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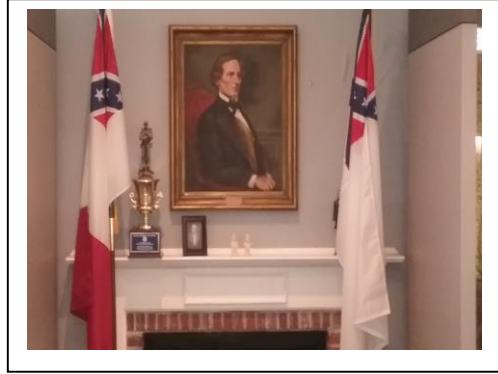
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Augusta, Georgia

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God."

Colossians 3:1

B.P. Faulkner, Editor



"The cause for which we have contended is bound to reassert itself, though in another time, and another form." Jefferson Davis, May 1865

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In the Path of Jefferson Davis

Last month, on one of my days off, I took a journey I have intended to take for some time; I followed as near as possible the route President Davis took from his entry into Lincoln County on the 3rd of May, in 1865, to his capture in Irwinville seven days later.

In Irwinville is the Jefferson Davis capture site museum and park, and operated by Irwin County and managed by the site's only employee, Mr. John Hughes. The site is financially threatened, and potentially politically threatened; I asked Mr. Hughes if the location was hanging by a thread; he responded "by several." A friends of the park group is being organized, but the best way to save this site will be by our patronage, visiting, and donating. It is well worth the drive.

I urge all of you to go see John, and visit the place where President Davis was taken.



Above right corner, the portrait of Jefferson Davis on display at the Jefferson Davis Historic Site Museum; John Hughes, who runs the site is shown second above, and immediately above, in the Museum collection, the banner of the Dooly County UCV. [Flag at right is not in this collection]



Commander’s Comments, Dr. John Baxley

I hope all Compatriots and Friends of the SCV had a great summer break. All the rain has caused Magnolia Cemetery in downtown Augusta to grow like a hay field. The camp mowed over 400 grave sites three times during June and July. We sure appreciate the help of several of our camp members to include Joe Winstead, Paul Stampley, Mike McCann, Gary Hattaway, Ben Faulkner our Camp Editor, Bill Stohrs, Tommy Smith, Carl Mixon, and of course our Camp Legend Barry Whitney for their help. Barry is the great grandson of Gen. E. Porter Alexander the Chief of Artillery for Gen. Longstreet. Compatriot Barry is well into his eighties and out works all of us when he helps at the cemetery. He plans to be buried in the Alexander plot down at Magnolia Cemetery when finally "crosses over the river and rests under the shade of the tree" at the plot. I told Barry we would continue to look after the General Alexander plot and he said his only request was to grow some cotton on his grave site!

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Locations of Monuments Moved, Removed or Threatened Since our Last Meeting:

- St. Louis, Missouri
- Orlando, Florida
- Tampa, Florida
- Gainesville, Florida
- Columbus, Georgia
- Fort Warren, Mass.
- Chattanooga
- Dallas, Texas
- San Antonio, Texas
- Brownsville, Texas
- Rockville, Maryland

Additionally, Fairfax County, Virginia decided to rename J.E.B. Stuart High School.

Locally, we can expect efforts to change the name of the Calhoun Expressway to gather momentum going into next year.

Upcoming Events

Our August meeting will be held at 7:00pm at Sconyer’s Barbecue in South Augusta. Our focus will be on the life, times, and residence of Robert Toombs.

Dues Notice:

ALL DUES NEED TO BE IN TO NICK POSEY BY 25 AUGUST.

RE DEDICATION OF 90 FT POLE OFF I-75 :

he State of Dade Camp #707 and Col. Joseph McConnell Camp #1859 will be co-hosting the hoisting and re-dedication of a 20ft X 30ft Confederate Battle Flag on the 90ft Pole adjacent to I-75 in Catoosa August 19 at 2:00pm



An Editorial Note

First, pending approval in our next camp business meeting, it is my intention as editor to implement a change to your newsletter to make it bi-monthly, as formatted here. I believe I can give the camp a better quality product around my schedule if this change is made permanent.

Second, I intend to visit a number of historic sites in Virginia this coming weekend, and will report back on the condition they are in.



A vintage magazine advertisement.

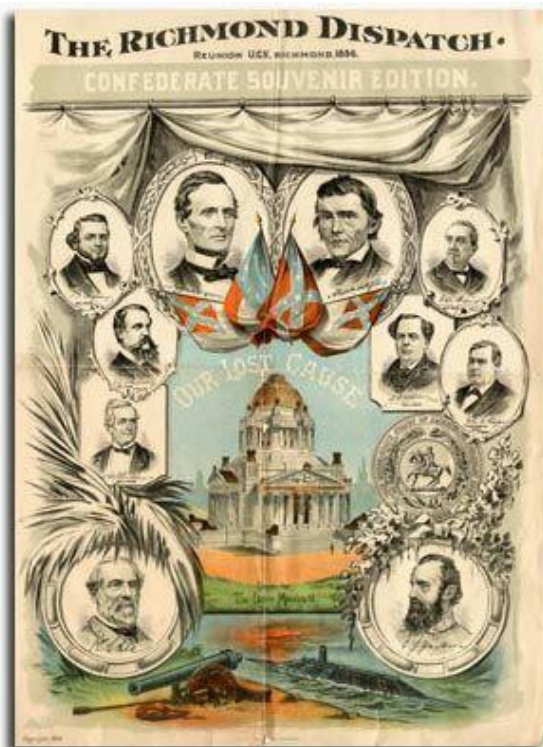
The Rebel Shop

305 Panther Block Lne, Unit A
Clarkeville, Georgia 30523
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If you get a chance, go support Greg Durand's business in Northeast Georgia. He has gotten some flak for displaying our flag, and this business venture of his well worth our support. Books, flags, artwork, belt buckles, etc., are all available.

Please note that no funds have been received for this endorsement by your editor.



Commander's Comments (continued from page 1)

Our next meeting is very important as we need to talk about the Magnolia Cemetery Fountain project, vote on three new applications for membership, and discuss the future of the camp. Our guest speaker will be the curator of the General Toombs mansion in Washington, Georgia who will talk about General Toombs and his home. It would be nice to have a good turnout for our first meeting back after the summer break in order to get a good start on the remainder of the year.

Donations for the fountain project continue to come in. We need about 1500 dollars in order to have enough to do a good job in rebuilding this historic monument to the "soldiers in gray" who died during the War in our local hospitals, defenders of the Cause, and are buried in the Confederate Dead Section of the cemetery. These boys represent every State of the Confederacy to include Missouri and Kentucky. They never made it home to their loved ones and lay there in Magnolia Cemetery standing guard under the "Southern Cross". The fountain was put there in the late 1860's as a memorial to the Confederate soldiers who gave their all in the defense of their Southland.

Continue to pray for our Compatriots and their families who are having health care difficulties. Michael Milford has a two year old granddaughter with leukemia undergoing chemo therapy at MCG Children' Hospital and needs your prayer. Ron Udell is still having problems with his eye. Ben Creech's wife Belinda has a progressive neurological disorder and needs our support. Roy Williams is recovering from lung cancer and Bobby Snider is recovering from prostate cancer. Both are great Compatriots and would appreciate a call and spiritual support.

We have a great camp and need to support each other in times of need. See you at Sconyer's BBQ on August 10th.

Have A Great Dixie Day!

Commander "Doc John" Baxley

