



THE WIG-WAG

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Sons of Confederate Veterans

Augusta, Georgia

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." -1 John 4:1

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Commander's Comments

Dr. John Baxley

November was a good month for the camp. The November camp meeting at Sconyer's BBQ was well attended with an informative talk on the Confederate Constitution given to us by compatriot Robert Haynes (a.k.a. President Jefferson Davis) of Abbeville, S.C. Robert always gives an inspiring talk and is closing his Confederate relic store in downtown Abbeville this month. He will be open each Saturday of the month until Christmas with a "going put of business" sale after many years of operation.

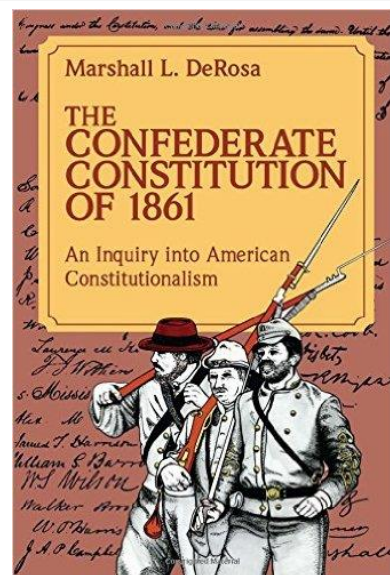
Our wonderful honor guard participated in the annual Veteran's Day ceremony on Broad Street on November 11th. Ron Udell, Joe Winstead, Tommy Chappell, Roy Stampley, Gary Hattaway, and Carl Tommy Miller, Sr. were present in full Confederate uniform to advance the Colors and the Cause. The honor guard did an outstanding job with a black powder salute that resonated down Broad Street and "Old Dixie" waving in the breeze right next to the Veteran's monument, the P.O.W. flag and the U.S. flag. Many active duty personnel, their families, and other spectators came up to us before and after the ceremony asking questions about our uniforms, weapons, and the War of Southern Independence. Many asked to take pictures with our honor guard and some asked about membership in the SCV. Nick Posey and other compatriots were there to help with the festivities. I wish to thank all those who participated in the event making it a true success to educate others and advance the Cause.

I wish to thank Gary Hattaway, Jack Bailey and others for continuing our watch over the Confederate Dead at Magnolia Cemetery raking leaves, picking up cones and tending to the 150 year old fountain. We must never forget the "soldiers in Grey" who gave their all never making it back home after the War.

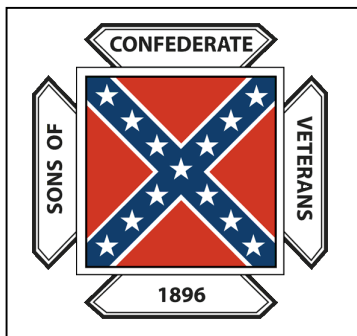
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Robert Haynes of Abbeville, South Carolina, speaking to us during our November meeting on the Confederate States Constitution.



Following up on Mr. Haynes' talk, your recommended reading for December is Dr. Marshall DeRosa's analysis of the Confederate Constitution shown above from the University of Missouri Press, 1991; 192 pages. Dr. DeRosa is one of us, and a fellow in the Abbeville Institute.





Heritage Update

[In the aftermath of the Election, Confederate Monuments in New Orleans and Richmond were vandalized; these particular attacks will be covered separately in this newsletter.]

Arlington, Virginia: VICTORY, Jefferson Davis Highway will not, at least for the time being, be renamed.

Louisville, Kentucky: The Confederate Monument of Louisville will be relocated to Brandenburg, Kentucky; the people of Brandenburg want it, are welcoming it, but it is ridiculous that it is being moved to begin with, after having stood since. It was unceremoniously disassembled by Padgett Crane Service of 901 E 4th St, New Albany, Indiana 47150; 1-812-945-2391; feel free to let them know of what you think of an Indiana Company removing a Confederate Monument.

