

★ **Commander's
Comments** ★
by Lee Herron

April is here, and that means it is Confederate Heritage and History Month in the state of Georgia. That also means your presence will be required on the 17th of this month, at Magnolia Cemetery, to help honor our Confederate ancestors! Everyone has known about the Confederate Memorial Day service for a couple of months now, and there is no excuse for not being there to honor your ancestor, and the rest of our Southern Heroes. Colonel "Black Jack" Travis will be our guest speaker. Remember, it is your duty to be there!

We will need camp members, wives, and children present early on the morning of the service to help place flags on the soldiers and generals graves, to place the large state flags out behind the fountain, and to perform spot cleaning of the Confederate cemetery and other sections. We will also need members to help set up chairs, help park vehicles, and to perform miscellaneous tasks. If you have never been to the service, or helped prepare for the service, you are missing out. It is a lot of work, but worth every minute. We will have a final cemetery clean-up on the Friday, April 16th, the day before our service. We will begin at 8:00 AM that morning. Remember, it is your duty to be there!

The National Confederate Memorial Day Service will be held at Stone Mountain on Saturday, April 10th.

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Wreath laying, musket and artillery salute to remember our Honored Dead

**Camp's Confederate Memorial Services
to be Held on April 17th**

The BGen. E. Porter Alexander Camp will be holding Confederate Memorial Day services on Saturday, April 17th. The ceremonies will begin at the Confederate Monument in downtown Augusta with the Camp's Honor Guard firing a salute at 11:00 PM. This will be followed by a parade to Magnolia Cemetery with memorial services to begin at 11:45 PM.

Volunteers are needed to help clean the Confederate cemetery on Friday morning, April 16th and, on Saturday morning, prior to the memorial service, to set up chairs and to place flags on the graves of Confederate soldiers.

Featured speaker for the event will be Col. "Black Jack" Travis, who has written a book entitled, *Rebel Gunner, General E. Porter Alexander*, and will speak on that topic.

Colonel Travis has spent years researching his family history and has taken a special interest in the War Between the States from the Confederate perspective. This interest began when he first visited the Travis Cemetery in St. Helena Parish, Louisiana with his aunt over twenty-five years ago where one tombstone in particular caught his attention. The name on that tombstone was Barret Travis--"Black Barret." His aunt explained that "Black Barrett" was his great-great grandfather, a Confederate soldier with a talent for working with gunpowder and his assignment was to blow up Yankee supply boats.

Discovering a total of seven Confederate ancestors, Travis joined the SCV, and began taking part in reenactments as a member of an artillery crew, and eventually formed the Rowan Artillery--Reilly's Battery/Ramsay's Battery, a North Carolina unit known for its outstanding record and performance with the Army of Northern Virginia. Eventually, he created Alexander's Battalion of Artillery attached to Longstreet's Corps which consisted of 25 guns and over 400 re-enactors and, as a professional re-enactor, was responsible for the training, safety, and historical correctness in dress and performance of all the men under his command. Col. Travis is a recipient of the "George McDonald Award" for his contribution towards advancing the goals of artillery brotherhood and safety through the National Civil War Artillery Association.

"Black Jack" is the author of the book, *"Men of God, Angels of Death" History of Rowan Artillery* and is working on a third book which will be entitled, *The Guns of Gettysburg, Legends of Artillery*.

Last Camp Meeting

Retired Army LTC Charles L. Schuman Discusses Leadership

During the March meeting of the Alexander Camp, Retired LTC Charles L. Schuman spoke on the topic of "The Qualities of a Good Leader" using specific examples from the Battle of Gettysburg. LTC Schuman, a 24 year Army veteran who served as a Medical Service Corps officer, is the founder of Messianic Military Ministries International. He discussed, using specific examples from the movie, *Gods and Generals*, the qualities of a good leader. Schuman, using Union General John Buford's example, stated that a leader can "see the future and plan for it." He went on to say that General Isaac Trimble did not have the aggressiveness of "Stonewall Jackson" nor did Lee communicate his intentions to him as he should have regarding the attack on Cemetery Ridge on the first day of the battle. Schuman stated that it is important that leaders "lead from the front" and "make decisions based on reality." Cmdr. Herron presented LTC Schuman with a photograph of the Confederate Powder works Chimney following his discourse.

Also speaking to the Camp during the meeting was the foreman of International Chimney Corporation, Steve Syock who presented a slide show and discussed the work and the final stages of the Confederate Powder works Chimney restoration. In appreciation for his efforts, Cmdr. Herron presented Syock with a 2000 Confederate Monument SCV reunion pin, a pamphlet on the Confederate Powder works, and a framed Powder works print.

