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OPINION OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION ADJUTANT

THIS OPINION IS EXPRESSED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

IT WAS MY INTENT TO NOT INTERJECT AN OPINION, BUT TO SIMPLY PROVIDE FACTS. AT THE DIRECTION OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WHILE MEETING IN FORSYTH, GA ON 31 MARCH 2007, I WAS INSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE AN OPINION ON THE PROPOSED LEASE AS DIVISION ADJUTANT.

IT IS MY OPINION, WITH ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION TO EXERCISE THE PROPOSED LEASE AGREEMENT AS PROVIDED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

THE REASONING AND BACKGROUND BEHIND THIS OPINION IS ATTACHED FOR ALL MEMBERS TO SEE HOW I ARRIVED AT THIS RECOMMENDATION. THIS SECTION ALSO GIVES FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE POTENTIAL LEASE AGREEMENT.

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Tom Brown
Georgia Division Adjutant
05 May 2007

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Revised Lease Proposal

From the Southern Cultural Foundation, Dated May 5, 2007

For the Use of the Napier-Hoffman House as a Headquarters

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Georgia Division Adjutant
05 May 2007
Dear Editor Espy,

I would like to respond to the article in the March 2007 Georgia Confederate about the corruption in the Republican Party. I agree that the Republican Party is corrupt, but I do not think that the Democratic Party is any better.

I believe that the Democratic Party is just as corrupt as the Republican Party. The Democratic Party has been known to accept bribes and to engage in other forms of corruption. I think that both parties need to be held accountable for their actions.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]
Mechanized Cavalry Holds Quarterly Meeting March 11

The Georgia Division of the SCV Mechanized Cavalry held their quarterly meeting on March 11 at Wicks Tavern in Villa Rica. It was well attended and several members arrived on their motorcycles. Capt. Johnny Sparks presided over the meeting. He promoted Chuck Shields to Corporal and inducted four new members. The new members were Howard Mount of Villa Rica, Scott Hills of Ringgold, William Thomas of Rock Spring, and Jerry Vogler of Kennesaw.

Capt. Sparks gave an update on injured Brother Lewis Leach. Although his condition has not changed appreciably, he has spoken and is scheduled for a re-evaluation.

The event was hosted by our SCV Georgia Division Commander, Charlie Lott at his camp's meeting hall. Commander Lott was also our guest speaker. He spoke on the Napier-Hoffman House.

Many of the people attending Saturday's ceremony, were descendants of John Gaines, who had 23 children and 45 grandchildren.

“I can’t help but appreciate what these folks did, even though I didn’t know them,” said Tumlin, who lived in Georgia 43 years before returning to Alabama last summer. “They helped shape my life one way or another.”

Ralph Mills sings “Dixie” during Saturday’s ceremony. Mills is the chaplain of Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1404. The Gaines brothers were all members of the 27th Georgia Regiment during the Civil War.

Civil War era re-enactors, led by Marie Bath as a war widow, enter Alta Vista Cemetery during the monument dedication ceremony Saturday. The ceremony honored the Gaines brothers, local men who fought with the 27th Georgia Regiment during the Civil War.

A female re-enactor, dressed in black period garb, placed a red rose on each of the markers before they were unveiled, representing each veteran’s widow and their descendants.

The first service was longer, with commandant Wilson Kemp leading the group in pledges to the U.S. and Georgia flags and a salute to the Confederate flag.

Mills sang “Nearer My God to Thee” and led the group in a rendition of “Dixie.”

Douglas Young, who teaches history and political science at Gainesville College in Oakwood, gave a brief history of each Gaines veteran and the 27th in general.

“These were stout warriors who never flinched from duty,” he said to the group. “They were good Americans who set positive examples for all of us. They were committed to faith, family, community and country.

As part of Gen. Robert E. Lee’s Northern Virginia army, the regiment fought in 25 “significant engagements during the war, with 29 of its 117 soldiers killed,” said Young, the camp’s historian. In addition to Frances Gaines, who was a “sharp-shooter,” William Gaines died in 1863 from wounds after leaving battle and returning home. John Gaines was wounded numerous times, including four in one battle, but “he survived the war and thank God for us,” Young said.

Gaines, a farmer, served as a longtime Hall County sheriff, first elected in 1877, and later as a two-term state legislator. He was described as a “kind gentleman who did his duty and never lost his temper,” Young said.

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“I can’t remember him,” Turk said. “I was 2 years old when he died.”

But she did recall Henry Washington “Uncle Wash” Gaines, who was the 27th’s last survivor when he died in 1938. She said he always ate lunch with her family at the regiment’s reunions, which were held at Redwine Methodist Church in South Hall.

“He was outgoing,” she said.

Andrew Gaines enlisted at 34 years old, was wounded in battle and discharged in May 1865. He died in 1891.

Paul Tumlin, John Gaines’ great-grandfather, came from his native Rainsville, Ala., to attend the ceremonies.

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Sons of Confederate Veterans
B/G E. Porter Alexander Camp 158
Augusta, Georgia
Invites you to join us for an evening of Southern fellowship and Confederate heritage.
We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Call 706-650-6991.
Color Sgt. Cody Williamson (L) and Chaplain George King honor Chaplain King's ancestor, George M. King, with the battle flag at Reidsville City Cemetery during Confederate History and Heritage Month. Chaplain King, a member of Gen. Robert A. Toombs Camp 912, was named 2007 Confederate of the Year for the Camp of a member of Gen. Robert A. Toombs Camp 912, was

Bishop General

Leonidas Polk

Commemoration

Saturday, J une 16, 2007 - 10:30 a.m.

The beloved Bishop-General Leonidas Polk fell in battle 143 years ago on June 16, 1864. We plan to mark this occasion and remember his sacrifice and the sacrifices of all Confederate soldiers and civilians at the Lt. General Leonidas Polk Camp's annual commemoration.

The plans are ambitious again for this year. There will be several memorial addresses recalling the career of General Polk and the sacrifices of the South and for independence. A party will fire a salute to the Bishop-General. Volunteers are welcome.

Finally, a local neighbor, Mr. Melvin Dishong, will be available to answer questions about the existing fortifications and entrenched lines still extant on the mountain.

You are encouraged to attend this important anniversary event. If you are using a website map, the closest address is Mr. Dishong's: Mr. Melvin Dishong, 128 West Deerfield Road, Summerville, GA 30747. Please make every effort to be present.

A marker is on the right hand side at the path leading to the site. This event brings several important factors together: the anniversary itself with its opportunity for reflection on our ancestors, the likelihood this year of some separation and the likelihood that people not associated with the SCV may attend.

The beloved Bishop-General Leonidas Polk Camp's annual commemoration. The site is reached by driving on Stilesboro Road. Beaumont Drive is a "T" intersection with Stilesboro to the south. It comes off between the inter-

sections of Pine Mountain Circle (to the east) and Duxbury Lane (to the west).

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Furthermore, since the Bishop-General was a devout churchman, it is only fitting and proper that we remember him in a more formal setting that will emphasize the following:

- "Balm for the Weary and Wounded" which the Bishop-General had personally inscribed to General J. Johnston, Hood and Hardee.
- The loss of such a figure, so revered by his troops, was a great shock to the Confederacy. Union forces reported that Confederate soldiers cursed them for killing so fine a man and several men in gray deserted in discouragement.
- General Sherman wrote his wife in some satisfaction: "we have killed Bishop Polk today."
BY JOE JORDAN
John B. Gordon Camp 46

Most people think of the War for Southern Independence as a series of huge land battles fought with glistening sabers and booming cannons. While this surely happened, an important part of this war was being fought on the seas and in the halls of European political power.

Traveling between England and France a lone Confederate naval officer was acquiring ships for the Southern cause. James Dunwoody Bulloch purchased or contracted to build merchant raiders that would ravage Union shipping from Cape Town to the Bering Sea. But Bulloch had even bigger plans for the Confederate Navy. In early 1863 he ordered construction of two ironclads from the Laird Shipyard in Liverpool. These ships would have the seaworthiness and armament to cross the Atlantic and attack Union Navy vessels and seaports with impunity. Bulloch expressed his vision for the use of these powerful vessels in this excerpt from a letter to Confederate Secretary of the Navy S. R. Mallory.

In view of the intimate knowledge I necessarily possess of the construction and capabilities of the ironclads 294 and 295, I feel called upon to throw out a few suggestions as to the service for which they would be most available, and I trust you will not think me presumptuous for doing so. I feel confident that they will be as good sea-boats and as easily handled as armoured vessels can be.

"The Atlantic coast offers enticing and decisive work in more than one direction. Without a moment’s delay, after getting their crews on board off Wilmington, [British laws of neutrality required all vessels built or purchased in England by belligerents to depart British waters with a British crew] our vessels might sail southward, sweep the blockading fleet from the sea-front of every harbour from the Capes of Virginia to Sabine Pass, and cruising up and down the coast, could prevent anything like permanent systematic interruption of our foreign trade for the future. Again, should Washington still be held by the enemy, our ironclads could ascend the Potomac, and after destroying all transports and gunboats falling within their reach, could render Washington itself untenable, and could thus create a powerful diversion in favour of any operations General Lee might have on foot. Third, Portsmouth, New Hampshire is a wealthy city in itself, and opposite the town is an important national dock and building-yard. The whole lies invitingly open to attack and destruction. Suppose our two ironclads should proceed in that direction, and without a moment’s delay, land a flag of truce to the mayor, to say that if $1,000,000 in gold or $5,000,000 in greenbacks were not sent on board in four hours the city would be destroyed after the manner of Jacksonville and Bluffton. Portsmouth could afford to pay for its existence. Philadelphia is another point open to such an attack. The river is navigable, the banks comparatively low, so that no plunging fire could be brought to bear upon the ships, and once in front of the city they could dictate their own terms. Such operations as are thus hastily sketched would inflict great damage upon the enemy, besides creating a striking effect in Europe, and the ships would thus be employed in a manner which would bring into use their full power, so that no strength would be wasted."

