

★ **Commander's  
Comments** ★  
by David Moncus

I hope that you had a great month of July. We have had a tough time keeping the cemetery mowed and cleaned due to the heavy rains and lack of support. I do appreciate the efforts that have been made by a few to maintain the grounds particularly the Confederate Dead Section. I anticipate right now that we will set August 10<sup>th</sup> as a major cleanup date at our next meeting. Remember that you can go there any time you like as there will always be something that needs to be done. I also appreciate the seven camp members that helped with our highway cleanup project on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

I attended the SCV National Reunion in Vicksburg, Mississippi on July 17–20<sup>th</sup>. It was a great reunion, and I will be reviewing the activities of the business meetings during our August 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. All three amendments that were shown in your *Confederate Veteran* magazine did pass. We need your attendance at this meeting and please bring a friend with you, especially a member who may not have attended in a while.

There are many events that are occurring all around the South relative to the Sesquicentennial observances of the War. I encourage you to participate or attend any of those events that you can. That was the reason for the National Reunion being held in Vicksburg as July was the fateful month for the surrender of that great city.

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**Showing the Flag and Taking Care of Business**



Alexander Camp compatriots met on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, to perform a roadside clean up of Augusta West Parkway—one of the few non-Confederate related tasks assumed by the Camp which benefits the entire community and one in which the *real* Georgia flag is publically flown. Although the job took only about an hour, more compatriots are needed to volunteer.

Those participating are (left to right) Cmdr. David Moncus, Mike Milford, Past Cmdr Ron Udell, Lt Cmdr Nick Posey, John Sweat, and Ben Creech. Not pictured: Arnold Huskins

**Museum of the Confederacy's Future In Question**

The Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia has the world's finest collection of Confederate art, memorabilia, and artifacts; however, its future is in serious doubt. If rumored changes come to pass, the MOC's collection as well as the historic White House of the Confederacy which it owns and manages, may simply cease to exist.

Recent reports from well-informed sources indicate that the museum's leadership is considering a plan to sell its downtown Richmond location and distribute the MOC's incredible collection among several different Richmond-area groups including historical revisionist organizations such as the Virginia Historical Society and the "CW" Center at Tredegar Iron Works.

Once the collection is relocated and the building sold, the now-nearby White House of the Confederacy will be isolated, dwarfed by the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine and virtually lost to tourist traffic. It is improbable that it will be able to sustain itself financially.

The SCV leadership strongly opposes this plan and is actively urging the Museum of the Confederacy board to reconsider. While no doubt well-intentioned, this course of action will seriously jeopardize the integrity of

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*Last Camp Meeting*

**SCV Field Representative Jack Marler  
Speaks to the Camp**

During the June meeting of the Alexander Camp, the SCV's Field Representative, Jack Marlar of the South Carolina Division, spoke to the camp primarily on European support for the Confederacy. Compatriot Marlar is a 36 year member of the SCV and has been a camp commander, brigade commander, SC Division Commander, past commander of the Army of Northern Virginia and commander of an artillery reenactment unit. Marlow discussed his recent attendance at an SCV Camp Meeting in Dixie County, Florida. He discussed the Morrill Tariff which was passed by the US Congress on March 2, 1861, was an impetus for Southern secession and was highly disliked in Great Britain. Marler also spoke of the Stone Fleet which was utilized by the Yankees in an attempt to block Charleston Harbor and the Corwin Amendment which would have enshrined slavery in the US Constitution. The amendment had the support of Lincoln and the US Congress and was passed in hopes that the South would return to the Union. Always the engaging speaker, Marler's remarks engaged the attendees' attention and invoked a range of noticeable responses.

Cmdr. Moncus discussed the Georgia Division Reunion stating 42 camps were represented with 97 delegates present. He stated of the four projects requesting license plate funds, only one was rejected. Funds will be used to place Southern Crosses of Honor at Rehoboth Cemetery in Tucker, to restore the Confederate arch at the Marietta Confederate cemetery and to restore the Confederate monument in Winterville. Moncus stated that the next cemetery clean up at Magnolia Cemetery will be on June 22nd and a Camp roadside cleanup on Augusta West Parkway will be conducted on July 29<sup>th</sup>. He stated he will be attending the SCV National Reunion in Vicksburg in July.

Quartermaster Winstead stated that the Camp is "next on the list" for installation of memorial pavers adjacent to the Confederate monument downtown. He attended the Redneck Olym-hicks "Round Two" on June 8th at the Savannah Lock and Dam and sold \$400 in merchandise.

Compatriot Tom and Gail Smith read a letter from the Gen. Joseph Finegan Camp #745 in Nassau County, Florida whom they visited recently. The letter thanked

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**Important Dates to Remember:**

**Coming Events:**

**8 August: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp  
# 158 Meeting  
Topic: *The Slave Narratives*  
7:00 PM  
Sconyers Barbecue**

**10 August: Magnolia Cemetery Clean-up**

17 August: Brooklet Peanut Festival  
Parade line up at 9:00 AM

**20-22 September: 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reenactment  
Battle of Chickamauga**  
<http://www.150thanniversarychickamauga.com/>

5 October: Oliver Hardy Festival  
Harlem, Georgia

**Notable Confederate Birthdays:**

- 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
- 7 September: MGen Howell Cobb II
- 9 September: MGen Martin Luther Smith
- 10 September: **MGen Joseph Wheeler II**  
\*Died in CSA Service

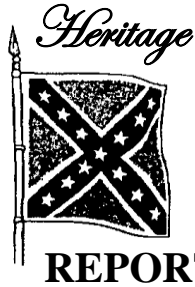
the Alexander Camp for the gift of a Confederate Powder works rededication video and a fly ash bottle.