Gainesville, Florida—The Confederate Monument in this city is in peril; the County Commission, composed largely of non-Southerners, has voted to remove “Old Joe” while the veterans committee for the county has voted to retain it.

Charlottesville, Virginia—The fate of the Lee and Jackson monuments remains uncertain; it is possible that they will be relocated to a different park—in spite of Virginia law—or that the trick of “context signage” will be employed. In other news, the vice-mayor who pushed their removal, who I won’t even dignify to mention his name, has come under fire for making very explicit anti-white comments on his Twitter account. His drive to eliminate Lee and Jackson is rooted entirely in his personal hatred of white people.

Statewide in Mississippi—Catching on Statewide amongst cowards, collaborators and haters of all-things Southern, is the “Mississippi Bicentennial Flag”, being flown in place of the de jure State flag. It is effectively functioning as flag change through the back door, it being treated in some locales as the de facto flag of the State. The Battle Flag has been excised from the design, with the State Seal placed in the middle, flanked by the dates 1817 and 2017.



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December will be a busy month with the camp participating in two Christmas parades (Jackson, S.C. on December 4th and North Augusta on December 11th). Our December 8th meeting at Sconyer's BBQ will feature a speaker from Germany who will present his research on the Battle of Atlanta. Our annual Christmas party will be December 18th Sunday afternoon at the Aiken County Historical Museum which features an informative Confederate history room. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in all these "Old South" events.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who helped this last year in making 2016 a successful year for our camp. Your prayers and support are appreciated and do not forget our compatriots in need and in harm's way. Have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful Dixie New Year!

Your humble servant, Commander Doc John Baxley.

Directions from Augusta to the Aiken County Historical Museum & Address

Follow Walton Way to US-25 N/US-278 E/US-78 E

Follow US-78 E (Jefferson Davis Highway) to Hayne Ave SW in Aiken

Continue on Hayne Ave SW. Drive to Newberry St SW

Aiken County Historical Museum

433 Newberry Street Southwest, Aiken, SC 29801

Proceedings of our November Business Meeting & Upcoming Events

All Camp officers were unanimously elected to two more years in their present offices, with no dissenting votes or opposition, and are to be sworn in at our upcoming banquet.

Mr. Posey gave the Treasurer's Report; the Camp has \$6,850 in the bank, with 6 deposits for the preceding term totaling \$3,883; which included six checks totaling \$3,484; in the Lee-Jackson fund, \$959; in the Camp Project Fund, \$1,493. At our November meeting, \$100 was raised for the Southern Legal Resource Center, and the Camp received \$386 in donations since the October meeting up until the November meeting. As of the last meeting, 111 members had paid up, 29 had not, and 15 risk removal from the roll.

T-Shirt orders were discussed; and plans for various local Christmas parades were also gone over.

Our next meeting will be at Sconyers Barbecue at the usual time—7:00pm—with Dr. Lawrence Krukenmacher from Germany speaking on the defense of Atlanta. We will participate in the North Augusta on December 11th). Our annual Christmas party will be December 18th Sunday afternoon at the Aiken County Historical Museum.

The Story of the Ladies Memorial Association of Augusta, Part II.

[Excerpted from *History of the Confederate Memorial Associations of the South*, edited by Mrs. William J. Brahan, 1904; in the public domain]

