Georgia Specialty Plates Reinstated

With Confederate Battle Flag

(Atlanta - September 30, 2015) The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans is pleased to announce that effective today, the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) specialty plates have been re-issued by the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles. The Specialty plates were re-issued after the Georgia Division of Revenue (DOR) stopped issuing SCV specialty plates in the wake of the recent hysteria over Confederate Historical Monuments and Symbols. The Georgia Division (SCV) began negotiating with the DOR to have the specialty plates re-issued on the basis of contract law and Georgia statutory law that has been in effect since 2001 when the SCV plates were first issued to the citizens of Georgia.

The Georgia Division, SCV agreed to remove the faded battle flag background image from the plate as requested by the DOR, provided that the specialty plate retained the 120 year-old Sons of Confederate Veteran's logo which represents the core of the organization's charge "To defend and honor the good name of the Confederate Soldier." The SCV logo prominently incorporates the Confederate Battle Flag, which was the flag of the Confederate soldier during the War for Southern Independence and is the most recognizable symbol of the South and its glorious heritage.

The SCV specialty plate is available to all citizens of Georgia. One does not have to be a member of the SCV in order to obtain the SCV specialty plate; and no tag office may deny Georgia drivers their choice of the plate. A portion of the specialty plate fee goes to the SCV and is used to fund historical projects in the State of Georgia such as new monuments, monument restorations, veterans' grave markers, and educational projects related to the Confederate soldier and his Christian values.

For more information about the Sons of Confederate Veterans or any of this year's planned events to commemorate the Sesquicentennial of the War, contact the Georgia SCV at 404-271-8473 or online at www.GeorgiaSCV.org.
Camp Chaplain Jim McClellan inducts new members [L to R] Rick Rigdon, Bryan McLeod, and Don Morrison as Clement A. Evans Camp 64 Commander Chuck Griffin looks on.

New members Caleb and Joseph Biddy receive their certificates from Chaplain John Warren, General Stand Watie Camp #915, July 9, 2015.

New Camp Members

Far Right: Compatriot Jay T. Dungan holding his membership certificate next to the Battle Flag. Jay Dungan is the Camp’s youngest member at 14 yrs.

Habersham Guard, Camp 716, Clarkesville, Ga welcomes new members. L to R: Michael Dale, Rick Smith, and Bob Trousdale. Welcome compatriots!

Photos of Marietta Confederate Cemetery with new Confederate flags courtesy of Mr. B J Dawson. The joint venture was held September 12, 2015 on the anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga.

Georgia Division Adjutant Tim Pilgrim addresses the various rally and event attendees at the Marietta Confederate cemetery. In his haversack, “Truth About the Confederate Battle Flag” CDs by Pastor John Weaver that were distributed to the crowd.

3rd Edition Georgia SCV tag, now available at your local tag office. Most likely it will be sent to you by USPS mail.
Have you got your SCV tag?
Greetings Brothers,

It seemed like it was going to take far too long to receive approval from the Department of Revenue for the reissuance of our license plates, last issue I said it would be over shortly. Thankfully, I get to report in this issue that the wait is over! We were summoned to Atlanta on the 22nd of September. That was another time one couldn’t be sure what the outcome of the meeting would be. We, Division Adjutant Tim Pilgrim, Compatriot Martin O’Toole, and myself, went to the DOR office not really knowing what to expect. The meeting started smoothly and within minutes Commissioner Lynne Riley announced that we would have our license plates back on the market shortly! We had not anticipated the quick manner in which it was accomplished that day! Martin had joked about the possibility earlier but we didn’t think it would happen so quickly.

The license plate will be exactly like the earlier one, without the background, the SCV Logo will be in place. Hopefully, you’ll be able to go down to your local Tag Office and obtain one by the time you read this. While you are there, ask them to obtain a sample plate for display along with the others I’m sure they have on exhibit.

I would like to express my thanks to those who have worked so hard to get our license plate back: Division Adjutant, Tim Pilgrim, Compatriot, Martin O’Toole (acting as our legal representative), Judge Advocate, Dan Coleman, and Brigade Commander, Charlie Parks, these men have stood up and made our voices heard over the din of “political speak” we’ve tolerated over the past weeks. And all of you who called your State Representatives and Senators stressing the importance of our license plates. Now that this is behind us, we can get back to what we are about, Honoring our Confederate Ancestors.

Also remember that we, the Division, have members who are the official spokesmen for the Division, these individuals are the ones we want talking to the press. I’m sure there are those who are quite capable who are not recognized as “official Division Spokesmen” but that is for the majority of the Executive Council to determine. If you are contacted by the news and the question is about a local issue, by all means contact the non-DIV Spokesmen, Dan Coleman, Ray McBerry, or myself to handle the press. One other item that has come up in the past couple of weeks, a new Camp who applied but has not yet received their Charter is not to represent themselves as being a representative of the Division. I know we all want to have our local Camps seen as being busy and doing things to make us all proud, but until you have the Charter in hand please refrain from portraying the Camp as an official part of the Division or Nationals until it’s official.

Be proud of our organization, we’ve been around a long time, let’s make it another 119 years.

In memory of past GA Division Commander, Allen Trapp.
Live the Charge,
Jack Bridwell,
Division Commander

Meeting called to order by Commander Bridwell.
Invocation given by Brigade Commander Charlie Parks.
Adjutant Tim Pilgrim led the group in Pledges and Salutes to the Flag.
Roll Call by Chief of Staff Pete Giddens, a quorum was established.
Communication Officer Ray McBerry gave a presentation on the updated Georgia Division Web site:
Included are:
New member induction ceremony sample; A donation page
Speakers list will be forthcoming
A new 7th Brigade Commander was nominated and elected by acclamation.
Chuck Griffin, Commander of the Clements Evans, #64 Waycross, was elected and approved.
Internal communications Chair was appointed, Barry Colbaugh.

Adjutant Report given by Tim Pilgrim:
$22,000.00 in operating account.
$5,000 was moved from operating account to the reserve fund
$137,000 now in the reserve account.
Attorney’s fees for the ongoing tag dispute (approx. $6,000) were paid from the operating account.
Flag pole project for I-85 was discussed (A work in progress)
Lt. Commander South, Al Perry asked that Brigade Commanders encourage their Camps to keep members addresses updated. The Georgia Confederate does not qualify to be forwarded by the USPS.
Lt. Commander North, Phil Autrey, was admonished by Commander Bridwell for failing to follow Division policy, which has been in effect for 10+ years, by referring a non-EC member to act as spokesman.

Compatriot Martin O’Toole gave a report on the status of the Georgia SCV license plate, all information requested by the Department of Revenue has been furnished, and it was then forwarded to the State District Attorney for review, which has been completed. The final approval is now back in the hands of the DOR, which should be completed by the end of the month.

Heritage Officer, Billy Bearden, spoke on several ongoing heritage violations around the Division and asks that any member contact him with any new violations at 470-241-0214.

5th Brigade Commander Thomas Miller, gave a presentation on starting a Cadet Corp, ages 0-12 years of age, more information will be forthcoming.

Motion made by Adjutant Tim Pilgrim, seconded by Chief of Staff Pete Giddens, to start work on a Georgia Division Youth Camp to be held June 12-18, 2016. It was approved unanimously.

Adjutant Tim Pilgrim made a motion to hire a Division Secretary at $12.00 per hour with a projected max of 50 hours a month. Chief of Staff Pete Giddens made a motion to hire her, seconded by Brigade Commander Al Medcalf. The motion was approved by all. Her office will be in the Dunlap House in Macon at a cost of $50.00 per month total. The duties will include building an extensive communication list of members. She will be answering the toll free number and forwarding contacts to the respective Camps, and handling the 990-e IRS Reports for Camps. She will direct others to The Friends of the SCV, until their ancestor can be found.

Closing Prayer was offered by 8th Brigade Commander Charlie Parks and DIXIE was sung by all.

Meeting adjourned.
Pete Giddens, Chief of Staff
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Barry Colbaugh – Appointed Internal Communications Officer

At the 8/29 Executive Council meeting Commander Bridwell appointed Compatriot Barry Colbaugh of the Col. William H. Stiles/Warren Akin Camp # 670 the Georgia Division's Internal Communications Officer.

Along with being the Moderator of the Division e-mail groups Barry is the administrator of the Division's Facebook account. He has already started to make some substantial changes to the Georgia Division’s Facebook page.

Barry will be working to improve our internal communications by restructuring our Facebook page, investigating other social media initiatives, helping to build/maintain our e-mail lists and finding effective ways to use our e-mail list to communicate both internally and externally to make us more effective.

Please give your support to Barry and let him know we appreciate his taking on the position.

Ben Gautier

Mr. Ben Gautier passed away on September 20, 2015 at age 98. He was born October 12, 1916. SCV Grave Side services will be Saturday October 3, 2015, at 11:00 am at the Memory Hill Cemetery in Milledgeville, Georgia. Grave Side services will be presided over by Mr. Cecil Davis of Old Capitol Camp #688 with other Camp members participating.

Mr. Ben has been a long time member of Camp 688 and has been a 1st Lt Commander and a Commander. He is survived by his Wife Donna Gautier who always brought Mr. Ben to the SCV meetings up to just about two months ago.

Ben Gautier was born Oct. 12, 1916, in Milledgeville, GA, to Walter Bryan and Mabel Gause Gautier. Walter was originally from west Florida, but was working as a milkers at a Milledgeville dairy when he met and stole the heart of Miss Mabel Gause, only child of a prominent local businessman. Abandoning her college education and her parents' plans for her career as a concert pianist, she followed her heart and Walter to California to seek his fortune.

Upon learning he was to become a grandfather, her father Charles Benjamim (Ben) Gause prevailed upon the couple to return to Milledgeville for the birth. Hence, Ben Gause Gautier was born at his grandfather's home on South Jefferson St. and the family remained there until he was five. They attended First Baptist Church, when it was still on Capitol Square, and he was enrolled for a term of kindergaertn at Peabody, the laboratory school attached to Georgia Normal and Industrial College (now Georgia College).
Adjutant's Report

Gentlemen,

It's been another busy two months since the July – August edition of the Georgia Confeder- ate. I believe we are over the Con- federate hysteria and things have settled down for the Division and Confederation. If there is a “silver lining” from all this hysteria I think many people of the South have come to realize the real ob- jectives of the foes of Southern/ Confederate Heritage which is to completely eradicate our Heritage. As many of you have experienced, there has been a surge in our membership numbers and many membership reinstatements. The Georgia Division has grown by at least 250 members, securing our position as continuing to be the largest Division in the Confederation.

During the hysteria we have suffered many losses in the South, like the removal of the Confederate Flags at our sister States of South Carolina and Alabama Statehouses. Virginia lost her SCV specialty tags, the supreme court ruled against the Texas Division having a specialty tag and the re- moval of the Jefferson Davis statue in Austin, TX. Here in Georgia our Governor Nathan Deal had the Department of Revenue suspend our specialty tags and removed the names of Robert E. Lee and Con- federate Memorial Day from the State Holiday calendar. There have been attempts from the radical left, liberal press and spineless politicians to remove our Con- federate monuments and Flags in Bullock, Chattooga & Rabun Counties, in the towns of Macon and Monticello, threats to sand blast the Stone Mountain carvings and attempts to remove the Rebel mascot from Effingham High School. The good news is, other than the Chattooga flag pole and the State Holiday names, our ene- mies attempts have failed on the most part here in Georgia. It seems the average Southerner is finally getting fed up with these attacks.

