

SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS

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

Our Lee/Jackson Banquet was held on January 21<sup>st</sup> and, even though we were there to remember and celebrate the birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson, it was also a day of remembrance of those in our camp who have passed on and the past year’s accomplishments. We also remembered Ernie Franklin who recently lost his wife, Doris. Our prayers are with the family at this time. (And we should also remember others that were unable to attend due to an illness or that of a family member.) All in all, I thought the evening went well, even though we arrived at the Church’s Family Center to set up for the banquet, and found an anniversary celebration going on. Everyone who came to help set up, pitched in and got the job done in just over an hour. We were ready to go by about 6:00 PM. I wish to thank all who came early and worked hard to set up for the banquet. Thanks also to Diann Grigsby for doing the table decorations and to Joe Winstead for the door prizes. And thanks to all who attended the banquet. Our speaker for our banquet, Kirk Carter (Commander 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, of the South Carolina Division) spoke on **“The Charge”**. I hope y’all who came enjoyed yourselves and were able to understand the Charge better. We extend our thanks to our speaker and to our caterer, Mrs. Sammie Arrington. The food was very good, and everyone that I asked said they enjoyed the supper. And to those that missed

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**Safeguarding our  
Confederate  
Memorial**

Camp Quartermaster Joe Winstead (right) supervises Compatriots Carrol Nettles, Jack Bailie, Gary Hattaway, John Joiner and Elliott Walker as they prepare the area adjacent to the Confederate Monument on Broad Street for the placement of poles and a linking chain to protect the monument.

**SCV to Hold Heritage Rally in Richmond**

The Sons of Confederate Veterans’ annual heritage rally to remember the sesquicentennial of the WBTS will be held in Richmond, Virginia on Saturday, February 25th. This day was chosen to commemorate the day Jefferson Davis was inaugurated as regular President, February 22, 1862, and Washington’s Birthday. All compatriots are urged to attend. Beginning at 11:00 PM, participants will march in a heritage parade down Monument Avenue and rally at the Lee Monument. In addition to the parade, there will be an afternoon panel discussion focusing on the topic, “Minority Service in the Confederate Military” and an evening revival worship service—both of which will be held at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church. For more information, go to the web site: <http://confederate150.com/2012.html>

**Nick Posey Named “Compatriot of the Year” at  
Camp’s Lee/Jackson Banquet**

Past Commander Nick Posey was named Compatriot of the Year by Cmdr. Ron Udell at the Alexander Camp’s annual Lee/Jackson Banquet held on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Udell cited Posey’s dedication to his position as Camp Treasurer and commended Nick’s efforts in requesting funds from the Georgia Division and other sources to finance the restoration of the Confederate Powder Works chimney. Compatriot Lee Herron was awarded the Tony L. Carr Heritage Defense Award for his efforts in

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## *Last Camp Meeting*

### **Historian Robert Jones Discusses “Bleeding Kansas” and the Fanatical Abolitionist, John Brown**

During the January camp meeting, Mr. Robert Jones, president of the Kennesaw Historical Society and Programs and Education Chairman of the Kennesaw Museum Foundation spoke on the topic, “Bleeding Kansas, the Real Start of the War Between the States.” Mr. Jones began by discussing the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which negated the Missouri Compromise allowing the citizens of any new territories to be admitted to the Union to vote on whether their state should prohibit or allow slavery. As a result, settlers from Missouri and the North rushed into the Kansas territory to determine the outcome. Jones explained that in 1857 pro-slavery representatives gathered at Lecompton and voted to become a slave state; however, the vote was never ratified due to irregularities. Previously, a rival anti-slavery group met in Topeka in 1856 and voted to ban slavery and free blacks from the Kansas Territory. Both constitutions were rejected by Congress. A third constitution was created at Leavenworth in 1858 which contained a bill of rights for all men, regardless of race, and a basic framework for rights for women. This too was rejected by Congress, and in 1859, a fourth and final Constitution was adopted at Wyandotte which made Kansas a free state, however, it denied voting rights to blacks, women and Indians. With the departure of many Southern Senators due to secession, this constitution was passed by the Senate in late January 1861.

Jones spoke primarily of the infamous abolitionist, John Brown who left his home in New York for Kansas to begin his quest to purge Kansas of pro-slavery settlers. In 1856 at Pottawatomie, Brown participated in the massacre of five men in retaliation for the sacking of Lawrence and the caning of Sen. Charles Sumner by Preston Brooks. Brown and his forces then fought a series of skirmishes: Black Jack, Lecompton, Osawatimie, and Marais des Cynges. By November 1858, Brown left Kansas and plotted the attack on the arsenal at Harper’s Ferry, Virginia for which he was hanged in December 1859. When Jones asked the camp as to whether they consider Brown a hero or a terrorist, the vote was unanimous for the latter.