During the commander's report, Cmdr. Herron stated that the restoration of the Confederate Powder works Chimney is complete except for the painting of the posts around the chimney. He read a card sent by Compatriot Posey who expressed his appreciation to the Camp for the support he received following his father's passing. Herron announced a Confederate Cross of Honor dedication ceremony to be held at Friendship Baptist Church cemetery in Barnwell on March 14th and the battle of Manassas re-enactment in Reidsville on

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Important Dates to Remember:

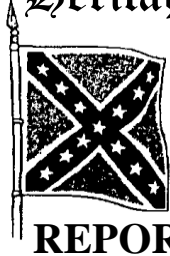
- 17 April: Virginia Secession Day
- 26 April: Confederate Memorial Day (Ala., Fla., Ga., Miss.)
- 6 May: Arkansas Secession Day

Coming Events:

- 10 April: National Confederate Memorial Service
Noon
Stone Mountain Memorial Park
 - 15 April: BGen E. Porter Alexander
Camp #158 Meeting
Topic: "Gen. Wade Hampton"
7:00 PM
Sconyers Barbecue**
 - 17 April: Confederate Memorial Day Services
Parade 11:00 AM
Magnolia Cemetery 11:45 AM
Augusta**
 - 26 April: Confederate Memorial Day Service
6:00 PM
Columbia County Monument
Evans, Ga.
 - 1 May: Confederate Memorial Day Services
Columbia, SC at noon
 - 1-2 May: Battle for Columbia re-enactment
 - 11-12 June: Georgia Division Reunion
Milledgeville, Georgia**
- Notable Confederate Birthdays:**
- 5 April: MGen. David R. "Neighbor" Jones*
 - 6 April: MGen. William Field
 - 7 April: Francis W. Pickens, Gov. SC
 - 10 April: LGen. Leonida Polk*
BGen. Thomas R. R. Cobb*
BGen. James E. Rains*
 - 12 April: BGen. George B. Anderson*
 - 13 April: BGen. Leroy A. Stafford*
 - 13 April: President Thomas Jefferson
 - 15 April: Joseph E. Brown, Gov. Ga.
 - 17 April: BGen. Philip St. George Cocke*
 - 21 April: Robert M. Hunter, Secy. State
 - 23 April: John G. Shorter, Gov. Ala.
 - 25 April: BGen. James Dearing*
 - 26 April: MGen. Ambrose R. Wright
 - 1 May: MGen. John Bankhead Magruder
 - 7 May: Varina Howell Davis, First Lady

*Died in Confederate Service

Heritage



REPORT

Confederate Cemeteries Vandalized

Two Confederate cemeteries twenty miles apart were vandalized on April 2nd or 3rd with spray paint. The Confederate cemetery in Enterprise, Alabama and Quitman, Mississippi were marred when 175-200 head stones were spray painted with a letter or number. What the numbers and letters mean is not readily discernible, but the word, "tyrant" seems to be legible.



Authorities have been notified, and the Mississippi Division SCV has offered a \$1000 reward leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual(s) responsible for this desecration.

Sports Columnist Bemoans SC's Memorial Flag

In a column entitled "Flag Still Cost NCAA Spotlight," by Ron Morris in *The State* newspaper in Columbia, SC, on March 21st, the writer continues to bemoan the monetary loss in post season tournament game revenues caused by the NCAA's vitriolic boycott of the state of South Carolina spurred on by the NAACP's refusal to accept the 2000 Confederate flag compromise.

Morris who believes money is more important than honoring the sacrifices of those who died on South Carolina's behalf states that the memorial flag which is adjacent to the Confederate monument on the State House grounds remains "flapping in the face of progress for the state of South Carolina and the city of Columbia."

How sad that he is willing to sell the blood of our ancestors for the proverbial "bowl of porridge" to appease a group that will never be appeased and an organization that would pander to such a group! Moreover, the NCAA ignores the fact that Alabama has four Confederate flags on their state capitol grounds and yet singles out South Carolina for this unfair treatment.

Interested compatriots should contact Mr. Morris directly at his email address at rmorris@thestate.com or contact him by telephone at (803)771-8432 and tell him the blood of their ancestors is not for sale.

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Everyone will gather on the terrace in front of the carving, and the service will start at 12:00 noon.

Due to the Masters Golf Tournament being the second week in April, we will have our regular scheduled meeting on the 15th of April. The guest speaker will be Mr. Eddie Rodgers and he will talk about Lt. Gen. Wade Hampton. I hope to see you there. Remember, it is your duty!!!