Under intense diplomatic pressure from United States officials in England, the ironclads were seized by the British Government and never sailed for the Confederacy. Could these two ships have changed the outcome of the war and won independence for the South? If so, how different would the political landscape of today's world be with two smaller nations taking the place of the powerful United States? The imagination soars.

Historians argue over whether Pickett's charge or some other land battle was the so called "high water mark" of the Confederacy. I think the high water mark was on the hulls of two ironclads in a British shipyard. The late Shelby Foote said that "You can't understand American history without understanding the Civil War." I would add that you can't understand the Civil War without understanding the naval and international aspects of that conflict.

Information for this article came from The Secret Service of The Confederate States in Europe by James Dunwoody Bulloch with a forward by historian Philip Van Doren Stern. This book is not out of print and a little hard to find, but it provides fascinating insights into a little known side of America's bloodiest war.
The Dixie Guards, Sons of Confederate Veterans Region 2. Dixie Guards Camp 1942 of Metter have been hard at work this year’s event a memorable occasion. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee. To commemorate this, the “Year of Lee” and Metter it will be none other.

"We were fortunate to be awarded the Reunion during this year. General Lee’s 200th Birthday Celebration the most outstanding ready-built complex of which any other camp could have," said Commander Randy Crooms. "We’re still a relatively young camp and not to be able to host our Division is nice enough, but to do it on such a special occasion is really special. The only thing we could think of was the theme of "Double the Division" – it is our hope that make our Commemoration of General Lee special. If the Georgia Division doubled its size or greatly increased in numbers, this might be true. Crooms added. Crooms concluded, “We are really hoping that we’;re going to have people from all over the country, from all over the world, with our local camp members all have pled to strive to make the Division feel right at home. We are not a big town, but we are small, with spirit. Hopefully, everyone will see why we say – Everything is Better in Metter. A few weeks ago, we had a couple of twists and any event to this year’s Reunion Steering Committee was even more enjoyable time for members and their families.”

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECRUITMENT

Remember – At this year’s reunion, the Georgia Division Membership Chair re- cruited the most new members since our Last Reunion. We will win a Confederate Quilt hand-made by Confederate Re-enactor, Mrs. Katie Love. The quilt will be awarded to a Certificate of Authenticity and a Picture of Mrs. Love. This quilt is a real heirloom. Dixie Guards are urged to send anyone who has signed up at least 12 new members to our Convention Committee, The Division Adjutant, to the Dixie Guards Camp 1942, P.O. Box 761, Metter, GA. 30439. The same deadline applies to the 12 new members, and any awards apply with this offer. This award is not affiliated with the Dixie Guards and is an additional Special Award from the Dixie Guards.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

A Georgia SCV member will be selected LIFE MEMBERSHIP at this year’s reunion. In order to have a chance to win you only have to do a couple of things. 1. Register for the Camp Membership. Register for the Dinner Banquet & Dance. That’s it! Each member that is registered by then, we hope will come. In order to encourage participation in the business interests of the Georgia Division, the SCV Division.

A highlight of the tournament will be a chance to win $10,000 Cash with a Hole-In-One on Number 10. Each hole will be named after a Famous Confederate Hero and the entire tournament will have a Confederate Theme. Door Prizes, Lunch, Free Beverages (Beer & Liquor, and Energy Drinks) Golf, Cart are all included with the Entry Fee. The cost per team has not been finalized yet. All of the profits generated from the tournament will go to the Dixie Guards Monument Gardens Foundation – The Dixie Guards plan to construct a Memorial Park, erect a Confederate Memorial and maintain a family friendly facility – on private property that will be free from government intervention and fiduciary laws. For more information about the tournament, contact: Randy Crooms – 912-685-7504 hrcrooms@pinterest.net.**Georgia Division Camps can have holes dedicated or named after their Camp. In order to do this, a camp must sell $500 worth of T-Box Advertisements to your local or area businesses. Your Confederate local businesses and patrons will be exclusively recognized on Your Own Hole named for your Camp or the Confederate Hero or Choice (Except General Robert E. Lee – he is taken!)**

FRIDAY, June 8th – 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Registration will begin at the host hotel – The Holiday Inn Express – 201 E. 2nd St. - 104 on Georgia Hwy 121, Metter.

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. – Chicken BBQ Supper and Oratory Contest. For all members and guest who register, this event will take place at the Strickland Community Complex at the Metter-Candler County Recreation Department. The building is air conditioned and has rest room facilities. There is a nice front porch with old fashioned rocking chairs. There are picnic tables and there is a playground for kids. There will likely be an inflatable Moon Bounce and an inflatable slide or other "Inflatable" amusements for the kids.

SUNDAY, June 9th – 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – The Business Session will begin at the Willcox Auditorium. All members that have not registered will be urged to get there early.

2 p.m. – The Presentation of the Colors – The Piedmont Salute to Our Flags – The Invocation and Welcome – The Recognition of Special Guests and Dignitaries will kick off our 120th Reunion’s Business – SCV Members Only!

3 p.m. – 4 p.m. – The Business Session will break for Lunch those who have registered will hop over a block to the Strickland Complex for a Catered Luncheon and Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Charles Thomas. Dr. Thomas is an expert on US Military History, Military History, and Germany. He will be speaking on the great Prussian Heroes von Borke who served with JSL during his time in Metter has been doing research for this talk for almost a year. His invitation to speak to us and his research for the Luncheon has led him to consider a new book project on Colonel von Borke.

7:30 p.m. – The Afternoon Business Session will reconvene – SCV Members Only

Recruit!
Amendment to Move Wayne County From 6th Brigade to 7th Brigade

An Amendment to the Constitution and by-laws of the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans for the purpose of changing brigade alignment whereas WAYNE COUNTY now assigned to the 6th Brigade will be reassigned/aligned with the 7th Brigade given that county’s SCV Camp, Lt. J ohn M. Allen SCV Camp #2085, was a camp spun from the Capt. John Knox SCV Camp #2022 and that Brantley County was historically a part of Wayne County and that the two camps work so closely together on projects. The Altamaha is the natural and historic dividing point of the area.

Article III – DIVISION STRUCTURE
SECTION 3. BRIGADE ALIGNMENT

SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ:

"THE 6TH BRIGADE WILL CONSIST OF THOSE CAMPS SITUATED IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: WHEELER, MONTGOMERY, JEFF DAVIS, TOOMBS, APPLING, TATTNALL, LONG, CHATHAM, BRYAN, LIBERTY, EVANS, AND ENFINGHAM."

"THE 7TH BRIGADE WILL CONSIST OF THOSE CAMPS SITUATED IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES: TELFAIR, COFFEE, LANIER, LOVNDIES, ECHOLS, ATKINSON, CLINCH, BACON, WARE, CHARLTON, PIERCE, BRANTLEY, WAYNE, GLYN, CAMDEN, AND MCINTOSH."

Submitted by: Eric Swilley, Commander Lt. J ohn M. Allen SCV Camp #2085 Jesup Tom Lavender, Commander Capt. J ohn Knox SCV Camp #2022 Wayesville

2007 Georgia Division Registration Form
110th Reunion - June 8-10
Send to: Dixie Guards/ Ga. Division Reunion 07 P.O. Box 761 Metter, Ga. 30439

SCV Member Name ___________________________ MOSB (Yes/No)
Camp Number/Name/Location ___________________________ OREL/OCR/UDC
Spouse/Guest ___________________________________ Lee’s Cadets/ C of C,
Children ________________________________________
Address _______________________________________
City/State/Zip __________________________
Telephone __________________________ Email

1. Registration: Prior to June 1st 2007 $25 per member After June 1st 2007 $35 per
2. Friday BBQ Social 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Chicken BBQ at the Candler Rec. Center $12 ea.
   Friday Evening 9 p.m. Confederate Campsites & Cannonade-Industrial Park- Free
3. Saturday 12:00 Noon – 1:30 Guest Speaker GSU Historian Dr. Charles Thomas at Candler Rec. Center Pavilion $15 per plate. (Limit to first 100 plates.)
4. Saturday Evening Banquet Supper and Dance Entertainment by Unreconstructed Adults: $20.00 per plate / Children age 12 and under: $12 per plate

Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express Exit 104 at I-16 Metter Call 912-685-3000
Specify that you are with the Sons of Confederate Veterans Reunion.

Registration Totals
1. Registration @ $25 per (before 1 June 07)_________________________ @ $35 per (after 1 June 07)_________________________
2. Friday BBQ @ $12 per plate_________________________ (with live music)
3. Saturday Dinner/Luncheon @ $15 per plate _______________________ (Speaker Charles Thomas)
4. Saturday Banquet Supper & Dance @ $20 per _____________________ (Unreconstructed Band)
   @ $12 per ___________________________________ (child’s price)
5. Extra Commemorative Program @ $10 ___________________________
6. Extra Commemorative Medal @ $15 ___________________________
7. Ancestor Memorial AD @ $10 ___________________________
   (Deadline Dec. 31st 2006)
Write information on this form or download ancestor form from our website.

Total enclosed: __________________________ made payable to Dixie Guards/ Ga. Division Reunion 07

The Great Battlefield Conspiracy

(Continued from Page Two)
objected to this proposal. He did not want to give the carpetbaggers any money. He wanted the conspirators to control the building of the motels so as to receive all the profits and before Lincoln could develop the plan Stanton made arrangements with a local actor, a John Wilkes Booth, who disliked Lincoln because Mrs. Lincoln had criticized his performance as a Shakespearean actor, to assassinate him. Booth’s reward was to be superintendent of the battlefield at Gettysburg as well as an owner of the souvenir shop. Booth was not supposed to be shot; only captured. He would then have implicated Confederate President J efferson Davis in the assassination; he would then apologize for slavery, apology for shooting Lincoln, and then receives a full pardon from President An- drew J ohnson.

I uncovered many more facts from my research than can be listed here but this conspiracy is only one of the many that were perpetrated on the people of both the South and North.

