



★ **Commander's** ★  
**Comments**  
 by Ron Udell

Good news (if you have not already heard) from the 2011 Georgia Division Reunion in June--all projects that were on the Reunion Project Ballot were voted to be approved for funding. (I do not believe that there were any "No" votes.) Projects totaled \$50,580 with \$55,000+ available in the Tag Fund. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the Confederate Monument on Broad Street, will be cleaned and the joints sealed and repaired. One worthy project on the ballot, other than ours, was to purchase 80 crosses for marked graves of Confederate veterans in the Stone Mountain Cemetery by the Confederate Memorial Camp #1432. I was glad to see this project approved, and I plan to go see the cemetery when the new crosses are installed. Another project, the erection of a Confederate Monument for "The Immortal 600" at Ft. Pulaski, will finally come to pass (after many years of trying to get the OK from the US Park Service) was on the ballot and will be completed by the Immortal 600 Camp #2600. The biggest request for funds was for a Confederate Monument at the Griswoldville Battlefield (\$23,400) in Twiggs County which is another worthy project that needed to come to pass.

The first four amendments were a "Yes" vote and passed. Our camp and a few others were the only "No" votes to amendment #1(to move Bacon county from 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade to 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade.)

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**GEORGIA DIVISION REUNION 2011**



Alexander Camp compatriots prepare for the morning session of the Georgia Division Reunion held in Rome in June. **Top:** (left to right) Nick Posey, Gary Hattaway, and Ken Kitchens, Henry Gilmer, and Ben Creech **Left:** David Powell, David Amour, and David Moncus.

**SCV Members Urged to Contact Members of Congress to Support Oakwood Headstone Effort**

At the SCV International Reunion held in Montgomery last month, the SCV endorsed an effort requesting that all SCV members contact their Congressman and two Senators and urge them to put pressure on the Veterans Administration to approve and deliver upright individual markers for the graves of over 17,000 Confederate soldiers buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond. Presently, the VA has been reluctant to place the upright markers on the individual graves believing the three digit numbered stones (one for every three or more soldiers) in the cemetery are sufficient.

In contacting members of Congress, compatriots should explain that Congress in 1958 pardoned Confederate servicemen and extended to them the same rights as every American serviceman which includes headstones for unmarked graves. Tell them these

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## Last Camp Meeting

### Proposed Georgia Division Constitutional Amendments Discussed

During the June meeting, Cmdr. Ron Udell discussed the six amendments to the Georgia Division Constitution to be considered for approval by the Georgia Division at the upcoming reunion which was held in Rome on June 11-12th. Amendment #1 would have moved Bacon County from the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade to the 7<sup>th</sup> Brigade and Amendment #4 would have moved Emanuel and Treutlen County from the Fifth Brigade to the Sixth Brigade and move Evans County and northern Bryan County from the Sixth Brigade to the Fifth Brigade—both of which he opposed because of the propensity for future brigade restructuring amendments. Udell also opposed Amendment #5, which would mandate term limits for Division officers, and Amendment #6, which would allow camps to cast the number of votes, during Constitutional amendment voting, equal to the number of their allotted delegates whether or not the actual number of delegates was present at the reunion. He believed this would “kill” the Reunion. Only Amendments #2 and #3, which would monitor expenditures by the Division’s adjutant, were recommended for approval.

Udell explained that nine Alexander Camp compatriots are scheduled to attend the reunion although eleven delegates are allotted. He stated Gary Ursury, the present Georgia Division Lt Cmdr (South), will be resigning and Fifth Brigade Cmdr. Mike Mull is seeking that position and Cmdr Neil Dickey from the Millen Camp is vying to become Fifth Brigade Commander.

During the Commander’s Report, Cmdr. Ron Udell commended the “old men’s crew” for their cleaning of the Confederate cemetery and those who participated in the Camp’s litter pick up on Augusta West Parkway last month. He also thanked all those planning to attend the Georgia Division reunion in Rome.

