

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

It has been a couple of busy months since our last meeting. I, along with others from our camp, have attended both the Division and National Reunions in Columbus and North Charleston respectively. Our Georgia Division has a new Commander, two new Lt. Commanders and we have a new 5th Brigade Commander. Our National organization has a new Commander-In-Chief and a new Lt. CIC. Names will be listed along with other reunion news in this newsletter. I want to thank those who took the time to represent our camp at these reunions.

I also want to thank those who have helped with the maintenance of the Confederate cemetery this summer. Though the support has been very weak, we have been able to keep it in reasonable shape. If you can spare any time at all, please go down there and do some work. Our next scheduled cleanup day will be August 23th.

SCV dues notices have already been mailed by Division Adjutant Pilgrim describing the amounts owed and an opportunity to make additional specified donations. Last year, our Camp donated the most compared to other camps in the Division. Let's do it again this year! Please submit your dues and donations to Adjutant Nick Posey as soon as you can. If you have any questions or did not get your notice, please contact Nick or myself. Every member is vital to this organization, so please renew immedi-

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Representing the Alexander Camp at the National Reunion: Compatriots Gary Hattaway, Ben Creech, Cmdr. David Moncus, and Past Cmdr. Ron Udell attended the SCV's National Reunion which was held in North Charleston, SC in July. They were joined by Compatriots Lee Herron and Arnold Huskins (not pictured).

Georgia Division and National SCV Reunions Bring Leadership Changes

The Georgia Division Reunion which was held on June 14th in Columbus and the National SCV Reunion which was held in mid-July in North Charleston, SC brought about leadership changes for both entities.

During the Georgia Division reunion with 65 of the 100 camps represented, Ray McBerry was elected as Division Commander, Philip Autrey as Lt. Cmdr. North, and Mike Mull as Lt. Cmdr. South. The new 5th Brigade commander is Thomas Miller of the Statesboro Camp. During the business sessions, Amendment 2014-001 was withdrawn, Amendment 2014-002, which would have the respective lieutenant commanders elected only by the members of camps within their respective sections failed, and Policy Amendment #3 passed which permitted the Division's policy on the reinstatement of delinquent members to mirror current SCV guidelines. All five proposals for tag funds were approved. Future reunions will be held in McDonough (2015), Stone Mountain (2016) and Macon (2017).

In July, Lt. Cmdr-in-Chief Kelly Barrow of Georgia, who was unopposed, was chosen as the new SCV Commander-in-Chief and Tom Strain of Alabama was elected as the new Lt. CIC at the National SCV reunion. Larry McCluney of Mississippi is the new Army of Tennessee Commander and James Patterson of Tennessee is the new AOT Councilman. Randy Burbage of SC is the new commander of the Army of Northern Virginia and Charles Lauret of Louisiana is the new Army of the Trans-Mississippi Commander. Ben Jones, aka "Cooter" from "Dukes of Hazzard" fame, was chosen as the new Chief of Heritage Operations and retired USMC Lt Col Mike Landree of Tennessee was announced as the new Executive Director at Elm Springs replacing the retiring Ben Sewell.

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Last Camp Meeting

Compatriot Wayne and Pamela Jones Discuss the Lives of JEB and Flora Stuart

During the June 2014 meeting of the Alexander Camp, Wayne and Pamela Jones, portraying Gen. JEB Stuart and his wife, Flora, spoke to the camp in a first person impression. Wayne is a retired Army NCO and has served as an SCV commander, adjutant, quartermaster, and is presently serving as Fifth Brigade Commander of the SC Division. Pamela is a retired nurse.

Wayne began by stating "he" was born in Patrick County, Virginia in 1833, the seventh child of eleven whose father was a traveling lawyer. Learning to read via various tutors, he then enrolled in Henry and Emory College at the age of 15. In 1850, he was appointed to West Point by his father's political rival where he excelled in horsemanship. While there he became acquainted with Robert E. Lee, who was serving as commandant, and his family. Upon graduation in 1854, he was sent to Fort Davis, Texas and then to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas to serve in the First Cavalry Regiment where he met Flora Cooke, the daughter of the 2nd US Dragoon Regiment commander, Lt. Col. Philip St. George Cooke.

