

## Headquarters Tent

The September camp meeting was well attended and a great success.

Joe Long, the curator of the Relic Room in Columbia, S.C. gave an interesting talk on Gen. Maxcy Gregg of South Carolina. Gen. Gregg was born in Columbia, S.C. and grew up in an academic household of lawyers and intellectuals. Gen. Gregg graduated at the top of his class at USC in Columbia and studied law under his father passing the bar and going into law, teaching, and politics. He volunteered to fight with the S.C. Regiment during the Mexican-American War and was very active after the war in the secessionist movement.

After having signed the Ordinance of Secession he was appointed a Colonel in the S.C. Militia and commanded the First S.C. Regiment. Posted in Charleston, this regiment was active in the fight against Ft. Sumter. Later, this unit would be sent to Richmond, Va. to fight the Yankees mustering out before the battle of First Manassas. Back home in South Carolina, Col. Gregg would organize the famous Maxcy Gregg Brigade and become the brigade commander as a general the remainder of his life. The Gregg Brigade would go on to have an outstanding record fighting under General A.P. Hill and Stonewall Jackson. General Gregg would be killed at the battle of Fredricksburg rallying his brigade to stop the breakthrough of Gen. Meade's Corps slicing through A.P. Hill's division during the turning point of the battle. General Gregg never married and had many of the

personality traits of Gen. Stonewall Jackson. Brother Long's talk was riveting and informative bringing to life a hard fighting Confederate who died for the Cause.

Eleven guests attended the meeting and new member Tom McCauley with his wife Pat was sworn in. Tommy Edwards was reinstated as a member and enjoyed the meeting with the rest of us along with his wife.

Nick Posey gave an encouraging treasurer's report with over six thousand in our bank account to date. Joe Winstead, who has been outstanding in stepping forward to take charge of the cemetery fountain project, gave his report with our camp well on the way to getting our application submitted to the Georgia Division for funding. Emma Givens handed out the new camp T-shirts and Roger Combs gave us an update on the "Mule Day" celebration taking place in Washington, Ga. in October. Prayers were said for Roy Williams still laid up after surgery for lung cancer and Ron Udell undergoing surgery on his eyes. Our thoughts and prayers were also with Diane Chappell wishing her a fast recovery from gall bladder surgery.

On September 13th we had another cemetery cleanup with Joe Winstead, Mike Milford, Gary Hattaway, and Tommy Smith doing an excellent job in making the Confederate Dead Section look better than Arlington Cemetery.

Our next camp meeting will be October 13th with Georgia State Senator Jesse Stone from Waynesboro, Ga. our speaker. He represents Senate District 23 which includes parts of Richmond and Columbia counties.

Hope to see you all at the meeting and Have A Great Dixie Day!  
Camp Commander Doc John Baxley.