

★ Commander's Comments ★ by Lee Herron

The Confederate Powder Works Chimney Restoration Project is still going full steam ahead. On May 23rd, Past Commander Nick Posey went before the Georgia C.W. Commission in Athens requesting \$10,000, and the request was approved. On that same day, I attended the Georgia Division Executive Council meeting in Macon where a vote was set to approve or not approve our application for another \$42,000. The vote was unanimous to allow the Tag Fund request to be presented to the Georgia Division Reunion, and to be voted on by the delegates. If approved, this will bring our total to \$110,000 earmarked for our project. There are also 9 proposed amendments to the Division By-laws that are set to be voted on.

The Georgia Division Reunion will be held on June 13th in Fayetteville. We are allowed 11 delegates to the reunion, and I am proud to say that the members of camp #158 have stepped forward, and that we will have a full delegation to attend the reunion, plus one alternate.

I have appointed Stan Scritchfield to Communication Officer for camp #158, in addition to being Sergeant-at-Arms. His duties will include seeking out, and gathering dates and times for different events throughout our area, and Georgia. He will then give this list to Webmaster Terry Bowers to have them placed on the camp website. The intent is to allow members to have a central location to

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Nine Proposed Amendments to Division Bylaws

Georgia Division Reunion to be held June 12-14th in Fayetteville

The Georgia Division Reunion will be held June 12-14 at the Ferrol A. Sams Auditorium at the Lafayette Educational Center, 205 Lafayette Ave. in Fayetteville, Georgia and will be hosted by the Gen. Lafayette McLaws Camp #79.

Festivities will begin on Friday evening with a social at the Hollingsworth House on 200 Stonewall Street from 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM. Saturday's events will begin with registration at the Holiday Inn Express following by opening ceremonies and a morning business session at the Sams Auditorium. Following the awards luncheon, the final business session will be held from 1:30 PM until 4:00 PM. A banquet supper and Confederate Ball will be held from 7:00 PM until 11:00 PM.

Nine proposed amendments to the Georgia Division Bylaws will be considered during the Reunion: changing from two Lt. Commander positions (Northern and Southern) to one, the election of Brigade Commanders by all Division compatriots rather than solely by the compatriots of their respective Brigade, allowing delegates to cast a camp's entire vote during Division reunions despite not having the required number of delegates in attendance, setting two consecutive term limits for Division officers (except Division adjutant and Division Judge Advocate) to include Brigade Commanders, the planning of future

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Southern Patriot Offers Matching Funds for Powderworks Chimney Restoration Project

The BGen. E. Porter Alexander Camp #158 has received a very generous offer by a Southern patriot and his wife, who wish to remain anonymous and are interested in restoring the Confederate Powder Work Chimney. They are hoping to encourage individuals to donate to this project as applying for large sums of money is time consuming and difficult.

For every \$1.00 that an individual donates to this project, they will donate \$1.50 to the project. If someone were to donate \$1000.00 to the project, they will donate \$1500.00. They will donate up to a maximum of \$30,000. The Camp will create a separate bank account for all donation and matching funds.

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Last Month's Meeting

James Stallings of Macon speaks on Confederate Prisoners of War

During last month's meeting of the Alexander Camp, Macon resident and SCV member, Mr. James Stallings, spoke on his book, *Georgia's Confederate Soliders Who Died as Prisoners of War 1861-1865* and his Confederate ancestor, William C. Stallings who served in Company B, 45th Georgia Infantry and was captured at the Battle of the Wilderness on May 6, 1864. William was sent to the Federal prison in Elmira, New York where he died and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery. Stallings continued by discussing the various Northern prison camps: Point Lookout, Rock Island, Camp Douglas, Camp Chase, Camp Morton, Ft. Delaware and Johnson's Island. He stated initially prisoners were kept in local jails and cotton or tobacco warehouses before being sent to local training camps which were converted for use as prisons. Causes of prisoner death included scurvy, diarrhea, severe climate, small pox, measles and guard related. An estimated 26,000 Confederates died as POW's—4,000 more than their Yankee counterparts. Following the speech, Commander Herron presented Mr. Stallings with a photo of the Confederate Powder works.