As indicated on the front page our specialty tags have been rein- stated and are now available for our membership and the citizens of Georgia. It has been a frustrat- ing ordeal negotiating with the State government to get our plates reinstated. The main frustration was why the SCV tag was being put under the scrutiny and dis- crimination from the State govern- ment when none of the other spe- cialty tags were being held to the same scrutiny. We acted quickly and got our Legal Counsel and Compatriot Martin O’Toole and his firm involved immediately. We let the Department of Revenue know through multiple meetings that the Georgia Division was on solid legal ground and was pre- pared for litigation. Their inten- tions from the on-set were to have our logo and faded background flag removed totally from the plate. As meetings and negotia- tions progressed they realized that we were not going to back down and ultimately it came to the point that we either would sue the State for breach of contract which would have been at least a year before litigation would have begun or work out a deal where we could agree to remove the faded back- ground and keep the SCV logo prominently on our specialty tag to get the tags back in circulation immediately. The decision was to remove the faded background that was added in January, 2014 and keep the SCV prominently on the tag to get them back in circulation. We signed a new contract with the Department of Revenue and feel confident that our specialty tags are secure. Only legislation chang- ing State law can remove our spe- cialty tags, which should always be a concern for us.

Also we have a new Georgia Division HQ office and a new Di- vision Secretary Mrs. Fran Dye. Our new permanent Division of- fice is located in the Historical Dunlap House in Macon, Ga. The Dunlap House is owned by 30 years member Compatriot Jack Caldwell member of the General Edward Tracy Dorr Camp in Ma- con. Fran has been working for Jack for 20 years and has accepted the position of Division Secretary on a part-time basis. I can’t de- scribe how pleased and excited I am that we finally have a Division Secretary and a permanent office from which to operate our Divi- sion business, and a place to keep our Division records. Fran is one sharp lady. She has jumped right in and started managing our ros- ters, Division correspondence and started working on some major Division projects to improve our internal communications. She has already taken over the task of fil- ing all the Camp IRS electronic e- card filings and is working on building a Division wide e-mail list of all our membership and an e -mail list of “friends of the SCV”. I know having a Division HQ of- fice and a Division Secretary will be a big part of taking our Divi- sion to the next level of growth.

One glaring fact through all this Confederate hysteria is we need to be better prepared for the next wave of attacks. That can be done through effective communi- cations internally with e-mail management tools and by social media. As stated, Fran and I are working on building the e-mail list for the Division but we also have Compatriot Barry Colbaugh who has accepted the position of Intern- al Communications Officer as- sisting Barry has already taken over the Division Facebook page and has made many proactive sub- stantial changes to the page to in- crease traffic. Barry also has many other great ideas that he plans to bring to the Division. So please when you get a chance e-mail Barry at barrydog@yahoo.com and Division Secretary Fran Dye at secretary@gascv.org and wish them the best at their new posi- tions.

Effective immediately all Divi- sion dues correspondence is to be mailed to our Division HQ Office: Division HQ Office: P.O. Box 5053, Macon, Ga. 31208-5053 Division Secretary Fran Dye e-mail: secretary@gascv.org

Division Phone No.: 1-886- scv-in-ga or 1-866-728-4642 Division Office Physical ad- dress: 195 College Street, Ma- con, Ga. 31201,

Call or e-mail Fran and schedule a visit to our new Division HQ office, it’s a beautiful Victorian home in the Macon Historic district. Fran or Jack

Reconstruction Harpies, Carpetbag & Scalawag:

"The history of [Reconstruction] legislation in North Carolina would form one of the strangest books that has ever been published. It would reveal an amount of fraud, venality and recklessness perfectly unparal- leled, we venture to say, in the histo- ry of legislation in any age or coun- try. If ever before there was a time demanding the most scrupulous and watchful economy, it is the present. But we refer to those harpies, some from the Northland, but many native ‘and to the manor born,’ who preyed upon our people, and with cormorant appetites essayed to suck the very life-blood from the emaciat- ed form of our old Mother. Carpet- baggers who came unbidden and who have fairly battened upon the political garbage that has been thrown to them; obsequious time- servers and trimmers who have played the sycophants for filthy lucre —these are the creatures who have wickedly conspired against the peo- ple of North Carolina, and have sought to ruin them by the most op- pressive taxation—these are the crea- tures who amid the troubling of the political waters have been spawned in our Legislative halls, and who ought to be denounced and shunned as you would a leper. They are polit- ical lepers and taint the whole political atmosphere."

(Raleigh Daily Sentinel, April 16, 1869)
Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

The Capt. Henry Wirz Sesquicentennial Memorial Service will be held in the town of Andersonville, GA on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 2:00 P.M. The Memorial Service is sponsored by the Alexander H. Stephens SCV Camp 78 in Americus, GA.

In 1977 the National SCV Meeting in Dallas, Texas, declared Capt. Henry Wirz a Confederate Hero/Martyr.

This year’s Memorial Service will feature well known author (The South Was Right) from Louisiana, Mr. Ronald Kennedy, as guest speaker. Also present will be the great grand nephew of Capt. Wirz, Col. Heinrich Wirz, from Brengarten, Switzerland, along with Mr. Leland Park from North Carolina. Mr. Park's father, real son Arthur Park, initiated the annual Memorial Service for Capt. Wirz in Andersonville in 1976.

On Sunday, November 1, a dinner will be held at 12:30 p.m. to honor the out of town guests in the Pope Conference Center at South Georgia Technical College, 900 S. Ga. Tech Parkway, Americus, GA 31709. A “meet and greet the honorees” will be held from 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. in the foyer of the Conference Center, preceding the dinner. (South Georgia Technical College is only 15 minutes away from the town of Andersonville). Cost is $20.00 per person, reservations required. Deadline for reservations is October 26, 2015.

Please make check payable to A. H. Stephens Camp 78, and mail to James Gaston, 2220 GA Hwy. 30 West, Americus, GA 31719. For more information contact James Gaston at gaston7460@bellsouth.net or 229-924-7460 or 229-938-9115.

The Memorial Service is sponsored by The National Capt. Henry Wirz Committee, appointed by SCV C-I-C Kelly Barrow and consisting of Jay Barringer, David McCallister, Rev. Fr. Alister C. Anderson, and James Gaston.

Georgia Division Events Calendar
Info: www.facebook.com/groupsRevSoldiersOakGrove/

OCTOBER 10, 2015 ~ 151st Van Wart Skirmish Memorial Service; 10 A.M. at Van Wart Church, Rockmart, GA
Questions, please contact Leonard Draper at (404) 401-5591

NOVEMBER 1, 2015 ~ The Sesquicentennial Memorial Service for Capt. Henry Wirz will be held in the town of Andersonville, GA on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: IF YOU WANT AN EVENT LISTED ON THE GEORGIA DIVISION CALENDAR, PLEASE SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO gaconfederate@att.net or timfpilgrim@yahoo.com

FUTURE DIVISION REUNIONS
2016 CONYERS; CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL CAMP 1432
2017 MACON; EDWARD DORR TRACY CAMP 18
2018 GEORGIA DIVISION, MACON, GA.

Reconstruction 1876

On the night of September 6, 1876 in Charleston, a black Democratic club held a meeting at Archer’s Hall on King Street. A couple of black Radical Republican organizations, the Hunkidories and Live Oaks, assembled on King Street with the intent of disrupting the meeting. A small contingent of white Democrats formed to protect the black Democrats and fired their pistols above the heads of the first row of the black Republicans. However, the black Republicans stood their ground and the police were called to the fight. The arrival of the police resulted in a mêlée and caused enough confusion for the black Democrats to be escorted safely to The Citadel grounds at Marion Square.

The officers of the white rifle clubs assembled on the following morning of September 7. The inability of Governor Chamberlain and the local law authorities to preserve the peace further convinced the people of the state of the failure of Republican rule. Additionally, the menacing and threatening actions of the black mobs persuaded Northerners that the black people were not helpless victims, but byproducts of failed Reconstruction policies.

A Democratic meeting was held in Cainhoy on October 16 and the steamer “Pocosin” was chartered because many of the Democrats would be attending from Charleston. However, a throng of black Republicans assembled at the docks and demanded to be taken to the meeting and given time to speak. The Democrats agreed to the conditions provided that both parties did not bring any weapons to the meeting.

However, the black Republicans had secretly brought weapons to Cainhoy and stashed them in the swamp and an old house nearby White Church. They began to riot when hearing rumors that the whites had seized their weapons and that a white man had drawn a pistol in self defense. The blacks rushed from the swamps with their guns and pursued the retreating unarmed Democrats towards the church.

Source: wikipedia [Are we headed for Reconstruction, verse 2, 3, 4,…..? Editor]
NEW CADET PROGRAM

It is truly an exciting time in the history of the Georgia Division as we work to build our future leaders through membership in a totally new Cadet program. Beginning on November 1, 2015, we will roll out phase one of Georgia's Cadet Membership program. From day one, members of the Cadet program will not only get a newly designed membership pin denoting them as a Cadet member, but also a membership certificate, camouflage SCV cap, and a subscription to the Georgia Confederate newsletter.

From there, Cadet Members will automatically receive information on how to earn more pins for their collection. For example, to earn the "Meeting Participation" pin, Cadets will need to act as Color Sergeant and lead the pledges to the flags at a Camp meeting, read "The Charge" at a Camp meeting, act as Chaplain and lead an opening and closing prayer at a Camp meeting, and lead the singing of "Dixie" at a Camp meeting. Once the requirements have been met, the Camp Commander will sign off, the Cadet member will send in their signed form, and receive their newly earned pin.

We are beginning the Cadet program with two pin opportunities - the "Meeting Participation" pin, and the "Southern Heritage" pin. Every few months, a new set of challenges will be available to earn even more pins for their collection.

Membership in the Cadet program is $20 per year, or a one-time $100 payment to cover all years up to age twelve. Cadets who join at the $100 one-time level will also receive a "Legacy" pin, noting their membership at the Legacy level.

As the Cadet program grows, we would like to see members stepping up to take groups of Cadets on camping and fishing trips, and field trips to historic sites around the state. The Cadets are our future, and the future is now!

Please see the included application in the newsletter, or pull the one off of the Georgia Division's website for more information on how to get your Cadet involved today!

For The Charge,
Thomas Miller
5th Brigade Commander
Cadet Program Coordinator

GEORGIA DIVISION
SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

APPLICATION FOR CADET MEMBERSHIP

The Cadet program of the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans has been designed to help you - our Cadet members - grow and learn about our organization and the rich heritage you have as a descendant of a Confederate soldier. Cadet membership is available to any male descendant of a Confederate soldier from the years 0-11 years old. At the age of 12, Cadet members will transition to regular SCV membership.

Cadet Membership Benefits:
Subscription to The Georgia Confederate, a bi-monthly newsletter to members of the Georgia Division
A camouflage baseball cap with SCV logo
A special "Cadet Member" pin - only available to Cadet members of the Georgia Division
A "Cadet Member" certificate from the Georgia Division
Participation in our Georgia Division's Cadet program with the ability to earn more pins as you complete new tasks
The opportunity to attend and participate in your local SCV Camp meetings
The opportunity to meet other Cadets in your area and participate in "Cadet only" outdoor activities like camping, fishing, and participating in local heritage events

Full Name of Cadet ___________________________Preferred ___________________________

Full Address _________________________________________________________________

Email Address (Parent/Guardian is okay) __________________________________________

Phone Number ___________________________ Birth Date __________________________

I am joining the Cadet membership ranks under the supervision of my __________________________
(father, grandfather, uncle, etc.), whose name is __________________________. My __________________________
(father, grandfather, etc.) is a member of the SCV Camp
__________________________, which is in the city of __________________________, Georgia.

Membership fee is $20/year, or a one-time $100 Legacy payment to cover all years up to age 12. Legacy members will receive a special pin denoting their membership.

Please send completed application and payment to:
Thomas Miller, 326 Longwood Drive, Statesboro, GA 30461, Attn: Cadet Program

The Confederate soldiers were our kin folk and our heroes.
We testify to the country our enduring fidelity to their memory. We commemorate their valor and devotion. There were some things not surrendered at Appomattox. We did not surrender our rights and our history, nor was it one of those conditions of surrender that unfriendly lips should be suffered to tell the story of that war or that unfriendly hands should write the epitaphs of our Confederate dead. We have the right to teach our children the true history of that war, the causes that led up to it and the principles involved.

