

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

The holiday season has come and gone and December was another busy month for the camp. The Honor Guard participated in three Christmas parades and was a rousing success. Our Camp Honor Guard took first place in the Jackson parade, second place in the Grovetown parade and was a crowd favorite in the North Augusta parade. If you get a chance, give our Guard a thank you headed up by Ron Udell and Joe Winstead. They are a source of community public relations and allow us to show the flag.

The December meeting talk given by 91 year old Norm Heberer was well received. All of us enjoyed hearing about his first-hand experience with the Confederados in Americana, Brazil. The December 13th Christmas party in Aiken was well attended with over thirty camp members and family experiencing our first such event. Everyone enjoyed the museum, Christian fellowship and the refreshments provided by David Moncus and his lovely wife were divine. The new year promises to be just as exciting as 2015. Our speaker for the January 14th camp meeting is Tom Robertson of Augusta. He will be speaking on the WBTS experience of Confederate Surgeon Francis M. Robertson, a direct ancestor. Tom is the president of a local engineering firm and author of the book, *Resisting Sherman: A Confederate Surgeon's Journal and the Civil War in the Carolinas, 1865*. I have heard this talk and will tell you it is well worth hearing.

Our speaker for our annual Lee-Jackson Banquet on January 23rd will be Eddie Mann from Aiken, SC. He is a member of the Wheeler Camp and will be speaking as General "Stonewall" Jackson. He will talk
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Alexander Camp Honor Guard is an Award Winning Parade Entry



Compatriot Tommy Miller displays the Second Place trophy received from the Grovetown Parade.



Upper Left: Compatriot Joe Winstead, who drove the banner truck, displays the First Place trophy received from the Honor Guard's participation in the Jackson, SC Christmas Parade. Lower right: "Major" Ron Udell, commander of the Honor Guard waves, to the crowd during the North Augusta Christmas parade.



Last Camp Meeting

Norm Heberer Speaks on "The Confederados" of Brazil

During the December 2015 meeting of the Alexander Camp, 91 year old Norm Heberer, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, an electrical engineer and Illinois native, discussed the Confederados, the descendants of those Southerners who fled the defeated Confederacy and settled in Brazil. Heberer has recorded over 78 visits to Brazil and has many friends and acquaintances among the descendants.

Heberer stated the Confederate colony was led by Col. William Hutchinson Morris who was a Grand Master Mason. Transportation from Dixie to Brazil cost \$25-\$30 per person and the Emperor of Brazil, Dom Pedro II, welcomed the Southerners. Fertile land was offered at 22 cents per acre and almost 10,000 ex-Confederates immigrated to Brazil. However, very few slaves were brought to the colony. Heberer stated the Confederados were known for their industry, integrity, and honesty and agricultural prowess. During his interesting PowerPoint presentation, photos of the 2.5 acre cemetery, the Baptist church, and the memorial monument were shown.

Compatriots **Brandon Pybus**, who joined on the record of his ancestor, Pvt William R Priebe of Co. E, 57th Alabama Infantry Regiment; and **William H. "Billy" Belger, Jr.** who joined on the record of his ancestor, Pvt Elred Gooding, Jr. of Co. D, 11th SC Infantry/9th SC Volunteers were sworn in as members of the Camp by Cmdr. Baxley and Lt. Cmdr. Posey.

Commander Baxley discussed the upcoming North Augusta Christmas Parade and the Camp's Christmas Social to be held at the Aiken County Historical Museum to be held on December 13th. He reported that the Camp's Lee/Jackson Banquet will be held on January 23rd with Eddie Mann as the chief speaker doing a first person impression of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson. Baxley stated he needed approval to purchase three large Confederate battle flags at \$125 each, which last six to eight months, for the flag pole on Wheeler Road. A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote.

