



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

On June 13th, a full contingent of Alexander Camp delegates and alternates attended the Georgia Division Reunion in Fayetteville, Georgia. While there, I presented our request for an additional \$42,000 for the Confederate Powderworks Chimney Restoration project. When all the votes were counted, our project received an 82% approval of the delegates at the reunion. We were awarded an additional \$42,000 which brings our total from the division to \$84,000.

The Augusta/Richmond County Commission voted July 21<sup>st</sup> to transfer ownership of the chimney to the Augusta Canal Authority, and to provide \$52,000 for our project. After six long years of trying to secure funds for the Restoration of the Confederate Powder Works Chimney, it is my distinct and humble honor to let you know that the project is now FULLY FUNDED! We can now move toward our final goal of seeing the chimney restored so that future generations can come and learn about the Confederate Powder Works.

Every member of the Georgia Division will soon be receiving their notice for dues. Renewals started on August 1st. When the dues notice arrives at your home, place your check inside the envelope provided and mail it to our Camp Adjutant Perry Herron. You can also bring them to the next camp meeting on August 13th. Please, let's get our dues in early as not to drag

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*Sesquicentennial Society Formed to Fund SCV Confederate Museum*

### New Disciplinary Measures Passed at SCV Reunion in Hot Springs

During the annual SCV Reunion held in Hot Springs, Arkansas in July, new disciplinary measures were passed that renders any compatriot who resigns from the organization as being "expelled" and prohibited from participating in any SCV activities or meetings. The proposal submitted by Past Commander in Chief Denne Sweeney was created in response to those who resigned from the SCV during the coup which occurred several years ago. The new measure is not retroactive.

Commander in Chief Chuck McMichael announced the formation of the Sesquicentennial Society whose dues will be used to construct new office spaces and an SCV Confederate Museum at the international headquarters at Elm Springs and to prepare for the bicentennial observance of the War Between the States. Dues are \$200 of which \$150 will be used to fund the building and \$50 will be added to the Bicentennial Fund. The need for a truly Confederate Museum is apparent given the politically correct stance taken by the Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond.

The search for new SCV credit card continues with Visa and Mastercard continually disapproving the SCV logo on their card. Dele-

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*Confederate Powder Works Chimney Funding receives 82% of vote*

### All Proposed Amendments Defeated at Division Reunion in Fayetteville

During the Georgia Division Reunion held in Fayetteville, Georgia in June, all proposed amendments listed in the last issue of *The Wig Wag* were defeated by the majority of delegates. Fifty one camps were represented, and 164 delegates were present.

Delegates approved the following SCV license plate fund projects: the Confederate Powder works Chimney in Augusta with 82%, bronze Confederate soldier monument in Jackson County with 72%, 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary brochures with 45%, and the Confederate Monument at Allatoona Pass battlefield with 42%.

The 2010 reunion will be in Milledgeville, the 2011 reunion will be in Rome, the 2012 reunion will be in Bainbridge, and the 2013 reunion will be held in Chickamauga.

### *Last Camp Meeting*

#### **Fifty Confederate Soldiers in Fifty Minutes**

During the June meeting of the Alexander Camp, native South Carolinian, Mr. John Bingham, gave an audio-visual presentation entitled "Fifty Confederate Soldiers in Fifty Minutes," in which he displayed images of South Carolina Confederate soldiers. Bingham stated that there were forty photographers in the Palmetto State at the beginning in the War, and, of the 70,000 soldiers in the state, only 2,000 had their photographs taken. The majority of the images were ambrotypes; however, Mr. Bingham stated he has a preference for tintypes. Soldiers were photographed in a variety of uniforms along with an equal variety of weapons. Following the speech, Commander Herron presented Mr. Bingham with a photo of the Confederate Powder works.

One application for membership was submitted that of Christopher Blake Harrison who joins the camp on the record of his Confederate ancestor, Thomas Wilson Wayne of Co. H, 35<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry Regiment. Membership certificates were presented to Terry Shockey and to his father, David Shockey, whose Confederate ancestor was Pvt. Madison Shockey of Co. I, 54<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry Regiment.

Commander Herron called the meeting to order and discussed the Georgia Division Executive Council meeting. He stated that the Division still hopes to hire five recruitment officers to assist prospective members with their genealogy and that the Division had placed an ad in the Georgia Outdoor News and received 46 calls from interested individuals. Herron stated that the Division is considering central dues

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#### **Important Dates to Remember:**

##### Coming Events:

**13 August: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp  
#158 Meeting**  
**Topic: Gen. E. Porter Alexander**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Sconyers Barbecue**

**5-6 September: Battle of Atlanta re-enactment**  
Nash Farm Battlefield  
Jonesborough, Ga.

##### Notable Confederate Birthdays:

6 August: Judah P. Benjamin, Sec. State  
10 August: Lt Gen John C. Pemberton  
12 August: MGen John H. Forney  
14 August: BGen Clement "Rock" Stevens\*  
19 August: MGen John P. McCown  
21 August: BGen. William Barksdale\*  
3 September: BGen States Rights Gist\*  
6 September: Col Francis S. Bartow\*  
5 September: Ben. Tyree H. Bell  
MGen William "Extra Billy" Smith

\*Died in Confederate Service

billing in which dues notices will be sent to every compatriot. Hopefully the effort will help retain members, as it has been successful in the Texas and South Carolina Divisions. He reported that revenues from the Georgia SCV tag fund has dropped by 9%, but the Division voted in convention to allocate \$42,000 for the restoration of the Confederate Powderworks Chimney. The Executive Committee approved funding for an 100 foot flagpole to be placed along I-65, but disapproved any funds for the Jefferson Davis Statue to be placed at Beauvoir. The committee also approved financial support for attorney, Martin O'Toole, who is assisting the Division in the Ringold flag fight. That fight has proven to be quite costly for the Division, and it may be two to three years before the case comes to trial. However, the case looks favorable as the architect for the project has stated that it was designed as a "memorial". Herron concluded by stating Compatriot Stan Scritchfield had been appointed communications officer for the Camp.