It was to get the people of the North to purchase monuments and have them erected on the battlefields where their ancestors were killed, have them travel to the South and stay in the motels owned by the conspirators and to sell pictures and post- ers of Southern Heroes that were printed up North. The same conspirators that own the monument companies owned these travel agencies, the motels and printing com- panies. The Yankee conspirators started a war and did all these acts in the name of profit and greed.

This conspiracy is still carried on today. To this very day, the descendants of the four who helped Lincoln set up this conspiracy still are collecting money from the government that are the prof- its realized from the sales at the souvenir shop at each battlefield. How is this pos- sible? There are still, within the United States Government, those who belong to the secret societies mentioned above that see that these monies reach the right people. These secret societ- ies would control the world and set up a new world order and this money will be used to help accomplish that end.

These are the little known facts behind why the battles of the War Between the States were fought on National Park land.

J ohn Henry Scooter Commander- at-Large

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On March 31, ERS Waste Haulers of Newnan donated use of a roll off box for Camp 1729 to remove more brush and debris from the cemetery at Thomas Crossroads. Pictured are left to right Ronny North, Jason Todd, Jimmy Dunagan and J ohn Todd. George Piner took the picture.

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Week Eight
The Georgia Confederate
May-June 2007 Issue

Celebrate Our President’s Birthday
Saturday, June 2 • 11 a.m.
Near Irwinville at
The Jefferson Davis Memorial Site
Come Join Us!
Dinner on the Grounds

John B. Gordon Statue 100th Anniversary
Celebration Being Planned May 20

100 years ago this May the Equestrian statue of John B. Gordon was unveiled on the grounds of Georgia State Capital in Atlanta. Gordon, who rose from the rank of Captain in the Confederate Army to Major General was honored by the State of Georgia back in 1907 and by those who raised private money to erect a life sized statue featuring Gordon on his horse in uniform.

Gordon who never lost a battle or was repulsed when he was in command was one of Lee’s most trusted Generals. Well known for being wounded in battle, he was in the Wikipedia, Encyclopedias, Gordon was assigned by General Lee to hold the vital sunken road, or “Bloody Lane”. During the Battle of Antietam, Gordon’s propensity for being wounded reached new heights. First, a Minie ball passed through his calf. Then, a second ball hit him higher in the same leg. A third ball went through his left arm. He continued to lead his men despite the fact that the muscles and tendons in his arm were mangled, and a small artery was severed by this ball. A fourth ball hit him in his shoulder. Despite pleas that he go to the rear, he continued to lead his men. He was finally stopped by a ball that hit him in the face, passing through his left cheek and out his jaw. He fell with his horse and might have drowned in his own blood if it hadn’t drained out through a bullet hole in the cap.

Gordon in addition to being a hero of the South and a leader of the United Confederate Veterans went on to become a US Senator and Governor of Georgia from 1886-1890. He was the first Governor of Georgia to accept the key to Georgia’s new Capital in 1889.

The Gordon statue was unveiled at the Gordon Monument Association and the General Assembly. The effort to honor Gordon first came from Samuel Fulton of the Tige Anderson Camp of the United Confederate Veterans in January 1904 which was two days after Gordon passed away in Miami. In May of 1907 the event that would mark the unveiling ceremony was front page news in the Atlanta Constitution. This was the time in Georgia when the Atlanta Constitution Saturday edition was a total of 16 pages, Atlanta’s Baseball team was the Atlanta Crackers and Georgia Tech won the Saturday edition was a total of 16 pages, Atlanta’s Baseball team was the Atlanta Crackers and Georgia Tech won the Saturday edition was a total of 16 pages, Atlanta’s Baseball team was the Atlanta Crackers and Georgia Tech won the

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS
Division Commander
Charles Lott - Present
Division Adjutant Tom Brown - Present
Division Judge Advocate
Martin O’Toole - Present
Division Past Commander
Jack Bridwell - Present
Division Chief of Staff
William Latham - Present
Division Lt. Commander
North Tied Brook - Present
Division Lt Commander
South Don Newman - Present
1st Brigade Commander
David Espy - Present
2nd Brigade Commander
Joe Carver - Present
3rd Brigade Commander
Bobby Watkins - Present
4th Brigade Commander
Larry Manley - Present
5th Brigade Commander
Mike Mull - Present
6th Brigade Commander
Gordon Smith - Absent
7th Brigade Commander
J. Gaskins - Present
8th Brigade Commander
Gary Ursrey - Present
9th Brigade Commander
Pete Giddens - Present
10th Brigade Commander
Bob Giddens - Present
11th Brigade Commander
Al McCall - Present
12th Brigade Commander
Sparks Ramsey - Present
13th Brigade Commander
Barry Dennard - Absent

AGENDA
Call to Order by Division Commander Lott at 11 a.m.
Following the Invocation and Pledge/Salute to the Flag, the roll call found 32 present and 2 absent; with a quorum established.
Division Adjutant Tom Brown reported that the 2 absent were the correct way to present and vote on the lease details.
Division Adjutant Pete Giddens made a motion as follows:
Division Commander Pete Giddens will express his profession of the Confederate States of America and expected to top 4000 by coming in from the existing civil service.

In answer to a question from an EC member, Division Judge Advocate Martin O’Toole confirmed that a resolution at the June SCV Convention in Metter would be the direct way to present and vote on the lease details.
Division Commander Pete Giddens made a motion as follows:

1st Brigade Commander David Espy reported the there had been four meetings plus phone calls with the Southern Cultural Foundation.

Tom reported that if a lease agreement can be worked out, he will prepare a cost analysis that will be published in the May issue of Georgia Confederate and sent to all Brigade Commanders brainstorm by Pledge/Salute to the Flag.

In response to the preceding motion, 1st Brigade Commander David Espy reported that his efforts to obtain a local attorney to handle the Ringgold Battle Flag display situation were not successful. No attorney in that area would return his calls. After that, he contacted the Southern Legal Resource Center (SLRC). The SLRC responded with a letter saying they would take the case for no fee and asked for a Georgia attorney to assist them.

Division Speaker Dan Coleman volunteered to be the Georgia attorney acting on behalf of the SLRC.

A motion was made by Brigade Commander Tim Pilgrim to spend $2,500 to begin legal efforts in support of the Ringgold Camp and the 1st Brigade. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

When asked if he would need any money to assist his efforts on the case, Division Speaker Dan Coleman stated he would not need any funding at this time.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Georgia Division SCV’s GEC will decide on funding to help restore the Confederate Obelisk and remove a tree that could damage the obelisk. If it ever fell.

Division Speaker - Dan Coleman noted that critics of the Confederacy were trying to tie a Georgia Senate Resolution declaring April to be a permanent Confederate Heritage Month to some type of apology for slavery.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Commander Lott asked all the members participating in a Confederate Good Samaritan effort to help after any sort of natural disaster (either with equipment and/or manpower).

2. Commander Lott reported that the number of calls per day on average is coming in from the existing SCV recruitment signs around the state.

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Governor Sonny Perdue has proclaimed April as Confederate History and Heritage Month in Georgia. On hand to witness the official signing were (left to right) Rep. Jay Neal, unidentified, Debra Denard, Atlanta Chapter 18 United Daughters of the Confederacy, unidentified, unidentified, Ted Brooke, Georgia Division Lt. Commander (North), John Culpepper, Chairman Georgia Civil War Commission, Cassie Barrow, Atlanta Chapter 18 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Senator Jeff Mullis and Rep. Martin Scott.

Gen. Patrick Cleburne Statue Project Update

We are at a point where a decision has to be made regarding our statue project. For four years we have tried to raise the necessary funds to erect a statue at Ringgold Gap, celebrating Cleburne’s victory and his legacy. It was to be the only statue of Cleburne anywhere, and we commissioned Ron Tunison to do the work. Tunison is a noted Civil War sculptor and his work is remarkable for the realism it depicts of its subjects.

However, after years of frustration attempting to raise the money, we have fallen short of our goal. Last year we were within the last $30,000 increment of the original $105,000 to finish the statue, and had a funding source which seemed very likely. Now that source seems to have disappeared and we are not only still $30,000 away from our target, but the price went up on the finished statue. I received this letter from Ron earlier this month:

Sculpting was completed last year. The finished life-sized clay of Gen. Cleburne is stored in my studio, however, the clay is beginning to deteriorate. The Tallix foundry closed last November therefore the Cleburne statue will be cast at another location, at a different foundry. I have submitted for price quotes from several foundries, none of which will honor the November 2002 casting quote from Tallix. The current cost for bronze casting and to finalize the project is $65,000.00 in total, including freight to Georgia.

I have enclosed an invoice for part of that total in the amount of $17,750.00 which reflects the balance of payment due for my sculpting work. I am asking that portion of the total balance be paid to me at this time. The remaining $47,250.00 is required for casting/freight. This November will mark the four year anniversary since work commenced on Gen. Cleburne. It is time to make a realistic decision about moving forward or terminating the project.

So we are at a point of no return. And it is ridiculous in the light of the past history of this project to believe if we raise the next increment we will be closer to the end. The cost keeps rising faster than our pennies come in. The only solution is to get the $65,000 IMMEDIATELY, or terminate the project. It is heartbreaking to think about terminating because some of you on this list have been very generous with donations, and it will all be for naught now. But we have to be realistic. This is the last stand at The Alamo. Either we must receive aid, or call it quits. $65,000 is only 65 people with $1000 each, or 130 people with $500 each, or 225 people with $200 each. If everyone on this list found $1000 through friends, family, other organizations, rich uncles, old flames, young flames, classmaters who became rock stars, we could do this. Remember, everything is still tax-deductible.

I need to hear from supporters on what to do. Any checks you want to send will be held until the whole amount is received so we lose no more money, and those checks will be returned if we cannot raise the total by year’s end. If we do not have enough positive response to meet our goal by summer, the officers of the PCS will take it that the support for the project is no longer there and notify Ron Tunison to destroy the work.

