Calhoun Rifles #1855

McClellan Cemetery Restoration Project Complete by Appling Grays

In April of 2018 when the Appling Grays representative attempted to place a flag on the grave of Confederate Soldier, Pvt. John C. McClellan, Co. F, 47th Georgia Regiment, it was found that the cemetery had been obliterated by heavy equipment. All that remained was the three hardwood trees that were located around the edge. There was no sign of the fifteen graves there with the exception of one 6” X 6” stone. The camp started to make provision to have a restoration project which came to fruition with a new marker being installed and a decorative fence being placed around the cemetery site. On March 23, 2019 on John C. McClellan’s 200th birthday a grave marking ceremony was held.

Charles McCrae, of the Appling Grays was the spear head and the speaker. Several descendants of McClellan were in attendance. The camp is in the process of raising funds to place a large monument with the names and dates of the others buried there.

Annual Leonidas Polk Service

Saturday June 15, 2019 at 10:30 a.m., the Sons of Confederate Veterans General Leonidas Polk Camp (#1446) will hold its annual memorial service for Bishop-General Polk. All are invited to attend.

The Keynote Address will be delivered by SCV Georgia Division Spokesman Martin K. O’Toole. The speech is entitled: “Losing the War a Second Time: The Warnings of Major General Patrick Cleburne and Bishop-General Leonidas Polk.”

Rev. Archibald Everhart (1821 – 1899), Chaplain to the Bishop-General’s Army Headquarters Officers and the Orleans Light Horse Escort Company (as depicted by John Evans) will also briefly address the assembled.

In 1902 the United Confederate Veterans constructed a monument on the spot where Bishop-General Polk fell. For over 25 years the Sons of Confederate Veterans have held a memorial service to remember this Christian warrior who fell in defense of the Southland.

If you are using a website map, the closest address for parking on the street is that of Mr. Melvin Dishong’s: 1437 Beaumont Drive, Kennesaw, Georgia. The property actually belongs to Mr. Fred Bentley, Sr., a prominent local attorney who has graciously permitted the use of his land for this memorial.

The site is reached by driving on Stilesboro Road. Beaumont Drives is a “T” intersection with Stilesboro to the south. It comes off between the intersections of Pine Mountain Circle (to the east) and Duxbury Lane (to the west). A marker is on the right hand side at the path leading to the site.

The monument is just off Beaumont Drive, in Kennesaw, atop Pine Mountain.

It is at 33° 59.337′ N, 84° 38.759′ W for those of you who are GPS fans. Not hard to find however - go up Beaumont and look for the Confederates!

Everyone is invited to attend.

Re-enactors and persons in period dress are particularly encouraged to attend. There will be musket salutes fired at the conclusion of the service.

Contact for the Polk Camp service: Commander Gary Daniell g_daniell@bellsouth.net Telephone: 770/435-4605
**Gen. LaFayette McLaws Camp 79** manned recruiting tent for Confederate Heritage & History Month.

**Col. George Thurmond, US Army (ret)** presenting the H. L. Hunley award and $50 debit card from The Roswell Mills Camp and Past Commander Rick Leake presenting a $250 check to the Centennial Knight JROTC program from the Georgia Division.

Camp #2039 Hunley Award winner Aaron Rogers with 4th Brigade Commander Kim Beck

**Georgia Division Commander Tim Pilgrim addresses record crowd at Stone Mountain.**

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**Appling Grays restore Cemetery once destroyed by heavy equipment. See page 18**

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