Compatriot Ron Udell stated the Camp's honor guard participated in US Memorial Day services at 4<sup>th</sup> and Broad. The meeting was adjourned by Commander Herron. After the benediction, the camp sang *Dixie*.

## HERITAGE REPORT



A resolution calling for an economic boycott of the town of Jonesborough, Tennessee, was adopted at the annual convention

of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

The resolution was prompted after Jonesborough officials abruptly altered their policy on the wording of memorial bricks for Confederate veterans at the town's Veterans' Park.

The memorial bricks, purchased and paid for by individual donation, are inscribed with the names, units and dates of service of individual local veterans from the Revolutionary War to the present day.

Earlier this year, however, town administrators refused to accept applications for bricks in memory of Confederate soldiers, on the grounds that Confederate soldiers did not qualify as U.S. Veterans. Several bricks honoring Union soldiers and inscribed accordingly were already in place at that time.

In June the Southern Legal Resource Center warned the town that its policy was discriminatory and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted to allow Confederate bricks. But at its July meeting, the Board reversed itself and said that henceforth all bricks purchased for veterans serving in the 1861-65 conflict would simply be inscribed "Civil War," with no Union or Confederate designation. Citizens who ordered, or intended to order, bricks for Confederate veterans feel betrayed by the town's action, which they consider a bad-faith attempt to attract revenue while circumventing the Confederate designation issue.

Contact the mayor of Jonesborough and let him know you support this boycott:

Kelly Wolfe, Mayor  
156 Vines Drive  
Jonesborough, TN 37659  
423-913-2794

### Commander's Comments

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this out for months on end, and then have to pay a late fee. Thanks for your co-operation in advance!!!

The speaker for the August 13th meeting will be Mr. Dan Brown, Curator of the Signal Corp Museum at Fort Gordon, and he will speak on B/G Edward Porter Alexander and his artillery. I hope to see each and every one of you there!

### SCV Reunion (continued from page 1)

gates to the reunion affirmed C-I-C McMichael's effort to obtain a new card with varying Confederate related images, i.e. Stone Mountain Memorial, Robert E. Lee, etc., of which an SCV logo sticker could be attached. Monies obtained from use of the card will fund daily operations at Elm Springs.

Standing orders passed included the formation of a Convention Planning Committee to oversee future reunions (instead of the Time and Place Committee), the establishment of a Heritage Promotion Committee to develop and construct Confederate memorials to include flag displays, and allowing the General Executive Council to create special endowment funds.

A proposal to adopt a Confederate POW/MIA flag failed as most delegates felt that the battle flag is the most appropriate banner for honoring these men than any recently proposed flag.

Resolutions were passed condemning those who misuse Confederate symbols and the city of Jonesborough, Tennessee for refusing to accept bricks denoting Confederate service for their veterans' memorial. Sam Davis Youth Camp scholarships were designated as the Russell Darden Memorial scholarships in honor of a Virginia compatriot who was a tireless supporter of the program and who passed away recently.

Murfreesboro, Tennessee was chosen as the site for the 2012 Reunion. Next year's reunion will be held in Anderson, SC and the 2011 reunion will be held in Montgomery, Alabama.

**Support and Defend your  
Southern Heritage!  
Pay your SCV Dues!**

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## 145 Years Ago: Battles for Atlanta

- 20 July 1864: Battle of Peachtree Creek—Gen. Hood attacks the Federal Army north of Atlanta suffering horrifying losses
- 22 July 1864: Battle of Atlanta—almost 10,000 Confederate casualties result as Hood attacks Sherman east of the city
- 24 July 1864: Gen. Early's cavalry drive the Federals to and through Winchester, Va. in a battle known as Second Kernstown
- 28 July 1864: Battle of Ezra Church, Ga.—Hood makes repeated attacks against entrenched Federals resulting in almost 5,000 casualties
- 30 July 1864: Gen. John McCausland's cavalry enter and burn the town of Chamberburg, Pa.  
The Battle of the Crater, Petersburg, Va
- 5 August 1864: Battle of Mobile Bay, Alabama
- 18 August 1864: Battle of Weldon Railroad, Va. near Petersburg
- 23 August 1864: Fall of Ft. Morgan at Mobile
- 31 August 1864: Battle of Jonesborough, Ga.
- 2 September 1864: Atlanta evacuated and surrendered
- 4 September 1864: Gen. John Hunt Morgan killed at Greenville, Tenn.

**RIGHT:** The battle flag of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry Regiment. Originally organized in 1862, the 33<sup>rd</sup>'s battle honors included Corinth, the Vicksburg Campaign, the Atlanta Campaign, Franklin, Nashville, and Bentonville, NC. Their battle flag, a second national pattern, was captured during intense fighting at the Battle of Peach Tree Creek, north of Atlanta, on July 20, 1864. A part of Loring's Division and Featherston's Brigade, 160 of its 250 men, including 21 officers were casualties in the fighting.

## Next Camp Meeting

Thursday, August 13th  
7:00 PM at



**Scõnyers Barbecue**  
Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road

### Scripture Thought

Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God and there is no other.  
—Isaiah 45: 22