Pamela then spoke discussing Flora in a first person impression stating she attended boarding school in Michigan and had a four month courtship with JEB before their marriage in 1855. Their first child, a girl, died in 1856, being only one day old, and their second daughter was born in 1857 and named Flora, nicknamed "Lapet", after her mother. Their second child, born in 1860, was named after his maternal grandfather, but his name was changed to JEB Stuart, Jr. (Jimmie) in 1861 when Flora's father remained with the Union. Their third child, Virginia Pelham, was born in November 1863.

In early 1858, the family transferred to Ft. Riley, Kansas where JEB passed the bar, built a church building, and developed a saber hook for which he received a patent and monetary compensation from the Army for its usage. In 1859, while in Washington, Stuart volunteered as Lee's aide-de-camp in suppressing the raid on Harper's Ferry. When Virginia seceded, he resigned his commission to serve in the Confederate Army where he served with distinction as cavalry commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. When he was mortally wounded at Yellow Tavern in 1864, he was moved to Richmond in great pain where he stated "God's will be done" before his death. Flora and their three children were not able to see him having arrived the following day.

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Important Dates to Remember:

Coming Events:

14 August: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp

#158 Meeting

Topic: Confederate Secret Service

7:00 PM

Sconyers Barbecue

**6-7 September: Battle of Tunnel Hill reenactment
Tunnel Hill, Georgia**

13 September: 2014 SCV Rally, Franklin, Tenn.

**19-21 September: Battles of Atlanta re-enactment
Hampton, Ga.**

**27 September: Lt Gen. Stephen D. Lee Banquet
6:00 PM, 333 Spring Grove Ave.
North Augusta, SC**

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

* Died in Confederate Service

Flora wore the black of mourning for the remainder of her life, and never remarried. After the war, she lived in Saltville, Virginia where she opened and taught school in a log cabin for fifteen years. She then served as headmistress of the Virginia Female Institute in Staunton for eighteen years. Upon the death of her daughter Virginia, from complications in childbirth in 1898, Flora resigned her position and moved to Norfolk where she helped Virginia's widower, Robert Page Waller, in raising her grandchildren. She died in Norfolk on May 10, 1923, after striking her head in a fall on a city sidewalk. She was buried alongside her husband in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.

During the business portion of the meeting, Cmdr. Moncus discussed the upcoming Georgia Division Reunion and its importance in regard to elections. He announced a Magnolia Cemetery cleanup dates for June 21st and July 12th

Quartermaster Joe Winstead reported that 83 memorial pavers are in the ground around the monument on Broad Street with the next 50 to be engraved. A total of 1300 pavers are available.

Lt Cmdr Posey made a motion that the \$100 surplus in the paver fund be given to Compatriot Winstead for his efforts in finalizing the memorial paver project. The motion was seconded and approved upon voice vote.

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Washington & Lee University Removes Regimental Battle Flags from Lee Chapel

On July 8th, officials at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia announced they were removing the regimental battle

flags from the Lee Chapel which had been in place since 1930. The original flags, which were captured by the Union Army, were removed in the 1990's due to deterioration and replaced with reproductions. The chapel which sits above Gen. Robert E. Lee's tomb and that of his family contains the famous recumbent statue of Lee asleep on an army cot.

The University stated an agreement has been made with the so called "Museum of the Confederacy" to place, on a rotating basis, authentic restored flags in the Lee Chapel Museum which is located in its basement.

Many in the Southern heritage believe the removal of the flags was precipitated by the demands made several months ago by six historically ignorant University law students who claim to be "offended" by the display.

The SCV believes the removal of the flags is a reflection of "political correctness" and is essentially "grave desecration" of a veteran. A rally was held on July 26th in Lexington to protest the removal. During that time, the University closed the Chapel and issued a press release insinuating the SCV would harass the Chapel staff. After the rally, a teenage boy who wished to visit the Chapel was told by University security to remove his cap featuring a Confederate flag and to turn his sesquicentennial SCV t-shirt inside out before entering the campus.

