

June 2008

Commander's column – by Nick Posey



All of you are certainly aware by now that we did not get the \$150,000 from the state of Georgia for the restoration of the Confederate Powder Works Chimney. A number of legislators in both the House and Senate worked very hard to get the money added in the budget for the chimney. On May 15th, the deadline date for final approval of the FY '09 state budget, Governor Sonny Perdue removed the line item for the chimney from the budget. This was not only a big letdown for us, but a big setback for our project. We will continue to seek funding from various sources to come up with the money needed to restore the chimney.

Our *111th Georgia Division Reunion* will be held in Villa Rica on Saturday, June 14th. Camp #158 is eligible to have eleven voting delegates at the reunion. We currently have fifteen camp members that have registered to attend. There will be approximately 225 members from around the Georgia Division attending the reunion.

We have our next camp meeting this Thursday, June 12th, at Sconyers at 7:00 p.m. Our program speaker will be *Army of Tennessee Commander Charles Kelly Barrow* from Griffin, Georgia. His talk will be "*Jefferson Davis: From the Cradle to the Crypt.*" I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Sconyers this Thursday night.

**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*******

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■ **Friday, June 13th - Sunday June 15th** – The **Georgia Division SCV 111th Reunion** will be held in Villa Rica, Georgia. **The business session will be on Saturday, June 14th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.**

■ **Saturday, June 21st - CSA Gravemarker Dedication & Memorial Service** at 10:00 a.m. for twelve Confederate soldiers interred in the Heath Family Cemetery in Girard, Georgia. This service is being hosted by Camp #158 member Philip Weaver.

■ **Saturday, July 5th – Magnolia Cemetery Workday, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

■ **Thursday, July 17th** – Brigadier General E. Porter Alexander Camp #158 will meet at Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant at 7:00 p.m. Speaker to be announced later. **We will not meet on the second Thursday in July. Sconyers will be closed during the second week of July.**

Scripture for thought...

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. **Galatians 6:7-9**

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. **Matthew 5:13-16**

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. **Matthew 6:19-21**

Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. **James 3:10**

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ... Through

faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. **Hebrews 11:1 & 3**

◀**Southern Quotes**▶

The course of history shows that as a government grows, liberty decreases." – **Thomas Jefferson**

"In all my perplexities and distresses, the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength." – **Robert E. Lee**

"They do not know what they say. If it came to a conflict of arms, the war will last at least four years. Northern politicians will not appreciate the determination and pluck of the South, and Southern politicians do not appreciate the numbers, resources, and patient perseverance of the North. Both sides forget that we are all Americans. I foresee that our country will pass through a terrible ordeal, a necessary expiation, perhaps, for our national sins." – **Robert E. Lee**

War is an instrument entirely inefficient toward redressing wrong; and multiplies, instead of indemnifying losses. - **Thomas Jefferson**

After six tremendous Union assaults on his position on August 29, 1862, Stonewall Jackson's troops still held Stony Ridge. That night a friend told Jackson, "We have won this battle by the hardest kind of fighting." **Stonewall Jackson** replied, "No, no, we have won it by the blessing of Almighty God!"

The excellent editorial below honoring the 200th anniversary of the birthday of Confederate President Jefferson Davis on June 3rd was submitted by Camp #158 member Arnold Huskins, and appeared in *The Augusta Chronicle* on Tuesday, June 03, 2008:

THE JEFFERSON DAVIS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT – By Guest Columnist Dr. Arnold M. Huskins

Today, June 3, marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of the American statesman and Confederate president Jefferson Davis.

His birthday was once a state holiday in Georgia, but the 200th anniversary of his birth is being ignored while the one of his adversary, Abraham Lincoln, will be celebrated by academia and government officials next year. To many, this is as it should be, for they view Davis as the rabid secessionist and traitor whose sole purpose was to suppress blacks in America. Unfortunately, their knowledge of him is severely limited.

Davis, the son of a Revolutionary War patriot, had a long history of service to the United States. Graduating from West Point, he served with distinction in the Black Hawk War and in the Mexican War as commander of the First Mississippi Rifles. Elected as a U.S. representative and twice elected senator from the Magnolia State, he also served as Secretary of War, when he enlarged the Army, modernized military procedures, directed important Western land surveys for future railroad construction, and masterminded the Gadsden Purchase.

DURING THE secession crisis, he urged restraint, making speeches in Boston against it and joining the Committee of Thirteen in hopes of finding a compromise to keep the nation united. When Mississippi seceded, only reluctantly did he resign his Senate seat, asking its members to forgive him for any offenses he may have committed against them. In the Southern nation, he hoped to become a military commander, but the delegates chose him to be their new president which he accepted with resignation. Immediately, he appointed a Peace Commission to resolve the Confederacy's differences with the Union, offering to pay for any federal property on Southern soil as well as any of the Southern portion of the national debt.

As president of the Confederate States, Davis was unflinching in his efforts to maintain the new nation engaged in its struggle for survival. Realizing that increased centralization was necessary for success, Davis' efforts were opposed by states' rights advocates. Nonetheless, he obtained a power then unprecedented in American history -- the power to conscript men to fight. So

unwavering was his devotion to Southern independence that he proposed late in the war the arming and freeing of the South's slaves. Interestingly enough, while living at the Confederate White House in Richmond, Va., Davis and his wife became the foster parents of an orphaned, abused black child known as Jim Limber Davis.

AFTER THE WAR, Davis was captured in Irwinville, Ga., and was sent to Fortress Monroe, where he was placed in irons for three days. He was indicted for treason and imprisoned for two years, but was never brought to trial and released. Suffering from ill health, he tried several business ventures before retiring to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. When he died in 1889, The New York Times eulogized Davis with a 2,000 word tribute.

Surprisingly, Davis' views on slavery were progressive compared to the prevailing sentiments of that day. As a slave owner, he always was working within the constraints of society to be kind to his slaves, whom he regarded as people and not just property, and he never gave them nicknames, believing it to be disrespectful. He established a judicial system ran entirely by his slaves, with him having only one right -- the power to reduce a sentence.

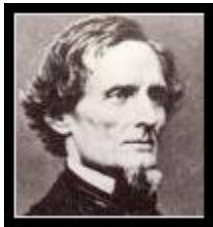
Davis believed that blacks could be as smart and productive as whites, and he believed in the educability and progress of blacks in America. He organized his plantation, Brierfield, for the kind of training that would protect them, once freed, from being exploited by ruthless white competition. In his view, slavery would have a natural end -- "the slave must be made fit for his freedom by education and discipline and thus made unfit for slavery."

JEFFERSON DAVIS was a man of his times, and -- though maligned by the Southern people after the war -- he gained their respect after suffering on their behalf. Unfortunately, political correctness has caused many today to have a myopic and negative view of Davis. However, his contributions to both nations that he loved should not be ignored.

(The writer, a retired U.S. Air Force major, is a member of the Augusta Civil War Round Table.)

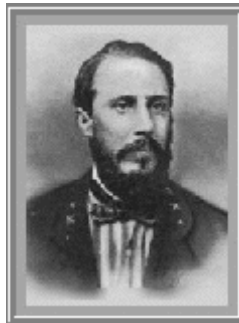
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*"Truth crushed to the earth is truth
still and like a seed will rise again."*
-- President Jefferson Davis

****** Next SCV Camp #158 Meeting ******
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