The meeting was adjourned by Cmdr Moncus. Following the benediction, *Dixie* was sung by the Camp.

**Compatriot Trey Miller** (pictured right in his sleeping quarters in Virginia) attended the Sam Davis Youth Camp which was held on June 16-22<sup>nd</sup> at the Southwest Virginia Woodmen of the World Family Activity Center in Thaxton, Virginia.

Trey is the son of Compatriot Carl T. Miller, Jr. and the grandson of Compatriot Tommy Miller and his participation was sponsored in part by the Alexander Camp.





## NAACP Petitions Florida County to Remove Portrait of Gen. Robert E. Lee

A local chapter of the radical organization, the NAACP, has petitioned the Lee County, Florida Commissioners

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to remove the portrait of Gen. Robert E. Lee in his Confederate uniform from a wall in the Lee County Commission Chambers stating the painting is a "symbol of racism and divisiveness". Commissioners say they may take up the matter when they return from recess after July 30th.



The painting was given to Lee County at the request of the Commissioners who requested assistance in February 1929 in obtaining a portrait of the Confederate General from Virginia legislators. Lee County was formed and named after Lee in 1887 by the Florida legislature.

In 2007, a request by the NAACP to place a portrait of the Union President, Abraham Lincoln, next to the Lee portrait was rejected by the Commissioners.

Sons of Confederate Veterans Florida Division spokesman, John Adams said the painting serves to remind people of Lee's duty and honor in his role as a military leader.

Please contact the following Lee County officials and ask them to keep the portrait and ignore the petition:

District 1  
Commissioner John Manning  
239.533.2224  
[dist1@lee.gov.com](mailto:dist1@lee.gov.com)

District 3  
Commissioner Larry Kiker  
239.533.2223  
[dist3@lee.gov.com](mailto:dist3@lee.gov.com)

District 2  
Commissioner Cecil L. Pendergrass  
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District 4  
Commissioner Tammy Hall  
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District 5  
Commissioner Frank Mann  
239.533.2225  
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If you prefer to write a letter instead of sending mail, each commissioner can be reached at the following address:

Box 398, Ft. Myers, Florida 33902-0398

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Remember, on August 1st dues became due for the coming fiscal year (August 1, 2013 thru July 31, 2014). You will receive a notice in the mail. If you do not receive a notice by September, please let us know. The dues must be paid before November 1, 2013 to avoid a late fee. We need 100% retention so make sure that you get them paid ASAP in order to help make Adjutant Posey's job much easier.

Make it your goal to recruit one or more new members or get a delinquent member to re-instate before the end of 2013. Let's grow our camp, thus our division, and thus our national organization.

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this collection which is so important to our Southern heritage.

Generations of Southerners, including many of the veterans themselves, have contributed priceless antiques, family heirlooms, and relics of the Confederate cause of incalculable value to the Museum of the Confederacy. They made these contributions with the express intent that these antiquities would be carefully preserved and honorably displayed. To scatter these precious treasures across several venues and organizations will permanently diminish their importance.

The Museum of the Confederacy is technically owned by the Confederate Memorial and Literary Society and is a private organization. While they are under no obligation to conform to the wishes of the SCV, they are reasonable people who desire to preserve these historic artifacts despite challenging circumstances.

Cmdr-in-Chief Givens has asked that all SCV members contact the following members of the MOC Board and POLITELY let them know how important it is that the Museum of the Confederacy's collection remains intact as a permanent tribute to our Confederate ancestors:

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**Have a Happy Labor Day!**

## **150 YEARS AGO: The Battle of Elk Creek (Honey Springs)**

- 14 July 1863: Battle of Falling Waters
- 17 July 1863: Battle of Elk Creek (Honey Springs), the largest battle in the Indian Territory, enables Federal control over the territory  
Gen. James J. Pettigrew dies of wounds
- 18 July 1863: Second major Union assault on Battery Wagner is repulsed
- 19 July 1863: Daniel H. Hill replaces Gen. Hardee as commander of the Second Corps of the Army of Tennessee
- 26 July 1863: Gen. John Hunt Morgan and 350 of his men surrender at Salineville, Ohio after a three week Northern raid
- 8 August 1863: Because of the failure of the Gettysburg Campaign, Gen. Robert E. Lee offers to resign; his request is denied
- 17 August 1863: The Federals fire 938 shots in the first major shelling of Confederate held Ft. Sumter
- 21 August 1863: Quantrill's raid on Lawrence, Kansas
- 23 August 1863: Sixty Confederates and 30 sharpshooters in small boats capture two Federal gunboats at the mouth of the Rappahannock
- 25 August 1863: Federal Gen. Ewing issues his infamous Gen. Orders No. 11 forcing pro Southerners in Kansas and Missouri from their homes; over 20,000 refugees flee
- 5 September 1863: British naval forces prevent the launching of two ironclad rams from Liverpool destined for the Confederacy
- 6 September 1863: Fifty-nine day siege of Ft. Wagner ends with Confederate evacuation

**Right: The Choctaw Brigade Flag** which features the traditional weapons of the Choctaw Tribe. The First Choctaw and Chickasaw Regiment consisting solely of Native Americans effectively made a last stand at in the Battle of Honey Springs in present day Oklahoma on July 17, 1863 allowing an orderly Confederate retreat.

## **Next Camp Meeting** **Thursday, August 8th**



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

### *Scripture Thought*

You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

--Psalm 68: 9(NIV)