~ Sen. E.W. Carmack, 1903
Greetings in the name of our Lord.

I wish to thank Commander Jack Bridwell for re-appointing me as the Georgia Division Chaplain. You may recall that Past-Commander Ray McBerry appointed me Chaplain at the 2014 Division Reunion in Columbus. When Ray was removed from office, acting-commander Mull removed me from the Chaplain position.

Today is a new day and the past is the past. No matter my opinions or my desires for the Georgia Division, I will do the job of Chaplain, unbiased and to the best of my ability, for the good of the Division. I also want to commend Reverend Fennell on the job he has done the past year as Chaplain. It is my prayerful desire that we will be able to work together in the future for the good of the Division.

Please remember our Compatriots who have recently departed. Past-Division Commander Allen Trapp and Compatriot Ben Gautier of the Old Capitol Camp in Milledgeville.

Please send a copy of the Last Roll to me upon the departure of camp members.

Recently, I have gone through a lot of health issues and I have begun to realize my own mortality. Between health problems and family issues, the new tactical assault on our beloved flag and our heritage has left me (and I’m sure some of you) in a great state of depression.

Last Sunday morning, my Pastor, Compatriot Brian Martin of the Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039 in Eastman, Georgia, spoke on the topic of depression and this led me to do some research concerning depression in the South during and after the War of Northern Aggression during the 1860’s.

My finding is that during the 19th century southerners dealt with these problems that we find so difficult in the 21st century. In examining the personal and societal costs of the War, southern men and Confederate soldiers were constrained by ideas of manhood that are shaped by ideas about courage and honor. This is certainly something that is lacking in our country today, even in the south. In the 19th century, courage was defined as not acknowledging fear.

It was manly not to acknowledge they were afraid. By the 20th century, courage is actually knowing that you are scared but you are managing it. The 19th century soldier hadn’t come to that conclusion yet.

The drawback of this manly concept is that it led some soldiers to commit suicide before going off to war, en route to battle of after being involved in a battle. To go home a failure or a coward was not an option because it would taint them for the rest of their lives. The dilemma for many young men was: “What do I do? I’m afraid to fight but I can’t go home because I’m labeled a coward.” Therefore, suicide to some was the only alternative.

The War was also harder on southern men than northerners because many returned to destroyed farms and homes. A combination of debt and being unable to provide for their families caused many to commit suicide.

Southern women were drawn to suicide because of the deaths of their loved ones. They found themselves in the unusual situation of no longer being protected by their husbands. And in some cases, southern women committed suicide after being dishonored and violated at the hands of Yankee marauders.

The biggest threat for southern women was whether to stay home or flee as the Yankee armies began invading cities and as well as farms. For some it became too burdensome and they had nervous breakdowns and ended up in asylums or committing suicide. The War and the so-called Reconstruction of the South had significant emotional and psychological suffering in the region. After somewhat recovering in Dixie, we are now going through another form of reconstruction that is coming after every element of pride dedicated to the memory of our ancestors.

As Brother Brian Martin pointed out in his sermon last Sunday, there are Biblical ways to deal with depression. A good passage which deals with depression and the contemplation of suicide is 1 Kings 19:1-18. Jezebel sends Elijah a threatening letter and Elijah, fearing for his life flees. He reaches Beersheba in Judah, leaves his servant and goes into the wilderness and lies under a brush tree and in his state of depression he cries out for God to take his life. Or yet he would take his own life.

God always has a better plan. God provides. In this case, the Lord provided bread and water for Elijah’s strength. Elijah then journeys to Horeb, the mountain of God, a place of worship. Through mighty winds, Elijah did not find God. Through a terrible earthquake, Elijah did not find God. Through a blazing fire, Elijah did not find God. Then, through a gentle whisper, Elijah was able to hear the voice of God. God commanded Elijah to go back from whence he came and He would be there to protect and to save those who have not bowed down to Baal.

Brothers, God will be there for us. We need to be bold as our ancestors were, but also realize its okay to fear, because through Him, we can manage our fears. We can stand bold as we defend our Confederate monuments and mementos bequeathed us. As we remain Godly men, we will triumph. Those who oppose us may claim to be righteous in their fight, but if you look closely you’ll see the worship of Baal (worldliness).

How do we deal with depression? Recognize the symptoms of depression. Find a church and you will find others. We can stand bold as we defend our Confederate monuments and mementos bequeathed us. As we remain Godly men, we will triumph. Those who oppose us may claim to be righteous in their fight, but if you look closely you’ll see the worship of Baal (worldliness).

In closing, I will spend the next few months doing the job of Chaplain to the best of my ability. My contact information is listed on the Georgia Division Officers page. May God bless you all.

In the name of Jesus Christ and the bonds of southern brotherhood.

Kim M. Beck, Division Chaplain
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This year a buffet will feature Roast Top Round of Beef, 
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The cost is $45.00 per ticket which must be received by our camp no later than Friday, January 15, 2016 as pre-commitment is required by the facility. This event is non-cancellable due to inclement weather. No ticket sales at the door. 

Join us in making this a memorable event! Send your check made payable to “Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp 1446, S.C.V.” to Garry Daniell, Commander; Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp 1446, S.C.V. at 4347 Beachview Dr, SE; Smyrna, GA 30082-4303. 

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State Recognizes Captain Henry Wirz Day
15 LC 107 0591 H. R. 785 - 1 - House Resolution 785 By: Representatives Benton of the 31st, Cheokas of the 138th, Greene of the 151st, Jasperse of the 11th, Allison of the 8th, and others,

A RESOLUTION Recognizing November 10, 2015, as Captain Henry Wirz Day; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the year 2015 is the sesquicentennial of the end of the devastating War Between the States;

and WHEREAS, Captain Henry Wirz was the Commandant of the prison camp known as Andersonville in Sumter County, Georgia, at the end of the war, which was surrendered to federal control in early May, 1865;

and WHEREAS, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton, with the concurrence of the Lincoln administration, chose to discontinue the practice of prisoner exchanges and ignore the established customs of warfare for the humane treatment of prisoners of war;

and WHEREAS, in response to the capture of prisoners by combatants on both sides of the conflict and the exponentially consequential overpopulation of prisoners in Northern and Southern POW camps, Captain Wirz made extraordinarily compassionate efforts to alleviate the suffering of the occupants confined in the Andersonville POW camp;

and WHEREAS, the recalcitrant Lincoln administration chose to ignore the appeals for mercy and compassion proffered by Captain Wirz on behalf of those in his charge, thereby causing interminable suffering of Union prisoners;

and WHEREAS, he was subsequently held responsible for conditions beyond his control at the Andersonville camp, unjustly accused of personal acts of atrocity, and was subjected to an unjustifiable trial by the United States military against all principles of proper military justice and reasonable accountability;

and WHEREAS, the show trial of Captain Wirz was fraught with irregularities and injustices so as to use him as an example and scapegoat and cast shame on the government of the United States and its military courts;

and WHEREAS, Captain Henry Wirz was executed in a barbaric manner before the public, through cruel hanging and death by asphyxiation; his body was desecrated by being autopsied and parts were put on gruesome display, and his body was not returned to his family for proper burial; and WHEREAS, the United States government perpetrates this outrage by continuing to deny its shameful acquiescence in these acts and refusing to apologize and restore the honor of this man.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body recognize November 10, 2015, as Captain Henry Wirz Day, recognize Captain Henry Wirz as an example of military scapegoating, and honor the memory of Captain Henry Wirz with such solemnity and honorifics in Albany, Andersonville, and elsewhere throughout this state as are customary and appropriate. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the press.

“Any society which suppresses the heritage of its conquered minorities, prevents its history and denies them their symbols has sown the seeds of its own destruction.”

~ Sir William Wallace, 1281 A.D.
Sunken Confederate navy wreck yields new clues

SCIENCE | SEP 23, 2015 | BY MARTIN BARILLAS

The CSS Georgia is an ironclad gunboat built for the Confederacy in 1862. A group of like-minded women, including merchants' wives and others formed the Ladies Gunboat Society in Savannah during the War Between the States and raised funds from across the state for her construction.

Commanded by Lieutenant Washington Gwathmey, CSN, the CSS Georgia defended the river channels below Savannah, using her armaments to hold back an advance by Federal forces on the city from the sea. By some accounts, the CSS Georgia may never have fired a shot in combat. However, by other accounts she may have once fired on Federal vessels approaching the city.

The vessel was designed by a citizens' committee led by foundry owner Alvin N. Miller and constructed in Savannah. Suitable supplies of iron and other building materials, as well as labor were in short supply during its construction. The vessel was completed and found to be too heavy to be powered under her own steam through the tidal waters of the Savannah River.

As a result, Georgia spent her life as a floating battery moored upstream from lines of obstructions near the upper end of Elba Island by Fort Jackson. Her position and the river obstructions provided protection to the City of Savannah from a Union naval approach. The advance of General William T. Sherman's Union troops in 1864 caused Confederate troops to scuttle the vessel in the general area of where she now rests. In 1866, the ship's iron cladding was salvaged and the remaining wooden components destroyed by underwater charges. The bones of the ship sank to the bottom and into oblivion.

The planned dredging and deepening of the Savannah River channel will adversely impact the wreck site, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In order to mitigate these adverse impacts, the site has been excavated by archaeologists and all vessel remains and artifacts will be recovered. The federal government plans to spend approximately $635 million on improving the Savannah harbor.

Several cannons have been found along with personal effects such as boots and liquor bottles. A Navy underwater ordnance disposal team has neutralized unexploded ordnance at the site. Since the CSS Georgia was an enemy vessel, it remains the property of the United States Navy.

As the mechanized stage of recovery began in earnest this week, marine archaeologists working on the CSS Georgia had just started to dig in for the long haul – anticipating tedious, 12-hour days of sifting through concretion-covered objects from the dregs of the Savannah River.

However, consider their surprise when the “five-finger” grapple delivered a 9,000-pound Dahlgren rifled cannon – previously undiscovered by several high-tech, multibeam sonar surveys – to their barge on September 22.

It was especially surprising since the first Dahlgren, which Navy divers raised July 21, had been misidentified as a different, smaller sized cannon by sonar.

At least one archaeologist, though excited, wasn’t fazed.

Jim Jobling, a project manager at Texas A&M University’s Conservation Research Laboratory, said he kept telling colleagues they’d find a Dahlgren since before they started diving in January this year.

He said the Dahlgren debate arose out of a discrepancy between two manifests from the CSS Georgia. The original manifest listed two Dahlgren cannons; however, a later manifest, dated October 1864, didn’t list any. The vessel was scuttled in December 1864.

However, as archaeologists began surveying the vessel, they discovered different types of shells, including shells that would have accompanied a Dahlgren cannon, adding more credence to Jobling’s theory.

And despite being vindicated, now for the second time, Jobling didn’t gloat.

“I’m very, very pleased,” he said.

Besides the big-ticket items like the second Dahlgren, archaeologists are recovering a plethora of Civil War minutiae – leather shoes, wrenches, ceramic bottles, an anvil – turning the tedious into a treasure trove.

“The range of artifacts that is coming up is staggering,” Jobling said. He added that the researchers, which include students working on their master’s degrees and Ph.Ds, are working from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., sifting through as many as 25 to 30 grapple loads each day.

“They’re laughing, getting filthy … having a great time. It is exhilarating,” he said.

And now that they’ve found a seventh cannon, the real question becomes, what won’t they find.