Last Month's Meeting (continued from page 2)

March 20-21st. He stated there will be a cemetery work day at Magnolia Cemetery on April 3rd beginning at 8:00 AM and on April 16th by the "old men's crew." Herron requested prayer for Terry Bower's son, Timothy, who is undergoing medical treatment.

The meeting was adjourned by Commander Herron. After the benediction, the camp sang *Dixie*.

Time to Begin Thinking about Officer Elections

The Alexander Camp will elect officers at the end of this year, but it is not too early for those compatriots who would like to serve their fellow compatriots to consider which position they would like to fill for 2011-2013. If any current officer wishes to remain in their respective office, please let Cmdr. Herron know as soon as possible.

Commander Herron will not be able to serve another term as Commander due to his work schedule. Therefore, someone who is **COMMITTED TO THE CAMP AND UPHOLDING THE CHARGE** needs to consider serving in this position.

All those interested in serving as the next Camp Commander should let Cmdr. Herron know by e-mail or by telephone (home: 803-637-3534, mobile: 706-831-6600). He will be glad to assist interested compatriots in learning its responsibilities so as to be a productive and successful leader.

The requirements are as follows:

- A commitment to the camp and the SCV. This position will be a major portion of your life for two years!!!
- Must be able to speak to large groups including the media and to represent the camp at reunions and Division Executive Council meetings. Being able to travel is a must!
- Be computer literate and program literate.
- Must have organizational skills.
- Be able to organize monthly meetings, to arrange for speakers months in advance, and to organize the Confederate Memorial Day service and the Lee/Jackson Banquet.

According to Cmdr. Herron, this is just a small portion of the Commander's role, but it is worth every minute of it!!!!

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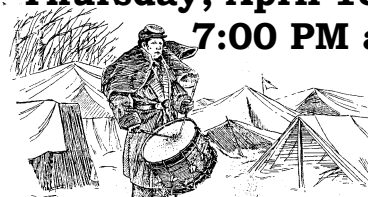
April is Confederate History & Heritage Month

145 Years Ago: Surrender of Confederate Armies

- 3 April 1865: Fall of Richmond and Petersburg, Pres. Davis arrives in Danville, Va.
- 4 April 1865: Lee's army arrives at Amelia Court House, Va. and discovers unexpected supplies have not yet arrived.
- 6 April 1865: Battle of Saylor's Creek, Virginia One third of Lee's Army is cut off and captured.
- 9 April 1865: Gen. Lee surrenders the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox Court House, Va.
- 10 April 1865: Lee issues his famous General Order #9
- 12 April 1865: Mobile, Ala. falls
- 13 April 1865: Sherman's Army enters Raleigh, NC
- 14 April 1865: John Wilkes Booth assassinates Union Pres. Lincoln.
- 26 April 1865: Gen. Joseph Johnston surrenders the Army of Tennessee at Bennett House near Durham Station, NC
- 29 April 1865: Union Pres. Andrew Johnson orders removal of commercial restrictions throughout the South, except Texas
- 4 May 1865: Surrender of the Confederate Forces in the Dept. of Alabama, Mississippi, and east Louisiana at Citronelle, Ala.

RIGHT: The battle flag of the 6th North Carolina Infantry Regiment was captured during the Battle of Saylor's Creek by Pvt. James Kimball, Co. B, 2nd West Virginia Cavalry on April 6, 1865. The unit was organized in Halifax, NC in July 1861 consisting of men from Cumberland, Gates, Johnston, Graven, Rowan, Bertie, Wilson, and Caswell counties. In April 1862, the unit had 460 effectives and numbered 473 at Gettysburg losing half in that battle. The unit totaled 7 officers and 76 enlisted men when it surrendered with Lee's Army at Appomattox Court House.

