



THE WIG-WAG

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Sons of Confederate Veterans

Augusta, Georgia

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty"—Revelation 1:8

FEBRUARY 2017

Commander's Comments

Dr. John Baxley



Our recently installed pavers at the monument on Broad Street.

January 2017 was another busy month for the Gen. Alexander Camp. The January 12th Camp meeting at Sconyer's was fun and informative with Past Commander David Moncus giving us an interesting talk on the Battle of Vicksburg. Thanks to David and his wife Beverly, as they have done a lot for our Camp and the SCV. They will be moving over two hours away to South Georgia and will be missed.

Our annual Lee-Jackson Banquet held on January 21st was a rousing success. Close to 70 Compatriots were in attendance to hear a well received talk on General Lee's Christian walk in life. The meal was great and the church hall well decorated by Diane Grigsby, Rosa Posey, Emma Givens, Diane Winstead, Tina Hattaway, Billy Belger's girlfriend Sissy and others. Joe Winstead did a wonderful job with the door prizes and Ron Udell and the honor guard were impressive. Joe Winstead received the Stonewall Jackson award for his hard work as Camp Quartermaster and all the extra behind the scenes things he does to keep our Camp going.

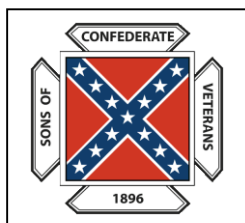
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Two Mississippi soldiers, one of whom happened to be among a class of combatants we're constantly being told by self-righteous "academics" didn't exist.



Our monument, photographed on Lee's Birthday.





Heritage Update



York, South Carolina—acting unilaterally and without authority, a local official in York County, South Carolina, removed from display in the Courthouse in York a Stainless Banner and images of Lee and Jackson; the flag and portraits have been restored; evidently, the individual engaged in this petty virtue-signaling has been apprised that his actions violated South Carolina’s Heritage Act (display, pictured above). **As of 1 February, it appears that this individual is adopting the position that he can privately interpret the Heritage Act as he sees fit, and does not intend to restore the displayed items without a court order to do so.**

Charlottesville, Virginia—the saga continues over the fate of the statues of Lee and Jackson, with city councilors promising to vote for their removal.

Lexington, Virginia—the famous battery of cannons dubbed Matthew, Mark, Luke and John after the four gospels have been restored, and placed back on the grounds of the Virginia Military Institute.

Statewide in Arkansas—a number of Arkansas municipalities scrubbed Lee’s Birthday from holiday closure signage.

Nationally—Google apologized for noting Lee’s Birthday, to “outraged” SJW-

Treasurer's & Adjutant's Update; Notes on the Last Meeting

As of the last meeting, the Camp had 92 members, plus two transferring.

Finances—on hand, \$5,448.00, with \$291.00 in deposits, with six checks written totaling \$1495 during December, including \$175 for Dr. Larry, \$102.00 for our P. O. Box fee, \$50 to the Southern Legal Resource Center, \$100 to Emma Givens to compensate for refreshments at the Christmas Party, \$352 to the Georgia Division, and \$950 for the pavers on Broad Street; 4 checks remained outstanding as of January 12th, with \$1059 in the Lee-Jackson fund as of that date, \$450 remaining in escrow for the pavers, and \$140 and \$2,103 available for the project fund.

The status of the fountain restoration project relative to the Georgia Division was discussed; additional estimates are going to be needed.

Emma Givens is putting together another T-shirt order if enough people are interesting to get the group rate.

Please keep Roy Williams and Ron Udell in your thoughts and prayers for recovery.



Welcome to Our New Members

Jacob L. Cook

on the record of:

Private Thomas Benjamin Hatfield

Served in Company E, 21st Mississippi Regiment

John L. Denham

on the record of:

Private Simeon Denham

Served in Company D, 13th Georgia Infantry (Upson Volunteers)

Dr. Gilbert S. Klemann

Transferred from the General A. H. Colquitt Fire Eaters Camp 1958 in Newton, Georgia

Camp Officers for 2017-2018 Term

Commander: Dr. Johan Baxley, Lt. Commander: Nick Posey, 2nd Lt. Commander: David Armour, 3rd Lt. Commander: Tobin Burnett, Adjutant & Treasurer: Nick Posey, Chaplain: Ben Creech, Quatermaster: Joe Winstead, Newsletter Editor/Recording Secretary: Ben Faulkner, Historian and Webmaster: Terry Bowers, Sergeant-at-Arms, Billy Belger, Camp Surgeon: Dr. Ed Johnson, Judge Advocate & Commander of the Honor Guard: Ron Udell.

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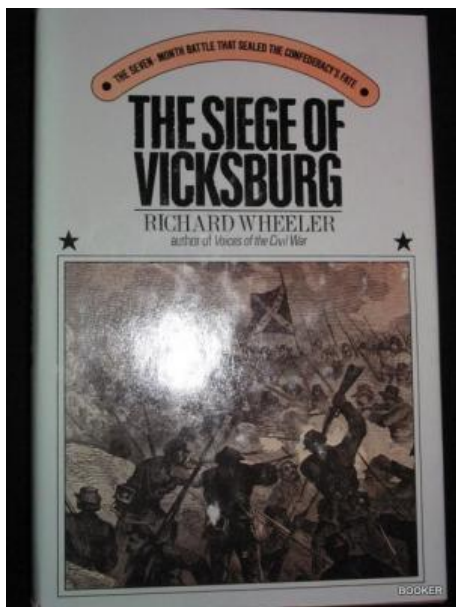
Emma Givens received the Robert E. Lee award for her devotion to duty helping the Camp with various projects and putting together the Hephzibah Cemetery Confederate Memorial Ceremony each year. Nick Posey received the Commander's award for all the things he does each day to hold the Camp together as Lt. Commander, Adjutant, and Treasurer of the Camp. Thanks to all who volunteered to serve another two years as Camp officers.

Our Camp was well represented at the January 15th Union Baptist Church memorial celebration. Ron Udell, Ben Creech, Tommy Chappell, and Marie Powell helped with the Confederate honor guard at the event well representing the Alexander Camp. Also, on the same day, David Armour and Roger Combs helped with the initiation of Compatriot Mike McCann into the Confederate Mechanized Calvary. This event took place at the Confederate Monument on Broad Street. Congratulations Mike and thanks to David and "Rabbit" for all they do for the Camp.

The February 9th monthly Camp meeting at Sconyer's BBQ should be a fun event. Besides initiating into the Camp new members, we also have an interesting speaker who will talk on the life of S.C. Gov. James Hammond the owner of Redcliffe Plantation in Beech Island, S.C. before the War. The speaker Elizabeth Laney is a park ranger at Redcliffe and well versed in antebellum history. This should be an interesting talk. Come on out for all the fun and fellowship. Bring a friend or family member to celebrate your Confederate Heritage. Have a Great Dixie Day!

Your humble servant,

Commander "Doc John" Baxley.



Book Recommendation for February 2017—*The Siege of Vicksburg*, by Richard Wheeler, Crowell, 1978 ISBN 13: 9780690015072, as discussed at our January meeting by David Moncus.

Upcoming Events

The Military Order of the Stars and Bars will be holding a commemoration of Alexander H. Stephens birthday on February 4th, 2017 in Crawfordville, at Liberty Hall, at 11am.

The Battle of Aiken Re-Enactment will be held February 25th & 26th at 1210 Powell Pond Road in Aiken County.

Elizabeth Laney will be speaking at the next camp meeting on the life of South Carolina Governor James Hammond; the meeting will be February 9th, at 7pm at Sconyers.