Treasurer Nick Posey proposed the creation of a future marker which would honor the Ladies Memorial Association of Augusta which was instrumental in erecting the Confederate Memorial Monument on Broad Street.

Prior to the discussions, Commander Udell presented  
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## Important Dates to Remember:

### Coming Events:

**6 August: Magnolia Cemetery Clean up  
8:00 AM**

**11 August: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp  
#158 Meeting  
Topic: SC Confederates & Col.  
Dantzler?  
7:00 PM  
Sconyers Barbecue**

20 August: Peanut Festival  
Brooklet, Ga.

1 September: Lexington, Va. SCV Flag Rally  
Jefferson and Nelson Streets  
5:30-7:30 PM

### 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\***

\*Died in Confederate Service

a resolution in memory of Compatriot Richard Smith, who passed away in May, to Ms. Linda King and to Richard’s son, Bryson Smith.

Prayers were requested for Fred Bussey’s son, Jules Godene, Jim Kirschner, Richard Smith’s family, Tom Smith, and Ray Stampley’s brother in law, Thomas Lovelace.

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

## The Confederate Soldier

by Carlton McCarthy

The Confederate soldier was purely patriotic. He foresaw clearly, and deliberately chose, the trials which he endured. He was an individual who could not become the indefinite portion of a mass, but fought for himself, on his own account. He was a self-sacrificing hero, but did not claim that distinction or any merit, feeling only that he was in the line of duty to self, country, and God. He fought for a principle, and needed neither driving nor urging, but was eager and determined to fight. He was not a political man, but a man under fervent feeling, forgetful of the possibilities and calamities of war, pressing his claims to the rights of humanity. The Confederate soldier was a monomaniac for four years. His mania was the independence of the Confederate States of America, secured by force of arms.



## NC Man Fired for Displaying SCV Logo on his Vehicle

A North Carolina SCV member was fired from his job for having an SCV sticker on his vehicle and for discussing the SCV in a private conversation. Robert Lewis of Ellenboro worked as a carpenter building low income housing for the Forest City Housing Authority and was in the process of joining the SCV and discussed a recent meeting with a co-worker. Overhearing the conversation, a black employee called both Lewis and the SCV "racists" and reported him to the department head. Subsequently, Lewis was summoned to the supervisor's office and told not to mention the SCV, Southern issues, or the Confederacy in the work place again and told not to utilize his work computer for such.

After being admitted to the Rutherford Rifles Camp #2044, Lewis then placed two small SCV stickers on his vehicle. A week later, without warning, his immediate supervisor gave Lewis his final salary and told him he was terminated.

As a result, Lewis filed a complaint with the Equal Employee Opportunity Commission, but the Commission stopped its investigation because the Housing Authority employs less than 15 people, the minimum number of employees required for civil rights legal actions. The Southern Legal Resource Center, which has taken on the case, disagrees with the EEOC and believes the Housing Authority is part of the Forest City government and that Lewis has a valid First Amendment claim.

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Amendment #2: **Passed** (to have an accounting professional review the annual Treasure's report). This one actually was amended to require a **different accounting professional each year** (which was voted on and passed). Amendment #3: **Passed**, and amended to include a **current bank statement at EC meetings**. Amendment #4: **Passed** (to move Emanuel and Treutlen counties from 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade to 6<sup>th</sup> Brigade and move Evans and Northern Bryan County from 6<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>) but it was amended to **remove Evans County from the amendment which passed**. Amendments # 5 and #6 **failed**. (Thank goodness!)

We had nine of 11 delegates who chose to go to the reunion. Out of the 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade, our camp had the most delegates there. The Ft. Lawton-Buckhead Camp had all four of their delegates plus one alternate present. The 5<sup>th</sup> Brigade had the most delegates at the reunion. Next year's Georgia Division Reunion will be in Bainbridge. Please make plans now to go next June. Statesboro will be hosting in 2013.

As far as the work on our Confederate Monument, we are waiting on the city to remove one tree and trim another; however, with the storms we have had and with only three or four people on their crew, who knows? Even as I write this (July 26th), I am waiting on a phone call. It has been one week since our last meeting on the trees. Since the Division Reunion we have had four or five meetings. I hope to have better news at the meeting????