Next Camp Meeting
Thursday, April 15th
7:00 PM at



Sconyers Barbecue
Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road

Scripture Thought

I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

--Revelation 1:18 (NIV)



Confederate Heroes Crossword Puzzle

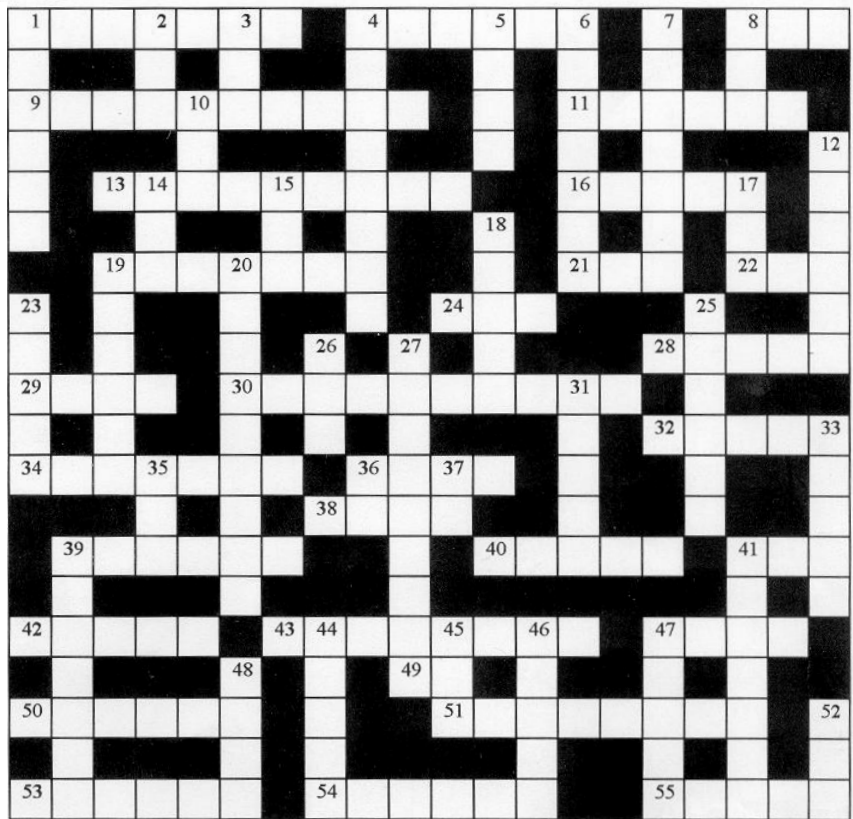
Being that April is Confederate History and Heritage month, below is a crossword puzzle I have developed and shared with other SCV camps. Please put your Confederate thinking caps on and remember those who gave their all to make Southern independence a reality. Answers will be provided at the next meeting.

ACROSS

1. Augusta born Army of Tennessee cavalry commander
4. The highest ranking Confederate general
8. SC General killed at First Manassas
9. Lee's "Old Warhorse"
11. Kentucky cavalry general known for his raids into Indiana and Ohio
13. His charge captured the Troup Hurt house at the battle of Atlanta
16. General known as "Old Bald Head"
19. SC Cavalry General who led the "Beefsteak Raid" in 1864
21. Initial of a general who was a US President's son
22. Large shade tree
24. CS soldiers from NC were called "--- Heels"
28. Tennessee Confederate hero hanged as a spy or "Mr. President"
29. Texas born Confederate hero hung in Little Rock as a spy
30. Creole General who commanded the defenses of Petersburg in 1864
32. He commanded the CSS *Virginia* in its fight with the USS *Monitor* in 1862
34. Corp Commander of the Army of Tennessee who commanded on the extreme right at the battle of Franklin
36. General who saved the day at the battle of Sharpsburg, Md.
38. SC general killed at Franklin
39. Commanded the Georgia Brigade in the Army of Northern Virginia
40. Partisan cavalry leader in northern Virginia
41. NC general killed at South Mountain: Samuel ---land or an oblong freshwater fish
42. Missouri general known as "Old Pap"
43. Led the Tennessee brigade in the Army of Tennessee
47. Camp Sumter commander unjustly hanged after the war by the US government
49. Disc Jockey (abbrev.)
50. Outstanding artillery leader: "the gallant ----"
51. General mortally wounded at Shiloh or Army of Tennessee Commander
53. General known as "The Last Cavalier"
54. Commander of the Missouri "Iron Brigade" who wanted to continue the struggle in Mexico
55. General who led the attack on Washington in 1864

DOWN

1. Confederate general killed at the Atlanta
2. Hen's product
3. Confederates often did not get enough to ---
4. Outstanding Irish-bom general killed at the battle of Franklin
5. The "Bishop General"



