

★ **Commander's  
Comments** ★  
by Lee Herron

It has been my distinct pleasure to serve you as the Commander of Camp #158 for 2009-2010!

The following is the list of officers for 2011-2012: Commander Ron Udell, 1st Lt. Commander Lee Herron, 2nd Lt. Commander Danny Martin, Adjutant Perry Herron, Treasurer Nick Posey, Chaplain Ben Creech, Quartermaster Joe Winstead, Historian and Webmaster Terry Bowers, Recording Secretary and Newsletter Editor Arnold Huskins, Judge Advocate David Powell, Surgeon Dr. John Baxley, Sergeant-at-Arms Nathan Salyer. All of the new officers need to be present at our Lee/Jackson Banquet on Saturday, January 15th to be sworn in.

I would like to thank all of the current officers and members for all of your help and support throughout the past two years, and I ask that you give the same support to our Commander-elect Ron Udell. Ron is a tremendous asset to this camp and takes the initiative to do things which many of you do not even know. Ron takes The Charge and our duty very seriously, and I know that he will pick up right where I leave off. Again, I ask that you give Ron your full support as he will have mine! Being Camp Commander is a very demanding position and a full time job all by itself.

Currently, we have sold approximately 70 tickets for our Lee/  
(Continued on page 3)



**Remembering Our Heroes:** Alexander Camp members attended the dedication of a new Confederate monument in Reidsville, Georgia sponsored by the Tattnall Invincibles Camp #154 on December 11th. Those pictured (left to right) are "Major" Ron Udell, Ben Creech, Marie and David Powell, Bill Storrs, Lee Herron, Summer Herron, Philip Weaver, and Nick DeLaigle of the Waynesboro Camp.

**Georgia Division SCV to Commemorate Lee's  
Birthday and Georgia's Secession on January 21st**

To begin its observance of the sesquicentennial of the War Between the States, the Georgia Division is sponsoring a unique event to commemorate the birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee and the secession of the state of Georgia from the Union on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the old Capitol in Milledgeville.

As January 19<sup>th</sup> is Lee's birthday and the date Georgia proclaimed itself a republic, the Georgia Division is planning a reenactment of the speeches by five of the main speakers at the 1861 Convention in the Legislative Chambers: Alexander Stephens, Robert Toombs, Thomas Cobb, Eugenius Nisbett, and Hershel Johnson and will focus on the issues each representative brought to the debate. The performance will last 30-40 minutes and will end with a very dramatic conclusion.

As in previous years, there will be a march to the old Capitol from the old Governor's Mansion at 10:45 AM. Participants will assemble at the old Governor's Mansion at the corner of West Hancock Street and Clark Street between 10 and 10:40 AM. All compatriots, including those in wheelchairs, are invited to participate and period uniforms and flags are encouraged.

*Last Camp Meeting*

**Commander Herron Speaks on  
“The Charge of the SCV”**

During the September meeting of the Alexander Camp, Camp Commander, Lee Herron spoke of Stephen D. Lee’s Charge to the SCV. Herron stated that there were three different historic charges: one from the minutes which were spoken, one that was printed in the *Confederate Veteran* which stated “Are you ready to die for your country?”, and one that is historical which is now recited by all SCV camps. He suggested that the camp read the past articles expounding on The Charge in the *Confederate Veteran* written by Kelly Barrow, Chuck Rand, Rick Veal, and Denne Sweeney.

During their meeting there was one application for membership: **Walter E. Johnson**, who joins on the record of his great grandfather, Pvt. William Wesley Johnson of Co. H, 22<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Infantry and one membership certificate presented: **Philip E. Rogers** who joined the camp on the record of his ancestor, Pvt. Charles Clayton Phillips of Co. E, 14<sup>th</sup> SC Infantry.

Compatriot Ron Udell recognized those who participated in the Ken Moore video production in which Compatriot Joe Winstead sustained a “battle wound.”

Commander Herron stated Lee/Jackson Banquet tickets were available for purchase and suggested prayers of recovery for 1st Lt. Commander Richard Smith and Tommy Wallace’s grandson. He announced Jerry Grisby’s return and asked that all compatriots continue in prayer for him.

During the elections for Camp officers, Ron Udell was elected Commander, Lee Herron was elected as 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander and Daniel Martin was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander. Dr. John Baxley was elected as camp surgeon and David Powell as Judge Advocate. All other officers retained their current positions.