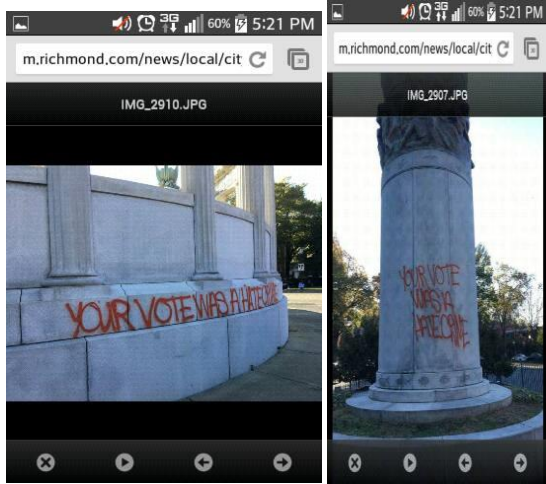
The association now turned its attention to the monument to be erected to the memory of the Confederate dead. Various means were used to raise funds for the purpose. In 1873 a bazaar was given and over \$4,000.00 were realized from the enthusiastic response of the people of Augusta. Concerts and lectures were given. Contributions were received, and money came in as fast as could be hoped for, considering the condition of the times. It is worthy of note that even the colored people contributed to the funds by two benefit performances of the "Cotton States Minstrels" of Augusta. This evidence of interest and kind feeling was much appreciated.

The police of Augusta gave a generous contribution to the Confederate Monument and render efficient service every Memorial Day.

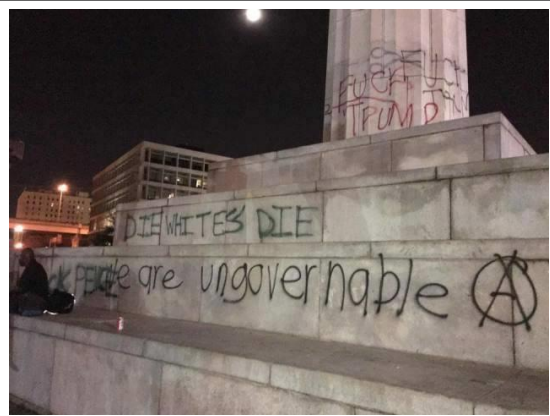
The treasury was augmented by an excursion to Port Royal, S. C., to see the United States Naval Fleet. The officers entertained the ladies very hospitably, and they reciprocated by inviting them to attend a Centennial Leap Year party, to be given for the benefit of the Ladies' Memorial Association. They accepted, and made a very generous donation to the cause.

Mrs. General Pegram, of Baltimore, Md., presented a beautiful banner to the Association, which was offered for contest to the most popular fire company of the city. Much rivalry was elicited by this means and a sum of \$1,600.00 was added to the growing fund. By all these means in about three years the ladies had raised \$17,331.34. This sum, added to what had been previously accumulated, and to what accrued by interest, reached finally the splendid total of \$20,934.04, which was expended upon the soldiers' section, the design and monument, and after all had been paid for in full there was a balance in the treasury of \$579.68. Having raised the necessary amount, it was decided to erect a marble shaft somewhere in the city. At one of the fairs a vote was taken to decide the location. The majority was in favor of Broad Street, between Jackson and McIntosh streets. In 1875 the Association advertised for designs, and among the many submitted, that of Van Gunden & Young, of Philadelphia, Pa., was accepted. The design cost \$500.00. The contract for the erection was awarded to Theo. Markwalter, of Augusta. The marble portion of the monument was executed in Carrara, Italy. Before it was ready to be brought to Augusta, Congress passed an act admitting all works of art intended for public ornamentation to pass free of duty. The bill for this purpose was introduced in Congress by Hon. Alex H. Stephens, and seconded by the efforts of Col. Chas. C. Jones, Jr. While the bill was awaiting the signature of the President, the ship bearing the monument appeared in New York harbor, but in order to gain time it was directed to sail to Savannah, at which place it arrived after the bill was signed and became a law. In this way the monument entered free of duty and the Association was saved an expense of \$1,712.90 for custom charges.

[To be concluded in January]



"Your Vote Was a Hate Crime" was spray-painted on several of the Confederate Monuments in Richmond, Virginia, after the Election.



The Lee Monument in New Orleans after the Election.



The Monument in Louisville, Kentucky, was unceremoniously disassembled, and crated off to Brandenburg.



The Lee Monument in New Orleans, after the Election. [My apologies for the crude word; included to show you what our opponents really think of us]