

★ **Commander's Comments** ★  
by Dr. John Baxley

As we all know, much has happened since our last meeting. With the attack of the NAACP on our Confederate heritage and history to include our monuments, the 2nd War Between the States has begun. It is time to take off the gloves and rally around the flag! We need to reach out to our State and Federal Representatives in government and let them know our concern that if this misguided attack on our culture continues, race relations will be set back 100 years and we may, God forbid, end up with a race war.

Comments to the news media done with tact as well as contributions to our state and national SCV Heritage Defense Fund are also important. We must draw a line in the sand and all of us need to be involved. I sent four letters to the papers and one finally got printed. Dr. Huskins sent a well written letter to the *Chronicle* which got published. Joe Winstead gave a good interview on Channel 12 news. We all need to speak behind the scenes with all of our friends and contacts.

On the positive side, many of our friends are very concerned and are on our side. Even Andrew Young, the former black mayor of Atlanta, thinks what we are experiencing is crazy. He recently was interviewed by FOX News and said, "The problems we face don't have anything to do with the flag. The fact is that 93% of black people killed are killed by other black people." He

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Pictured (left to right) are Ben Creech, Tommy Miller, Gary Hattaway, Nick Posey, David Moncus and Tommy Chappell. Compatriots in attendance but not pictured were Ron Udell and Arnold Huskins.

**The Calm Before the Storm:**

Alexander Camp compatriots traveled to central Georgia and attended the annual Georgia Division Reunion held at the Nash Farm Battlefield on June 13th.

**Unprecedented Attacks against our Heritage Follow in Wake of Shooting**

As many of you know, the aftermath of the June 17<sup>th</sup> Charleston massacre has changed the world for the Sons of Confederate Veterans and for those who love our Southern heritage. Once it was discovered that the murderer posed with a Confederate battle flag, the war against our heritage and the symbols of our ancestors began in earnest and those who have long sought to eradicate our heritage utilized the uproar for their own political advantage. It has continued unabated throughout the summer.

Six companies have banned merchandizing anything featuring a Confederate battle flag. They include Wal-Mart, Amazon, Sears, Target, and eBay. Several noted flag companies, Valley Forge and Annin, reported they will no longer sell the controversial banner. Disney officials removed a Third National Confederate flag from its indoor display of historic American flags at Epcot. TV Land pulled the popular TV show, "The Dukes of Hazzard" from its lineup and golfer, Bubba Watson, stated he will repaint his Gen. Lee vehicle and cover the battle flag with a US flag. A Miami Florida automobile museum covered the flag on their model.

Spineless politicians quickly joined the fray, and Alabama Governor Bentley ordered the removal of all four Confederate flags from the Confederate monument on the Capitol grounds. Governor Nicki Haley of South Carolina convened a special session of the legislature which quickly capitulated and within a week the memorial flag flown near the Confed-

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## *Last Camp Meeting*

### **Dean Hunt Speaks on Sherman's Campaign Through the Palmetto State**

During the June 2015 meeting of the Alexander Camp, Dean Hunt, an Air Force veteran, graduate of USC and Southern Wesleyan University, and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade history teacher spoke on the topic, "Sherman's March through South Carolina."

Hunt stated that Sherman in Savannah had divided his Army of almost 89 thousand men into two wings for the Carolinas Campaign. The right wing, the Army of the Tennessee, under Gen. Howard had spent 10 days on board ships before disembarking at Beaufort, SC. The left wing consisted of the Army of the Ohio under Gen. Schofield, and two Army corps, under Gen. Slocum recently named the Army of Georgia, which crossed into SC at Sister's Ferry at Hardeeville the first week of January 1865.

Sherman's principal opponents were the remnants of the Army of Tennessee commanded once again by Gen. Joseph Johnston consisting of just over 9,500 men divided into three corps under Generals William Hardee, Alexander Stewart, and Stephen D. Lee. The cavalry was commanded by Gen. Wade Hampton.

Hunt explained Sherman's march began during a time of 28 days of continuous rain, and the soldiers often complained about the weather, the swamps, the flooding, and the cold. In many instances, homes were torn down to corduroy roads.

The first battle occurred on January 14<sup>th</sup> at Pocotaligo where the right wing's Union's 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Corps attacked a force under Gen. McLaws defending the Charleston and Savannah Railroad. Using a tactic that occurred frequently throughout the campaign, the Yankees attacked the Confederate positions using frontal assaults accompanied by flanking maneuvers thus causing the outnumbered Confederates to fall back—in this case to the Combahee-Salkahatchie line.

Other battles fought during the campaign included Rivers Bridge on February 3<sup>rd</sup> where McLaws tried to stop the right wing from crossing the Salkahatchie River, the battle of Aiken, and the Battle of Congaree Creek, where Confederates tried to halt the Yankees before Columbia.