Lt. Cmdr. Posey reported that longtime member William Paschal passed away on December 4th. He stated the Camp has 107 members at present, but may eventually be reduced to 101 members. The Camp donated \$1,055 to the Division Projects Fund, the second largest amount in the Division. Posey discussed compatriots' suggestions received with dues payment and thanked all those who gave extra camp donations

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Important Dates to Remember:

- 9 January: Mississippi Secession Day
- 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:

**14 January: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp
#158 Meeting
Topic: "Resisting Sherman"
7:00 PM at Sconyers Barbecue**

**16 January: Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration
Old State Capitol @ 10:45 AM
Milledgeville, Ga.**

**23 January: Alexander Camp's Lee/Jackson
Banquet
6:30 PM
Burns UMC Fellowship Hall**

January 23-24: Reenactment of the Battle of
Pocataligo
Yemassee, SC

January 29-31: Reenactment of the Battle of
Charleston
Legare Farms, Johns Island, SC

7 February: Alexander Stephens Birthday Celebration
10:30 AM in Crawfordville, Ga.

Notable Confederate Birthdays: * Died in CSA Service

- 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*



New Orleans City Council Votes 6-1 to Remove its Confederate Monuments

On December 17th, the New Orleans City Council voted 6-1 in Taliban-like fashion to remove three Confederate monuments in the city: Robert E. Lee at Lee Circle,

President Jefferson Davis in Mid-City, and the Gen. P.G.T. Beauregard in Mid-City stating they were “public nuisances”. Councilwoman Stacy Head cast the sole vote against the proposal and suggested unsuccessfully that the city retain the Lee and Beauregard monuments.

Historically ignorant Councilmembers called the monuments “symbols of oppression”, labeled Gen. Robert E. Lee “a criminal” and ignorantly stated New Orleans was predominantly Union in its sympathies during the War Between the States.

To further his political career, the mayor of the Crescent City, Mitch Landrieu, has been the chief advocate for removal of the monuments since last June idiotically stating the monuments were erected to “reinforce the Confederate ideology of slavery.” He has resisted any attempt to place the monuments removal measure on the ballot. Needless to say, his efforts are a blatant attempt to obfuscate the fact that the city’s murder rate and number of violent crimes committed have increased under his administration.

The cost of removing the monuments is estimated to be \$170,000, and Landrieu has stated an unnamed private donor has offered to offset the expenses. He stated the monuments will be stored in a city owned warehouse until they can be placed in a park or museum site where they can be “put in a fuller context.”

On a positive note, four organizations have filed a lawsuit against the city in Federal Court to prevent the removal of the monuments and the monuments remain untouched except for sporadic vandalism. The Louisiana Landmarks Society, The Foundation for Historical Louisiana, the Monumental Task Committee and Beauregard Camp #130, SCV, are challenging the City’s actions stating the removal violates the right of free speech to preserve history. A hearing on the matter will take place on January 14th.

Compatriots are urged to avoid patronizing businesses in New Orleans and to consider donating to the lawsuit assistance fund. Mail your donation to the following address and write in the memo line of your check “Monument Defense”:

Beauregard Camp #130
P.O. Box 145
Arabi, LA 70032

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firsthand about General Jackson’s Christian witness. The meal is only ten dollars per person, and we will have our normal door prizes and other awards. Please contact Nick Posey if you are coming and the number in your party. He needs to tell the caterer the number of meals to prepare a week ahead of time. Nick’s phone number is 706-294-7813 (c) or 706-855-1895(land line).

I wish to thank everyone who has worked hard this last year to make our camp a success. We are the most active camp in the CSRA and we have donated the most in the state of Georgia to the Cause (Heritage Fund, SLRC, etc.). The camp officers are real proud of all of you who help keep the flag flying and are not afraid to tell the true history of our beloved Southland.

Have a great Dixie New Year, and we will see you at Sconyer’s on the 14th. Deo Vindice!

