

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

The Georgia Division Reunion will be held on June 11-12th in Milledgeville. Registration and credentials will begin at 7:30 AM and the first business session will be from 9:00 AM-noon. Lunch will be held until 1:30 PM. The second business session will be from 1:30 PM- 3:00 PM, if needed. The Alexander Camp has eleven delegates and two alternates committed to going to the reunion. We have a full delegation attending the reunion. One does not have to be a delegate to attend the reunion. Thanks to all of the camp members who have set this time aside to attend to the business of the Georgia Division. If you have never been to a reunion, I encourage you to go.

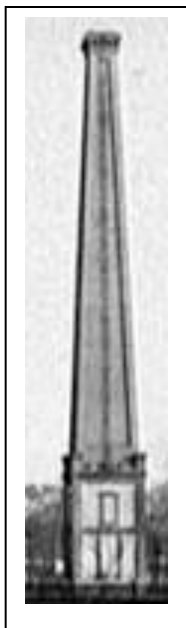
I would like to thank everyone that participated in the Magnolia Cemetery clean up day on May 15th. The magnolia leaves have been falling and one could not walk one step without stepping on a leaf. Only 9-10 compatriots were in attendance, which is considerably less than our regular 15-20. Please, when a cemetery work day is scheduled, do your duty and come help clean the cemetery.

After cleaning Magnolia Cemetery, Philip and Marty Weaver, and I left Augusta to clean three other cemeteries in Burke County where Philip and Marty's ancestors are buried. After lunch, we proceeded to clean the old Alexander Church Cemetery and were finished in about 30 minutes. We then

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Editor's Note: *The following poem was written by Compatriot Ken Temples and read during the last meeting of the Alexander Camp in tribute to our work in restoring the Confederate Powder Works Chimney.*

Beneath that Chimney in the Sky



Along the old Savannah, on its peaceful lazy canal
 Sat a beautiful masterpiece, which boasted a nation's morale.

The world's grandest powder mill, a thing of beauty to the eye,
 Was Augusta's Powder Works, setting beneath that chimney in the sky.

It was state of the art construction, designed by the Confederacy.

It made the finest powder, for the purpose to keep us free
 From an invading northern army, we had to keep our powder in supply.

As Colonel Rains and his men stayed busy, beneath that chimney in the sky.

For two miles it stretched downriver, with buildings all the way,

Making 7,000 pounds of gunpowder, all in a single day.
 God, country, and duty became our battle cry,

As the smoke kept pouring over Augusta from that chimney in the sky.

We sacrificed all we had for a Cause we knew was right.

As long as we had good powder, we'd never give up the fight.

After four long years of fighting, dear sweet liberty they could not deny
 Was the driving motivation beneath that chimney in the sky.

Those trying years have all past now, and the factory is all gone,
 But the chimney still stands proudly, though it's standing all alone.

It is a today a fine memorial to the ones who had to die.

Their fighting spirit still lives today, beneath that chimney in the sky.

Through the efforts of the Alexander Camp, it's still a beautiful thing to see,

Though it stands in solemn stillness, it stands for you and me.

To bring us pride in who we are, as we travel by

'Cause the South's noble heart once beat beneath that Chimney in the sky.

Last Camp Meeting

SC Division Chaplain, Ken Temples Speaks on Edgefield Confederates

During the May meeting of the Alexander Camp, Ken Temples of Aiken and SC Division Chaplain with 24 Confederate ancestors, spoke on his new book, "Autumn Leaves, The Story of Edgefield's Lost Generation." Before discussing the book, Temples read a poem written in honor of the Confederate Powder Works Chimney entitled "Beneath that Chimney in the Sky" and one inspired by fallen Confederate soldiers while he visited the battlefield at Chickamauga entitled "Memorials in the Wind." The latter served as inspiration for the title of Temples' new book which tells the stories of Edgefield District men who served the Confederacy. He spoke of Basil Manly, the pastor who was ordained in Edgefield and swore in Jefferson Davis as the new president of the Confederacy, and Edgefield native, Lucy Holcombe Pickens, who was the first woman to be depicted on a Confederate monetary note. Temples continued by discussing several Edgefield soldiers including local hero, Col. Augusta Lithgoe of the 19th SC Infantry who was mortally wounded at Murfreesboro. Cmdr. Herron presented Mr. Temples with the new photograph of the Confederate Powder works Chimney following his presentation.