6. NC General killed at the battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia
7. The "Wizard of the Saddle"
8. Sheep sound
10. "Rooney's" relation to Robert
12. Commander of the CSS Alabama
14. American Optometric Association (abbrev.)
15. Forrest's maxim: "---there first with the most."
17. Named Commander in chief of all Confederate armies in 1865
18. Confederate commander during the Battle of Perryville
19. His book of tactics was used by CS & US armies
20. Philadelphia-born Vicksburg commander
23. General killed at the battle of Winchester, VA
25. He led the counterattack at the Battle of the Crater at Petersburg
26. This Citadel graduate commanded Alabama troops in Hood's division at Gettysburg
27. He was mortally wounded at "the Angle" at Gettysburg
31. General killed at Murfreesboro shouting "Forward my brave boys!"
33. First CS National flag: "The___ and Bars"
35. ---for Southern Independence
36. A greeting or the abbreviation of the most "Southern" US State today
37. Lieutenant (abbrev.)
39. General in Pickett-Pettigrew charge at Gettysburg whose body was never found
41. New York-born commander at Port Hudson
44. A possession of the Texas Brigade Commander
45. "Stonewall's" initials
46. Daring Blue Ridge cavalry leader who was killed in 1862
47. Native American Confederate general
48. To leave out
52. Rose O'Neal Greenhow served the Confederacy in this manner

C.S.A.

by

Father Abram Joseph Ryan
(1838-1886)

Do we weep for the heroes who died for us,
Who living were true and tried for us,
And dying sleep side by side for us;
The Martyr-band
That hallowed our land
With the blood they shed in a tide for us?

Ah! fearless on many a day for us
They stood in front of the fray for us,
And held the foeman at bay for us;
And tears should fall
Fore'er o'er all
Who fell while wearing the Gray for us.

How many a glorious name for us,
How many a story of fame for us
They left: Would it not be a blame for us
If their memories part
From our land and heart,
And a wrong to them, and shame for us?

No, no, no, they were brave for us,
And bright were the lives they gave for us;
The land they struggled to save for us
Will not forget
Its warriors yet
Who sleep in so many a grave for us.

On many and many a plain for us
Their blood poured down all in vain for us,
Red, rich, and pure, like a rain for us;
They bleed -- we weep,
We live -- they sleep,
"All lost," the only refrain for us.

But their memories e'er shall remain for us,
And their names, bright names, without stain
for us;
The glory they won shall not wane for us,
In legend and lay
Our heroes in Gray
Shall forever live over again for us.



Southern Legal Resource Center Seeks Memorial for Harvard Confederates

The SLRC is spearheading a nationwide effort to memorialize the 64 Confederate Harvard Alumni who died in battle during the War Between the States. Their aim is to bring national and international pressure to bear on the Harvard Board of Overseers to provide an appropriate memorial to honor these brave men as part of the Sesquicentennial of the War Between the States.

In 1988, Mason Hammond, a Harvard emeritus professor, suggested placing a Confederate memorial in Memorial Hall--not Memorial Church--which, he pointed out, "is rather a Valhalla of Harvard's past than specifically a commemoration of the Union side of the Civil War." Such a project, Hammond said, would be "a long overdue act of pietas" [Lat.: sense of duty; kindness; piety] that would "recognize that Harvard's dead on the Confederate side gave their lives for a cause in which they selflessly believed."

In 1995, when Memorial Church was being renovated, the Harvard Alumni Association actually proposed a Confederate memorial and the idea was even supported by Memorial Church's minister; however, according to a 2003 Harvard Crimson article, that idea was shot down by the Harvard Black Law Students' Association, the undergraduate Black Students' Association and the University's then-president, Neil L. Rudenstine.

A National Confederate Harvard Committee is being formed to rectify this slight. Please go to the SLRC web site on Facebook: HARVARD CONFEDERATES KIA MEMORIAL PETITION and please consider signing the on-line petition and urge others to do so.

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/harvard-confederates-kia-memorial-petition>

SCV Camp Sponsors Gen. Johnston Statue and "Walk of Honor" at Bentonville Battlefield

The Smithfield Light Infantry Camp #1466 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans in Smithfield, North Carolina unveiled a bronze statue to Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston on private property adjacent to the Bentonville Battlefield State Historic site on March 20th, the 145th anniversary of the battle. Sculpted by renowned artist and sculptor, Carl Regutti, the statue is a memorial to all Confederate soldiers who fought and died at Bentonville in 1865.

The Smithfield Camp hopes to complete this memorial by constructing a "Walk of Honor" featuring memorial bricks recognizing those soldiers who fought for the Confederacy. Those who fought at Bentonville will be honored with red bricks, and those who died in Confederate service will have an engraved Confederate Cross of Honor on their brick.

Those interested compatriots who had an ancestor who fought at Bentonville and wish to reserve a memorial brick in their honor should go to the following web site for more information:

http://www.generaljosephejohnston.com/pages/donate_brick.html