Regards,
Cassie Barrow
Mauriel Joslyn

Contributions can be sent to:
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9687 J oines Street
Sparta, GA 31087
E-mail: Maurielj@aol.com

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Or Call Wayne Scott - 256-526-6015
Traveler’s Rest Memorial Service Toccoa - April 21

Compatriots, Help Your Camp, Your Division and the Division’s Monthly Newspaper . . .

Sell Ads in The Georgia Confederate

EXAMPLE:

BUSINESS CARD AD FOR 12 ISSUES

- Cost To Advertiser - $200.00
  (Which He Can Charge Off)
- Money to Camp - $100.00
- Money to The Georgia Confederate - $100.00

Of Course, the More Ads You Sell, the More Money to Your Camp!

Where to Sell:
1. The first people to contact are your Camp members. Most every Camp has several businessmen. They are “Confederate Friendly”.
2. Community Businesses - convenience stores, restaurants, parts stores, etc.
3. The bank where you and your Camp maintain checking accounts.

Procedure:
- When you sell an ad, have the advertiser cut a check to your Camp and furnish you the ad copy.
- Send your Camp’s check in the amount of ONE-HALF the ad cost to:
  The Georgia Confederate
  Post Office Box 310
  Summerville, GA 30747
- Include the ad copy. Better yet, you can send by e-mail to: csapaper@yahoo.com

That’s all there is to it. Good Luck!
The SCF may require the use of the House and grounds from time to time to holding meetings and/or dedication. These times will be coordinated with the Division so as to avoid conflict.

7. No illegal behavior of any kind will be permitted on the property or in the House. A damage deposit to be determined by the Division must be paid in advance of any event. Said deposit shall be refunded after inspection of the property.

8. The Division and the SCF, together, will develop rules for use of the House and grounds to protect the property, to avoid annoyance to the neighbors and to protect and maintain the good name of both the Division and the SCF in the community.

9. The Division may erect suitable structure(s) from time to time as may be approved by the SCF for design and location. Structure(s) to be in keeping with the spirit and decor of the old South and complement the Napier-Hoffman House. Added structures to become a permanent part of the property.

10. Failure by the Division to maintain and honor any aspect of any of the items that make up this lease will void the lease. The Division shall be given written notice by either hand delivery or certified mail of any such violation and shall have sixty (60) days to cure any such violation. If the violation is not cured, then the lease shall be declared terminated and the House and all added improvements (if any) will revert back to the control and custody of the SCF.

11. The Division will make arrangement to have a Division staffer or volunteer on site when special events are being held as described in Items 4 and 5 of this lease or any other event or function.

12. The Division has a number of “Memorial Bricks” previously purchased by Division members that are in storage at Division Member Ken Simpson’s basement in Milledgeville, Georgia. These bricks are to be used in either a patio area or at a flag patio.

13. During the period of this lease, the SCF is willing to sell the property to the Division for a sum not to exceed $300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand and no 00’s Dollars), the appraised value of the property at the time of the original SCF purchase.


The lease shall be contingent upon the following conditions:

1. The Division shall pay $100 per month as called for in Paragraph 1 (H). This money shall be made by individual or corporate contributions and shall not be from Division funds.

2. The Division shall pay the interest on the BB&T loan as the payments come due as provided in Paragraph 1 (E). This money shall be made by individual or corporate contributions and shall not be from Division funds.

3. The Division shall provide funding to complete the restoration of the facility thru either cash or “in-kind” labor. These funds shall be made by individual or corporate contributions and shall not be from Division funds.

SIGNERS –

FOR THE GEORGIA DIVISION SCV:

Georgia Division SCV – Commander
Georgia Division SCV – Lt. Commander – South
Georgia Division SCV – Lt. Commander – North
Georgia Division SCV – Adjutant
Georgia Division SCV – Judic Advocate

FOR THE SOUTHERN CULTURAL FOUNDATION:

SCF - Chairman
SCF - Member
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RESOLUTION PASSED 08 JUNE 2002
RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH GENERAL HEADQUARTERS

WHEREAS, The Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. is an organization dedicated to the perpetuation and protection of the honorable memory of the Confederate Veteran, and

WHEREAS, it has faithfully served its purpose for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, it has steadily increased in membership and the number of organized Camps throughout the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, there is a vital need for a central headquarters for the storage of records and the administration of the affairs of the Division in the discharge of its duties and statewide coordination and communication of events, projects, services, and other activities related to the preservation and perpetuation of Confederate history and heritage; and

WHEREAS, a headquarters for the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. should reflect the pride, prestige and power of the organization in its fulfillment of the charge given by General Stephen Lee; and

WHEREAS, the Division has been presented with an opportunity to acquire the use by lease of a magnificent antebellum home located upon 7 acres of land which has a historical significance to the Confederate States of America and is centrally located in Monroe County for convenient accessibility to the membership; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Cultural Foundation has been created to: (1) purchase and hold title to the property as a legal safeguard against attacks by our enemies, (2) assist in the renovation and continuing maintenance of the property, (3) coordinate ongoing fundraising efforts for the benefit of the property through grants from foundations and trusts nationwide, and (4) with the new head quarters as a base of operations, form committees of committed professionals for the purposes of fundraising, political action, legal defense, and educational activities for grades K-12 and college for the benefit of the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Cultural Foundation Board of Directors which will always be composed of compatriots of the Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. requires the pledge of support and commitment of the entire Georgia Division before going forward with the purchase of said property.

NOW THEREFORE. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GEORGIA DIVISION OF SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS, INC. AT ITS ANNUAL REUNION HELD IN MOULTRE, GEORGIA ON JUNE 8, 2002:

1. That the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. recommends and supports the purchase of Napier-Hoffman house in Forsyth, Georgia and the seven acres upon which it is situated by the Southern Cultural Foundation for the use as a General Headquarters for the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc.

2. That each Camp within the Georgia Division shall demonstrate its support and commitment to the establishment of this General Headquarters by contributing the sum of One thousand dollars per year for a period of at least two years to a fund therefore.

3. That each compatriot shall contribute such time, talent, materials and money as he feels lie towards the establishment of this General Headquarters.

4. That this General Headquarters shall be established in a manner worthy and befitting of a perpetual, working memorial for the preservation of the honorable and revered memory of the Confederate Soldier, his family, his country and his cause.

Adopted this the 8th day of June, 2002 by the Annual Reunion of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Inc. in Moultrie, Georgia.
History of the Headquarters Project

During the late 1980’s discussions were carried on concerning the need for the Division to have a headquarters to call its home. The Division, along with many advisory groups, was losing it’s identity with repeated attacks on our heritage, the most recent of which was on our beloved 1856 Georgia Flag. After discussions with public relations firms, it was determined that the Division would be in a better position to fight these battles with a Headquarters located in a structure that fit the design of the period of the War Between the States. The proper infrastructure would allow the Division to begin the resolution of the policy organization in the eyes of the media, our detractors, the legislature, and all citizens of our State. It would give our organization a physical location that would be utilized with photo opportunities for NEW’s media targets, increasing the legislative caucus, which at the time had a fairly large focus on flag matters. Of even more importance, it would serve as a memorial to our Southern Heritage defenders to have a central location to material for research, and a place for reporters working on stories to come together and exchange true and factual information on heritage issues. This would allow the organization to control the presentation of a point of contact. Thus it would not matter who the person was, there was a new Chairman, or an Executive Director. It was the media, the media, the media! The media would have a definite point of contact to reach our headquarters.

In 1992, during the administration of Governor Lester Mattox, the Georgia Division voted to seek a property on a point of contact. The search for the property for the Division and a facility for the Division and a headquarters for use by the Division. The Headquarters Committee began a diligent search to find a suitable location. This committee visited many sites and settled on a site about a mile from Interstate 75 near the geographic center of the state, to be near good transportation arteries, have a good location, and be about a mile from I-75 near the geographic center of the State of Georgia.

Our legal advisors, and the Georgia State Flag Trust, had spoken to a number of experts and had developed a plan. The property would be made available to the Division for a cost which would be immune from civil suits on the property. These benevolent were only asking the Georgia Division to purchase the facility, a modest dues increase for the first five years, and some donations to assist with the renovation of the facility. The Headquarters Committee began a diligent search to find a suitable location. This committee visited many sites and settled on a site about a mile from Interstate 75 near the geographic center of the state, to be near good transportation arteries, have a good location, and be about a mile from I-75 near the geographic center of the State of Georgia.

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Further Clarification and Opinion of the Division Adjutant Concerning Napier-Hoffman House

Gentlemen, it was never my intent to express my opinion on the Proposed Georgia Division Headquarters as I planned to present them at the last meeting. I believe it has become evident that the funds, to invest them and draw interest and make money on the asset that way. We would also lose the firewall protection that is one of the criteria that was originally felt necessary. Therefore, I feel that the firewall protection of the asset by giving approval rights for sub-lease and construction to the SCF Board. This would enable a "Mint" interest in the notes, insurance, and covering the $1,200 costs to the SCF for their legal and accounting requirements. It is expected that since the property is owned by a 50-1c, it will qualify for a property tax exemption, as has been done by most camps in the Division on buildings and property. The estimated costs for initial setup and real estate taxes are estimated to be approximately $4,500. I would recommend if we go forward, to establish a "Maintenance Reserve" for the upkeep of the property of $12,000 per year. These funds should not be needed in the early years as the facility is in very good condition, but this would provide availability of the necessary funds when major repairs are needed down the road. This number may be what is needed down the road. It would be helpful to plan on having more funds than is needed when the situation may occur. These funds can be met by donations of members, or camps, earmarked for the "Maintenance Reserve".

The rental of the facility, or grounds, for other events could raise funds towards the operation costs. The going rate, based on a survey taken in December, is approximately $25 to $30,000 per year. If the building would be made available to the public for rental, this would provide an income stream to help cover the costs of operations. The agreement calls for the facility to be open during at the discretion of the Division. Pending necessary Labor Costs to maintain distinct hours, if the time comes that we wish to have a full-time person at the facility to give it the hotel quality of the hour’s services and provide phone and secretarial help, I would estimate the cost to the Division would probably double or triple the amount of $25,000 to cover salaries and mandatory benefit costs. If we get to a point of needing an Executive Director, the costs would be higher, but I do not expect that to be needed for a number of years.

