

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

First of all, I would like to say "Thank You!" to everyone in the camp for supporting my transition from 2nd Lt. Commander to Camp Commander. I know that this will be a tough, and time consuming job, but I promise you that I will give it no less than 100% effort.

I would like to thank everyone that attended and supported our Lee/Jackson Banquet on January 17th, 2009. We had approximately 86 people in attendance, which consisted of camp members, members from other camps, spouses, children, and guest. The food was very good, and Virginia Morton gave an excellent presentation on her book "Marching Through Culpepper." Philip Weaver was presented with the Commander's Award for his dedication to the camp, and helping to preserve our heritage.

A very special "Thank You" goes out to the rest of the camp officers who stepped forward, and are willing to give of their time to serve the camp in their respective capacity. When a camp officer calls, and request your help, please, do all you can to help them. Every member of camp #158 has just as much responsibility to help with the Magnolia Cemetery clean-up days, and road side clean-up as the next member does. Even if you are unable to help clean-up due to health problems, please, still come for the good fellowship with your camp members.

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BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp's new Camp officers are sworn in by Chaplain Mike Milford during the Lee-Jackson Banquet on January 17th

Compatriot Lee Herron Sworn in as New Camp Commander

**Compatriot Philip Weaver receives Commander's
Award at Camp's Lee and Jackson Banquet**

by Nick Posey

BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp's annual Lee-Jackson Banquet was held Saturday January 17th, 2009 at Burns Memorial United Methodist Church in Augusta.

Commander Nick Posey welcomed attendees and thanked them for attending in honor of Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas Jonathan "Stonewall" Jackson. Chaplain Mike Milford gave the invocation and blessing, and the pledges were recited. After the reading of the SCV Charge, the Honor Guard presented the colors. After the meal, special guests were introduced.

Program speaker, Mrs. Virginia Morton from Culpeper, Virginia, gave a very interesting and entertaining presentation on the battles and activities that took place in Culpeper County Virginia during the War Between the States. She wrote an historical novel, "Marching Through Culpeper," based on events during the war in Culpeper. After her slide presentation Mrs. Morton sold copies of her recently published book.

Commander Posey presented his annual Commander's Award, which is awarded to one member who had served the camp above and beyond the call of duty during the previous year. The award was presented to Philip Edwin Weaver for his exemplary service to the camp during the past year, and also for his many contributions since becoming a member of Camp #158.

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Last Month's Meeting by Nick Posey

Camp Gains Two New Members

Commander Nick Posey called the meeting to order and welcomed camp members and guests. Chaplain Michael Milford gave the invocation. The pledges were recited by all present, the SCV Charge read and special guests and first time visitors were introduced.

Commander Posey presented a resolution, sent from SCV General Headquarters, to Mrs. Carole Camak in memory of her husband and longtime Camp #158 member, Mr. James X. Camak, who passed away on October 6th, 2008.

Our program speaker, Dr. Marshall Waters from Washington, Georgia, gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed "The Midnight Raid at Chennault, Georgia," which occurred on May 24th, 1865. This was a follow up to the talk he gave last October about the missing Confederate treasury gold that, as legend has it, disappeared in the vicinity of Washington, Georgia. Dr. Waters' well researched discussion dispelled most of the myths surrounding the ongoing controversy about what actually happened to the lost gold.

Two applications for membership were presented to the camp. Applications received from Mark Rogers of Hephzibah and David Armour of Washington were voted on and unanimously accepted. Mark Rogers joined through his 3rd great grandfather, Private Charles Clayton Phillips, who served in Company E, 14th Regiment of the SC Infantry. David Armour joined under his great-great grandfather, Private Willis D. Armour, who served in Company G, 61st Georgia Infantry.

The following camp officers gave reports: Lt. Commander Ron Udell, Quartermaster Ben Creech, Treasurer Henry Gilmer and Commander Nick Posey.

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Important Dates to Remember:

- 22 February: Confederacy Day
George Washington's Birthday
- 2 March: Texas Secession Day
- 4 March: Confederate Flag Day—Fly the flag!

Coming Events:

**12 February: BGen E. Porter Alexander
Camp Meeting
Topic: Hampton's Red Shirts
7:00 PM
Sconyers Barbecue**

20-22 February: Battle of Aiken re-enactment

27 Feb-1 March: Broxton Bridge re-enactment

Notable Confederate Birthdays:

- 7 February: Leroy P. Walker, Secy. War
- 8 February: LGen Richard S. Ewell
BGen Barnard E. Bee*
- 11 February: Alexander H. Stephens, Vice-Pres.
- 12 February: MGen Robert Ransom Jr.
- 16 February: MGen James P. Anderson
MGen Camille A.J.M. Polignac
- 18 February: BGen Lewis A. Armistead*
BGen Jean J.A. Mouton*
BGen James Deshler*
- 20 February: BGen James B. Terrill*
- 21 February: BGen John H. Winder*
- 22 February: President George Washington
- 25 February: George A. Trenholm, Secy. Tres
- 1 March: George Davis, Atty. Gen.
MGen. James F. Fagan.
BGen. Hiram B. Granbury*
- 4 March: BGen. Elisha F. "Bull" Paxton*
- 5 March: Bgen John Dunovant*
- 7 March: MGen. Henry D. Clayton
- 8 March: MGen. Matthew C. Butler
- 10 March: George W. Randolph, Secy. War
MGen. Thomas J. Churchill

*Died in Confederate service

During New Business a motion was made and seconded to give our program speaker at the upcoming Lee-Jackson Banquet, Mrs. Virginia Morton, a check for \$150.00 to cover her speaker's fee and gasoline allowance. The motion was voted on and passed.

