

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

During our February meeting, Tom Smith informed me that he was interested in filling the vacant position of 2nd Lt. Commander, and that he was also interested in operating the sound system for our meetings. I appointed Tom to the office of 2nd Lt. Commander, and this appointment was well received by the membership. Thank you Tom for coming forward to fill this position and a “thank you” also goes out to Philip Weaver for stepping in to run the sound system for February.

The Battle of Aiken, and Broxton Bridge re-enactments were held during the month of February, and as always, we had a great time shootin’ Yankees! I would like to thank everyone that came out to support these events, both re-enactors and spectators. It is important that we attend these events, not only to keep them going, but to learn more about how our Confederate ancestors lived during these four years of hell. I would encourage members to get involved with re-enacting, and with our Camp Honor Guard. You will never regret it! If anyone is interested, please talk with me, or one of the other re-enactors in our camp.

Our Confederate Memorial Day Service is just around the corner--on April 18, 2009. Philip Weaver and Ben Creech will be calling on members to help with the cemetery clean-up. Remember, it is OUR DUTY (OUR=everyone in the camp who is physically able) to help preserve the

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BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp Compatriots Fred Bussey, Trey Miller, and Tommy Miller show the flag outside the Old State Capitol during the Georgia Division’s Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration in Milledgeville.

State Representative Bill Hembree Keynote Speaker

**Alexander Camp Compatriots Celebrate
Gen. Robert E. Lee’s Birthday in Milledgeville**

On January 24th, over fifteen Alexander Camp compatriots and supporters journeyed to Milledgeville to participate in the Georgia Division’s celebration of the 202nd birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee in the Legislative Chamber of the Old Capitol Building.

The celebration began with a march in a cool drizzle at the Old Governor’s Mansion where more than 200 participants walked approximately one-half mile to the Old Capitol.

Inside the Legislative Chamber where the Ordinance of Secession was passed, Georgia Division Commander Jack Bridwell welcomed attendees by stating “Your ancestors did all for the Confederacy. They stood and fought and sometimes died for the ordinance that went on here, to stand up for state’s rights and their belief that no one should invade their country.”

Col. Rusty Henderson of the Georgia Civil War Commission then read a proclamation from the office of Gov. Sonny Perdue which proclaimed January 19th as “Robert E. Lee Day” in Georgia.

The keynote speaker for the event was State Rep. Bill Hembree, R-Winston, who stated, “I’m here today because George Washington Hem-

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Last Month's Meeting

Author James H. Goodman Speaks on Hampton and His Red Shirts

During last month's meeting of the Alexander Camp, James H. Goodman of Aiken and an author of four historical novels spoke on the topic of Wade Hampton and his Red Shirts. Mr. Goodman described Reconstruction as a difficult time in South Carolina where many former Confederates had lost their right to vote and occupying Federal troops supported a corrupt government. Many veterans were treated harshly, and their judicial testimony was greeted with skepticism. Goodman described how the Hamburg Riot precipitated the rise of the Red Shirts and how their tactics helped elect former Confederate General Wade Hampton as Governor in 1876 thus ending Reconstruction in the Palmetto State. Following the speech, Commander Herron presented Mr. Goodman with a photo of the Confederate Powder works.

One application for membership were presented to the camp, voted on and unanimously accepted—Lee and Perry Herron's father, William. He joins the camp on the service of his great grandfather, Levi King of Beaver Pond, Lexington County, SC who served as a Private in Company B, Third Palmetto Battalion Light Artillery.

Commander Herron reported that Compatriot Tom Smith had agreed to accept the vacant position of Second Lt. Commander. He also discussed the answering service which he described as not being cost effective and requested that the camp discontinue the service. A motion was made, seconded and the camp voted likewise. As a result, 2nd Lt Cmdr. Smith agreed to have his telephone number placed on all camp recruitment signs.

Cmdr. Herron stated that Confederate Memorial Day services this year will be on April 18th instead of the 25th and the speaker will be Pastor John Weaver.

He explained the camp needed to purchase a Christian flag, pole and stand as the old one was Compatriot Posey's. Motion was made, seconded and the camp voted unanimously to do so.

Cmdr. Herron asked the Camp to pray for Compa-

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Important Dates to Remember:

Coming Events:

12 March: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp Meeting

Topic: CSS Shenandoah

7:00 PM

Sconyers Barbecue

**18 April: Confederate Memorial Day Services
Magnolia Cemetery, Augusta**

**12-14 June: Georgia Division Reunion
Fayetteville, Georgia**

Notable Confederate Birthdays:

10 March: George W. Randolph, Secy. War
MGen. Thomas J. Churchill

11 March: BGen. Allison Nelson*
BGen. Edmund Kirby, Jr.*

14 March: MGen. John S. Marmaduke

17 March: **MGen. Patrick R. Cleburne***

19 March: BGen. Lewis H. Little*

22 March: Gen. Braxton Bragg
MGen. William H.C. Whiting*

25 March: MGen. William T. Martin

28 March: LGen. Wade Hampton

29 March: John Letcher, Gov. VA
MGen. Robert E. Rodes*

31 March: BGen. John H. Kelley*

1 April: LGen. Simon B. Buckner

2 April: BGen. Henry L. "Old Rock" Benning

5 April: MGen. David R. "Neighbor" Jones*

6 April: MGen. William Field

7 April: Francis W. Pickens, Gov. SC

*Died in Confederate service

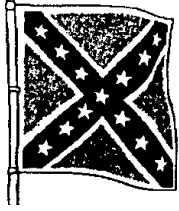
triot Roy Williams and his wife, Donna, who has been ill. He also thanked and read the names of all those who attended the Robert E. Lee Birthday celebration in Milledgeville in January.