Kevin Rohrer, a re-enactor in Hampton's Legion then spoke to the camp and solicited recruits who might be interested in participating as cavalry, artillery, or infantry.

There was one application for membership in the camp—**Thomas T. Cook** who joins on the record of the great great grandfather, 2nd Lt. Theodore F. Daniel of Burke County who served in Cobb's Legion.

During the commander's report, Cmdr. Herron stated that the Powder works chimney rededication ceremony is to be held on Oct 9th at 2:00 PM with the featured speaker being Dr. Chip Bragg who wrote the consummate book on the Confederate Powder Works entitled, "Never for Want of Powder". Herron thanked

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Important Dates to Remember:

Coming Events:

**10 June: BGen E. Porter Alexander
Camp #158 Meeting
Topic: "Chaplains and the Role of
Religion in the War"
7:00 PM
Sconyers Barbecue**

**11-12 June: Georgia Division Reunion
Milledgeville, Georgia
[http://www.sonsofconfederateveterans
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**21-24 July: SCV International Reunion
Anderson, SC
<http://mansejollycamp6.com/>**

Notable Confederate Birthdays:

11 June: MGen James L. Kemper
12 June: Gen. Samuel Cooper
23 June: MGen Daniel S. Donelson*
24 June: John A. Cambell, Asst. Sec. War
25 June: Capt James D. Bulloch, CSN
26 June: BGen Victor Jean B. Girardey*
27 June: BGen Junius Daniel*
2 July: Robert A. Toombs, Sec. State
BGen John B. Villepigue*
3 July: MGen John A. Wharton*
4 July: BGen James J. Pettigrew*
12 July: Lt Gen Daniel H. Hill
13 July: James A. Seddon, Sec. War
Lt Gen Nathan Bedford Forrest
26 July: BGen John M. Jones*
28 July: BGen William D. Smith*
1 August: BGen Maxcy Gregg*
5 August: BGen Carnot Posey*
6 August: Judah B. Benjamin, Sec. State

*Died in Confederate Service

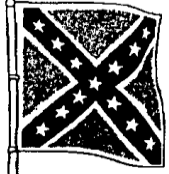
all those who attended the Confederate Memorial Day Service on April 17th and urged all attendees to attend the service next year. He stated one more delegate is needed for the Division Convention to be held in Milledgeville on June 12th. Herron announced that regular cemetery maintenance is scheduled for May 15th at 8:00 AM. Prior to the meeting, he requested prayers for Jules Godin, Timothy Bowers, and Doris Whitaker, Mike Milford's mother-in-law.

Compatriot Ron Udell reported that the Honor Guard participated in Confederate Memorial Day activities in St. Matthews, Orangeburg, and Barnwell, SC. Emma Givens made a donation to the Honor Guard which was well received by the Camp.

Compatriot Arnold Huskins made a motion that the camp purchase a memorial brick to be placed adjacent to the new statue of Gen. Joseph Johnston at the Bentonville Battlefield

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Heritage



REPORT

Confederate Battle Flag Removed from Historical Mural in Virginia

In another act of politically correct censorship and modification of our history, a new movie theater in Spotsylvania County, Virginia has redesigned a mural that previously depicting the Confederate flag after receiving several complaints.

The Muvico theater, which recently opened includes a bar called the Chatterbox, had a War Between the States theme. In keeping with that theme, the owners decided to paint a mural on the wall of an outdoor seating area, which is visible from the front of the theater.

“The whole design, history, is kind of the history of Fredericksburg, the local battles,” said Kris Knox, the theater’s general manager. “We meant [the mural] to be kind of a finishing touch.”

The mural had a United States flag on one side and a Confederate battle flag on the other, along with stars, an eagle and other adornments. The idea, Knox said, was to depict the separation of the Union and the Confederacy, and then the reuniting of the two sides.

It was designed by one of the theater owners—a history buff—and Tampa artist Matt Callahan, Knox said. The mural wasn’t even finished when the theater received complaints about the Confederate flag.

Callahan will rework the design, covering the Confederate flag with a Virginia flag, Knox said.

Source: *Fredericksburg (Va.) Lance-Star*, 18 May 2010

Flags Stolen, Ropes Cut from Poles at Confederate Cemetery in Mississippi

On May 14th it was reported that the Confederate flags flying at the Brice’s Crossroads Confederate cemetery in Mississippi were stolen and the ropes on the poles cut to prevent the hoisting of more flags.

