

January 2009

Commander's column – by Nick Posey



The camp is beginning a New Year in 2009, along with new officers and new leadership. This Thursday night will be the last meeting I will conduct as commander of Camp #158. This is also the last time I'll publish the Wig Wag.

It has truly been a pleasure and an honor to serve the members of this camp as commander for the past six years. It was a special honor, too, serving our cause to perpetuate the memory of our Confederate ancestors and help preserve our Southern heritage and proud history.

During my tenure as commander the camp has been very active in participating in many events and activities. I was very fortunate to have had a large core group of active members in the camp that supported me and the various activities and projects during that time. Having this level of support made my job much easier and has contributed greatly to the success of our camp. The dedicated camp members who supported me and worked diligently over the years to make our organization a success are too numerous to list here for recognition. To those members I am very appreciative and most grateful for your loyal service.

I'm looking forward to working with the new officers, and especially Commander-

elect Lee Herron to give him the support needed for a smooth transition in assuming his new responsibilities as commander. He'll be an excellent commander and serve the camp well. Lee will have my full support, and I know he can depend on your support to continue the good work and success of our camp.

Our Lee-Jackson Banquet, in honor of Generals Robert E Lee and Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson, is scheduled for Saturday, January 17th, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at Burns Memorial United Methodist Church on 2372 Lumpkin Road in Augusta. Tickets for the banquet are \$12.00 per person and \$6.00 each for children 12 years old and under.

Tickets for the banquet will be sold in advance and may be purchased from Lt. Commander Ron Udell at the upcoming January 8th camp meeting. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Monday, January 12th.

Our speaker for this Thursday's meeting at Sconyers will be Dr. Mark Waters from Washington, Georgia. He'll give a PowerPoint presentation on the *Midnight Raid at Chennault*. This is a follow-up to the presentation on the lost Confederate gold that he gave to the camp in October, which was entitled *Confederate Treasury Gold*.

I hope you'll be able to attend the camp meeting this Thursday night and bring a guest.

Sons of Confederate Veteran's Websites
B/G E. Porter Alexander Camp #158:
<http://www.eporteralexander.homestead.com/Index.html>

Georgia Division SCV Website:

<http://www.georgiascv.com/>

SCV National Website:

<http://www.scv.org/>

SCV News Blog

www.sonsofconfederateveterans.blogspot.com

*****Announcements*****

■ **Thursday, January 8th** – Brigadier General E. Porter Alexander Camp #158 will meet at Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Our program speaker will be **Dr. Marshall Waters, III** from Washington, Georgia. He'll give a PowerPoint presentation and speak on the *Midnight Raid at Chennault*.

■ **Saturday, January 17th** – **Camp #158's annual Lee-Jackson Banquet:** Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Virginia Morton from Culpeper, Virginia. She will speak on her recently published book *Marching Through Culpeper*. The banquet will be held at Burns Memorial United Methodist Church located on 2372 Lumpkin Road in Augusta.

■ **Saturday, February 7th** - **The Alexander Stephens Birthday Celebration** is to be held at the A.H. Stephen Park in Crawfordville, Georgia. This is the 197th Birthday of Alexander Hamilton Stephens, Vice President of the Confederate States of America. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the group shelter near the ranger's office inside the Alexander H. Stephens Park. Once inside the park, follow the flags and signs to the shelter. There's a \$3.00 parking fee per vehicle to enter the park. A catered barbecue lunch will be available for \$7.00 per plate and lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. Immediately following lunch and the program speaker, there will be a memorial service at the Alexander Stephens grave site.

■ **Thursday, February 12th** – Brigadier General E. Porter Alexander Camp #158 will meet at Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant at 7:00 p.m.

■ **Saturday, March 7th** – The Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold its 1st Quarter Executive Council Meeting at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will be at the **Ole Times Country Buffet** restaurant, located at 1343 Gray Highway in Macon, Georgia.

Scripture for thought...

