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Official Newsletter of the Brig. Gen. E. Porter Alexander Camp No. 158

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Augusta, Georgia

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."—Philippians 1:21

MARCH 2017

Commander's Comments

Dr. John Baxley

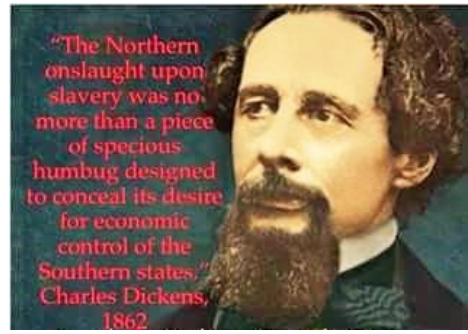


From Our February meeting...Dr. John greeting friends and members of our camp.

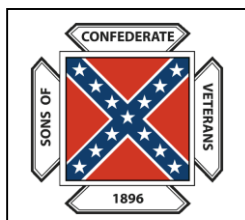
February has already come and gone and the Confederate Jasmine is already blooming. As usual, our camp had a busy month. The speaker for our monthly Sconyer's meeting, park interpreter Elizabeth Laney of Redcliffe Plantation in Beech Island, S.C., gave a fascinating talk on Governor James Hammond the builder of this antebellum mansion. Ms. Laney held nothing back telling all she could from his personal diaries. We all learned things of this cotton planter we had never heard before; the Bill Clinton of his time. After the talk, Bobby Wylds, Jacob Cook, and John Denham were sworn in as new members. Congratulations to all three new compatriots for joining the camp.

On February 11th Ron Udell, Ben Creech and Tommy Chappell participated in the annual reenactment of the Battle for Columbia, the South Carolina state capital. The very next day, Ron Udell organized the honor guard to participate in the Sgt. Berry Benson birthday celebration at Sunset View Cemetery in North Augusta, S.C. Other camp members participating were Gary Hattaway, Tommy Chappel, Ben Creech and Emma Givens. The Berry Benson Camp was appreciative of our efforts with Rev. Bernard Martin from Waynesboro, Georgia also firing black powder.

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Washington-Wilkes Historical Museum; inside the Confederate Room on the Third Floor; located at 308 East Robert Toombs Avenue in Washington, the museum, as well as Toombs' house nearby, are definitely worth seeing; the Museum houses the relics of the John T. Wingfield Camp of the United Confederate Veterans; admission costs \$5; they are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm, and house an impressive collections of relics from the War Between the States and Reconstruction.





Heritage Update

New Orleans, Louisiana—the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the City of New Orleans may remove the monuments to Lee, Davis, Beauregard, and commemorating the fight at Liberty Place; the City is expected to move rapidly, and it is entirely possible that all four monuments will be taken down before March is over.

Charlottesville, Virginia—the wretched body calling itself the City Council has voted to rename Lee Park, and to remove the statue of Lee; a legal challenge in Virginia courts is pending.

Orange County, North Carolina—the local wing of the NAACP urged the school board of this county to ban the Confederate Battle Flag; the Board has rejected the ban.

Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland—Montgomery County, Maryland, is determined to remove its Confederate Monument, but wants to do so on the cheap; so **county council member Tom Hucker took it upon himself to list the monument for sale for a mere \$1,000 on Craigslist, as though it were unwanted garbage.**

Annapolis, Maryland—St. Anne's Episcopal Church has halted allowing the observance of an annual tradition of honoring a Confederate Sailor buried on the church grounds, citing bogus "connections to racism"; the lady rector indicated that had the Episcopalian hierarchy been aware of the ceremony earlier, it would have been halted sooner—yet another indicator of the extent to which liberal rot has set in upon the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.

Orange County, Florida—this county, in which Orlando is located, has chosen to remove Robert E. Lee's name from a middle school.

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

Please continue to keep Roy Williams and Ron Udell in your thoughts and prayers for recovery, as well as Roger Combs and his family on the passing of his sister.

We ask that all keep the family of our former member Ernie Franklin in your thoughts and prayers; Ernie passed on February 6th in Fulton, Missouri; his obituary can be found at <http://www.fultonsun.com/obits/2017/feb/10/ernest-franklin/59213/>

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Total number of members currently on camp roster - 95; this is the 3rd quarter (Feb-Apr) of our dues fiscal year - prorated dues for the remaining two quarters of 2016-2017 and the full year of 2017-2018 are \$80.00. Next renewal dues would be due