During the march, homes and farms were pillaged and factories and railway depots destroyed. Several towns were burned by Sherman's troops including Barnwell, Orangeburg, Lexington, and Columbia.

Following his compelling presentation, Mr. Hunt gladly received from Cmdr. Baxley a photo of the Powder Works chimney and a book on SC statesman and military leader, Col.

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## **Important Dates to Remember:**

### Coming Events:

**13 August: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp  
#158 Meeting  
Topic: Georgia's Confederate  
Monuments  
7:00 PM at Sconyers Barbecue**

5 September: Stand by the Flag Rally @ 11:00 AM  
Lincoln Memorial, Washington, DC

### 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"  
\*Died in Confederate Service

Lawrence M. Keitt.

Cmdr. Baxley thanked all those who assisted with the Confederate cemetery clean up specifically Ron Udell and Joe Winstead. He stated the Gaffney Camp is offering composite Confederate Crosses of Honor for \$35. He stated that Gerald Hagler will be speaking at the next meeting on Georgia's Confederate Monuments.

Lt. Cmdr. Nick Posey reported that Compatriot Bill Berry is in need of prayers due to a recent illness and is at Walton Rehabilitation in downtown Augusta. He reported that a Mrs. Brenda Davidson has requested a Confederate Cross of Honor dedication service for her Confederate descendant buried at Ft. Gordon to be held in August or September.

Quartermaster Joe Winstead encouraged the camp to consider purchasing pavers at the Confederate Monument on Broad.

The meeting was adjourned by Cmdr. Baxley. After the benediction, *Dixie* was sung by the Camp.

## **Georgia SCV License Plate Update**

The Georgia Division has met with representatives of the Georgia Department of Motor Vehicles regarding Gov. Deal's decision to eliminate the SCV logo from the license plates. Presently, there is a hold on the issuance of any new SCV plates.

During initial meetings, the state demanded that both the Confederate flag background and the SCV logo be removed; however, the Division has threatened legal action if the logo is removed. The state then acquiesced and only required the background flag be expunged. The Division is now considering replacing the flag with another image most likely the image of the Gen. John B. Gordon statue on the Georgia State Capitol grounds.



## Bexar County, Texas Removes Historic Plaques from Court House Property

The Bexar County, Texas County Commission, infected by the recent ant-Confederate hysteria, recently voted to remove all Confederate-related plaques and monuments on the Court House property in San Antonio. None of the plaques featured a Confederate battle flag—only a UDC logo and an American Legion logo. In the dead of the night, all the plaques-- many of which had been in place for almost 100 years--were removed in Taliban like fashion.

Please consider contacting the Bexar County Commissioners and tell them you are offended by their discriminatory actions and tell them you will refrain from visiting San Antonio in the future:

Commissioners Court  
Paul Elizondo Tower  
101 W. Nueva, 10th Floor  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
Phone: 210-335-2626 Fax: 210-335-2926

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erate Soldiers' Monument was removed. The city of Pensacola, Florida, the "City of Five Flags", removed the "Stars and Bars" from its historic flag display substituting it with the state flag, and the city of Mobile, Alabama removed all the historic flags from its city seal. Hillsborough County, Florida commissioners removed the historic flag display from its Government Center, and the Confederate battle flag was removed from a veterans' memorial park in Wichita, Kansas. In Memphis, the city has approved the removal of the remains of Gen. Forrest and his wife and the statue of the great general from Health Sciences Park, and the mayor of New Orleans has vowed to remove the four Confederate statues in his city and rename Lee Circle. City officials in Birmingham, Alabama are taking steps to remove a Confederate memorial from the city's Linn Park, and their counterparts in Lexington Kentucky are considering a review of local statues to Gen. John Hunt Morgan and Gen. John C. Breckinridge. In Mississippi, there are calls within the legislature to change the state flag, and the cities of Columbus, Starkville, Hattiesburg, Magnolia and Grenada recently voted to discontinue the flying of the state flag on city property.

The governors of Virginia, North Carolina, and our own state of Georgia have vowed to discontinue the SCV license plate program unless the battle flag logo is removed. At one point, the Virginia governor stated he would recall the plates presently issued.

There have been demands at the Federal level to remove Confederate related statues in Statuary Hall in the Capitol, the Mississippi state flag, and to withhold transportation funds to those states that allow SCV license plates with its battle flag

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went on to say that "the flag is a symbol that means a lot of things to a lot of people when you get to institutions like Washington and Lee University. I admire that. I admire the restoration of Southern traditions at Washington and Lee. The challenge for us is not to wipe out our past history but to learn to live together in the future."