Following his presentation, Mr. Jones was presented a

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## **Important Dates to Remember:**

- 22 February: **Confederacy Day**  
George Washington’s Birthday  
4 March: **Confederate Flag Day**—Fly the flag!

### **Coming Events:**

**9 February: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp #158 Meeting**  
**Topic: First Person Impression**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Sconyers Barbecue**

**11 February: Confederate Cemetery Clean-up**

23-26 February: Abbeville Institute Scholars’ Conf.  
Stone Mountain, Ga.  
<http://abbevilleinstitute.org/>

**25 February: SCV Confederate Heritage Rally**  
**Richmond, Va.**

25-26 February: Battle of Aiken Re-enactment

### **Notable Confederate Birthdays:** \*Died in CSA Service

- 7 February: Leroy P. Walker, Secy. War  
8 February: LGen Richard S. Ewell  
BGen Barnard E. Bee\*  
11 February: **Alexander H. Stephens, Vice-Pres.**  
12 February: MGen Robert Ransom Jr.  
16 February: MGen James P. Anderson  
MGen Camille A.J.M. Polignac  
18 February: BGen Lewis A. Armistead\*  
BGen Jean J.A. Mouton\*  
BGen James Deshler\*  
20 February: BGen James B. Terrill\*  
21 February: BGen John H. Winder\*  
22 February: **President George Washington**  
25 February: George A. Trenholm, Secy. Tres  
1 March: George Davis, Atty. Gen.  
MGen. James F. Fagan.  
BGen. Hiram B. Granbury\*  
4 March: BGen. Elisha F. “Bull” Paxton\*  
5 March: Bgen John Dunovant\*  
7 March: MGen. Henry D. Clayton

framed photograph of the Confederate Powder Works chimney by Cmdr. Udell.

Cmdr. Udell announced a roadside clean-up on Augusta West Parkway on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and the Sgt Berry Benson Celebration to be held on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

During the officer reports, Lt Cmdr. Herron praised his daughter, Summer, who helped with last month’s re-entertainment of the Confederate soldier. Treasurer Nick Posey discussed the Camp’s upcoming Lee/Jackson Banquet.

Cmdr. Udell stated that the Camp’s participation in the North Augusta Christmas Parade was cancelled, but that the camp was represented in the Jackson, SC parade by Quarter-

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## Students Penalized for Displaying the Confederate Battle Flag

Two students, one in Missouri and the other in Minnesota, were recently penalized after they displayed the Confederate battle flag on

their school campuses.

Riley Collier of Republic, Missouri was denied the ability to drive to his high school for one month because he flew the battle flag on the back of his truck. School officials state the flag is “a distraction to some students and offensive to others” however; nothing in the school handbook prohibits such. His father supports his decision to fly the flag.

Neal Carlson, a senior at St. Francis High School in Minneapolis, was suspended indefinitely unless he covers up a tattoo on his tricep that features a Confederate battle flag blending into the Stars and Stripes. Carlson has resolved not to cover up his new tattoo believing it is right to freedom of speech and states “everyone likes it”. Superintendent Ed Saxton says the tattoo is a violation of the school’s dress code.

## SCV Sues the City of Lexington, Virginia

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, The Rutherford Institute filed a First Amendment lawsuit, on behalf of the SCV, against the city of Lexington, Virginia for prohibiting the flying of Confederate flags when other organizations are permitted to fly their flags. Institute attorneys allege that city officials exhibited hostility toward the Confederate flag and engaged in unconstitutional viewpoint discrimination against the SCV when they adopted an ordinance in September 2011 limiting use of the flag standards to the display of national, state and city flags. The complaint also alleges that the ordinance violates a 1993 federal court injunction which protects the SCV’s right to display Confederate flags within the City of Lexington. Attorneys also allege that the city discriminated against the SCV in violation of their right to free speech and equal protection under the law.

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master Joe Winstead. He discussed the Confederate cemetery cleanup which occurred on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Cmdr Danny Martin discussed his encounter with skateboarders at the Augusta Confederate Monument on Broad Street. He was assisted by a passing Richmond County deputy who gave them a warning.

Quartermaster Joe Winstead discussed the removal of the Bradford pear trees from the cemetery and the placement of several poles and a linking 3/8” chain

around the Confederate Monument. The camp voted to approve expenditures to accomplish these tasks.

