

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

I once heard someone say *all things must come to an end*. Well if you don't know by now, all the Bradford pear trees in the Confederate section at Magnolia Cemetery are **gone**. While I agree and probably you do too, that in the spring they did looked nice when they were all green and blooming. But in late fall when you were asked to go down the weekend before Christmas to rake 2-3 inches of leaves so that our Confederate soldier's graves looked good, and you were torn between shopping with your better half and raking leaves, they were not pretty any more. Hopefully, your weekend before Christmas should be free except for a light clean up. Joe's team did a good job getting the trees down in three days and the stumps were also ground up too. Compatriot Elliot Walker did all the cutting of the tree limbs. (And he was the only one who got stuck in the lift for an hour--hats off to him!) Joe's coworker, Monica, whom we have seen at festivals, was also helping with the cleanup of the cut limbs too. Thanks to all those who worked the week of February 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. We now have the job of getting the area cleaned up, which means all the wood chips and sticks that are **possible** need to be removed. This will not be done quickly. It will take time, but in the long run, there will be grass where there has not been any or very little in some years. And we will, in place of the Bradford pear trees, be planting dogwood trees. They will not

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**Lumberjack  
Compatriots Spruce  
Up the Cemetery**

E. Porter Alexander Camp compatriots involved with cutting down the Bradford pear trees in the Confederate section of Magnolia Cemetery take a break from their labors. Pictured (left to right) are Joe Winstead and his coworker Monica, Elliott Walker, Gary Hattaway, Tommy Chappells, and Carroll Nettles.

**Editor's Note:** Below is the continuation of a series of articles on Georgia military units in which Richmond County men served during the War Between the States. Companies D and F of the 12<sup>th</sup> Georgia Battalion consisted of men from Richmond County.

**12<sup>th</sup> Georgia Fights at the Third Battle of Winchester**

By late summer 1864, the 12<sup>th</sup> Georgia Battalion, serving under Gordon with Early forces in the Shenandoah Valley began parrying with forces under Gen. Philip Sheridan whom Grant had placed in command of all the Federal forces in the Valley on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sheridan was initially cautious fearing a disaster might affect Lincoln's chances for re-election. The armies skirmished briefly at Guard Hill, Summit Point, Smithfield Crossing and Berryville. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, with Early having dispersed his forces, Sheridan attacked him at Winchester. The battle lasted from dawn to dusk, with Early consolidating his forces and maintaining a stiff resistance. However, by the end of the day, Sheridan's vastly superior numbers overwhelmed the Confederates, and they retreated to Fisher's Hill. The 12<sup>th</sup> Georgia Battalion sustained many casualties in this battle, including their acting commander, Capt. J.W. Anderson, who was wounded and captured.

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, Company C was ordered from Savannah to rejoin the 12<sup>th</sup> Georgia Battalion in Virginia which they did at Fisher's Hill. Prior to their transfer, these men were disheartened and disillusioned with a number of desertions occurring as Sherman's Army was moving freely through their home area around Stone Mountain.

## Last Camp Meeting

### Edgefield Judge Belinda Carpenter Speaks on Southern Heroine, Lucinda Horn

During the February camp meeting, Mrs. Belinda Carpenter, an Edgefield County judge, UDC member, and re-enactor with the 19<sup>th</sup> SC Infantry spoke to the Camp on the Southern heroine, Lucinda Horn. Mrs. Horn, or "Aunt Cindy" as she was called, was the wife of Cornelius "Neil" Horn. They lived in a rented home near Kirksey in Edgefield County prior to the War and made pipes. When Neil and their son, William joined Company K, 14<sup>th</sup> SC Infantry in November 1861, Lucinda decided to accompany them to the front. While traveling with the Army of Northern Virginia in McGowan's Brigade, Lucinda prepared meals, mended and washed clothes, worked in the hospitals and earned her own money. She nursed her husband when he was wounded at the Battle of Frayser's Farm in 1862 and her son when he was wounded at the Battle of Jones' Farm near Petersburg, Va. in 1864. When "Billy" was given a pass to go home, she returned to the Palmetto State. Neil served until the surrender at Appomattox. After the war, Lucinda attended reunions of Confederate veterans, whom she called "her boys" and was made an honorary member of the 14th SC. When she died in 1896, Confederate veterans placed a memorial marker on her grave in Chestnut Hill Cemetery in Saluda.

Judge Carpenter stated that the women of the South were strong, resourceful and resilient and noted with sadness that most young people do not know our history. She expressed concerned for our country's present situation and believes the same factors that motivated our Confederate ancestors in 1861 is equally valid today.