Our July cleanup at Magnolia Cemetery was on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Only four showed up to care for our soldiers' graves, mostly the old men's crew, but we were able to get it done. This would have been our regular monthly clean up, as I had postponed it, since the first weekend of the month was a holiday weekend and I did not want to interfere with anyone's holiday plans. The old men's crew (4) was also there on Saturday July 23rd. (Ben went down also, after he got off work, on Saturday 23rd about 4:00 pm and finished up.) Thanks to those who came out and lived the charge.

**We will have our next cleanup on August 6<sup>th</sup>. YOU are needed, so be there and help us care for our soldiers' graves. Bring rakes, water, weed whackers, and lawn mowers with baggers or mulching blades. No side discharge please, as it looks messy after you cut. We need to do the best we can for these men. Look at what they did for us! Even with small numbers, we have left the Confederate Dead section looking sharp. (Newsletter will be out earlier than usual, so you should get this before the 6<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander Herron will be back, so he will be in touch for September's cleanup.)**

David Powell still has a few Confederate fly ash bottles. Be sure to get yours before they are gone. We still have a limited number of Powder works prints also. Also hats off to Tommy Miller Sr. as he has sold six **more bottles** to members of the Wright Camp.

Our next upcoming meeting will be August 11<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Compatriot Mr. James Adams from Barnwell, SC. Plan to be there for a great evening of Southern barbeque and to learn more about our Southern Heritage and to support our Camp and its activities. (We may have a surprise.) **Remember the Charge! God Bless the South!**

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men deserve the dignity of a marker bearing their name, that not doing so is a human rights violation, and that the Veterans Administration should be required to obey the law, fulfill their responsibility, and provide the markers. Ask them to contact Sen. James Webb of Virginia who is leading this effort and to support his efforts.

Contact members of Congress via the website: <http://www.contactingthecongress.org> but, remember, letters and calls are more effective than emails.

Georgia Senators:

Sen. Saxby Chambliss: (202) 224-3521

Sen. Johnny Isakson: (202) 224-3643

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**Have a Happy Labor Day!**

## 150 YEARS AGO: The Battle of Oak Hills, Missouri

- 7 August 1861: Skirmish at Hampton, Virginia
- 8 August 1861: Skirmish at Lovettsville, Virginia
- 10 August 1861: Battle of Oak Hills (Wilson's Creek), Missouri; Confederates are victorious and Union Gen. Nathaniel Lyons becomes the first Union General to be killed in the War
- 12 August 1861: Mescalero Apaches attack Confederate troops south of Fort Davis, Texas
- 14 August 1861: Pro-Southern newspapers are suppressed after Fremont declares martial law in St. Louis, Missouri
- 16 August 1861: Lincoln declares all people living in the seceded states to be in a state of insurrection and forbids all commercial transactions
- 19 August 1861: The Confederacy agrees to an "alliance" with Missouri leaving the state with two official governments
- 21 August 1861: Pro-Southern newspapers are confiscated in Philadelphia, suppressed in New York and denied US postal privileges
- 24 August 1861: Washington DC's mayor is arrested for disloyalty and imprisoned
- 27 August 1861: Federals attack and capture Confederate forts on Cape Hatteras
- 3 September 1861: Confederate forces enter Kentucky from Tennessee ending that state's neutrality

**Right: Confederate Cavalry Guidon:** This flag was captured from a Confederate cavalry camp used by Texas, Arkansas, and Missouri troopers by Pvt Theodore Albright who was then serving in Company C, 2<sup>nd</sup> US Dragoon Regiment during the Battle of Oak Hills, Mo. The flag was donated by his descendants to the NPS in 1990 and professionally restored via the James M. McBride Camp#632, SCV.

## Next Camp Meeting

**Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 PM**



**Sconyers  
Barbecue**

**Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road**

### *Scripture Thought*

...He who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

--Revelation 7: 9b-10(NIV)