Prior to the meeting, prayers for lifted up for Ernie Franklin’s wife, Doris; Doris Miller; John Givens; Fred Bussey’s son, David, and Jules Godin.

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

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the re-interment of a Confederate veteran whose remains were exposed. Udell awarded Certificates of Appreciation to Compatriots Ben Creech, Jack Bailie, David Powell, Arnold Huskins and to the BGen E. Porter Alexander UDC Chapter 2671 for their efforts on behalf of the Camp. He also remembered Compatriots Richard Smith and Jerry Grigsby who passed away this past year.

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the banquet, I hope that you will be able plan to be their next year.

We had our Camp litter pickup on January 14<sup>th</sup> and Augusta West Parkway looked 100% better after we finished. Thanks to those eight compatriots who got up early, took their time and participated. The real Georgia flag was also there waving in the breeze to all who drove by. One of our newest members, Tommy Chappell, was also there.

The work began at the Confederate Monument on Broad Street the week of January 24<sup>th</sup> to put the posts and chain up around the monument to keep the skate boarders off the steps. (I went by on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, and the posts are up and it looks good.) As we have mentioned at the last couple of meetings, the skate boarders are tearing up and staining or discoloring the marble with wax from their skateboards. Some of the brown pavers around the base of the monument were removed to get ready to put down the base for the new granite pavers. Joe’s group is working hard to get this finished as soon as possible. Let him know if you can help and when.

Contact Ken Kitchens if you wish to buy a Confederate fly ash bottle. He has some left. He probably will have a couple at the next meeting with him. Remember these monies go to fund our camp projects. And also let me know if you would like a Confederate Powder Works print.

Our next upcoming meeting will be February 9<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Brenda Carpenter from Edgefield. She will do a first person impression of Lucinda Horne from Saluda who went off to war with her husband. Please plan to be at Sconyers Barbeque and to remember our Southern Heritage and to support our Camp and its activities when possible. We have a lot going on in this upcoming year and you will miss something if you don’t come. **Remember the Charge. God Bless the South!**

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**Happy George Washington's Birthday!**

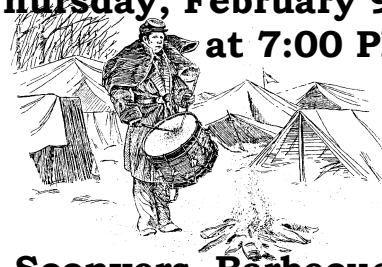
**Remembering our African-American  
Confederate History**

## **150 YEARS AGO: Fort Donelson, Tenn. Surrenders**

- 8 February 1862: Battle of Roanoke Island, NC; Union victory results in Federal control of Pamlico Sound
- 10 February 1862: Federal gunboats overwhelm a Confederate "mosquito fleet" near Elizabeth City, NC
- 11 February 1862: Fighting at Aransas Pass, Texas
- 13 February 1862: Union forces attacked badly outnumbered Confederates at Ft. Donelson, Tenn.
- 14 February 1862: Union gunboats attack Ft. Donelson
- 15 February 1862: Major Federal assault on Ft. Donelson; Confederates are victorious but Gens. Floyd and Pillow decide to surrender the next day.
- 16 February 1862: Ft. Donelson surrenders to Union forces under Gen. Grant.
- 18 February 1862: First Confederate Congress meets in Richmond
- 21 February 1862: Confederates are victorious at the Battle of Valverde, NM
- 22 February 1862: Jefferson Davis inaugurated as "regular" President of the CSA.
- 25 February 1862: Federals occupy Nashville, Tenn., the first Confederate state capital to fall to the enemy
- 28 February 1862: Battle of New Madrid, Mo.
- 1 March 1862: Pres. Davis proclaims martial law in Richmond.
- 4 March 1862: Confederate troops enter Santa Fe, New Mexico Territory

**Right: The Irish battle flag of the 10th Tennessee Infantry** which was captured when Ft. Donelson surrendered. Organized in Nashville and largely composed of immigrant Irishmen, the "Sons of Erin's" motto was "Go where Glory Waits You". During the fighting at Ft. Donelson, the 10th Tennessee suffered significant losses and earned the nickname of "The Bloody Tenth." After the surrender, the men were taken prisoner, but they were paroled in September 1862.

**Next Camp Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 7:00 PM**



**Sconyers Barbecue**  
Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard

### *Scripture Thought*

How precious is Your steadfast love, O God! The children of men take refuge and put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.

--Psalms 36:7 (AMP)