Source: Spero News

In a Friday, Aug. 14, 2015 photo provided by the US Navy from left to right, Parker Brooks, left, Jim Jobling, center, and James Duff, archaeologists assigned to the CSS Georgia project, examine a piece of case mate, made of railroad ties and timber, which served as the outer layer of armor for CSS Georgia, in Savannah, Ga. Navy divers are working in conjunction with archaeologists, conservationists, Naval History and Heritage Command and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in a project directed by Naval Sea Systems Command Supervisor of Salvage and Diving to salvage and preserve CSS Georgia. (MC1 Blake Midnight/US Navy via AP)
The Georgia Confederates Youth Camp
June 12 ~ 18, 2016

What do you know about the Confederate Air Force, Dewitt Jobe, ferro equinolony, Southern salt works, American Exceptionalism, John “Blackjack” Logan, or David Owen Dodd? These were all subjects taught in only two days at an SCV Youth Camp. When campers graduate from our youth camp, they know more Southern history than their history teachers at school [and probably their parents].

The Sons of Confederate Veterans youth camps have been equipping young people to stand on the truth of their ancestors for almost fifteen years. Continuing that fine tradition, the Georgia Division will host a co-ed youth camp in 2016 to prepare the next generation for their culture war.

Remember “Nobody doesn’t like Sara Lee”? You cannot afford not to send your son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter to the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp!

LOOK FOR THE APPLICATIONS SOON ON THE GEORGIA DIVISION WEB SITE. gascv.org

For more information, contact: al perry. asp3@planttel.net

Young folks,
If you want to learn the truth about your ancestors, get permission from your parents, contact an SCV camp, apply for admission and a scholarship, and make plans to be with us June 12 through 18, 2016 at the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp.

“I do not believe in battles ending this war [1861~1865]. You may plant a fort in every district of the South, you may take possession of her capitals and hold them with your armies, but you have not begun to subdue her people. I know it means something like absolute barbarian conquest, I allow it, but I do not believe that there will be any peace until 347,000 men of the South are either hanged or exiled.”

~ Wendell Phillips, at the pulpit of Henry Ward Beecher’s church

Hurricane Shoals
By John Wayne Dobson
“The Jackson Rifles” in Jackson County, it was a homecoming to a place many had never been many had never been to; the soil from whence the genuine “Jackson Rifles” had sprung 150 years ago. In three decades of service the 16th GA re-enactment Company has formed their ranks from Florida to Pennsylvania – but rarely in the land of our namesake. This was a special event...

The closing stages of the 150th commemorations left a certain void in the re-enactment world. Almost at the same time, seemingly unparalleled heritage attacks erupted on all sides. This Fall a splendid new event was apparently born at Hurricane Shoals and it goes a long way toward rallying the faithful and wraping the rank and file in the warm fellowship they thrive on.

Although he would humbly make light of it, Reverend Joey Young and his wife Amanda deserve so much of the credit for this fine new re-enactment. Hopefully, it will continue for many years to come and the couple will find many willing hands to share the workload and responsibility.

Speaking of the Reverend and Mrs. Joey Young, no one in our sphere of historical endeavor is more widely beloved and respected – no one. For over two decades he has been faithfully bringing the Gospel to “his people”, the re-enactment community (and beyond) wherever they might spread their tents and kindle their campfires. Affectionately called “the real deal” by so many, they live their faith as much as they preach it and well understand the multitudes they have been called to minister to. There are just not adequate words to express the gratitude we hold for these Godly servants and our beloved sister and brother in Christ Jesus. May the words “thank you” suffice until they are better paid.

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd’st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedest on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit!
Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.
Collage provided by 5th Brigade Commander Thomas Miller.

Top & L.: Pictured are members of the 8th Georgia Infantry at the Old Clinton War Days on May 2-3, 2015. Picture credit - Matt Klein

Below: Brooklet Peanut Festival on August 15, 2015 in Brooklet, GA. We had quite a few participants, and the crowd loved seeing the flags flying high and the guns thundering! Picture credit - Les Patton

More collage

L. Scenes from the Wiregrass Festival parade in Reidsville, GA on September 26, 2015. The Tattnall Invincibles won the "Best Civic/Community Group" trophy in the parade for the second year in a row! Pictured is Camp Commander Tommy Wallace holding the trophy.

Hurricane Shoals
September 18 ~ 20, 2015

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Black Veteran, a “Son of the South,” defends the Confederate Flag

By Courtney Daniels, a Birmingham native, former U.S. Marine and veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom

In 2001, the Taliban shamelessly dynamited the Bamiyan Buddhas, two of the largest such carvings of the ancient world. Built in the 6th century by monks who made their homes along the Silk Road, the Buddhas stood for millennia until fundamentalists removed them from the face of the Earth. Such ignorance still abounds. Over the past few months, the onslaught of the Islamic State has wrought the systematic destruction of cultural artifacts from Palmyra to Nineveh, all because they were deemed “offensive” by a minority that if it had its way, would ensure the entire world would adhere to a dark and revisionist existence.

A couple of days ago, in the wake of a childish debate over a memorial flag flown near a Confederate statue, a Southern monument was ignorantly desecrated with an attempt at the “Black Lives Matter” slogan. The spray-painted phrase was misspelled. The inanimate statue, a solemn reminder of the South’s fallen sons, didn’t take away any citizen’s pursuit of happiness, it didn’t interfere with the social and racial disparities that some claim as a detriment to advancement — it simply stood there, silent and bold, marking the bravery and errors of yesterday’s determinations.

From the gun debate to the memorial flag debate (which are both somehow tied to this most recent, senseless shooting tragedy) it seems that liberal thought continues to show its fear of inanimate objects. Such a way of thinking never holds PEOPLE accountable. Instead it points fingers in every other direction.

The removal of a historical banner won’t stop racists from exercising bigotry. As a matter of fact, racists will be racists despite regulations and constant “feel good” legislation, no flag needed. The ignorance of the disgruntled protestors is evident in their refusal to acknowledge that the flag widely recognized as the “Confederate Flag” was never actually adopted as the flag of the Confederacy. They’ll also never admit or realize that not only was slavery not the motivating factor for the ensuing civil war, but that slavery was an American institution, not a Confederate one.

The Confederacy, in its prime, never mounted the atrocities of the Trail of Tears or the Black Hills conspiracy. But it seems that all because a few cowards in bed sheets once hijacked the gorgeous colors of a blanket so rich in history to terrify and intimidate other Americans, we condemn the Southern cloth to oblivion as a misnamed symbol of hate. It doesn’t matter that slaves outside of the declared boundaries remained enslaved in the North. Neither does it matter that many Southerners gave up plots of their property to house and provide compensable labor for black workers. It doesn’t matter that Lincoln, who is often regarded as the liberator of enslaved blacks cared less for the welfare of slaves than for the sovereignty of an entire country.

Where I come from, deep in the Heart of Dixie, I see that flag every single day with its bold red field and star-studded cross of St. Andrews in royal blue. I hold a certain respect for it that others fueled by emotion and misinformation wouldn’t understand. I revere it as a son of the South in a way that would confuse those on the outside looking in, who by the way are not entitled to commentary on which flag waves in our humid Southern breeze. I spot it on not so subtle scavenger hunts gracing a random shirt at the gas station, the hat of the guy behind the counter at my local bait and tackle shop, and the bed of a passing pickup with the accompanying decal “Southern Pride.” I smile because I know that if in need, that guy would give me that same shirt off his back. I smile because I live in a region that has a certain defiance that only a select few inherit.

As a black man who grew up in the South, I’ll admit I didn’t always see the issue with this same clarity. I blindly followed the sentimentalism of my parents and educators who passed judgement from a seat of victimization, failing to challenge evidence to the contrary. My opinion on the Battle Flag was swayed as a 13-year-old reading a contributor’s opinion in the Birmingham News, circa 2001. A white man with Confederate heritage, he acknowledged that he had never considered the flag flying on his front lawn to have held such a negative connotation in the minds of so many blacks. I remember from reading the column, he had a certain politeness that urged him to take his flag down and hang it indoors out of respect for those who didn’t like it. I respected his consideration and it prompted me to do my own homework on what role the Civil War and the flag in question played in my ancestor’s past and my own future. I realized then that I had foolishly labeled every white person sporting the flag as a racist, with no facts to back my claim and without placing myself in their shoes or knowing them personally.

In short, I’ve come to terms with it being a wrongfully vilified piece of Southern culture, as important to our collective heritage as RC Cola and Moon Pies.

In so many ways, the South is the conscience of the entire nation. In the 21st century with Americans abandoning all decency and forgetting to walk tall, the South still manages to maintain a certain air of moral obligation that has been all but lost in northern enclaves like Philadelphia where Americans scowl at one another, heavily divided by racial suspicion and bigotry, or cities like New York where neighborhoods a century after the Great Migration of blacks are still heavily defined by skin tone and distrust. In the South, we mingle. We play. We do like Willie Mays and “say hey” no matter the color of the person sitting on the porch. I walk into my local grocery with my daughter and like the tick of the clock, I know I can count on an endearing “Hey baby doll, you need some help?” from the attendant whose skin heavily contrasts mine. Her “y’all come on back now” is the most welcoming invitation I could ever hear.

It’s clear that as a nation, we are embarking on a new, revised, politically correct avenue of apology. The future is a dim one, void of backbone and fistfights. No more, “each according to the dictates of his own conscience.”

“If it offends my neighbor, make it illegal, dynamite it, wipe it from the face of the Earth” ranges the contentious fascist. It’s becoming clear that what those progressives want is a new, bleak, unrecognizable South, its accomplishments and errors equally stripped from the annals of history. They wish its monuments to be no more, the names of its generals removed from every institution, its antebellum flair retold as a horror story as if Sherman’s destruction wasn’t enough of a disgrace.

I am from the great state of Alabama and live between the rivers of Tennessee. I am a proud American and maybe in ways, an even louder Southerner. Can’t help it. I relate because I’m a rebel in so many ways and I’m very proud of
where I'm from. I can read an accent from either Carolina and know that I'm in good company. I can present my pistol permit to a Texas Ranger and trust that it will be honored four hundred miles in the other direction. I know that I can stop for small talk in any Waffle House in Georgia, and strike up a meaningful conversation with the Walmart shopper behind me in line in Mississippi. I don't need to know those people, they already know me. I am related to them and they are related to me.

If you don't know us but have an opinion about how we should live our lives or if you can't dissect the FACTS of a situation without making it a divisive issue, as Southern-ers, we only have one thing to say to your folly: "Bless your heart."

Bravo

Guest opinion

By Guest opinion

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Highway Camp Flags in Georgia:

I-75 Ringgold, 80'/20X30' Real Georgia
I-16 near Hwy. 221, 55'/10X15 Battle flag
Hwy. 80 near Stilsion, 55'/10X15 '56 GA
Hwy 91S, Newton 30' lighted/ 5X8 Bonny Blue, 1-3 Nationals

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

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By Courtney Daniels

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Fran Dye’s e-mail address. Also allows the user to send a message to the Division through the website.

> “Donate” This menu tab allows the user to make a donation to the Division. The user can click on any Division project to which they wish to contribute and it takes them directly to our payroll account entry page to accept their donation.

> “Heritage Defense” This new menu tab takes the user to the Heritage Defense page that gives the Division statement on Heritage Defense and encourages reporting any heritage violations to the Division’s Heritage Defense Officer. This page is also being updated to add in an interactive map.

> “Historical Documents” This tab is currently being designed. Its purpose will be to provide historical papers and quotes on different subjects on the War of northern aggression. These papers and quotes will have to be reviewed for accuracy before they are posted on this page. Compatriot Michael McAlpin of the Col. Hiram Parks Bell Camp # 1642 has agreed to be the reviewer of the documents for accuracy. This will be a great resource for our members and visitors to the page who are looking for accurate, truthful documents to counter the collection of lies that plague our country.

> “Dispatches From the Front Lines” This tab allows visitors to sign up and be added to the Division’s Friends of the SCV e-mail notices and calls for action.