Also on the positive side, many camp and brigade commanders tell me they have noticed a big surge in people wanting to join the SCV. We also have a lot of folks wanting to know how to get a Confederate flag they can display. Our camp has three more applications for membership we will act upon on our next meeting.

Our flag is still flying at Magnolia Cemetery with Ron Udell, Joe Winstead, Tommy Chappell, Gary Hattaway. Ben Creech, Jack Balie, Barry Whitney, and John Given's grandsons doing a wonderful job keeping the graves and the fountain in sparkling condition.

Needless to say, our August 13th meeting at Sconyer's will be very important. Our speaker will be Gould Hagler who will be talking about his recent book, *Georgia's Confederate Monuments*. Hope to see you there. Keep your powder dry, have a great Dixie Day and Deo Vindice!

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logo. The National Park Service has prohibited the selling of Confederate flags at national parks and removed all the historic flags from Fort Sumter. More egregiously, there are attempts to prohibit the placement of Confederate flags by private individuals or groups on Confederate graves on Federal property except on Confederate Memorial Day. Officials at the National Cathedral in Washington DC have decided to remove the memorial windows featuring Confederate imagery which were initially installed to promote healing between the North and the South

Vandals have used the opportunity to make their feelings known by defacing Confederate monuments: the Jefferson Davis Monument and the Soldier and Sailors Monument in Richmond, the Lee Monument in New Orleans, the Lee Monument in Charlottesville, the Confederate Defenders' Monument in Charleston, the Confederate statues on the University of Texas in Austin, the "Silent Sam" Confederate Memorial at the University of NC-Chapel Hill, and memorial monuments in Oklahoma City, Charlotte, NC, Reidsville, NC, Denton Texas, and Rockville, Maryland. To prevent such, the Virginia Flaggers and reenactors have volunteered their time to perform nightly guard watches.

Despite the bad news, there have been positive impacts: over 130 pro-flag rallies and caravans have occurred throughout the South, Confederate flags sales have increased by 300%, new applications for membership in the SCV have dramatically increased, and the state of North Carolina passed a law protecting its Confederate monuments from removal.

If you have not done so, please contact your elected representatives and ask them to preserve our Southern heritage and our monuments. It is indeed the worst of times for those of us who love our Confederate heritage, however; with perseverance, vigilance, prayers and action, our heritage can be saved.

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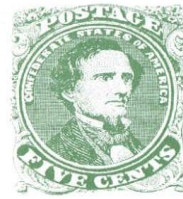
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**Have a safe and happy Labor Day!**

## 150 YEARS AGO: SC Repeals Ordinance of Secession

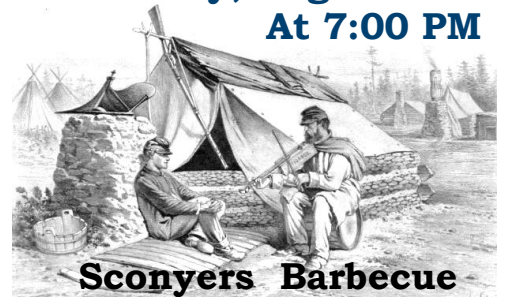
- 14 August 1865: The state of Mississippi passes an ordinance voiding the secession ordinance of 1861
- 5 September 1865: The state of South Carolina formally repeals its Ordinance of secession and declares it “null and void”, there is no applause following the vote; three members vote against the measure

## Bloodiest Battles of the War Between the States

1. Gettysburg, PA - July 1-3, 1863 - 51,000
2. Chickamauga, Ga. - September 18-20, 1863 - 34,624
3. Spotsylvania Court House, Va. - May 8-21, 1864 - 30,000
4. Wilderness, Va. - May 5-7, 1864 - 29,800
5. Chancellorsville, Va. - April 27-May 4, 1863 - 24,000
6. Shiloh, Tenn. - April 6-7, 1862 - 23,746
7. Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Stones River) - December 31, 1862-January 2, 1863 - 23,515
8. Sharpsburg, Md. (Antietam) - September 16-18, 1862 - 22,717
9. Second Manassas, Va. (Second Bull Run) - August 28-30, 1862 - 22,180
10. Fredericksburg, Va. - December 11-15, 1862 - 17,929

**Right: The battle flag of Company G, “Baker Volunteers”, Fourth Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters:** This unit was raised in Augusta, Georgia and equipped by a merchant firm, Baker and Caswell. The flag was presented to the unit by Lizzie Baker of Augusta in June 1863 and was concealed by the color bearer, Sgt. A.W. Collins, to avoid capture during the battle of Nashville in December 1864. The flag was then returned to Miss Baker. The flag is presently in the Museum of the Confederacy Collection.

**Next Camp Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 13th**  
**At 7:00 PM**



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

### *Scripture Thought*

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

--2 Corinthians 4: 8-9 (NIV)