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Remembering the Battle of Atlanta

BY CALVIN E. JOHNSON, JR.

The battlefields of the War Between the States are in danger of extinction. Will our next generation of young people know their American history if we lose this important part of it?

We enjoy freedoms today due to our faith in God and support of the men and women who fought to keep America free. The men and women of the Old South have always marched in defense of the U.S.A. They are still doing their duty in Iraq and around the world.

I was honored to speak at a Memorial Day service in Gainesville, Georgia and the Associated Press published several parts of my speech. They quoted my saying: "There are some things that were not surrendered at Appomattox. We did not surrender our right to teach our children their history." The Battle of Atlanta, fought during July and August 1864, was the beginning of the end of the southern people’s quest for self-determination and freedom. They felt they were standing up like their mothers and fathers did in the American Revolution.

A ceremony was held in conjunction with the December 13, 1864, Premiere of "Gone with the Wind" at the Loew’s Grand Theatre. A street light, that survived Sherman’s assault, was relighted by Mrs. Thomas J. Ripley President of the Atlanta Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Atlanta’s Old Guard served as honor guard when the 1855 gas lamp “The Eternal Flame of the Confederacy” was rededicated at the corner of Whitehall and Mitchell Street in Atlanta.

One hundred sixteen years after the Battle of Atlanta, a memorial event took place at Neiman Marcus, at Lenox Square, when Atlanta remembered a fateful time in her history. A Battle of Atlanta Tea was first held in 1980 and throughout the early 80s. Programs included speeches by noted historians as: Mr. Virlyn Moore, Mr. Judson Ward and the late Mr. Franklin M. Garrett. Franklin Garrett was the official Historian for the City of Atlanta and also served as Director of Atlanta Historical Society.

The Battle of Atlanta Tea, held in Atlanta’s Buckhead area, was a success due to the efforts of Mrs. Elizabeth Edmondson, Mrs. Sally White of Neiman Marcus, United Daughters of the Confederacy and Sons of Confederate Veterans. Atlanta’s historic "Cyclorama", located at Grant Park, is a jewel of a painting that depicts the Battle of Atlanta. It is a must see.

Many people attended the Battle of Atlanta Tea during the 1980s. A reception room was set up with food and refreshment and walls were covered with Confederate flags. Women wore antebellum attire and men wore authentic Confederate uniforms. Soldiers, with replica rifles, were also allowed to stand guard at store entrances and escalators. Confederate reenactors gave directions and told stories from the past.

If you imagine of such an event happening today? The bands won’t even play "Dixie" anymore. Dixie was always played during these Battle of Atlanta commemorations.

It is written that part of the Battle of Atlanta took place south of the Carter Center and down to the intersection of Moreland Ave. and Interstate 20. It was also fought around Glenwood Ave., Memorial Drive and Clay Street. People have written that Black Confederates were also buried on the grounds of a nearby university. Many soldiers killed at the Battle of Atlanta are buried at Atlanta’s Oakland Cemetery.

The Georgia Confederate can be viewed online at: http://www.georgiascv.com

Commander’s Report

April has been a month of “highs & lows” for me. The highs include being a part of many Memorial Services, and receiving the reports from Camps across the Division. Included in the "highs" is the chartering of another Camp! This being Captain Edwin B. Carroll 212S in Boston. Commander Joe Craigvies reported 22 Charter members. It was also my privilege to be in the company of Past Commander Jack Bridwell, Lieutenant Commanders Don Newman and Ted Brooke, and 8th Brigade Commander Gary Ursrey at this ceremony.

On a sad note, we said goodbye to our Past Division Commander Willis "Bill" Nolen on Thursday April 20th when we stood guard over his body during the visitation, and on Friday April 21st when we assisted in the interment of his remains. The funeral was held at the Methodist Church in Luthersville, and the Macon graveside services were presided over by Camp 1239’s Chaplin Fred Lewis. The Honor Guard fired a 21-gun salute to Commander Nolen, which was echoed by artillery.

The Dixie Guards are busy planning the annual reunion in Metter, and I urge all Camps to have their delegates present.
Saint Hilda’s Church will conduct a memorial for Bishop-General Leonidas Polk on June 16, 2007. The service commemorates the bishop’s life-long dedication to Christ and the church, as well as his sacrifice for his country. As a corps commander in the Confederate Army, General Polk fell in battle at Pine Mountain, Georgia on June 14, 1864.

We encourage all to join Father John Roddy, as St. Hilda’s honors this brave Christian soldier. Immediately following the memorial, St. Hilda’s will host its first annual “Chocolatier”. All are welcome at the chocolate tasting contest, with wine and cheese, at 7 p.m.
Book Review

Shadows and Dust, The Journal of the Confederate Experience in Northwest Florida and Southwest Alabama

BY KEVIN MCKINLEY

Non-fiction, pictures, appendix, select bibliography, 115 pp. Kevin McKinley, 357 Page Road, Atmore, AL 36502, mckinley2971@yahoo.com. $20.

When one considers the War Between the States, most consider a broad view of what took place. Historians typically write about the battles that were decisive victories or turning points in the war, or Generals and persons who were made famous by their actions in the war. The average soldier or a small skirmish is many times overlooked as being insignificant. Shadows and Dust, The Journal of the Confederate Experience in Northwest Florida and Southwest Alabama not only looks at the war as a whole, but goes beneath the surface to discover information about the local battles and units. There are a variety of different topics discussed, such as medicine during the war, the effects the war on the home front and religion in the field.

This publication is based in part upon the Kevin McKinley’s column in a Southwest Alabama newspaper. The different sections are informational but short. This is an easy book to browse, and in doing so the reader reads interesting facts from Alabama’s role in the Confederacy to biographies of local veterans who fought in the war.

For the person who finds reading tactical maneuvers of a battle difficult to follow, this publication simplifies the troop’s movements, making it easier to visualize. Mr. McKinley gives a short history of the war from the beginning to Sherman’s March to the Sea. The battles included in Shadows and Dust have a common thread; either an Alabamian or Floridian unit was involved. The author also introduces the reader to skirmishes that are relatively unheard of outside of the place of origin and local forts that protected the coastline, which were occupied by both Union and Confederate troops.

Mr. McKinley presents a biographical sketch of the regiments from Northwest Florida and Southwest Alabama. He states, “During the war many local units were formed in the Southwest Alabama and Northwest Florida area. The units discussed below are by no means an exhaustive list of such of units. There were a variety of infantry, cavalry, home guard, and naval/marine units formed throughout the war.”

The main concern for Shadows and Dust is the historical authenticity of all the facts found within its pages. Two major mistakes were evident in the beginning. The author claims that General Lee was a cousin to George Washington, when in actuality he married the great-granddaughter of Martha Washington, the wife of George Washington. Also, General Lee’s father, Light Horse Harry Lee, was good friends with the first President, having served under him in the Revolutionary War. His father even gave the eulogy at Washington’s funeral.

The second inaccuracy is Mr. McKinley states that the "Carter House is where the bodies of six Confederate Generals lay following the Battle of Franklin, TN.” The Carter House is where the heaviest fighting took place during the battle while the Carter family hid in the basement. There are over 1,000 bullet holes still visible to tourist. Their youngest son, Captain Todd Carter, was actually killed just yards away from his home. Mrs. McGavock allows the Carnton Plantation to be used as a Confederate hospital after this bloody battle. This is where the six bodies of the Generals were placed. The highest ranking of the Generals was Major-General Patrick R. Cleburne of County Cork, Ireland. The McGavock family designates two acres adjacent to their family cemetery to serve as the final resting place to 1,500 Confederate soldiers from various states.

In light of these discrepancies, it is possible that other facts are incorrect. Many readers normally do not research what is in print but trust the author is correct. When reading Shadows and Dust, the reader must question the facts presented and not accept them as the truth.

–Written by Cassie A. Barrow

Rededication Ceremony

Currahee Rangers Camp 935 in the 3rd Brigade held a rededication ceremony on March 25 for A.M. Smith who served the Confederacy in the 11th Georgia Cavalry.
Stone Mountain Memorial Service

Saturday, April 14

Photos Courtesy of John Nichols

The Currahee Rangers Chapter of the Lee Cadet Corp. served as color guard. Cadets included Michael Miller Jr., CJ McDaniel, Ryan Wells, Ryan Erwin, Draven Carroll and Miles McBath. The 1st Sgt. is Frank Poole.

Commander Leonard Draper and Commander Bear Hamrick with the cannon (Preacher).

Cannon crews from McDonough Camp 108, Haralson Camp 716, Douglasville Camp 943 and Villa Rica Camp 1239.
Georgia Confederate

Executive Council Meeting

(Continued from page eight)

A motion was made by former Division Commander Jack Bridwell and passed unanimously by voice vote that $2,000 be spent for up to 100 more 4’ x 8’ signs (to be bought as needed by the Camps for $20 each).

In response to a query about recruiting inquiries (by phone or email) that come into Elm Springs, Commander Lott indicated he would check and report back to the EC.

NEW BUSINESS

Compatriot Al Perry reported that 33 unmarked and 4 numbered Confederate graves at Ft. Pulaski cannot be marked with headstones under current National Park Service (NPS) guidelines. Compatriot Mike Mull reported the Georgia SCV Camp directory is about 50% complete. Mike also reported the J une SCV convention hotels are not yet booked up.

Brigade Commander Pete Giddens asked for $1,650 to pay for re-printing 3,000 copies Prison Pens of the North, with the intent of making the booklets available to the Brigades for use in educational talks, especially with school children.

After a rousing rendition of "Dixie", the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Compatriot Calvin Johnson.

Don't Forget...

Camps can take advantage of a 50/50 split when selling ads for the Georgia Confederate.

Use the rate information printed below when soliciting advertisement for The Georgia Confederate. I just cut out the dotted line. Prospective advertisers not to know that the local Camp is receiving one-half the amount they pay for their advertisement.

