

November 2008

Commander's column – by Nick Posey



The annual membership renewal deadline was November 1st, and we had a significant number of camp members that chose not to renew for one reason or another. Probably the current condition of the economy was one of the main reasons. There are currently about 20 members who haven't renewed, and hopefully we'll be able to get some of those to reconsider and renew their membership. I predict that nationally the SCV will lose approximately 10% to 15% of its members due to the country's disastrous economic situation.

At this month's meeting, we will nominate new camp officers for the next two year term, and the election of officers will occur in December.

Our program speaker for this Thursday's meeting will be Mr. Wade Huffman, who works at Magnolia Springs State Park located near Millen. He'll show slides and speak on the subject of Camp Lawton. During the War a site for a prison camp to house approximately 10,000 Union soldiers was chosen just outside of Millen's Junction. Camp Lawton was built in what is today Magnolia Springs State Park. The location was favorable because of its easy access to water supplied by the springs, and because of its proximity to the railroad. This should

be a very interesting presentation about a prison that during that particular time period was considered the largest prison in the world.

I'll see you Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at Sconyers Bar-B-Que Restaurant for another evening of Southern fellowship.

****Nominations of Camp Officers****

Nominations for camp officers will be taken from the floor at the next meeting on November 13th. Any member in good standing that wishes to run as a camp officer is eligible and may be nominated. The candidates shown below have already committed to run for the positions listed for the 2009 – 2010 term.

Commander – Lee Herron

Lt Commander – Richard Smith

2nd Lt Commander – (open position)

Adjutant – Perry Herron

Treasurer – Nick Posey

Chaplain – Arlington Milford

Judge Advocate – Allen Johnson

Quartermaster – Joe Winstead

Historian/Webmaster – Terry Bowers

Newsletter Editor – Arnold Huskins

Camp Surgeon – Ron Udell

Sergeant-at-Arms – Stan Scritchfield

If any of the positions have two or more candidates, election of those camp officers will be at the December 11th meeting. New

officers will officially take over and assume their duties after the swearing in ceremony at the Lee-Jackson Banquet on Saturday, January, 17th, 2009.

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, November 13th** – 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 **Mr. Wade Huffman** with Magnolia Springs State Park. He'll speak about **Camp Lawton**, a prisoner of war camp for Union prisoners that was located at Magnolia Springs near Millen, Georgia.

■ **Saturday, December 6th** – Camp #158 will march in the Grovetown Christmas Parade that begins at 12:00 noon. Line-up starts at 10:00 a.m. in the Summerfield Subdivision.

■ **Thursday, December 11th** – 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 **SCV Field Representative Jack Marlar** from Fountain Inn, SC. His presentation will be **The Confederate Patent Office and the Augusta Arsenal Contributions**.

■ **Saturday, December 13th** – Camp #158 will march in the Hephzibah Christmas

Parade that begins at 11:00 a.m. Line-up will be at 10:00 a.m.

■ **Saturday, December 20th** – Camp #158 will have a Magnolia Cemetery Workday to clean-up the Confederate sections before the Christmas Holidays.

■ **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 location of the banquet will be announced in the next one to two weeks.

Scripture for thought...

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.
– **John 1:10-12**

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. – **John 5:24**

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. – **Psalms 9:17**

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and

the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. – **Revelation 21:7-8**

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. – **Ezekiel 11:19-20**

The way of the LORD is strength to the upright: but destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity. – **Proverbs 10:29**

◀Southern Quotes▶

"Any government big enough to give you everything you want is a government big enough to take away everything you have." – **Thomas Jefferson**

Negro men, who wandered a while looking for an invisible "freedom," came back and went to work on the farm from force of habit. They now received wages and bought their own food. That was the only apparent difference that freedom had bought them. – From the reminiscences of **Walter Hines Page** (1855 – 1918) of his boyhood during and after the War Between the States.

"The germ of destruction of our nation is in the power of the judiciary, an irresponsible body - working like gravity by night and by day, gaining a little today and a little tomorrow, and advancing its noiseless step like a thief over the field of jurisdiction, until all shall render powerless the checks of one branch over the other and will become as venal and oppressive as the government from which we separated." – **Thomas Jefferson**

"If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper, but if we and our posterity ignore its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity." – **Robert E. Lee**

Money and not morality, is the principle of commercial nations. – **Stated by Thomas Jefferson in a letter to John Landon in 1810**

"The North isn't a place. It's just a direction out of the South." – **Roy Blount, Jr.**

"The South: where roots, place, family, and tradition are the essence of identity." – **Social historian Carl N. Degler**

Valor In Gray

Confederate Medal of Honor

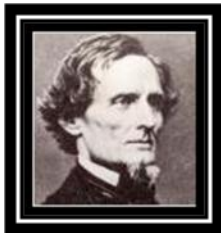
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Major General Patrick Ronayne Cleburne
Cleburne's Division, C.S.A.
Battle of Franklin, Tennessee
30 November 1864

"With the words, 'If we are to die, let us die like men,' General Cleburne led his division forward in the great charge against a waiting enemy protected by three lines of heavy entrenchments. Upon the capture of the first line, General Cleburne, riding across his division and perilously exposed to an intense fire of artillery and musketry, urged his men onward against the second line. Despite his horse being killed by artillery fire, General Cleburne found a second horse and was in the process of mounting when it was killed by a cannonball. Waving his cap and with utter disregard for his own safety, he then advanced on foot, leading the charge against the enemy's second line where he perished." (Taken from the book **Valor in Gray**, by Gregg S. Clemmer, page 173)

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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 – November 13th▶

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