Brian Pace of Pace’s Confederate Depot and Robin Godwin donated new flags and ropes respectively to restore the cemetery’s flags.

The Mississippi Division Sons of Confederate Veterans has offered \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible.

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in memory of a Richland County soldier who died there. The motion was seconded and approved by the camp

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

Pvt. John T. Miller, 63rd Georgia Volunteer Infantry

Camp Makes Donation for Memorial Brick in Honor of Local Soldier Killed at Bentonville

At the last camp meeting, the Alexander Camp voted to remember a Richland County Confederate soldier who died during the Battle of Bentonville by making a donation to place a memorial brick in his honor on the battlefield adjacent to the newly erected bronze statue of Gen. Joseph Johnston, the Confederate commander during the battle.

Private John Thomas Miller initially served in Company A, 12th Battalion of the Georgia Light Artillery enlisting on April 10, 1862. He transferred to Co. A, 63rd Georgia Volunteer Infantry in October 1862 and was detailed as a carpenter in February 1864. Less than one month before Lee’s surrender, Miller was killed in action at the Battle of Bentonville on March 18, 1865.

The memorial brick will feature Miller’s name, his regiment, and his date of death as well as a Confederate Cross of Honor and will be placed on the “Walk of Honor” Confederate Memorial on private land owned by the Smithfield Light Infantry Camp#1466, SCV adjacent to the Bentonville Battlefield State Historic site in North Carolina.

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drove to another cemetery nearby, and it had already been cleaned. There are roughly 25-30 Confederate veterans buried in this cemetery, and Philip and Marty maintain a list of them and insure fresh flags are placed on each of their graves. While checking the flag on one grave, I noticed that the concrete that covered the grave had a hole in it. Upon further inspection, I discovered the human remains of the veteran were exposed as they were only buried about 18-24 inches deep. Fortunately, it did not appear as if the grave had been plundered. This is just another reason why keeping our cemeteries maintained is so important, for it allows inspection of the condition of each grave.

Philip contacted a lady at the church, and I called the Coroner and the Sheriff’s Department. About an hour later, they came to the cemetery and processed a report about the exposed remains. As of May 30th, the grave was still not sealed. I called the Coroner again on the Memorial Day holiday, and she assured me that this was being worked. By the way, I intentionally did not name the cemetery where this occurred for obvious reasons. We will be keeping a close eye on this.

The speaker for the June 10th meeting will be Ms. Elizabeth Young of Fairfax, SC. She will give her program on “Chaplains and the Role of Religion in the War”. Hope to see all of you there. Remember, it is your duty!!!

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Happy Fourth of July!

145 YEARS AGO: Gen. Stand Watie Signs Cease Fire

- 13 June 1865: A pro-Union lawyer, James Johnson, of Columbus is appointed provisional governor of Georgia
- 17 June 1865: Fire-eater Edmund Ruffin commits suicide rather than live under Union rule
- 19 June 1865: Union Gen. Gordon Granger reads "General Order No. 3" proclaiming an end to slavery in Texas
- 22 June 1865: CSS *Shenandoah* captures two whalers in the Bering Sea
- 23 June 1865: Cherokee leader and General Stand Watie signs cease-fire agreement at Ft. Towson, Indian Territory with Union representatives become the last sizable body of Confederate troops to do so.
- 25 June 1865: Skirmish at Rancho Las Rinas, Texas
- 26 June 1865: CSS *Shenandoah* captures six whalers in the Bering Sea
- 28 June 1865: CSS *Shenandoah* captures eleven whalers in the Bering Sea
- 7 July 1865: After being found guilty in the conspiracy to murder Lincoln, Payne, Atzerodt, Herold and Surratt are hung in Washington

Right: The Cherokee Braves Flag of Stand Watie's Cherokee Mounted Battalion was patterned after the Confederate first national flag, the Stars and Bars. The red stars in the center represent the five civilized tribes with the center star representing the Cherokee nation. The flag was captured at the Battle of Locust Grove in present day Oklahoma on 3 July 1862.

Next Camp Meeting

**Thursday, June 10th at
7:00 PM**



Sonyers Barbecue

Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road

Scripture Thought

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He chose for His inheritance.

--Psalms 33:12 (NIV)