Psalms 1: 1-6

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

◀**Southern Quotes**▶

“The battle sounds of this war may have subsided, but this war is not over. It will be decided in another generation at another time.” – **President Jefferson Davis**

“Yankees expect to make the war pay. Yankees do not undertake anything that does not pay. They think we belong to them. We have been good milk cows, milked by the tariff – or skimmed. We let them have all of our hard earnings. We bore the bane of slavery; they got the money. Cotton pays everybody who handles it, sells it, manufactures it; but it rarely pays the men

who make it. Second-hand, the Yankees received the wages of slavery. They grew rich; we grew poor.” - **Mary Boykin Chesnut – An entry from her diary, July 8, 1862.**

“Them Yankees done a lot of mischief,” said former slave and North Carolinian Tiney Shaw. “I know because I was there. Besides their robbin’, plunderin’, and burnin’ up everything,” Tiney remembered that “a whole lot of darkies what ain’t never been whipped by the master got a whuppin’ from the Yankee soldiers.” - **Excerpt from "War Crimes Against Southern Civilians," by author Walter Brian Cisco.**

"The dead covered more than five acres of ground about as thickly as they could be laid." — *A Confederate soldier's comment shortly after the battle of Cold Harbor in 1864 describing the Union dead.*

The following information was provided by camp member Robert Calhoun. These are the obituaries of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koger. Joseph Koger worked at the Confederate Powder Works in Augusta during the War Between the States.

A VETERAN'S DEATH - Mr. Joseph Died at Grovetown Sunday Night.

Mr. Koger, a prominent citizen of Columbia County, died at Grovetown at 9 o'clock Sunday, after a short illness.

Mr. Koger was 77 years of age and had seen service in the Mexican War as well as the Civil War. He leaves a wife and five children. Though advanced in years, Mr. Koger's parents are still alive. The funeral occurs this morning at 11 o'clock at Grovetown.

Joseph Koger
Born: Jan 18, 1823
Died: Jan 24, 1897

AGED LADY CLAIMED BY DEATH FRIDAY - Mrs. Louisa Koger, Widow of Late Joseph Koger Dies at Age of 100 Years.

Mrs. Louisa Koger, aged 100 years, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John R. Rogers, in Summerville, yesterday at noon, after a few weeks' illness. Mrs. Koger was one of the best known old ladies in this section of Georgia, being the widow of the late Joseph Koger who was, during the Confederacy, one of the superintendents of the Confederate States' Powder Mill, located at Augusta.

Mrs. Koger was born in Pennsylvania, but early in life her parents moved to Tennessee where she was reared and married, coming to Georgia at the beginning of the Civil War.

Up to last winter Mrs. Koger enjoyed remarkably good health and her mental faculties were exceptionally well preserved. She could read without glasses and on three or four occasions during the present year has attended church and was otherwise very active.

She is survived by two sons, Mr. P. E. Koger of Richmond County, and Mr. J. H. Koger of Grovetown, and two daughters, Mrs. S. W. Blackston of Grovetown, and Mrs. John R. Rogers of this city. In addition to her sons and daughters she leaves a large number of grand children and great grand children.

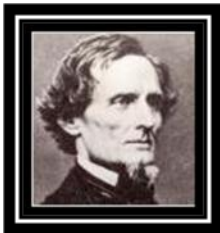
The funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock from the Methodist Church at Grovetown, The Rev. Arthur Maness conducting the services.

The pall-bearers will be: Messrs. C. J. Clifford, T. E. Norvell, B. P. Newsome, J. W. Gibson, L. L. Huffman and C. E. Gibson, all of Grovetown.

Mrs. Joseph Koger
Born: April 1, 1816
Died: October 10, 1916

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*"Truth crushed to the earth is truth
still and like a seed will rise again."*
-- President Jefferson Davis

◀Next SCV Camp #158 Meeting: Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant – January 8th▶

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