Your humble servant, Commander Baxley

Compatriot William E. Paschal 1928-2015

The Alexander Camp mourns the passing of longtime member, William E. Paschal, who went home to be with the Lord on December 4th and extends their sincere condolences to his three daughters, Claudia Lee Wells of Dearing, Pamela Lynn Renfro of Appling, and Michele Lee Paschal Hughes of Charleston; his two sons, William E. Paschal Jr. of Stuart, Fla., and William Scott Paschal of Augusta; and his nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Compatriot Paschal regularly attended camp meetings until his declining health prevented his driving at night. A native of Appling, Compatriot Paschal retired from Fort Gordon civil service as a mechanic and served as a Deacon at Sharon Baptist Church. Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 6th at Sharon Baptist with internment in the church cemetery.

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which totaled \$305. He recommended the Camp purchase a gift basket to be given to Larry Sconyers for his generosity in providing a space for the camp to meet during the past year, and his suggestion was approved by the Camp.

Posey reported that the lady, who had requested that the camp conduct a Confederate Cross of Honor service for her ancestor buried at Fort Gordon, had donated a drape for the Confederate Cross of Honor to the Camp. The service was cancelled due to unreasonable demands by military authorities at Fort Gordon.

Quartermaster Joe Winstead reported that the Camp’s parade entry received the first place award in Jackson, SC and second place in the Grovetown Christmas parades. Both events went well and they were gladly received by the crowd.

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

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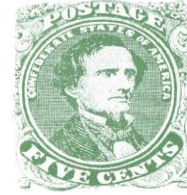
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Remembering our Heroes on their Birthdays:

Gen. Robert E. Lee: January 19th

Lt. Gen. T.J. "Stonewall" Jackson: January 21st

150 Years Ago

30 January 1866: The Georgia legislature selects former Confederate Vice-President, Alexander Stephens, and a former Confederate Senator, Hershel Johnson, to serve as US Senators. Neither is allowed to take their seats in the US Congress.

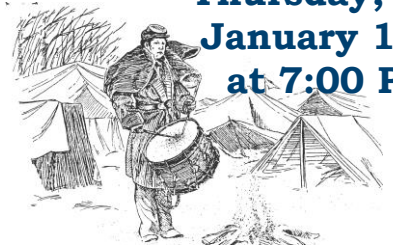
The Favorite Horses of Eight Prominent Confederate Generals*

1. Gen. Patrick Cleburne lost his mount, *Dixie*, at the Battle of Perryville.
2. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest lost so many horses in combat so it's difficult to say which was his favorite, but *King Philip* survived the War.
3. Lt. Gen. Richard Ewell's favorite was a "flea bitten grey" named *Rifle*
4. Lt. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee's *Nellie Grey* was killed at Third Winchester
5. Gen. Lee's big grey, *Traveller*, was the most famous but he also rode *Richmond*, *Lucy Long*, *Ajax*, and a mount known only as *The Roan*
6. Gen. Stonewall Jackson's favorite steed was *Little Sorrel* or *Old Sorrel*
7. Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston was riding *Fire-Eater* when he was mortally wounded at Shiloh
8. Gen. JEB Stuart's favorite mount was *Virginia*, but he regularly rode *Highfly*.

*According to the *Civil War Book of Lists*

Right: The battle flag of the 49th Georgia Infantry Regiment which was organized in November, 1861, with over 1000 men from Wilkinson, Telfair, Washington, Irwin, Laurens, Pierce, and Pulaski counties. After service in Georgia and North Carolina, the regiment was assigned to the Army of Northern Virginia serving in General J.R. Anderson's and E.L. Thomas' Brigade. They fought in all of the ANV's campaigns from the battles of Seven Pines to Petersburg. The regiment reported 68 casualties at Second Manassas, 61 at Fredericksburg, thirteen percent of the 280 at Chancellorsville and more than twenty-five percent of the 329 at Gettysburg. The 49th surrendered at Appomattox with 8 officers and 103 men.

Next Camp Meeting
Thursday,
January 14th
at 7:00 PM



Sconyers Barbecue
Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road

Scripture Thought

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees...

--Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NIV)