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On a hill east of the town of Cassville, several burials took place around the time Cass County was formed. This plot became what is now known as Old Cassville Cemetery.

The cemetery is best known as "The Confederate Cemetery at Cassville." There are around 300 Confederate graves, under the care of the State of Georgia. According to some sources, many of the dead were soldiers from the battle of Chickamauga who were moved to local hospitals where they died.

Driving into the cemetery, one will see a small frame bandstand. It was a gift from Jo Sloan Crowe Pittard for use during the Confederate Memorial Day Service.

Several annual events occur in the cemetery.

Old Cassville Cemetery Luminaries. The Luminaries call to remembrance that on November 5, 1864 when the city of Cassville was destroyed by fire at the hands of the Fifth Ohio Regiment of the Federal Army under the command of Colonel Heath and Major Thomas. They said they had orders from Sherman "that not a house be left within the limits of the incorporation, except the churches."

SCV MEMBERS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS at Jarrell Plantation on Saturday, September 5, 2015. The occasion was a living history program hosted by Jarrell Plantation. Events included displays and demonstrations of period music, dying and spinning wool and, period medicines, and period toys. The event was supported by the 16th GA, Co. G, "Jackson Rifles." Submitted by John Wayne Dobson and Kim Beck
ATTENTION!
THE GEORGIA CONFEDERATE NEEDS YOUR CAMP ARTICLES AND PHOTOS.
THE NEXT DEADLINE DATE TO SUBMIT YOUR CAMP ARTICLES AND PHOTOS FOR THE JULY / AUGUST ISSUE IS: AUGUST 20, 2014.
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Relationship to Applicant (Print Clearly)

Full Name of Confederate Soldier (Print Clearly)

of ___________________________ in Company ___________________________

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Gwinnett Artillery
By Barry Colbaugh

The 9th Georgia Battalion Gwinnett Artillery had its beginnings with a man named William Austin Leyden. Leyden was born in Centre County Pennsylvania in May of 1826 and by the age of 16 he was the captain of three riverboats on the Schuylkill and Susquehanna rivers. In the 1840s, Leyden made his way to Georgia and became manager of the Etowah Iron Works and foundry under Mark Anthony Cooper near Cartersville. By 1847, with the advent of the railroad, a new city was formed to be known as Atlanta. Leyden eager to strike out on his own started the Atlanta’s first foundry as A. Leyden & Company by late 1850. Being a pioneer citizen and inventor, Leyden achieved a lot of firsts including the first sewing machine in Atlanta, a postal lock for Yale, a revolving cannon and a pulverizer for cotton. Leyden began some of his active military service through the Gate City Guard charged with protecting the city during such events as the sensational trial of Radford Crockett. When the War broke out in 1861, Leyden joined Company F of the 1st Georgia Infantry, where he distinguished himself as a fine officer. Leyden returned to Atlanta after this service to form a unit of artillery for the state. With members of both the Gate City Guard and the First Georgia Infantry, Leyden managed to form the Leyden Artillery in April of 1862. As the Leyden Artillery grew they became so large they formed another unit called the Wyly Artillery with its captain being Benjamin Franklin Wyly. It was not long before these units were to be pressed into Confederate service much to the disappointment of Governor Joseph Emerson Brown.

The 9th Georgia Battalion was soon formed consisting of a total of five companies with Leyden as their major. Company A was the original Leyden Artillery and Company E was the Wyly Artillery. Company B was called the Fulton Artillery and consisted of men from the Oak Grove district of the newly formed Fulton County near Sandy Springs/ Buckhead and their captain was William Washington Sentell. Company C was known as the Columbus Rebels from Columbus Georgia and the surrounding area and it’s Captain George Atkinson. Company D was known as the Gwinnett Artillery mustered out of Forsyth and Gwinnett Counties. The captain of this unit was Tyler Macon Peeples and his unit is what we will focus on.

Tyler Macon Peeples was born in Franklin County, Georgia on March 19, 1888. His father was a William J. Peeples, a lawyer, and like his father Tyler practiced law too. Tyler went to Emory College in Oxford, Georgia, was admitted to the bar in 1859 and began practicing law in 1861 just before the war broke out. Tyler enlisted in service of the State of Georgia in Company F, 6th Georgia State Troops in October of 1861 for a period of six months. This unit spent most of its time serving at Camp Iverson located near the Savannah and Central Railroad near Savannah in Chatham County. Captain Peeples maintained pay rolls, uniform lists and the rifles issued. Captain Peeples sought to form an artillery unit when the call was made by Leyden to from an artillery unit. Many of the soldiers who joined transferred from Company F of the 6th Georgia and Peeples made the request in April of 1862.

Much like the service with the 6th Georgia the unit began in Camp Luckey in Atlanta guarding government stores in Atlanta. The Unit was without uniforms or accouterments for a period. Leyden served as provost marshal for the city and the men served a variety of ways. Some stood guard during the hanging of the spies involved in the Great Locomotive Chase through north Georgia. Some men were assigned to guard prisoners in Madison, Georgia. Mostly the guarding of the railroad and enforcing the provost rules laid down by Major Leyden. One of the things preventing the 6th Georgia from participating in greater Confederate service was Governor Joseph Emerson Brown’s desire to keep them in the state. In August of 1862 the battalion as a whole was called to serve in Virginia under General Humphrey Marshall. The trip there involved loading up by train in Atlanta with tearful goodbyes to family members to Dalton where the Battalion stopped for a while. It was here that Company C, The Columbus Rebels, stole a barrel of whiskey where they had a really fine time according to Private James Addison McMurtry.

By October 29th of 1862 most of the 6th Georgia had been shipped by train to Abingdon, Virginia along with all of their caissons and supplies. An article in the Southern Confederacy newspaper described just what it took to maintain a battalion of its size. The article relayed what the Abingdon Virginian paper describer. “It was really an impressive sight to see the long line of guns, caissons and forges each with six horses attached, followed by a long train of ambulances and baggage wagons – stretching out for at least a mile. Some idea of the immense expense of an army may be arrived at, when an artillery battalion, comprising of only about 200 men, requires 60 bushels of corn and 1400 pounds of hay per day for its horses.” Major Leyden responded to the Abingdon Virginian newspaper in regard to their assessment reminding the editors that not only did the men man the cannons but also had several Mississippi rifles at the ready. It was on November 19th, 1862 the news reported the battalion leaving Abingdon. They also guarded and sent men to the hospital at Emory and Henry College where soldiers sent letters home in December. One soldier, Wilson Rogers, died in the hospital there. The unit made some excursions into Kentucky.

It was on December 30th 1862 that the camp marched 28 miles to Saltville, Virginia and many of soldiers in the unit guarded the salt works there. The winter camps are described by one of the men in the Southern Confederacy where they made a little shanty village they labelled it Leydentown. We don’t hear much about the battalion until March 19, 1863 when the Leyden artillery is ordered from Jeffersonville to Tullahoma, Tennessee. Pvt. McMurtry described Jeffersonville to be very nice with the mountains in the background and how the corn grew so much better here than in Georgia. It was also in March of 1863 that the battalion arrives in Bristol, Tennessee and they stay at Camp King. Here it is important to note that everywhere Leyden and the battalion went they were in demand. We see where some of Company A, the original Leyden’s Battery now under Captain William A., Barnes was sent to Cumberland Gap to assist General Frazier only to have Frazier surrender to Burnside and have 36 men of the Battalion were sent to Camp Douglas, Illinois. Captain Barnes later became one of the Immortal 600 officers.
By September 16th 1863 part of the battalion was near Lafayette, Georgia in preparation for the battle at Chickamauga. The companies that were there were parts of Company B, C, D and E. It was at Chickamauga that Company D and Tyler Macon Peeples served with distinction. Company D protected a ridge near Chickamauga Creek with two, twelve pound Napoleon cannons; two twenty-four pound howitzers, and sixty-nine rounds of ammunition. Captain Peeples had a horse killed in action in battle. First Lieutenant Thomas Loveless was wounded in the right thigh and groin. Captain Peeples reported that his company “was subjected to a very severe enfilading fire of artillery as well as a direct fire from artillery and infantry in its front.” Company D held their position until “near dark and the action ceased.” Several cannoniers were wounded and the company lost 11 horses in the fight. One soldier William H. Sudderith was wounded in the left leg by a lead ball and another soldier John T. Edmondson was wounded in the left hip. There are monuments today at Chickamauga Battlefield that commemorate the involvement of Captain Peeples and Captain Everett during this battle.

In January 1864, in Bristol Tennessee, Captain Peeples made a requisition for 4-12 pounder Howitzer Caissons and 1-12 Pounder Blakely Caisson. From January to March 1864 Company D was attached to the Army of Northern Virginia in Tennessee. By October of 1864, the battery was ordered to Richmond for heavy duty. This had many of the men at Chaffins Bluff to man the heavy artillery protecting the city. During the siege of Richmond and Petersburg, November 1864 to March 1865, Company D served under General Richard S. Ewell, in the Army of Northern Virginia. They were on duty at Fort Gilmer and Fort Hoke. On April 2, 1865, the Georgians spiked their siege guns, blew up their magazines, and marched out with Lee's retreating army. Major A. Leyden and 19 men were present for the final surrender at Appomattox Courthouse. Many soldiers did not make it to Appomattox because just prior they were captured at Bermuda Hundred Virginia and was sent north to either Washington D.C. or New York City after they took the Oath of Allegiance. Many soldiers returned home to rebuild their lives after the war.

It was on June 11, 1865 that a public meeting was held in Gwinnett County and announced in the local newspapers. The meeting was held at the court house with Honorable Richard Wynn as the chair and Tyler Macon Peeples as the secretary. Honorable James P. Simmons issued the following resolutions to support the Government of the United States in maintaining law and order. The words were written thusly,” Resolved: That we consider the war as ended, and the union of the States restored, and that we will in the future, as before the secession of this State, faithfully support and defend the Constitution of the United States, and all the laws made in pursuance thereof. Resolved, that we sincerely desire a speedy return of that mutual confidence of friendship and free intercourse and commerce between the people of every section of the Union, which was so happily enjoyed in the earlier and purer days of the Republic, Resolved, That this can only be secured by a restoration of our former political relations, and to that end we request His Excellency, The President, if it has not been done, to appoint a Provisional Governor for Georgia, and to cause a convention of the people to be assembled as soon as practicable, to adapt our Constitution, &c., to the new order of things, and that we recommend for such appointment the Honorable Joshua Hill, of Morgan County, as a statesman and patriot well worthy of the confidence of the President and the State. Tyler requested they make two copies with one going to President Andrew Jackson and the other to the Atlanta Intelligencer for publication in Lawrenceville.

Georgia June 11, 1865. We should also note that in 1865, Tyler married Honorable Major Richard Winn’s daughter Miss Alice A. Winn.

Alice Ann Winn Peeples

Tyler returned to his work as a lawyer practicing in all the courts. In 1866 Tyler was appointed a judge of the Gwinnett County courts. In 1875, he was elected to the state legislature in the 7th District. He also actively participated with the Democratic Party. By 1882, he was elected to the 34th Senatorial District as a member of the judiciary and public printing committee. He purchased the Gwinnett Herald in 1872 and ran the paper for several years. He served on several Democratic Committees and nominated many candidates for President. Tyler Peeples was a master mason and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1887, Tyler Peeples served on the 9th Georgia Artillery Reunion Committee holding events in Atlanta and Suwanee where the soldiers reminisced at barbeque and had a fine time. It was in 14 February 1901 that Tyler lost his wife Alice. Tyler and their seven children were with her at the time of her death. The event was to have had a terrible effect on Tyler. In March of 1906 Tyler had a desperate illness that lingered for days until he passed on March 7th 1906. Many of the business and banks in the area had closed for the right thigh and groin. Captain Peeples returned home to rebuild their lives after the war.