A few miscellaneous announcements were made about upcoming events and afterwards the meeting was adjourned by Commander Posey. Quartermaster Ben Creech gave the benediction and then everyone participated in a resounding rendition of *Dixie!*

HERITAGE



REPORT

On January 15, 2009, three Marysville, Washington high school students received 10-day suspensions for bringing a Confederate flag onto the Marysville-Pilchuck High campus. The students say the flag is a symbol of their culture and heritage, but school district officials state the flag is also a symbol of hatred.

Contact info for the school district officials:
http://www.msvl.k12.wa.us/district/contacts/Contact_ServiceCntr.htm



On January 13, 2009, the Selma, Alabama City Council voted to change Jeff Davis Avenue to J.L. Chestnut Jr. Boulevard in honor of a late “civil rights” attorney. The council voted 6-3 on Tuesday to rename the street currently named after Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

Commander's Comments

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It is everyone's, and I mean everyone's duty to attend our annual Confederate Memorial Day Service. If you are unable to do anything else during the year, this is the one thing we all need to support. If you have never been to our Confederate Memorial Day Service, you do not know what you are missing!

I am here to serve you, the members of BG E. Porter Alexander Camp #158, and together we can continue to move the camp toward our mission of honoring, and defending the good name of our beloved Confederate soldiers.

Our next meeting will be on the 12th of February, 2009, and the speaker will be James H. Goodman. He will talk about Wade Hampton and his Red Shirts. Hope to see everyone there!

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As his last official act, Commander Posey presented his son Matthew with an SCV Life Membership Certificate, which was a gift.

New Camp #158 officers for the 2009-2010 term were installed by outgoing Chaplain Michael Milford. After the door prizes were given away, Past Commander Posey made comments about incoming Commander Lee Herron, pledging to serve and support him. He stated that under the leadership of Commander Herron the camp would continue on its path as an active and successful camp.

Commander Herron gave closing comments stating that Camp #158 is a duty driven camp, and that as commander, he assured the membership that we would remain a duty driven camp and continue to carry out the SCV Charge. He announced that he appreciated Camp #158 entrusting him with the opportunity to serve as their commander, and that he would do his duty to the best of his ability in serving the camp and its members.

Newly installed Chaplain Arlington Milford gave the benediction and the banquet ended with everyone singing *Dixie!*

New Camp Officers

Commander - Lee Herron
1st Lt. Commander - Richard Smith
2nd Lt. Commander - Vacant
Adjutant - Perry Herron
Quartermaster - Joe Winstead
Treasurer - Nick Posey
Judge Advocate - Allen Johnson
Sergeant at Arms - Stan Scritchfield
Surgeon - Ron Udell
Chaplain - Arlington Milford
Historian and Webmaster - Terry Bowers
Recording Secretary and Newsletter Editor - Arnold Huskins

Philip Weaver - Cemetery Cleanup Co-ordinator
Ben Creech - Old Men's Crew Coordinator
Jack Bailie - Water Fountain Maintenance
Sound System - Vacant

145 Years Ago: *H.L. Hunley* sinks the *Housatonic*

- 14 February 1864: Federals take Meridian, Miss.
- 17 February 1864: Confederate submarine *HL Hunley*, sinks the USS *Housatonic* in Charleston Harbor; the *Hunley* also sinks resulting in the loss of nine men
- 20 February 1864: Battle of Olustee, Florida results in a Confederate victory
- 22 February 1864: Battle of Dalton, Georgia
- 24 February 1864: Battle of Okalona, Mississippi, Gen. Forrest is victorious
- 24 February 1864: Gen. Braxton Bragg becomes Pres. Davis' Chief of Staff
- 27 February 1863: Battle of Tunnel Hill, Georgia
- 27 February 1863: Yankee prisoners began arriving at Camp Sumter in Andersonville, Georgia
- 2 March 1864: Dalhgreen's cavalry raid on Richmond is thwarted

Black Confederate History: The Brave Substitute

—Among the incidents of the battles near Richmond, the Dispatch relates the following: In this place we may mention an amusing scene that occurred of late near the Mechanicsville road. The 8th and 9th Georgia were ordered out to repel the enemy, when, upon the men falling in one of the 9th stepped from the ranks and told the captain "he wasn't able to face the music." "You are scared," said the captain; "lay down your gun and accoutrements, and retire sir." The chicken-hearted gentleman did so, when shortly afterwards there stepped forward a good looking darkey, named Wesley, well known in camp, who asked permission to put on the deserted accoutrements and shoulder his gun. The request being granted, Wesley followed the company into action, and though the shells and minie balls of the enemy were falling thick and fast about him, Wesley never wavered, but brought down a Yankee at every fire. Such a deed is worthy of remembrance, and should inspire our soldiery with tenfold energy and courage...

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Next Camp Meeting

Thursday, February 12th

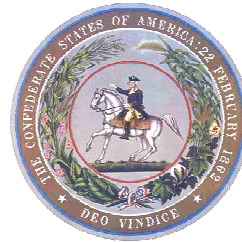
at 7:00 PM at
Sconyers Barbecue
Windsor Springs and Peach Orchard Road



Scripture Thought

The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of His unfailing love.

--Psalms 33:4



The Great
Seal of the
Confederate
States of
America



Happy George Washington's Birthday!