Adjutant Perry Herron stated that any members who need an updated membership card should contact him and that compatriots interested in a new camp roster should give him their name and email address. He announced that the Children of the Confederacy is selling bumper stickers that state "SCV—Ask Me", "UDC—Ask Me", and "CoC—Ask Me." The stickers are \$5 and any monies earned will be used to support the CoC's scholarship program.

The following camp officers gave reports: Lt. Commander Richard Smith, Quartermaster Ben Creech, and Treasurer Nick Posey.

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

HERITAGE



REPORT

The historic Virginia city of Alexandria has for years permitted the flying of Confederate flags on Jan. 19th to mark the birthday of Confederate general Robert E. Lee. But during the four days celebrating the inauguration of the new president--no Stars and Bars were in sight.

"My thing is for a new president that preaches inclusion, how come we're not included?" said Debby Mullins, president of a local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which has had an agreement with the city to fly the flags for nearly 40 years.

Since 1970, Alexandria officials have permitted the group to fly Confederate First National flags at Prince and South Washington streets, where Alexandria troops evacuated the city after its occupation by Union forces.

Ms. Mullins said she was first alerted that the flags would not be flown by a phone call from Richard Baier, the city's director of transportation and environmental services. She said Mr. Baier told her that the decision was made at a Jan. 16 staff meeting and was the result of such factors as activities surrounding the inauguration and the current political climate.

Source: The Washington Times



In a series of articles, J. Peder Zane, a columnist with the *Raleigh News and Observer* has called for the removal of North Carolina's Confederate Monument.

Calling the memorial a "monument to white supremacy", Zane states that it was "born in hate" and a "symbol with an ugly past representing values and ambitions that no longer reflect who we are".

Contact the newspaper and let them know what the monument means to you!

Email them at the following web site:

<http://www.newsobserver.com/484/story/433256.html>

Fax them a letter at (919) 829-4517.

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final resting place of these heroic veterans in Magnolia Cemetery, to attend the service to pay your respects to the Veterans, and to the Cause for which they fought. Every Confederate veteran will be looking down to see if you are there. Don't disappoint them! It is your duty! One of the SCV's most eloquent orators, Pastor John Weaver, will be our keynote speaker and his topic will be "Remembering our Heroes."

The next camp meeting will be on Thursday, March 12, 2009. The speaker will be Compatriot Richard Smith, and he'll speak on "CSS *Shenandoah*, The Last Confederate Raider." I hope to see you there.

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bree and Washington Hembree sacrificed so much for the Confederacy," he said of his ancestors who fought in the Battle of Vicksburg and at Gettysburg.

Comparing then and now, Hembree told the members to be "heritage people with fundamental beliefs" like the Confederate soldiers.

"Where does the moral fabric of this country lie? As it did then, it lies in the South," he said. "Today, even as this country moves forward, they're going to rely on us, the South, to make this country the greatest country on Earth."

Following the speeches, participants gathered outside the Old Capitol to watch Confederate reenactors fire volleys in remembrance of Lee.

Augusta's Irish Confederate Companies

Augusta contributed the Irish Volunteers, formed in 1852, which became Co. C (the color company) of the 5th Georgia Infantry Regiment; this unit suffered heavy casualties at Chickamauga, serving in John K. Jackson's brigade, Cheatham Division of Polk's right Wing. The regiment received gray uniforms in 1862.

Another Irish company from Augusta, the Montgomery Guards, became Co. K, 20th Georgia Infantry; the *Augusta Daily Constitutionalist* of January 12, 1861 reported them in "showy uniforms" and carrying a "beautiful new banner."

--*Irish-American Units in the Civil War*

by Thomas Rodgers

145 Years Ago: Great Confederate Snowball Fight

- 10 March 1864: Skirmish near Charles Town, western Virginia
Confederate guerillas strike Clinton and Mayfield, Kty.
- 12 March 1864: Federals begin Red River Campaign in Louisiana
- 14 March 1864: Federal Captures Ft. DeRussey, Louisiana
- 15 March 1864: Federal gunboats and troop transports reach Alexandria, La.
- 22 March 1864: Great Confederate snowball fight during winter camp at Dalton, Ga.
Fighting at Corpus Christi, Tex.
- 24 March 1864: Gen. Nathan B. Forrest captures Union City, Tenn.
- 25 March 1864: Gen. Forrest is victorious at Paducah, Kty.
- 26 March 1864: Skirmish near Quitman, Mississippi
- 27 March 1864: Skirmish near Livingston, Miss.
- 28 March 1864: Skirmish near Natchitoches, La.

RIGHT: The battle flag of 10th Tennessee Irish Infantry Brigade. Organized in early 1861, the "Sons of Erin's" motto was "Go where Glory Waits You." At the fighting at Fort Donelson, the 10th Tennessee suffered severe losses and earned the nickname of "The Bloody Tenth." After the fort's surrender, the field and staff officers were taken as prisoners of war, moved to Fort Warren and Camp Douglas where they received cruel treatment, but were eventually exchanged in 1862. The reunited 10th Brigade fought with the Army of Mississippi at Port Hudson, Jackson, and Raymond. Combined with other units, the men fought with the Army of Tennessee in 1864. They continued to fight until there were less than 100 men left in the 10th Tennessee Infantry at the closing of the war, and every one of them had been wounded many times.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Next Camp Meeting Thursday, March 12th



Scripture Thought

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities; the
punishment that brought us peace was upon
him and by his wounds we are healed.

--Isaiah 53:5