August 1st, 2018. Fourth quarter (May-Jul) prorated dues are \$68.00. January Bank Statement Balance \$4,855.19 (Bank Statement Dates: 01/01/2017 thru 01/31/2017) Deposits during month of January (2) \$956.00 Checks written during month of January (8) \$1,529.69 Outstanding checks to date (1) \$39.00 Amount in Escrow in Lee-Jackson Banquet Fund \$293.64 Amount in Escrow in Camp #158 Projects Fund \$2,113.50 Amount in Escrow in Magnolia Cemetery Fountain Restoration Fund \$1,000.00 Checks written during month of January: 1/4/2017 Check No. 2254 Burns Memorial UMC - Facility rental

fee for L-J Banquet \$160.00 1/14/2017 Check No. 2255 Southern Legal Resource Center - Monthly donation \$50.00 1/17/2017 Check No. 2256 GA Division - Membership dues for 3 members \$39.00 1/17/2017 Check No. 2257 SCV National - Membership dues for 3 members \$105.00 1/17/2017 Check No. 2258 Alphagraphics - L-J Banquet program agendas \$107.69 1/21/2017 Check No. 2259 Lt. Robbie Silas (Deputy) - Security for L-J Banquet \$88.00 1/21/2017 Check No. 2260 Mrs. Sammie Arrington - L-J Banquet Caterer \$930.00 1/21/2017 Check No. 2261 Blake Moore - 5 Dozen stick flags for soldiers' graves \$50.00 Total \$1,529.69 Outstanding Checks to Date: 1/17/2017 Check No. 2256 GA Division

- Membership dues for 3 members \$39.00 Total \$39.00 Deposits for January: 1/17/2017 \$456.00 1/30/2017 \$500.00 Total \$956.00 Revenue generated for Lee-Jackson Banquet Fund: Amount in Escrow Fund as

of December 2016 Finance Report \$1,059.33 Donations from January 12th Camp Meeting (\$100.00 - \$50.00 SLRC Donation = \$50.00) \$50.00 \$1,109.33 Expenses for Lee-Jackson Banquet held on January 21st (Itemized list below) Deduct \$815.69 Total \$293.64

Amount in Camp #158 Projects Fund as of December 2016 Finance Report \$2,103.50

Cash received from Thomas McCauley for Elmwood print at January 12th Camp Meeting \$10.00

Total \$2,113.50



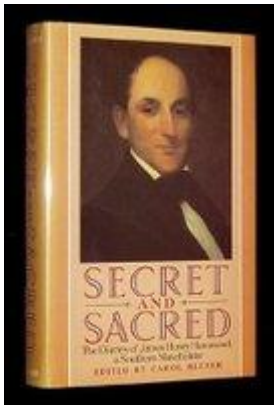
Dr. John brought the original charter of the Camp with him to our last meeting; our camp was chartered on December 11, 1982; our original signing members were: Hugh Grier Burke, Jr. (Commander); Kenneth Beasley (Lt. Commander); Charles Cawley, Jr. (Adjutant); Walter K. Garnett (Historian); John W. Gennifer (Chaplain); Barton E. Mims (Treasurer); Robert C. Montgomery, Jr.; Robert R. Turbyfill, Sr.; Robert R. Turbyfill, Jr.; Charles Turbyfill; and Hugh Grier Burke, Sr.

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The big event of the month was the annual Battle of Aiken reenactment the last weekend of February. Ron Udell, Ben Creech, Roy Stampley, Tommy Chappell, Emma Givens and Marie Powell all helped in the event manning "Sgt. Mac's" cannon. Compatriot McLeroy had towed his cannon all the way up from Ft. Meade, Florida for the three day battle. Roger Combs and his wife Mandy also helped with this impressive undertaking. The weather was beautiful and the crowds very inquisitive and receptive making the event a great time to teach the public the truth about the War of Southern Independence.

Our speaker for our March 9th meeting at Sconyer's BBQ will be Compatriot Ken Temples from the Aiken, S.C. Gen. Wheeler Camp. He will talk about General Robert E. Lee's role during the surrender of his army at Appomattox. I have heard this talk. It is moving, informative, and spellbinding. You do not want to miss this once in a lifetime event! See you at Sconyer's for fun, fellowship, and Southern enlightenment. Have a Great Dixie Day!

Your humble servant,
Commander "Doc John" Baxley.



Book Recommendation for March 2017—*Secret and Sacred: the Diaries of James Henry Hammond, a Southern Slaveholder*, by James Henry Hammond, edited by Carol Bleser, as discussed at February meeting in the context of Hammond's home and place in South Carolina history by our guest, Elizabeth Laney; please note that the work includes heavily biased editorial material on the part of Bleser, as is readily evidenced by her choice to emphasize slavery in the subtitle. Nonetheless, the portions penned by Hammond himself—his actual diary entries—are interesting and worthwhile, and it is entirely possible to peruse them while utterly ignoring Bleser's self-righteous drivel appended to Hammond's words.

Upcoming Events

Our monthly camp meeting will be on March 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Sconyer's BBQ, featuring speaker Ken Temples from the Gen. Wheeler Camp in Aiken, S.C. Ken will talk about Gen. Robert E. Lee and his important role in the surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia.

April 13th camp meeting at Sconyer's will feature our Georgia Division Commander Scott Gilbert.

Our annual Confederate Memorial Day ceremony at Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta, Georgia will feature Mrs. Betty Jane Miller of Kline, S.C. a prominent member of the S.C. UDC. This event will be on Saturday April 22nd starting at 11:00 a.m., and will feature black powder salutes and time to honor your ancestors.