Membership certificates were presented to Rick and Nathan Salyer and Jim Kirchner.

Commander Herron called the meeting to order and requested prayers for Michael Leonard, Fred Bussey, Elliot Walker, and Hannah and Michael. During his report, he thanked all those who attended the Confederate Memorial Day services on April 18th and those who prepared the cemetery for the service. He also commended the Camp's Honor Guard.

Herron stated he was contacted by Stacia Pomeroy of the Augusta Green Jackets who suggested the camp attend an Augusta Green Jackets game. The camp could rent the Pavilion, the camp's name would be listed on the scoreboard, and its presence announced at regular intervals during the game. After discussion, the Camp voted to participate on June 26th with participating compatriots urged to wear their camp

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Important Dates to Remember:

Coming Events:

**11 June: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp
#158 Meeting
Topic: Images of SC Confederates
7:00 PM
Sconyers Barbecue**

**12-14 June: Georgia Division Reunion
Holiday Inn Express
Fayetteville, Georgia**

**18 July: Barbecue Supper at Compatriot
Tom Smith's
4:30 PM**

**22-25 July: SCV International Reunion
Hot Springs, Arkansas**

Notable Confederate Birthdays:

11 June: MGen James L. Kemper
12 June: Gen. Samuel Cooper
23 June: MGen Daniel S. Donelson*
24 June: John A. Cambell, Asst. Sec. War
25 June: Capt James D. Bulloch, CSN
26 June: BGen Victor Jean B. Girardey*
27 June: BGen Junius Daniel*
2 July: Robert A. Toombs, Sec. State
BGen John B. Villepigue*
3 July: MGen John A. Wharton*
4 July: BGen James J. Pettigrew*
12 July: Lt Gen Daniel H. Hill

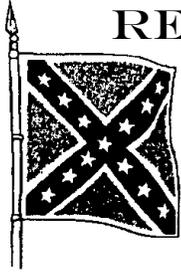
*Died in Confederate Service

shirt. Cost would be \$20 per person which includes ticket, buffet and a Green Jackets cap. (Cmdr. Herron later cancelled our reservation when we were told we could not bring our signage or flags into the stadium.)

Cmdr. Herron stated that the Georgia Division Convention will be held 12-14 June and the camp needed eleven delegates to attend. He announced a marker dedication for Lt. PC Whitehead of the Burke Sharpshooters on October 3rd at Bath Presbyterian Church in Blythe, Georgia.

During officer reports, Lt. Cmdr. Smith stated that the Confederate Memorial Day service conducted by the Joe Wheeler Camp in Aiken, SC was well attended. Adjutant Perry Herron stated that the camp has 110 active members. Compatriot Ron Udall stated that a wreath was placed at the Confederate Powder Works Chimney on April 26th in honor of Confederate Memorial Day. He stated that the Camp's honor Guard participated in Confederate Memorial day events in Orangeburg and Batesburg, SC. The meeting was adjourned by Commander Herron. After the benediction, the camp sang *Dixie*.

HERITAGE REPORT



The Morehead, Kentucky chapter of the Sons of Confederate Veterans have been denied a request to march in the Ironton Lawrence

County Ohio Memorial Day Parade.

The 5th Kentucky Infantry Camp #2122 received a letter from Arthur J. Pierson, parade grand marshal, rejecting the group's request to participate in the parade, without giving any reasons why.

"Your parade request for SCV, 5th Kentucky Infantry Camp #2122 Morehead, Kentucky, has been considered and NOT APPROVED," the letter stated.

The 5th Kentucky wanted to march with a color guard that would feature two Confederate flags—the Kentucky Confederate flag and the Confederate battle flag—and two motorcycles.

The group wanted to march to memorialize the service of Confederate veterans, many of whose descendants live in the tri-state.