Advertising Schedule

Full Page .................................................. $125.00
One-Half Page ......................................... $70.00
One-Fourth Page ...................................... $40.00
Business Card ......................................... $20.00

THOSE PAYING IN ADVANCE FOR 3 ISSUES RECEIVE 12

Send Copy to: caspaper@yahoo.com – or –
The Georgia Confederate
P.O. Box 330 • Summerfield, GA 30747
And –
Payment to Local SCV Camp

LETS TAKE NASCAR BACK! We have made Dale Earnhart Jr. shut his mouth, now let's make him eat his words.

Defense

The Atlanta 500 NASCAR Race

Don't Forget...

Confederate Veterans

Grayson Jennings of the Heritage Defense Committee asked about 20 men in our attack on NASCAR in Atlanta. We had Battle flags signs we had taken from old Georgia political signs left over from the Georgia flag flight along with a tank of helium and bags of balloons and released hundreds of these balloons with the battle flag attached every 15 minutes and they were flying all over the stadium. We passed out 800 battle flags with the checkered victory flag on the end. We also put up battle flags all up and down a 20 mile stretch leading into the race. A Yankee with southern sympathies jumped in with his sympathies.

A Yankee with southern sympathies?

At this point, NASCAR has not made any statements concerning our attack and the media has ignored our press releases. However, gentle-man they can't ignore us for much longer as it is clear from this Atlanta attack we have won the hearts of the NASCAR fans and due to the support of our Commander in Chief Chris Sullivan and the Confederate hearts of the GEC the attacks will continue.

We also now have three SCV cars on the small stock car tracks and due to more funds from the Virginia DEC we will soon have a fourth, and I have feelers out for still a fifth in Florida at the Bronson motor speedway near Gainesville, Fla. These cars are very popular on the small tracks. As NASCAR tickets have gotten so expensive a lot of our country boys can’t afford them any more, therefore they are returning to the small tracks in droves and the most popular car out there is our SCV car, win or lose gentlemen they ARE the crowd favorite. If NASCAR put an SCV car on it's track it would be the favorite hands down, and after all NASCAR is about money. If they want to win back the crowds in the South Land they are going to have to change their tune to Dixie.

Gentlemen again I would like to doff my hat to Grayson Jennings for the time, money and perseverance he has expended in leading this attack, truly no man could have done more. The success of this endeavor is directly attributed to Grayson Jennings, the Coleman brothers of Georgia and their Georgia Flaggers.

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The Northern Georgia area includes the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th Brigades of the Georgia Division. See those Brigade reports in this issue of The Georgia Confederate for particular Camp activities. For the individual Brigade Commanders and their contact information, see the "Georgia Division Officers" column.

The 6th annual National Confederate Memorial Day service at Stone Mountain on April 14 was successful. The 3rd Brigade include the northeastern counties of Lumpkin, Habersham, Cherokee, Dawson, Fannin, Forsyth, Gilmer, Habersham, Hall, Lumpkin, Pickens, Rabun, Union and White.

The 2nd Brigade includes the northeastern counties of Cherokee, Dawson, Fannin, Forsyth, Gilmer, Habersham, Hall, Lumpkin, Pickens, Rabun, Union and White.

I would like to remind all members of the 2nd Brigade that the "Spirit of the Day" can be found on Gilmer County May 28. It is important that we make a good showing in this Memorial Day Parade. Check the April issue of The Georgia Confederate for times, directions or contact me at 706-669-1374. Take care and God Bless.

- 2nd Brigade Commander Joe N. Carver


Haberham Guard Camp 716 of Clarkesville meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Clarkesville Library in Clarkesville. Commander: Seth Herrin 706-778-3065. Adjutant: Don Moore 706-968-1608

Cherokee Legion Camp 914 of Canton meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Cherokee County Library in Blairsville. Commander: Pete White 706-745-2294. Adjutant: Joseph Adams Sr. 706-781-3382.

2nd Georgia Regiment Camp 314B of Cleveland meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Gilmer County Library in Gilmer County. Commander: Wilson Kemp 770-536-5261. Adjutant: Jaison Elrod 706-367-1302

52nd Georgia Regiment Camp 314B of Cleveland meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Gilmer County Library in Gilmer County. Commander: Pete White 706-745-2294. Adjutant: Joseph Adams Sr. 706-781-3382.

Col. Hiram Parks Bell Camp 1852 of Cumming meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Gilmer County Research Center in the Historical Cumming school house in Cumming. Commander: Frank Clark 706-887-7812. Adjutant: Joe Warnke. 706-238-8007.

Blue Ridge Rifles Camp 1860 of Dahlonega meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Dahlonega First Methodist Church. 706-864-3858. Commander: Tim Ragland. Adjutant: Mike Freeman.

Camp Malaise Report

Camp Malaise meets at the time of the "Coon Grinnin’ Moom" in the Tiki Room of Lurleen's Diner.

Commander Conoporn recently attended a required viewing of Al Gore's opus on the solar apocalypse and upcoming environmental Armageddon, "An Inconvenient Truth," at the Shenandoah Home Show in Ringgold, where a number of old-timers had changed their ways. Being one of the larger energy users in the county, what with the Ole deer freezer, the "Sennels like Old Times" lake yacht and the celebrated "Winter Wonderland" Christmas light display, he was seriously in the red, environmentally speaking. So the Colonel logged onto www.envirogrecs.com, determined his "carbon footprint", and sent his ecological absolutes money to the "High Priest of Gaseous Outbursts" Al Gore.

Now some ideas are birthed by necessity, others by the long and arduous studied pursuit of a goal. Here in the Gorge we have our ideas of "taming the Blind Pig" formula of serendipity as when Estelle accidentally discovered the Peanut Butter Trout Glaze. But when "Pockets" Mulrooney realized that he could be the future man for propitious guilt outlaws, the heavens opened up and the epiphany was so thick you could drive it over. So I am happy that the Colonel has initiated the first rule of success, "meet opportunity with decisive action", and formed a new company, "Confederated Indulgences Ltd. LLC", offering to represent the ancestors of those SCV members who lip-sinc the "Charge" allowing others to actually do justice to the words. He then salted the ham hook by offering, for a small additional fee, a delinquents ancestor the honor of being inscribed on the blades of a brightly colored, and that will drive a spirit knife throughout Confederate History Month. We can do no less!

“Compatriot Mulrooney is also presently working on a website, "www.bettertimes.com". More members can ascertain their "heritage footprint" and submit the proper I.D. documents so that the applicant can not to engage in the more pressing business of a ball game and a beer, or even J ohnny’s Soccer game, knowing that someone who actually cares and God Bless.

- Lt. Colonel William L. Muffin Camp 932, Chattooga – Stave Hall, Commander - 706-673-7987 - tunnelhill@windstream.net;
Adj. Randy Evans 706-367-2138, BoldSouth@yahoo.com.

JACKSON COUNTY VOLUNTEERS CAMP 94 met on April 5, at 7 p.m. at the Jefferson House Restaurant in Jefferson. The program was given by Mr. David Mann, SCV member of the 4th Georgia Infantry, GA. He will present a living history on the life of a Confederate soldier, complete with showing of the musket and pistol that would have been used. The meeting was concluded by Adjutant T. D. Trawick of Waycross. The County has over 600 Confederate monuments. The following members were sworn in and given membership certificates, and membership cards. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 3rd at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Commander Steve Satterfield 706-549-8098, BearNoel68@BellSouth.net or Adj. Randy Evans 706-367-2328, Boldsouth@yahoo.com.


Currahee Rangers Camp 935 held its monthly meeting on March 19 at Quinco’s Steakhouse, Big A Road, Toccoa. The camp planned its annual marking of Confederate graves with small Battle Flags and discussed the upcoming Confederate Memorial Day Ceremony at Travlers Rest Historic Site. The speaker was Martin O’Toole who spoke about Gen. G.T. Cobb.

4th Brigade Report

COCHRAN: Logan Bleckley Camp 1998

Meeting: 2nd Monday of each month; Time: 6 p.m.; Location: Coats Building, Hines Drive. Larry G. Manley, 4th Brigade Commander - Adjutant W.F. Jenkins Camp 690 - P. O. Box 4713: Eatonton, GA 31024. Office 706-485-8432; Home: 706-485-6001; E-mail: ramrealty@middlelegaland.com

NOTE: To Adjutants of 4th Brigade Camps: Please review your e-mail address to confirm that it is correct. Report errors to ramrealty@middlelegaland.com.

EASTMAN: Pine Barrens Volunteers Camp 2039

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of each month; Time: 7 p.m.; Location: Big Daddies (formerly known as J & J’s) on Soperton Road. E-mail: kmbreb@nlanica.ca

Commander Gary Lowery and Adjutant Kim Beck represented this camp at the Executive Council meeting on March 31, in Forsyth.

EATONTOWN: W. F. Jenkins Camp 690

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of each month; Time: 7 p.m.; Location: Putnam County Senior Citizens Facility. E-mail: rmarley@middlelegaland.com

Bill Moffat of the Athens Camp was the guest speaker at the recent program on Tuesday, April 17. His subject was how families dealt with the home front while the men were at war. Interesting.

The Camp hosted a hamburger/hot dog supper for the member families at the March meeting.

Mrs. Martha Adams, a member of the UDC, and also the sister of Camp Adjutant Larry Manley, presented to the Camp the flag pole that was presented to the R.T. Davis Camp on April 26, 1905. This was a case of being in the “right place at the right time”. A pre-war home in Eatontown, was being cleaned out and someone stated that there was a flag laying and wondered if there was anyone who would want it. Mrs. Adams recognizing the significance of the object spoke up immediately and requested to have the flag. It was then presented to her at the next meeting.

At any rate Mrs. Adams contacted the Camp and of course they were thrilled to have the flag pole. She, T. D. Trawick was the first camp in Putnam County and has not been active in many years.