I am actively searching for the whereabouts of some of these soldiers. If you have any information please share with me. I will be happy to share what I have with you. Thank You

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Southern Confederacy, November 19, 1862, Digital Library of Georgia

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Atlanta Constitution, 10 March, 1906 Newspapers.Com

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General Nathan Bedford Forrest SCV Camp 469  
Rome, Georgia  
Our regular meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Oostanuola Room of the Rome-Floyd County Library at 205 Riverside Parkway in Rome, Georgia. Members are expected, and visiters are always welcome.

Chattooga County Camp 507  
Commander Stan Hammond  
Chattooga County Senior Center, Summerville, Georgia  
Last Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

John B. Gordon Camp 599  
Commander Charles Bramlett  
Meets every third Tuesday at 7pm  
Senior Center Lafayette, Georgia

Capt. Max Van Den Corput's Battery Camp 669  
Meets the first Tuesday of the month at Creek side Restaurant  
23 Cedartown St SW, Cave Spring, Georgia 30124

Stiles/Akin Camp 670  
Bartow County, Georgia  
The camp Facebook page is moving along much more hits with 145 likes.  
The Camp's Monthly Meeting is on the Third Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM  
Held at 101 North Erwin Street at the Art Center Building, the public is welcome.  
http://www.scv670.com/  
https://www.facebook.com/scv670

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston SCV Camp 671  
Dalton Georgia  
Commander Sam Jones  
We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM at the historic Crown Gardens and Archives which is located at 715 Chattooga Avenue in Dalton, GA. If you would like to join or just visit you're always welcome to attend.

State of Dade Camp 707  
Commander Robert Alan Daniels  
Camp meets every third Tuesday at Randy’s Restaurant in Trenton, Georgia

Gen. Stand Watie Camp # 915  
PO Box 626 Calhoun, Georgia 30703  
Cmdr. R. Stan Chambers  
The Commander reported that the Camp:  
It is once again sponsoring Company G, 27th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Reenactors  
Camp meets the second Thursday of the month at 7pm

Lt.Col. William M. Luffman Camp 938  
Chatsworth, GA  
Cmdr. Mitchell Dale Parker

Colonel Joseph McConnell Camp 1859  
Ringgold, Georgia  
Commander Johnny Sparks  
The Camp meets every first Tuesday

Pvt. John Ingraham Camp 1977  
Chickamauga Georgia  
Commander Charles Roark  
Meets the third Saturday 11 AM at Greg’s restaurant in Chickamauga, Georgia 11 AM

Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne Camp 2209  
Ringgold Georgia  
Commander Mike Patterson and camp meets the first Monday of each month at 6pm.

Rabun Gap Riflemen, Camp 1929, Clayton, GA  
Meeting time is 2nd Monday each month at 7 p.m. at the E.M.A. Rescue Building on Syrup City Road in Tiger, GA  
Contact email: eng4@windstream.net  
Camp website: http://freepages.military.rootsweb.com/~hemlockhill

David W. Payne Camp 1633, Blairsville, GA  
Meets 2nd Thursday each month (except December) at 7 p.m. in the Community Room of the United Community Bank on GA 515 in Blairsville.

Colonel Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1642, Cumming, GA  
Meetings are held, rain or shine, on the fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are held at the Bell Research Center, 101 School St inside the Old Cumming Schoolhouse. Meetings usually last about 2 hours. Meetings start at 7 PM with plenty of time for fellowship before and after.  
Camp website: http://www.scv1642.com/  
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52nd Georgia SCV Camp 1418, Cleveland, GA  
We meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Public Library in Cleveland, GA at 7:30 p.m.

Concord Rangers Camp 2135, Dawsonville, GA  

27th Georgia Regiment, Camp 1404, Gainesville, GA  
We meet the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Piedmont Hotel, 827 Maple Street, in downtown Gainesville.

The Blue Ridge Rifles, Camp 1860, Dahlonega, GA  
We meet the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lumpkin County Library.

Habersham Guard, Camp 716, Clarkesville, GA  
The camp meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Clarkesville Library.

Facebook: Sons of Confederate Veterans (Habersham Guard Camp 716).
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Note: Updates/changes/corrections to the Camp information shown above should be forwarded to me at secondbrigade@yahoo.com. Camps with newsworthy items and/or photos for inclusion in the Georgia Confederate should send them directly to Al Perry at the following email: gaconfederate@att.net.

Karl Haun, Commander Second Brigade

3rd BRIGADE REPORT .............

The Jackson County Volunteers Camp 94 holds their regular monthly meetings at Beef O Brady's in Jefferson, GA. Contact Commander Satterfield at 70. 207.1363, BearNoel68@Bellsouth.net or Adjutant Wayne Harris at 706.362.0932

B/ G T. R. R. Cobb Camp 97 Camp 97 meets at Watkinsville City Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. The address is 191 VFW Drive, Watkinsville, Ga. Commander Marvin Poe

Lt Dickson L. Baker Camp 926 Hartwell GA meets the 2nd Monday of each month except January and July. Meetings are held at the UDC Clubhouse.

Contact Camp Commander Olds Harris secva926@hotmail and Adjutant Judson Barton judstaxidermy@hartcom.net for more details.

The Currahee Rangers Camp 935, SCV meets the 3rd Monday evening each month at 6:20 pm at Quincy’s Family Restaurant, 631 Big A Road, Toccoa, GA 30577. The program starts at 7:20 pm. Contact Commander Randy Carroll randy@davistransfer.com or Adjutant Lamar Davis charlesd01@windstream.net

The Greene Rifles Camp 942 Greene County Camp meets the 4th Thursday of each month at the Yesterdays Café. Contact Adjutant scouterbob@bellsouth.net

Madison County Grey's Camp 1526 meets the 4th Monday and welcome all to come visit and help the camp grow. Commander Bill Sewell Tman@joimail and Adjutant Frank Gillispie frankgil@msn.com

Steven Satterfield, Commander, Third Brigade bearNoel68@bellsouth.net (706) 549-8098, cell (706) 207-1363

4th BRIGADE REPORT.............

The 4th Brigade consists of Monroe, Crawford, Peach, Houston, Pulaski, Jones, Bibb, Twiggs, Bleckley, Dodge, Putnam, Baldwin, Wilkinson, Laurens, Hancock, Washington, Telfair and Johnson Counties.

Brig. Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, Jr. Camp 18-Macon. Meets each 4th Thursday of the month at Jeanene's on Forsyth Road, Macon. Dine at 5:30; meeting begins at 6:00 pm.

Commander Tom Stevens (478) 477-7468, Adjutant Clifford Durnaway (478) 256-5400.

Capt. Hardy B. Smith Camp 104-Dublin. Meets each 4th Thursday of the month at Commander Pee Wee Dillon's home, 612 Briarcliff Rd., Dublin, GA. Meeting time is 6:00 pm.


Old Capitol Camp 688-Milledgeville. Meets each 2nd Thursday of the month at the Milledgeville Country Club, 3700 Sinclair Dam Rd., Milledgeville, GA. Meeting time is 7:00 pm.

The H.L. Hunley Award was presented by Camp #688 to Cadet Capt. Andrew Kirkland of Georgia Military College. July program was presented by Compatriot Dan Dixon on the “Wanderer”. Look it up, it’s interesting.

Patsy Harris the author of “Madison Georgia Hospitals 1861-1865 was scheduled to speak at a Camp meeting but then refused after the South Carolina church murders. This is the brainwashing in the US today.

Commander Roy H. Mixon Adjutant Konreid Etheredge (478) 454-7446.

W. F. Jenkins Camp 690-Eatonton. Meets each 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Bledsoe-Greene House, 105 West Sumter St., Eatonton, GA. Dinner is 6:30 pm and meeting begins at 7:00 pm.


Lt. James T. Woodward Camp 1399-Warner Robins. Meets each 2nd Monday of the month at Ole Times Country Buffet, 1206 Russell Parkway, Warner Robins, GA. Dine at 6:00, meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Camp #1399 welcomes five new members, Mark Pentecost Dickinson, Cadet Mark Collin Dickinson, Edmond Leigh, Matthew Taylor and Josh Wilcox.

Commander Steve Scroggins (478) 718-1405, Adjutant James “Bo” Hall, Jr. 478-256-8307. www.scvcamp1399.org

Maj. Mark Newman Camp 1602-Sandersville. Meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Brown House, North Harris St., Sandersville, GA. Meeting time is 6 pm.

Commander Thomas Tyson (478) 451-7251, Adjutant Randy Hall (478) 357-7774.

Johnson Greys Camp 1688-Wrightsville. Meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Old Blizzard Home Place, 1802 New Homes Rd., Kite, GA. Meeting time is 7:00 pm.

Commander Jimmy Blizzard (478) 864-2872, Adjutant Roger Webb (478) 864-8149.

Logan E. Bleckley Camp 1998-Cochran. Meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month at Oak Grove Community Center, Hwy. 126, Cochran, GA. Dine at 6:00 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Commander Bobby Duskin (478) 934-8740, Adjutant Alan Richards (478) 934-0214.

Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039-Eastman. Meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at Liberty Baptist Church 1100 Chester Hwy., Eastman, GA. 7:00 pm.

Camp presented a program at Rockwell Baptist Church in Milan, GA for the Yawn Family Reunion. Camp recruitment ads have been placed in two newspaper publications. New members are Joel...
Yarbrough, Corey Harrelson and Chris Davis.


The Camp of the Unknown Soldier 2218-Old Clinton. Meets each 3rd Thursday of every month at Chevys Pizza, 300 W Clinton St., Gray, GA. Dine at 6:00 pm and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

July 4 Simple Heritage performed at Jarrell Plantation. July meeting Al McGalliard gave presentation on Point Lookout Prison. August meeting program will be presented by Laura Elliott of Alabama, the subject being the 16th GA Infantry.

Commander J. C. Nobles (478) 718-3201, Adjutant John Wayne Dobson (478) 731-5531. scv2218.com

Capt. Ruel W. Anderson Camp 2239-Hawkinsville. Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at The Steakhouse, 101 Buchan Rd., Hawkinsville, GA. Meeting time is 6:00 pm.

Commander Sammy Hankey (478) 338-5828, Adjutant Dennis Lord (478) 934-0490.

Please send your reports and newsletters to Compatriot Kim Beck by the 25th of each even month. Send to: pinebarrensvolunteers@yahoo.com

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5th BRIGADE REPORT

Brigadier General Edward Porter Alexander Camp 158

Brigadier General E. Porter Alexander Camp 158 in Augusta meets at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of every month (except July) at the historic Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant (since 1956) at 2250 Sconyers Way. The restaurant's owner, Mr. Larry Sconyers, a true Southern gentleman, continues to proudly fly our 56 Georgia flag. Pictures of General Robert E. Lee and General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson are displayed in his restaurant.

The men of the Brigadier General Edward Porter Alexander Camp have definitely been busy over the last couple of months. They held their own Confederate Memorial Day service on April 25th at Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta. Members of the Camp also assisted in other services throughout the last couple of months, including at the State House in South Carolina on May 2nd, in Orangeburg, SC on May 9th, at the headstone dedication for the Unknown Confederate Soldier in Abbeville, SC on May 16th, and in Hephzibah, GA on May 17th, among others.

Brigadier General John C. Carter Camp 207

Meets on the last Monday of each month at the Burke County Library in Waynesboro at 6:30 pm.

The men of the General John C. Carter Camp, along with ladies of the local UDC and Children of the Confederacy, held a Confederate Memorial Day service at the Confederate Cemetery in Waynesboro on April 26th. Events included a wreath laying by each group represented, UDC medals presented to service members, a program by David Dickey, and a black powder musket salute. The cemetery holds the remains of 49 Confederate veterans.

On June 29, 2015 Camp 207 held its regular camp meeting at the Burke County Library Auditorium. There were 12 in attendance. Compatriot Chaplain Bill Tinley presented another of his outstanding talks about WBTS and Historical information. This talk concentrated on some enlightening information concerning Gen. Nation Bedford Forest. Mrs. Brenda Lackman gave an update on the Confederate Monument Restoration Project.