It seems the flags were the reason for the camp's exclusion. Pierson said later that it would not be right to fly the Confederate flag when there is only one flag – the United States flag. He also said he was concerned about the group wearing the Confederate uniform and other memorabilia.

Darrell Crawford of Morehead, Adjutant of the 5th Kentucky Infantry Camp 2122, said his group will be marching in Morehead's Memorial Day parade where they are appreciated by local veterans and citizens of the city and county. The group marched in last year's parade.

"It was an honor to get to march in front of the veterans that were at the old courthouse as we fired a volley in their honor and for veterans past," Crawford said. "When the veterans saluted, tears rolled down my face. That means something of these fine men who served our country.

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search for events that are occurring during a particular month. If you know of an event, festival, re-enactment, etc., please let Stan know about it, so he can get it on the website: www.eporteralexander.homestead.com

Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on June 11th at 7:00 P.M., and the guest speaker will be Mr. John Bigham. He will talk about the "Images of 50 South Carolina Confederates as taken from original 1860-1862 photographs." I look forward to seeing all of you there. Please make plans to attend.

Division Reunion (continued from page 1)

Division reunions, the nature of emergency meetings by the Division executive council, notifications for Division executive council meetings, wording specific to new IRS guidelines, and communication within the Division by email. More information can be found on the Division's website: <http://www.georgiascv.com>. The reunion website is:

<http://www.fayettescv.org/GaSCVreunion.html>

Powderworks Chimney Project

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Currently, Camp #158 has \$68,000 earmarked for this project, having received the following donations:

\$42,000 from the Georgia Division Tag Fund
\$10,000 from the SCV National Organization
\$5,000 from the Southern Cultural Foundation
\$1,000 from Historic Augusta
\$10,000 from the Georgia C.W. Commission

The Camp has applied for another \$42,000 from the Georgia Division Tag Fund at this year's reunion. If approved, this would bring our total earmarked to \$110,000 of the \$192,000 needed.

If the Tag Funds are approved, the Camp will begin efforts to start work on the project, and hopefully have it completed in two phases as there are time constraints that have been placed on a portion of the earmarked funds.

145 Years Ago: Sinking of CSS *Alabama*

- 10 June 1864: Battle of Brice's Crossroads, Miss. Gen. Forrest's masterful cavalry victory over Gen. Sturgis
- 11 June 1864: Beginning of two day cavalry action at Trevilian Station, Va. CSS *Alabama* arrives at Cherbourg, France
- 12 June 1864: Final day of fighting at Cold Harbor...Lee's last major victory in the field.
- 14 June 1864: Lt. Gen. Leonidas Polk killed in fighting at Pine Mountain, Georgia
- 15 June 1864: Four day assault on Peterburg, Va. begins
- 18 June 1864: Siege of Petersburg, Va. begins
- 19 June 1864: CSS *Alabama* sunk by USS *Kearsarge* off Cherbourg, France
- 24 June 1864: Confederate cavalry rout Sheridan's cavalry and wagon train at St. Mary's Church, Va.
- 27 June 1864: Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, Georgia
- 4 July 1864: Atlanta Campaign: Skirmish at Smryna Depot
- 6 July 1864: Five days of heavy skirmishing along Chatthootchie River begins

RIGHT: The battle flag of the 14th Tennessee Infantry Regiment. Originally organized in May 1861 at Clarksville, Tennessee, the 14th almost immediately received orders transferring it to the Virginia Theater. Here the regiment remained for the duration of the war and served with distinction in the Army of Northern Virginia in Archer's Brigade. The unit fought in virtually every major battle or campaign conducted by Gen. Robert E. Lee to include Cold Harbor and the siege of Petersburg.

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Happy Fourth of July!

Next Camp Meeting

**Thursday, June 11th
7:00 PM at**



Sconyers Barbecue

Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road

Scripture Thought

If my people...will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and ...will heal their land.

--2 Chronicles 7: 14