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

\* \* \* \* \*

*Happy January Birthday*

Ernest L. Franklin

January 21

***The Wig Wag***

is the official publication of the BGen. E. Porter Alexander Camp #158, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Augusta, Georgia. The newsletter is published monthly for the benefit of camp members and those camps participating in a newsletter exchange. Opinions expressed within are not necessarily the official views of the SCV or the E. Porter Alexander Camp. Send all articles and comments to the editor at the address on the last page or email: Rebel eye@aol.com.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

- 10 January: Florida Secession Day
- 11 January: Alabama Secession Day
- 19 January: Georgia Secession Day
- 26 January: Louisiana Secession Day
- 1 February: Texas Secession Day

**Coming Events:**

**13 January: BGen E. Porter Alexander  
Camp #158 Meeting  
Topic: Gen. Micah Jenkins of SC  
7:00 PM  
Sconyers Barbecue**

**15 January: Lee-Jackson Banquet  
Burns UMC Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM**

**22 January: Ga. Division Robert E. Lee Birthday  
& Secession Commemoration  
Old Capitol  
Milledgeville, Georgia  
10:00 PM**

29 January: Millen Camp’s Lee/Jackson Banquet  
Featuring Stan Clardy’s “Soldiers in Gray”  
7:00 PM  
Magnolia Springs State Park

**Notable Confederate Birthdays:**

- 11 January: BGen Richard Griffith\*
- 12 January: MGen Jones M. Withers
- 14 January: Cmdr Matthew F. Maury
- 15 January: MGen John C. Breckinridge  
MGen Lafayette McLaws
- 18 January: BGen James Chestnut, Jr.
- 19 January: **Gen Robert E. Lee**
- 21 January: **LGen T.J. “Stonewall” Jackson\***
- 23 January: BGen John R. Chambliss, Jr.\*
- 24 January: BGen John Pegram\*
- 26 January: BGen Lloyd Tilghman\*
- 27 January: **LGen Richard Taylor**
- 28 January: MGen George E. Pickett  
MGen Thomas C. Hindman
- 29 January: MGen Franklin Gardner
- 31 January: Capt John R. Tucker, CSN  
Clement C. Clay, MC
- 2 February: **Gen Albert Sidney Johnston\***  
BGen Abner M. Perrin\*
- 3 February: **Gen. Joseph E. Johnston**
- 6 February: **MGen John B. Gordon**  
MGen James E. B. “Jeb” Stuart\*  
MGen William D. Pender\*
- 7 February: Leroy P. Walker, Secy. War
- 8 February: LGen Richard S. Ewell  
BGen Barnard E. Bee\*
- 11 February: Alexander H. Stephens, Vice-Pres.  
\*Died in Confederate Service



## Column in British Newspaper Slanders SCV and Maligns Lee

In the December 27th edition of the British newspaper, *The Guardian*, reprobate Texan Barrett Brown, in an article entitled "Neo-Confederate Civil War Revisionism" slanders the Sons of Confederate Veterans and makes the ridiculous claim that its members made death threats against the Confederate heritage hater, "Professor" Jonathan Farley, in 2002, whose columns have called for the eradication of all Confederate monuments. Having been a member of the SCV for almost 25 years and been involved with numerous camps, this editor knows of no compatriot who would even suggest such despite Farley's intolerance.

Moreover, Brown maligns Gen. Lee describing him as "being similar to all men possessing some good along with some evil." His historically myopic article perpetuates the oft stated myth that the Confederacy's sole reason for its independence efforts was to preserve slavery, and that those who honor their Confederate ancestors do so while denying that slavery played a part in the conflict. Being historically astute, this editor does not know of any compatriot that denies that slavery was only one of MANY factors that provoked secession. However, unlike Brown, SCV members know that it was Lincoln's provocation and desire to prevent Southern independence that caused the War and motivated our ancestors to defend their homeland.

Read the full misguided article at:

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/cifamerica/2010/dec/26/american-civil-war-usa>

## Camp's Chimney Restoration Featured in National Preservation Magazine



The winter issue of *Hallowed Ground*, the magazine of the Civil War Preservation Trust, featured an article describing the efforts of the BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp to preserve the Confederate Powder Works Chimney. Written by Compatriot Nick Posey, the article was featured in the "From the Trenches" section and featured a

photograph of the Chimney.

Civil War Preservation Trust is America's largest non-profit organization devoted to the preservation of endangered battlefields of the War Between the States. Please consider emailing the editor of *Hallowed Ground*, Mary Koik, at [mkoik@civilwar.org](mailto:mkoik@civilwar.org) and let her know your appreciation for including the article in their magazine.