Black Creek Volunteers Camp 549

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month at RJ’s Seafood and Steaks in Statesboro. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Camp placed flags on graves throughout Screven County to honor those Confederate soldiers buried there.

Ogeechee Rifles Camp 941

Meets on the third Thursday of each month at RJ’s Seafood and Steaks in Statesboro. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the Camp placed flags on the graves of Confederate veterans buried at Eastside Cemetery on April 26th. The Camp has also recently replaced large Battle and Real Georgia flags on some of the flagpoles around Bulloch County.

The Camp has also been busy in the local political scene recently. Shortly after the Charleston murders, a Georgia Southern University student sent in a request to the Bulloch County Commissioners asking for the Confederate monument to be removed. This is the same monument that tag funds helped to clean and restore just a couple of years ago. The monument was on the agenda for the July 7th and July 21st meeting, both of which were very well attended by those within the SCV and by concerned citizens that care about our monument and the history of Bulloch County. The next Commissioners meeting happens after the Georgia Confederate deadline for August, but you can keep up to date on the Facebook page "Keep The Confederate Monument in Bulloch County", which can be found at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Keep-The-Confederate-Monument-in-Bulloch-County/1443758769262972?fref=ts.

General Ambrose Wright Camp 1914

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Side Track Grill in Martinez. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

The men of the General Ambrose Wright Camp held their Confederate Memorial Day service on April 26th at the Columbia County Veterans Monument at the Evans Library. Members of the Camp read off the names of Confederate veterans that served from Columbia County in various regiments and had a black powder musket salute.

Dixie Guards Camp 1942

Meets on the first Thursday of each month at Bevrick’s Restaurant in Metter. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m.

Buckhead/Fort Lawton Camp 2102

Meets on the third Saturday of each month at Magnolia Springs State Park outside of Millen. The Camp meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., with dinner being served around 7:00 p.m.

The men of the Buckhead/Fort Lawton Camp set up a nicely laid out Confederate flag display in front of the courthouse and Confederate monument in Millen. The Bonnie Blue, First National, Second National, Third National, and Battle flags were all present, as well as interpretive markers for each one.

Be sure to give us a "Like" on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/5thbrigadegascv for news and updates from the 5th Brigade!

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All eleven Camps of the 6th Brigade of the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans would like to express our gratitude to the leadership and legal team of our Division for working so hard with the State officials to see that our SCV specialty tags are now back for sale. I encourage every member to step up and buy and display your Pride in your Confederate Heritage.

I am proud to report that our Camps are all working hard to live the Charge. We are taking part in many community parades and festivals. I am glad to report that our Camps are supporting each other in these efforts.

Our Camps are reporting phenomenal growth since all these attacks on our heritage started this summer. If these attacks continue, we may soon recover the loss in membership we have seen in the last few years.

We are planning a leadership seminar in the near future. If we don't prepare our future leaders to take the lead, we will not have a future. We are seeking a Camp near the center of our Brigade to host this event.

We are also planning a Brigade picnic, in the spring of next year.

For information on the location and contact information for our local Camps, please visit our Brigade website www.georgiadivision6thbrigade.org Also take a minute and visit us on Face Book.

Savannah & Coastal Georgia SCV.

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7th Brigade Report

The 7th Brigade is working on getting a new Camp started in Coffee County. Also members around Atkinson County can contact John King or myself about getting the Sidney Lanier Camp active again. I encourage anyone that is able and willing to travel a little in southeast Georgia, to visit some of the other Camps in our Brigade. You can show your support and ideas; you may also get some new ideas from the Camps you visit. All the Camps in our Brigade are listed below.

Clement A. Evans Camp 64
Meetings held 3rd Monday of the month except June, July, and December, 6 pm at Jerry J's on Plant Ave. in Waycross.
Commander Chuck Griffin Adjutant Chris Hiers

Thomas Marsh Forman Camp 485
Meeting held every 4th Thursday of each month at Captain Joe's Restaurant located at I-95 and US 341. Meeting begins at 7 pm and supper is at 6 pm, Dutch treat.
Adjutant J.C. Carter

Col. Edmond N. Atkinson Camp 680
Meetings are held the last Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Lowndes County Historical Society.
Commander Jack Matthews

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

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

Adjudant Jerry Watkins
B.G. Henry Kent McCay Camp 2172
No meetings at this time.
Commander Tom Lavender

Capt. John Reddick Camp 2204
Meetings held 2nd Tuesday at 7 pm at American Legion in Folkston.
Camp trying to get more active.
Adjutant Wesley Williams

Chuck Griffin, 7th Brigade Commander
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8th Brigade Report

As usual in the heat, humidity and gnats of South Georgia summers, activities within the 8th Brigade have been sluggish at best. However, a couple of notable exceptions stand out. The Yancy Independents, Camp-693 with their Commander, Compatriot Mark Thornhill, sponsored a Rolling Battle Flag Rally on August 15th. The convoy left out of Ed's Truck Stop in Poulon, Georgia, wound its way through Tifton, and ended up in Moultrie. With approximately 70 trucks, cars, and vans along with 30 motorcycles each carrying a Confederate Flag of some description, the mile long convoy was a sight to behold. Except for a minor hiccup in the lead vehicle at the beginning, the rally went off without a hitch, and everyone who participated seemed to really enjoy themselves.

The Yancy Independents meet the third Tuesday of each Month on the first floor of the Sylvester Library.

For the most part, things have been pretty slow for the Jefferson Davis Cowboys, Camp-682. Camp Commander Gene Arnold did report that some of his members attended a Battle Flag Rally in Douglas back in August. His people distributed membership applications at the Rally in addition to showing the colors. Things are about to get revved up in Irwinville though. The annual Sweet Potato Festival will get kicked off the last weekend in October, and as usual the Cowboys will have their encampment and school day on Friday the 30th, and re-enactments on Saturday the 31st and again on Sunday November the 1st. Commander Arnold invites all who will to come and participate in this important event.

The Jefferson Davis Cowboys meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Commander Arnold's home at 145 Lakeview Drive, Ocilla.

Commander Jason Harpe reports that the W. D. Michell, Camp-163 in Thomasville hasn't had much going on this summer, but that's about to change. The City of Thomasville will again be having their annual Victorian Christmas Festival on December 10th & 11th, and as usual, the Mitchell Camp will be having their encampment on Broad Street, near the Nativity Scene. If you've not been to this festival and the encampment, it's quite impressive and worth your time to come see it.

The W. D. Mitchell, Camp-163 meets quarterly at a called time and place.

The "Dog Days" of summer have pretty much taken its toll on all the camps in the 8th Brigade, and the John K. McNeill, Camp-674 is no exception. The men of the McNeill Camp haven't been "burning up the road" this summer, but there have been some pretty significant activities going on. It just so happens that both Georgia Division Commander Bridwell and "yours truly" are members of this Camp. We've (mostly Commander Bridwell's half of "we") been deeply involved with fighting to get our SCV Specialty License Plates restored. Commander Bridwell along with other members of the Division EC have made numerous trips to meet with the Commissioner of Revenue to try to
hammer out an agreeable compromise on the tag. Their field work has been paid off, and by the time you get this edition of the Georgia Confederate, the tags should be "back on the shelf" albeit without the subdued Battle Flag. Basically it'll be the original tag with just our logo in its place on the left side of the tag.

October is upon us, and that means the McNeill boys will have to get out of the doldrums and get ready for the annual Sunbelt Agriculture EXPO. The EXPO is the largest agriculture show in the Southeast, and the biggest chance we'll have to "present the true history of the South" to people from across the Country and around the world.

Recently, members of the Camp were able to assist the McNeill, Chapter-661 of the UDC with placing a headstone for Pvt. James C. Hicks on his grave located in the UDC plots in Westview Cemetery in Moultrie. Pvt. Hicks had the distinction of serving under General Steven Dill Lee, the author of our Charge.

Camp Commander Pete Cowart and myself also participated in the August 15th Rolling Flag Rally sponsored by Commander Mark Thornhill and the Yancy Independents. Other members of the Camp (Jesse McMullen and William Walters, along with former Camp member Andrew Clayton and his son Andrew Jr.) participated in the 2015 Pepper Festival Parade in Omega.

Camp-674 meets the second Monday of each month (except December) at 7:30 PM at the Museum of Colquitt County History in Moultrie.

Berrien County Minutemen, Camp-1789 meets once a year at the home of Commander Donald Futch in Nashville, Georgia. Commander Futch calls the meeting "as needed."

The Wiregrass Greys, Camp-1683 in Adel meet on an "as needed" basis. Compatriot Barry Resta is their Commander, and called meetings are held at his house.

The States Rights Guard, Camp-1551 in Rochelle meets on an "as needed" basis. Their Commander is Compatriot Raleigh Gibbs.

Respectfully Submitted,

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11th BRIGADE REPORT...........

John B. Gordon Camp 46 Meets the second Monday at Mary Mac’s Tea Room, on Ponce de Leon Ave., in Atlanta. Social starts at 6:00PM. Dinner is ordered at 6:30 p.m. Meeting comes to order at 6:45. For more info, e-mail jordanwolf@bellsouth.net. Joe Jordan, Commander

McDaniel-Curtis Camp 165 Meets the third Monday, of each month at 7:00 p.m. Location is at the Carroll County Veterans Building. SCV Room, 1790 Stripling Chapel Road. All visitors and guests are welcome and always invited to join us. Commander: Sam Pyle, 770-537-5438, e-mail: Pylesll@aol.com. Adjutant: Darrell Smith, 770-834-3568, e-mail: Darrell_Smith@bellsouth.net

Haralson Invincibles 673 Meets the first Tuesday of each month, at the Open Door Baptist Church on US Hwy 27 BU., and God Sent Lane, Buchanan, GA. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish supper. Billy Bearden, Commander, Richard Boarts, Adj.

William Thomas Overby/Coweta Guards Camp 715. Meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 92 Greenville St., Greenville, GA (next to Coweta County Justice Center) in Newman. For more information, contact Mike Webb at 770-683-0973 or Cal Kohler at 770-463-3656. Mike Webb, Commander.

Lt. Col. Thomas Coke Glover Camp 943 Meets on the first Tues-
day of each month, at the Douglasville Baptist Church, on Simon Road, in Douglasville, Georgia. The meeting starts at 7:30 P.M. Ray Phillips, Commander

Forrest’s Escort Camp 1239 Meets on the fourth Monday of each month, except for December. A covered dish supper starts at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:15 p.m. The meetings are located in the service building behind “Historic Wick’s Tavern, 212 West Wilson Street, Villa Rica, GA 30180.

John Fernande, Commander.

General James Longstreet Camp 1289. The General James Longstreet Camp 1289 meets at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Ramah Baptist Church, 502 Ramah Drive, Palmetto, GA 30268. Commander: Dan Berman (770) 971-1657, email: berman-dan@hotmail.com. Adjutant: Charles Garvin (770) 943-7498, email: garvinc@bellsouth.net.

Sharpsburg Sharpshooter’s Camp 1729. Meets on the second Monday of each month, beginning at 7:00 PM with a covered dish supper. The meetings are held at the Turin Lodge in Turin, Georgia. For more info email Ebyrom@charger.net Earl Byrom, Commander.

Heard County Rangers Camp 1996. Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Heard County Library in Franklin, Georgia. Tom Wise, commander. TAW87GA@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted.