Larry W. F. Jenkins Camp and the UDC is having a joint Confederate Memorial program at the cemetery on the Newton County property at the intersection of Wilson Road and Crooked Creek Road. The service was at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 22.

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4th Brigade Report

Accompanying 4th Brigade Commander Larry Manley to the State Executive Council meeting in Forsyth, March 31, were Brannon Sanders and David Thomas.

JEFFERSONVILLE: Clinic’s Calvary Camp 2084

E-mail: muley29178@alltel.net

KITE: Battleground Guards Camp 1941

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of each month; Time: 7 p.m.; Location: Homan’s Club in Kite. E-mail: henryocpeland@hotmail.com

MACON: Gen. Edward Dorr Tracy, J. Camp 18

Meeting: 2nd Monday of each month; Time: 6 p.m.; Location: Red Lobster at 2077 Riverside Drive, Suite 7, Macon. E-mail: mbeeland@yahoo.com

Several members attended the State Executive Council meeting in Forsyth on March 31.

MILLEDGEVILLE: Old Capitol Camp 668

Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of each month; Time: 7 p.m.; Location: Milledgeville Country Club. E-mail: konrad@alltell.net

This Camp held Confederate Memorial Day Services in Memory Hill Cemetery on April 21. Mr. Christopher Stokes of the Macon Camp was the guest speaker. They sold tickets for Bar Be Cue plates which were served after the service.

I also attended a guest speaker at the April meeting. He spoke on the CSS Hunley.

SANDERSVILLE: Major Norman Camp 1602

Meeting: 1st Tuesday of each month; Time: 6 p.m.; Location: Briggs House, on Old Harris Street. E-mail: randy.hall@theikelaoini.com

WARNER ROBINS: Lieutenant james T. Woodward Camp 1399

Meeting: 2nd Monday of each month; Dinner at 6 p.m.; Meeting at 7 p.m.; Location: Sonny’s BBQ at 811 Russell Parkway in Warner Robins. E-mail: gayhughdens@webtv.net

New officers: Steve Scroggins, Commander and Carey Grizzle, Adjutant.

They are working to secure a Confederate Heritage and History Month proclamation from the City of Warner Robins again this year.

The April Confederate Memorial Day Services included a monument, dedicated June 24, 2006, at the Cliett Cemetery in Byron These services were at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

Interesting note: Mr. Michael Harrell states that he is going to visit the graves of all the Confederate Generals. He has made it to about half of them.

WRIGHTSVILLE: Johnson Greys Camp 1688

Meeting: 2nd Thursday of each month; Time: 7 p.m.; Location: Naria’s Restaurant. E-mail: kitanne@bellsouth.net

5th Brigade Report

No Brigade report submitted for Camps in the 5th Brigade.

6th Brigade Report

No Brigade report submitted for Camps in the 6th Brigade.

7th Brigade Report

Waycross Camp 64

Meeting: 2nd Sunday of each month; Time: 2 p.m. Location: First United Methodist Church, Waycross. E-mail: willacoocheecamp@yahoo.com.

This camp has become more active and has also increased its membership since my last update in 2006. One of the activities that have been planned is the cleaning and marking of a Confederate cemetery. One of the Confederate veterans requested that his marker be cleaned and abandoned. Several Confederate veterans are planning to visit this cemetery and the camp hopes to find any relatives that might know some information concerning these veterans. In addition to this the camp is planning on marking all the graves in the surrounding area during the month of April.

Coffee County 2006

This camp has folded and members have transferred to other camps.

Waynesville Camp 2022

This camp has taken part in several activities in the surrounding area. Also the bike riders that have formed a group the camp have been on 2 cancer rides and one ride for fallen officers. In April they are planning to charter their chapter of the Order of Robert E. Lee.

At our last brigade meeting the main discussion was about the now running e-list thing. All things are in the planning stages on the brigade level. Also recruitment and retention are major concerns by all camps in the brigade.

On another note the list moderator conflict came up again, I along with several others in the Division have been listed as “the most dangerous”. I have never attacked the e-list moderator but I have expressed my views to him personally about what he does with the e-list. I am not a cyber bully and I have not been asked to be taken off and was insulted and also was made to feel that I was not worthy of any excuse from him as to why he censors people the way that he does. Since that time he has made comments that certain brigade commanders “bray” in “glorified brigade reports”. I take issue to the comments and will not be any computer I could say what I want and never have to face anyone but I would face anyone with the e-list. I am not threatened with any list moderator conflict came up again, I along with several others in the Division have been listed as “the most dangerous”. I have never attacked the e-list moderator but I have expressed my views to him personally about what he does with the e-list. I am not a cyber bully and I have not been asked to be taken off and was insulted and also was made to feel that I was not worthy of any excuse from him as to why he censors people the way that he does. Since that time he has made comments that certain brigade commanders “bray” in “glorified brigade reports”. I take issue to the comments and will not be any computer I could say what I want and never have to face anyone but I would face anyone with the e-list. I am not threatened with any
Memorial Service for Major Hundley

On March 24, Major General Ambrose Ransom Wright Camp 1934 held a memorial service and new gravestone dedication for Major William Britton Hundley, II in the Old Warrenton Cemetery in Warrenton, Georgia. The weather was bright, warm and beautiful. Over 85 people attended the service including a current generation of Hundleys.

Major William Britton Hundley was born in Pennington, Georgia on January 26, 1835. He was the son of Captain Edward Pottle, Jr. and Mary Tallulah McDuffie. In 1852, at the age of 17, he entered the University of Georgia. After graduating, he worked as a lawyer in Thomson for a short time before moving to Warrenton to practice law.

In 1861, Major William Hundley was commissioned as a second lieutenant of Company D, 13th Regiment Georgia Volunteer Infantry. He served under the command of Colonel John K. Jackson. During the War, he participated in several battles, including the Battle of Chattanooga and the Battle of Chickamauga. He was wounded during the latter battle and was captured by the Union forces.

After the Civil War, Major Hundley resumed his law practice in Warrenton. He was married to Mary Tallulah McDuffie. They had four children: William, Mary, Jennings, and Susan. Major Hundley was a member of the Kirby Smith Camp 1209, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

In 1892, Major Hundley was honored with a monument in Warrenton Cemetery. The monument was later relocated to the Confederate Memorial Cemetery in Thomson, Georgia. In 2007, the Warrenton Cemetery Association restored and dedicated a new monument to Major Hundley.

The Story of Confederate Memorial Day

By Charles Kelly Barrow

During the month of April each year we celebrate Confederate Memorial Day on the 26th. It is a very special day to us as we reflect on the sacrifices and noble deeds of those men and women who served and supported Georgia’s role in the Confederate States. Their dedication was so important that the General Assembly in 1874 designated April 26th as “Memorial Day” and made it a public holiday. Many people know the date why it happened but many don’t know who was responsible for the legislation and how it came about.

The year was 1874 and James Milton Smith was Governor of the State. He was Smith who was inaugurated Governor on January 22, 1872 after 8 years of Radical Republican rule. Governor Smith served as Colonel of Co. D 13th Regiment Georgia Volunteer Infantry and was later elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1863 during the war.

The General Assembly that year would be in session from Wednesday January 14 until Thursday February 26 and this session would prove to be a memorable one. A 24 year old young man from Dougherty County would introduce his Bill to create April 26 as a Public Holiday on Thursday January 15. On that day, his Bill received its First Reading in the House. Who was this young man from Dougherty County? This young man was Thomas Rufus Lyon. Lyon was born on May 27, 1849 in Newton, Baker County to the parents of John and Elizabeth Lyon. John Lyon was a lawyer and would die before the War.

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Gentlemen and Comrades,

April is always a busy month in the Division. In the 8th Brigade, many Confederate Memorial Day Services were planned and carried out by the camps. A number of the camps worked with local United Daughters of the Confederacy or Order of Confederate Rose chapters to honor our ancestors. I would like to make special mention of several of the camps that were selected to participate in the Memorial Day celebration at Stone Mountain this year. Commerce did an excellent job representing the 10th Brigade. The Decatur Grays Camp out of Bainbridge will hold a Confederate Memorial Day service on April 28th at Faceville Cemetery beginning at 7 p.m. During the service they will dedicate a monument in the cemetery to all of the Confederates buried there.

I would like to remind all of the camps in the Brigade to plan to send your delegates to our annual Georgia Division Reunion. The reunion is in Metter on June 9, 2007. If you have not been to the website for the reunion, please take the time to visit the website, or contact Commandr Hanners at mikehanners@bellsouth.net for more information.

Inactivated camps of the 11th Brigade:

Gen. John B. Gordon Camp 449, Thomson: Commander Al Medcalf reports: Camp 1449 has been busy in April. Plans for a headstone dedication of Rooms left at the host hotel. Make your reservations now before they are booked.

Camps of the 11th Brigade are participating in many Memorial Services in April. A good number of Southerners from the 11th Brigade attended the Memorial Day Service at Stone Mountain on April 30. The weather was good and we were fortunate to have enough pleasant weather to present a good telling of the history and a bit of the glorious story before many good Southerners from New Yankees and some Oriental tourists, as well. P. Charles Turner spoke of the origins of the carving and gave many facts I had not heard before. The Artillery was magnificent as were the honor guard and cadet corps. Make your plans to be here next year. You will be glad you did!

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(Con. from page twenty-two) graves of Carroll Co's Confederate Veterans. This is an annual joint effort with Forrest Escorts Camp at Villa Rica. Our camp meeting will be on April 16th.

Our annual Confederate Memorial Day service will be held at 3pm, April 28th, 2007, at the Carrollton City Cemetery. Our speaker will be Mr. Robert Carter. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Sam Pyle Commander

Harrisonville Camp 673

We meet the 2nd Tuesday night of each month at the Outpost Bluegrass Music Barn on Old Hwy 100. The covered dish supper is at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:00 PM. No Report Submitted this month

Commander Curtis "Bear" Harricks
770-574-9536

William Thomas Overby / Coweta Guards 715 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at East Newnan Baptist Church on West Gordon Rd. off GA highway 26, in Newnan.