## AOT Commander Tom Strain to Speak at Camp's Lee/Jackson Banquet



The speaker for the Alexander Camp's Lee/ Jackson Banquet is Army of Tennessee Commander, Tom Strain of Athens, Alabama. Compatriot Strain is an SCV and Alabama Division Life Member who has held a number of positions within the Confederation. He is a member of the Forrest's Boyhood Home and Sesquicentennial Committees and serves as the 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Cmdr of the Alabama Division. He has served as Deputy Chief of Staff, Army of Tennessee Inspector, and both Brigade and Camp Commander. An Army veteran who served in Operation Desert Storm, he is a member of the American Legion Post #47. Strain is a descendant of BGen George Washington Gordon of the 11<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Cavalry.

## Compatriot Claude R. Thomas: 1926-2010

The Alexander Camp would like to extend our condolences to the family of longtime Compatriot Claude Ray Thomas who passed away on December 12<sup>th</sup>. He is the father-in-law of Compatriot Roy Thomas.

## Chimney Fly Ash Bottles Available for Purchase

David and Marie Powell are taking orders for the Confederate Powder Works fly ash bottles that were distributed during the Chimney rededication service. Bottles are \$16.50 each, and the proceeds will go towards the restoration of the Confederate monument on Broad Street. Contact them to place an order at 706-860-1101.

## Commander's Comments (Continued from page 1)

Jackson banquet. The guest speaker will be the Army of Tennessee Commander, Thomas Strain Jr. and will speak on the topic, "General Lee: Life after Appomattox".

Please consider supporting the Buckhead/Fort Lawton Camp #2102 Lee/Jackson Banquet on January 29th. Tickets are \$15 which includes the meal and Stan Clardy's "Soldier's in Gray, A Musical Journey". The banquet will be held at the group shelter at Magnolia Springs State Park in Millen. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Cmdr. Neil Dickey at (H)912-829-4314 or (C)912-536-5574 and must be purchased by January 21st.

The guest speaker for the January 13th meeting will be Mr. David Rutledge and his talk will be about two of his famous ancestors, "BGen. Micah Jenkins and D.F. Jamison, President of the South Carolina Secession Convention". Please make plans to attend this meeting, and I would like to challenge each one of you to attend every meeting this year!

Remember, it is your duty to be there!

# The Wig Wag

Official Publication of the

**Sons of Confederate Veterans**

**Brigadier General E. Porter Alexander Camp #158**

<http://eporteralexander.homestead.com>

January 2011 Issue  
1316 High Woods Pass  
Grovetown, Ga. 30813

Arnold M. Huskins, O.D.  
*Editor*



**Remembering our heroes on their birthdays:**

**Gen. Robert E. Lee: January 19<sup>th</sup>**

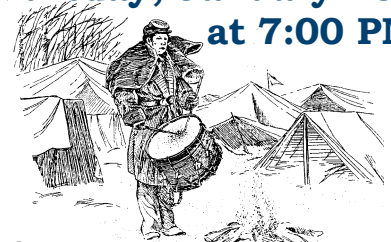
**Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson: January 21st**

## **150 YEARS AGO: Six More States Secede; CSA Organized**

- 9 January 1861: Citadel cadets on Morris Island, SC fire on the US ship, *Star of the West*, preventing it from resupplying Ft. Sumter.  
After an 84 to 15 vote, Mississippi secedes from the Union.
- 10 January 1861: Florida becomes the third state to secede from the Union.
- 11 January 1861: Alabama secedes
- 12 January 1861: Florida seizes the Pensacola Naval Yard, Barrancas Barracks, Ft. Barrancas, and Ft. McRee and demands the surrender of the US garrison at Ft. Pickens
- 19 January 1861: After a 208 to 89 vote, Georgia becomes the fifth state to secede
- 21 January 1861: Jefferson Davis leaves US Senate
- 26 January 1861: Louisiana secedes from the Union.
- 1 February 1861: In Austin, Texas, the state secession convention votes 166 to 7 in favor of secession.
- 2 February 1861: The Texas Secession Convention directs the "Committee of Public Safety" to seize all Federal property in Texas.
- 4 February 1861: Delegates of the seceded states meet in Montgomery, Alabama and organize the Confederate States of America.

**RIGHT:** Georgia "States Rights" Banner probably dating from late 1860 to early 1861. The front shows a coiled rattlesnake on a boulder entitled "State Rights". Above the snake is a ribbon with the phrase "Don't Tread on Me." On the reverse is a painting of the Georgia Coat of Arms.

**Next Camp Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 13th**  
**at 7:00 PM**



**Sconyers Barbecue**

**Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road**

*Scripture Thought*

Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

--Psalms 106:47  
(NIV)

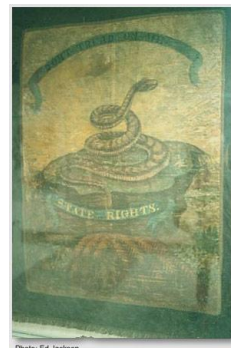


Photo: Ed Jackson