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

Paulding County
William J. Hardee Camp #1397
Commander: Wayne Douglas Willingham
Meetings: Every 4th Monday at 7:30 PM
Location: New Hope Second Baptist Church at 114 Bobo Rd. Dallas, GA. 30132, located at the corner of Dallas Acworth Highway 381 and Bobo Road in New Hope www.hardeecamp1397scv.org

Cobb County
Camp McDonald # 1552 - www.campmcdonald.org
Commander: Rodney Pritchett
Meetings: Camp McDonald now meets at Come and Get It restaurant on the 2nd Tues. @ 7 P.M.
Come and Get It is across from Cobb EMC on the Church St. Extension

Chattahoochee Guards Camp #1639
Commander: Dan Coleman- email dancoin@yahoo.com
Meetings: Joint meeting with Robert E Lee & Kennesaw Battlefield Camps every 3rd Wednesday
Location: Piccadilly Cafeteria 536 Cobb Pkwy SE Marietta, GA 30060. We will begin gathering around 6 PM for dinner and socialization with the meeting beginning at 7.

General Leonidas Polk Camp #1446
Commander: Garry Daniell, 770-435-4605, g_daniell@bellsouth.net
Adjutant: Al Penchosky, 770-971-1814, ajpenchosky@yahoo.com

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Membership: George Burkett, 770-944-8536, gbetter@outlook.com
Meetings: Every 4th Thursday
Location: The Piccadilly Restaurant in Marietta (NOT in Smyrna) 536 Cobb Parkway SE, Marietta, GA 30060, phone 770-425-5589. It is located a few hundred feet south of the intersection of Cobb Parkway and the South 120 Loop (Southern PolyTech is on that road). We will begin gathering around 6 PM for dinner and socialization with the meeting beginning at 7.

Commander: Harry Eubanks Meetings: Joint meeting with Kennesaw Battlefiled & Chattahoochee Guards Camps every 3rd Wednesday
Location: Piccadilly Cafeteria 536 Cobb Pkwy SE Marietta, GA 30060- We will begin gathering around 6 PM for dinner and socialization with the meeting beginning at 7.

Kennesaw Battlefield Camp #700 - www.scv700.com
Adjutant: Tim Pilgrim
Meetings: Joint meeting with Robert E Lee and Chattahoochee Guards Camps every 3rd Wednesday
Location: Piccadilly Cafeteria 536 Cobb Pkwy SE Marietta, GA 30060- We will begin gathering around 6 PM for dinner and socialization with the meeting beginning at 7.

Fulton County
Roswell Mills Camp #1547 - www.scv1547.org
Commander: Rick Leake
Meetings: 1st Thursday at 7:00 PM
Location: The Harp Irish Pub at 1425 Market Blvd. In Roswell

Rhett Coleman, 12th Brigade Commander
rhett@rhetcoleman.com cell (404) 697-4388

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

Fall is in the air and Fall Festivals are on the schedule. I know all the Camps have been busy as summer comes to a close. Many are already planning Christmas parties as the holidays are fast approaching. The 13th Brigade is growing and I want to welcome all the new members to The Sons of Confederate Veterans. I hope that each of you find your membership as rewarding as I have for the past 15 years. My only instructions are to your Camp Commanders ‘Get these men involved Put their talents to work’.

LaFayette Mc Laws Camp 79 Meetings are the third Thursday at the Fayette County Historical Society, 195 Lee St. Fayetteville www.fayettecvc.org Mitch Crabbe Comm.

John McIntosh Kell Camp 107 meets the first Monday of the month at The Panda Bear Rest. on Hwy 41 in Griffin. Dinner 6:00 meeting starts at 7:00 Christmas Dinner plans are being made. Welcome newest member Mr. Don Garvin Jr.

Maj. William E. Simmons Camp 96 meets the 4th Monday of the month at the Female Seminary, 455 Perry St. Lawrenceville. www.scv96.org Joe Bath Comm. jbath@bellsouth.net Camp 96 just had a fantastic event at the Gwinnett County Fair. The Camp also welcomes Mr. Patrick Harvey and Mr. Harold Haynes to their ranks.

Eli P. Landers Camp 1724 meets at the Landers Church 900 Pleasant Hill Rd. in Lilburn Comm. Barry Denard rebel1bd@bellsouth.net The Camp recently hosted a BBQ lunch for members of the Memorial Camp.

Gen. George ‘Tige’ Anderson Camp 2038 will hold their next meeting the 1st Sat. in Dec. at the pond house of Adj. Jim Leathers. jhleathers@att.net I apologize for missing their last 2 meetings.

Maj. Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne Camp 1361 meets the 3rd Thursday at Noah’s Ark Church, Noah’s Ark at Carnes Rd. in Jonesboro. Comm. Lee Stroud, jerryleefan@hotmail.com Will see you guys at the Battle of Atlanta and Nash Farm in November.

Col. Charles T, Zachary Rangers Camp 108 meets the 4th Monday at 7:00 at the Nash Farm Battlefield Museum, 100 Babbs Mill Rd, Hampton Tony Pilgrim Comm. Rebelson1974@yahoo.com
These guys will be busy at the Battle of Atlanta and Nash Farm in Nov. also. The Camp swore in 7 new members last month, they are: Brent Lee Wilson, Jim W. Tatum, Brian Keith Beck, Donald M. Beck, David M. Hunt, Mike Carter, and Robert Laffoon. Welcome Gentlemen.

Confederate Memorial Camp 1432 meets in the Fellowship Hall of the Stone Mountain Baptist Church, 5306 Memose Dr. Stone Mountain at 7:00 on the 3rd Monday of the month.
Richard Straut scvbear@bellsouth.net Commander. Adj. and Lt. Comm. North Phil Autrey philautrey@aol.com Plans are complete for the 2016 Georgia Division Reunion to be held at the GA. International Horse Park next June. Get all the details and fill out your registration form at www.confederatememorial.org Camp 1432 welcomes new members Mark McGlone and Robert L. Lesueur.


The Camp will have a booth at the Olde Town Fall Festival in Old Town Conyers on Oct. 24th. Plans are underway for the 2016 Lee-Jackson Dinner and we are looking forward to co-hosting the 2016 GA. Div. Re Union with the Confederate Memorial Camp. Camp 863 extends a warm welcome to our newest members: Donald F. Meyer, Barry Joe James, Michael Shane Correll, Edward Lansing Correll, Michael Emerson Griffin, Chad S. Elliott, Stephen Lewis O’Bot,

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Haralson County Invincibles Camp #673

As the only SCV representatives in Haralson County – we the Invincibles of Camp #673 have not settled down since our last report, as we continue to be heavily involved in fighting against the forces of Confederate destruction while Living the Charge. We have worn our uniforms fighting against the forces of Confed...

Commander Bearden, 2nd Lt Cmrd Nathan Forrester and his wife, member Ben Snow and his family, and Associate member Jerry Segal all participated in the huge Confederate flag rally at Stone Mountain on August 1st. Mr. Segal gave a well received address to the crowd.

Commander Bearden appeared in uniform on both WSB TV2 and in the AJC. It has been a long time in coming, but under current leadership of the Invincibles and our public outreach and activities, our camp has in the past few months grown in membership that is just 3 short of our all time high. Since June we have had 7 new men join our ranks.

Camp 673 celebrates our newest roadside SCV recruitment sign, placed on Highway 27 in Felton, which is the main artery between Bremen and Cedartown where thousands pass daily. This is our 4th!

For our August meeting we opened the floor to guest speakers Compatriot Martin K. O'Toole from the Leonidas Polk Camp in Smyrna and State Senator Bill Heath from Bremen. It was a very well attended meeting and the Tag fight was front and center. All who attended left with a positive feeling our tags would return. And they have. Thanks to the fighters who made it a reality!

Our Facebook page is continuing to expand. We now have over 1,080 followers. It is updated almost daily with news and information on all Confederate heritage related issues and items. If you haven’t already, visit us at www.facebook.com/haralsoninvincibles and click “like”.

Commander Bearden was approached to provide an interview on the current Confederate flag fights here in Georgia and the South with a Dutch reporter for a newspaper out of Copenhagen Denmark named “Politiken”. The reporter stated he would be in our state from Sept 11 – 16. It just so happened that Commander Bearden was to address two groups and provide historical facts about the Confederate flag in Marietta Confederate Cemetery on Sept 12th. Thus, killing 3 birds with one stone, our Commander was joined for the interview by Georgia Division Adjutant Tim Pilgrim. Commander Bearden’s educational program was provided and enhanced courtesy of Adjutant Pilgrim who passed out dozens of “The Truth about the Battle Flag” CDs by Pastor John Weaver, and 3,000 Confederate flags were placed on all Confederate graves in the cemetery by Mr. B.J. Dawson and those at the event.

Members of our camp also provided radio interviews on Bremen radio station WGMJ, covering topics on the newly reissued Georgia SCV License Plate, Loss of specific Confederate holiday names, and how to join the SCV, among others.

We have set up and participated in all the local fairs and events sharing info and recruiting plus advancing the Cause and Colors as all great SCV Camps should do, with a handful of events left to go before the year is out. Our next event will be an all day affair at the Mt Zion Founder’s Day Festival. The last couple of years we have painted the town Confederate RED with camps joining us from as far away as Mableton and Alpharetta. The Virginia Flaggers even sent us a donation of 288 stick flags to pass out in 2012!

We were once again honored to provide our 2nd annual Living History program to the senior citizens group at the Mt Zion Community Center. Speakers were Commander Bearden, 2nd Lt Commander Nathan Forrester and Belle Pam Tolbert. Assistant was member Ben Snow, his father and brother.

Our next Camp meeting is at Wrightway BBQ in Bremen at 6pm on October 7th.

Reconstruction

The Federal occupation of the South was an outrage to the Southerners, already ravaged by a cruel war, and then left with no political remedy. Federal troops weren’t withdrawn for twelve years, and then only as a compromise.

“When the South emerged from the great crucible of war she was desolated as no conquered country of modern times has been by a victorious enemy. It was the boast of one Federal commander that he had laid waste the country to such an extent that it would be necessary for a crow in flying over to carry his rations with him. Another stated that in one State he had taken $20,000,000 worth of property and destroyed $100,000,000 more.

No such wholesale sacking had been witnessed since Cortez and Pizarro submerged the civilizations of Mexico and Peru beneath waves of fire and blood. After the War Between the States the planters were impoverished and in debt, their fences gone, their fields grown up, their houses in many cases burned, their implements scattered and destroyed, their mules and horses lost, and labor demoralized. There was no money in the South and State banks of issue were prohibited.

The State governments were seized by carpet-baggers and no one’s property was secure, no man’s life safe, and no woman’s virtue sacred. Pillage, bribery and corruption held high carnival in the State-houses, and justice was bought and sold. The State debts of the South, which at the time of the close of the war amounted to $87,139,933.33 were raised to $380,160,575.13, an increase of $293,020,641.80.

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Col. Hiram Parks Bell Camp # 1642, Sons of Confederate Veterans,
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The Hunley has finally come out of her shell.

For the first time in over a century, you can actually see the original surface of the world’s first successful combat submarine. Until recently, the Hunley was completely encased in concretion, an encrusted layer of sand, sediment and shells that built up slowly over time while she was lost at sea. This material is being removed so that the conservation treatment can be completed with the hopes of ensuring the historic submarine is preserved for generations to come.

L to R: Mike Bryson; Dale Black; Lina Gossett Cochran [Mrs. Milhollin]; and Henry Deramus [Sheriff Tumlin, Cassville]

One story that has been handed down and represents the spirit of the people of this region, is the story of the John F. Milhollin family. Mr. Milhollin served as clerk of the inferior court from 1855 until he enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861. Killed in Virginia, his body was returned to Cassville some time in the summer of 1864. His wife and children remained in their home across the road from the cemetery. When the order came on November 5, 1864 to destroy Cassville, their home, along with the rest of the town, was burned.

The family escaped, with few belongings, to the cemetery. There in the misty rain and smoke, they took the planks covering John Milhollin's grave. Using the planks and some quilts, they constructed a makeshift tent against the cemetery fence. There they spent a rainy night across the road from the smoldering ruins of their home.

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