Mike Webb, Commander 770-503-0973

Our April meeting featured Georgia SCV notables, P. Charles Lunsford. Charles talked on slavery and how it came into existence in the United States. The program was very educational and enlightening. Charles is in the process of developing a CD on the issue of slavery that can be used as camp programs as well as for classroom instruction.

We also had a special guest from Spartanburg, SC. Mr. Mark Simpson, Adjutant-in-Chief for the Sons of Confederate Veterans, attended our meeting and gave us words of encouragement. Also in attendance was Army of Tennessee Commander, Kelly Barrow and Georgia Division Commander, Charles Lott. Commander Lott gave a brief overview of the proposed Georgia SCV headquarters in Forsyth. Our May 1st meeting will be local author, Warren Budd. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Webb, Commander

Lt. Colonel Thomas Cooke Glover Camp 94 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Neil Community Room at Regions Bank in Douglasville. Leonhard Draper, Commander 404-401-5591 or 770-949-3014

No report submitted this month. Rumor has it Commander Draper was busy cleaning Ducks from his hunting expedition at an unnamed National Confederate Monument.

Forrest's Escort Camp 1239 Villa Rica meets 4th Monday, 6:30 p.m. at Historic Wick's Tavern 212 West Wilson St. Villa Rica, GA 31784. Commander, Cdmr. 770-489-2891. There is a covered dish supper that starts at 6:30 with the meeting following.

Our speaker this month is the Adjutant Division AG, Martin O'Toole from the Lt. General Leonidas Polk Camp 1446. Forrest's Escort hosted the second War Between the States Round Table on March 20, 2007, with 12th Brigade Commander Sparks Ramey talking on Abraham Lincoln. We held our meeting on March 26, with Comrade Bob Robinson speaking on Antietam. March 31st we helped serve lunch at the E.C. meeting. Special thanks to Jim Parrish, Tommy Whitaker, Jerry Vogler, and Howard Mount.

April 16th, we will assist the Division at the Stone Mountain Memorial Service, at 10:00 a.m. April 23rd, we will salute the Confederate soldiers buried at Hillcrest Cemetery just off Hwy 78 in Villa Rica. Starting at 1:00 PM.

April 27th we will assist at the Living History being held at Nash Farm Battlefield for the Luella Middle School. April 28th, we will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Newnan at 10 a.m. for a memorial service assisting the Newnan camp and Sharpsburg camp, then we will drive to Douglassville to assist the Douglassville camp in their memorial service at the Douglassville cemetery at 2 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jonathan Till Commander

Gen. James Longstreet Camp 1289, Palmetto meets 3rd Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Ramah First Baptist Church, in Palmetto. We welcome one and all to come visit.

Charles Garvin, Commander 770-942-7498

At the April meeting we will be hearing from Compatriot Lewis Reegenstein on the subject of the Jewish Confederates. This month is Confederate Memorial Day please try your best to participate in a service if possible. Come and visit us when you have a chance.

Sharpsburg Sharpsburg Camp 1729 Wemeet at 7 p.m. at Turin Masonic Lodge the second Monday of the month for a covered dish meal before our meeting. All are welcome to come visit.

For more info: 770-502-8934 or jtdob28@yahoo.com John C. Todd, Commander For our April meeting we had a visit from Brigade Commander Sparks Ramey with some info on the proposed Division HQ. Our speaker was Miss Bert Landrum, a member of the Susan Couch Ladies Auxiliary. She talked about Atlanta's old Terminal Station. Miss Bert's grandfather was superintendent of the station when she was growing up and she shared lots of stories and pictures then.

She also encouraged us to protect our treasures and keep them from being torn down, like Terminal Station.

We are busy preparing for our Memorial Service at Oak Hill in partnership with the Newnan camp and assistance from other area camps. We will be doing the parade in Senoia on Monday, May 28 and would like to invite all of you to join us.

If interested please let me know.

Heard Rangers Camp 1396 Wes Noles Commander 770-854-8743 or cell, 770-301-3340

Heard Rangers Camp 1396, Franklin, Meetings are every 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m. Our location is the Central Hatchee Masonic Lodge, on Central Hatchee Parkway (Old US 27). We invite and welcome all compatriots to visit.

March 23rd our camp had the honor of initiating into (Con. on page twenty-four)
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(continued from page twenty-three) our ranks John Vinson Todd, a devoted preserver of Southern heritage, and Brother Mason with over 50 years of loyal service to his credit. Our April 30th meeting the guest speaker planned is our own Brother Mason, James Ramey. We look forward to Commander Ramey's visit and, again, we invite any and all to attend.

Lt. Colonel Thomas Cooke Glover Camp 943 meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the O'Neill Community Room, 722 N. Canton St. in Douglasville.

March 31, Leonard Draper and St Corley attend E.C. Meeting in the Napoleon Hoffman House. We both agree the house has a lot of potential for the State Headquarters.

April 15, we attended the National Confederate Memorial Service at Stone Mountain. We brought 3 pieces of artillery.

April 28, we will attend the Newnan and Douglasville Memorial Day Services.

J une 2, we will do a living history at Delmar Gardens in Smyrna, from 2 p.m. Please join us. Respectfully submitted, Leonard Draper, Commander

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Camp 77, Col. J. J. Morrison/Cedartown Guards, Polk County, Cedartown. Meets every 2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Cedartown Public Library.

Camp Commander, John McIntosh-Kell, 770-748-2988, no-e-mail. Camp Adjutant, Robert Williams, 770-684-3756, wa46ykb@sbelson.net

Camp 700, Kennesaw Battlefield Camp, Cobb County, Marietta. Meets every 1st Monday at 7:30 p.m. at New Hope Church in Marietta off Wiley Road.

Camp Commander, Ray Ruggles, 770-422-4552, raggles@bellsouth.net. Camp Adjutant, Brian W. Maer, 770-949-6386, bmwaer@midwestspring.com

Camp 1397, William J. Hardee Camp, Paulding County, Dallas. Meets every 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the plantation of the Napoleon Hoffman House. We both agree the house has a lot of potential for the State Headquarters.

Camp Commander, Wayne Williamson, 770-974-4436, wcds@aol.com. Camp Adjutant, Clint Morris, 678-283-4599, spillmaster@sbelson.net

Camp 1446, Leonidas Polk Camp, Cobb County, Smyrna. Meets every 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Piccadilly Restaurant off South Cobb Drive in Smyrna.

Camp Commander, William "Bill" Brand, 770-787-9333, babrand31@aol.com. Camp Adjutant, Garry Daniel, 770-435-4605, g_daniell@bellsouth.net

Camp 1354, Roswell Mills Camp, Fulton County, Roswell. Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Southern Skillet in Roswell.

Camp web site: www.roswellscv.freeservers.com. Camp Commander, Commander, Garry, 678-366-3327, no-e-mail. Camp Adjutant, Doug Allen, 770-998-6993, Guav49@aol.com

Camp 3532, Camp McDonald Camp, Cobb County, Kennesaw. Meets the 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Piccadilly Restaurant at Town Center Mall off Barnett Parkway in Marietta.

Camp web site: www.geocities.com/scv13522.

Camp Commander, Charles M. Bryan, 770-591-2318, caddy5867@aol.com. Camp Adjutant, Patrick J. Jenkins, 678-445-2907, scv3522@yahoo.com

Camp 1639, Chattahoochee Guards Camp, Cobb County, Mableton. Meets the 4th Monday at 7:30 p.m. at South Cobb Community Center at 600 Lions Club Drive off Veterans Memorial Hwy. in Mableton.

Camp Commander, Daniel A. Coleman, 770-265-7910, no-e-mail. Camp Adjutant, Forrest Anderson, Adjutant – Jack McIntosh-Kell, 30047-4408, 770/979-2637. Camp 1432 meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Handy House Museum.

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Recent activity: this month's meeting is our Annual Open House and all members are encouraged to bring their Confederate (or Yankee) artifacts and memorabilia for display. This meeting is also open to the public.


13th Brigade Report

The 13th Brigade is made up of nine Camps in ten counties located in upper central Georgia. The following Camps are located in the 13th Brigade:

Camp 307 - Spaulding Camp 308 - Henry Camp 863 - Rockdale Camp 3611 - Clayton Camp 1432 - DeKalb Camp 1244 - Newton County's. There are no Camps in Butts and Jasper counties.


Major William E. Simmons Camp 96. Our Camp meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Historic Female Saloon, 455 Perry Street, Lawrenceville.

Camp website: www.scv96.org Camp contact www.DLFreb@msn.com or 770/979-2637.

Camp 79 - Fayette Camp 96 - Gwinnett Camp 307 - Spaulding Camp 308 - Henry Camp 863 - Rockdale Camp 361 - Clayton Camp 1432 - DeKalb Camp 1244 - Gwinnett and 70038 - Newton County's. There are no Camps in Butts and Jasper County.


The 13th Brigade meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Philodendron Lodge, 1055 Medford Avenue, Conyers.

Camp website: jsowheeler68@scv.org Camp Officers: Commander - Dawd Anderson, Adjutant – Jack McIntosh-Kell, 30047-4408, 770/979-2637. Camp 1432 meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Handy House Museum.

The 13th Brigade meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Stone Mountain Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 7:30 P.M. Jeff Bailey, Commander.

The Camp will celebrate Confederate Memorial Day on April 26, 6:30 p.m. at Stone Mountain Baptist Church. After over five years of "conflict" with the "politically correct government" and the so-called "representatives" of the people, we are able to dedicate our monument to the Cause.

Elie I. Landers Camp 1724: No Report

Gen. George "Tiger" Anderson Camp 2038:

Camp 2038 meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Country Kitchen Restaurant in Hiram on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. No Report

Please send Camp Information and activities for the 13th Brigade to camp1244@bellsouth.net. Cond. – Adjudant, 13th Brigade www.DLFreb@msn.com. Company A, 2nd Lt. Commander – William R. Kellogg Dr. SW., Lilburn, GA. 30047-4408, 770/979-2637