ALL compatriots are asked to call, email or write the Washington and Lee University staff listed below and politely ask the officials to restore the flags. Unfortunately, in all likelihood, the majority of our camp members will not contact the University. This editor urges all of you to take a stand for Gen. Lee, for, if we don't try, we lose anyway.

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Update: SCV License Plates in Texas

On July 14th, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the Texas Division SCV has the right to have a state issued license plate featuring their organizational logo. The judges ruled that license plates are a form of "private speech," and thus protected by the First Amendment. In April last year, U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks ruled against the Division. Unfortunately, the state's Republican Attorney General is catering to "heritage haters" and has requested a rehearing.

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I hope to see you at our meeting on the 14th. We have some important news to review and discuss.

Leadership Changes (continued from page 1)

Amendment #1, which would have officially added the statement, "Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations" to the SCV Charge was defeated, and Amendment #2, which would have changed voting procedures during the Reunion, failed.

Future reunions will be held in Richmond, Va. (2015), Richardson, Texas (2016), and Memphis, Tenn. (2017).

Last Month's Meeting (continued from page 2)

Virginia Division compatriot and Army of Northern Virginia Cmdr., Frank Earnest, visited the camp and requested support for his bid to become SCV Lt. Cmdr.-in-Chief at the Annual Reunion in North Charleston.

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

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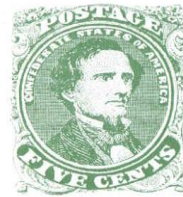
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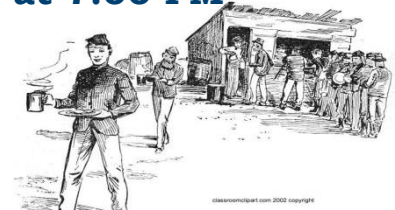
150 YEARS AGO: The Battle of Jonesborough, Ga.

- 20 July 1864: Atlanta Campaign: Battle of Peachtree Creek: Hood attacks Thomas
- 22 July 1864: Battle of Atlanta: Gen. Hood attacks Sherman with terrible losses
- 24 July 1864: Second battle of Kernstown, Va.
- 28 July 1864: Atlanta Campaign: Battle of Ezra Church; Hood orders attacks against entrenched Federals resulting in 5,00 casualties.
- 30 July 1864: Petersburg Campaign: Battle of the Crater; Gen. Mahone stalls Grant's attack after explosion destroys section of Confederate line
- 5 August 1864: Battle of Mobile Bay, Ala.: Confederate fleet destroyed
- 8 August 1864: Fort Gaines in Mobile Bay finally surrenders to Union forces
- 9 August 1864: Confederate device explodes at the Union supply base at City Point, Va.
- 15 August 1864: CSS Tallahassee captures 6 Yankee schooners off New England
- 18 August 1864: Petersburg Campaign: Battle for Weldon Railroad
- 23 August 1864: Ft. Morgan in Mobile Bay surrenders to Federals
- 25 August 1864: Petersburg Campaign: Battle of Ream's Station
- 29 August 1864: Dewitt Jobe of Coleman's Scouts dies after being tortured, blinded and dragged behind horses by Union troops
- 31 August 1864: Battle of Jonesborough, Ga. Union troop's sever Hood's last rail line into Atlanta
- 2 September 1864: Sherman's troops occupy Atlanta after Hood withdraws
- 4 September 1864: Gen. John Hunt Morgan is killed at Greenville, Tenn.
- 7 September 1864: Sherman orders all civilians out of Atlanta forcing 446 families to abandon homes and possessions.

Right: The Hardee battle flag of the First and Fifteenth Consolidated Arkansas Infantry Regiment which was captured by the 14th Michigan Infantry during the battle of Jonesborough, Georgia on September 1, 1864. The flag was returned to the state of Arkansas in 1905 by the U.S. War Department.

Next Camp Meeting

Thursday, August 14th
at 7:00 PM



Sconyers Barbecue
Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road

Scripture Thought

No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord...

--Isaiah 54:17(NIV)