Following her compelling presentation, Mrs. Carpenter was presented a framed photograph of the Confederate Powder Works chimney by Cmdr. Udell.

During the meeting, there were two applications for membership which were approved by the Camp: **Randy L. Allen** who joins the camp on the record of his great great grandfather, Pvt. William Hogan who served in Company K, 1<sup>st</sup> Georgia Militia and **Wesley B. Thomas** who joins the camp on the record of his Confederate ancestor, Pvt Mark Merritt who served in the "Irvin County Cowboys", Company A, 61<sup>st</sup> Georgia Infantry.

Certificates of memberships were presented to Compatriots Billy Belger and Tommy Chappells.

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## Important Dates to Remember:

### Coming Events:

**8 March: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp  
#158 Meeting  
7:00 PM  
Sconyers Barbecue**

24 March: Living History at Georgia Southern Univ.  
10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Augusta CW Round Table Tour of Homes  
8:00 AM-4:30 PM

**21 April: Confederate Memorial Day Service  
Magnolia Cemetery**

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

8 March: MGen. Matthew C. Butler  
10 March: George W. Randolph, Secy. War  
MGen. Thomas J. Churchill  
11 March: BGen. Allison Nelson\*  
BGen. Edmund Kirby, Jr.\*  
14 March: MGen. John S. Marmaduke  
17 March: **MGen. Patrick R. Cleburne\***  
19 March: BGen. Lewis H. Little\*  
22 March: Gen. Braxton Bragg  
MGen. William H.C. Whiting\*  
25 March: MGen. William T. Martin  
28 March: LGen. Wade Hampton  
29 March: John Letcher, Gov. Va.  
MGen. Robert E. Rodes\*  
31 March: BGen. John H. Kelley\*  
1 April: LGen. Simon B. Buckner  
2 April: BGen. Henry L. "Old Rock" Benning  
5 April: MGen. David R. "Neighbor" Jones\*  
6 April: MGen. William Field  
7 April: Francis W. Pickens, Gov. SC

Cmdr. Udell announced that Compatriot Nick Posey will be assuming the role of Camp Adjutant and reported that the Camp presently has 92 members with a possible increase of 15 more. He stated Georgia Division Judge Advocate Dan Coleman has decided not to pursue a lawsuit against the Augusta Canal Authority for its removal of the battle flag sign on the Powder Works chimney. Udell reported that the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Alexander Stephens will to be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> in Crawfordville and read a commendation by Gov. Deal recognizing such. He thanked all those who attended the Lee/Jackson Banquet and reported that 62 persons were attendance. Cmdr. Udell also thanked those who participated in the roadside clean up of Augusta West Parkway on January 14th. He announced the Georgia Division is considering a \$3 penalty for late dues.

Quartermaster Joe Winstead proclaimed he "wanted your money" for memorial pavers to be inscribed adjacent to the Confederate Monument. He read an advertisement detail-

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## NASCAR Nixes Pro Golfer's Lap in the "General Lee" at Phoenix Speedway

NASCAR recently nixed PGA golfer Bubba Watson from taking the initial lap in the dream car he recently purchased for \$110,000, a replica of the "General Lee" from the Dukes of Hazzard television series, at the beginning of Sprint Cup Series at the Phoenix International Speedway to be held on March 4th. NASCAR stated the Confederate battle flag on the roof of the vehicle would offend some viewers. Watson, who is a close friend of NASCAR driver, Denny Hamlin, was invited to take the first lap by Phoenix race officials. Watson reportedly was extremely disappointed by the decision.

Ben Jones, former Georgia congressman and actor on the series, was troubled by decision and stated "...NASCAR has chosen to dishonor those Southerners who fought and died in that terrible conflict by caving to political correctness and the uninformed concerns of corporate sponsors. This action by NASCAR is a provocative and unnecessary over-reaction to a problem that doesn't exist. It is a disgraceful and gratuitous insult to a lot of very decent people."

NASCAR, under the leadership of Brian France, has continuously tried to distance itself from its Southern origins as it tries to be more "inclusive" and reach out to differing demographics. In the past, the SCV has conducted flyover messages at NASCAR events featuring the battle flag and asking NASCAR to remember its Southern roots.

## Forrest Statue Vandalized in Tennessee

The equestrian statue of Lt. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest on I-65, south of Nashville, was recently vandalized. Bill Dorris, who owns the statue, states over \$6,000 in damages were incurred and that the statue has been vandalized repeatedly since it was erected in 1995. Nashville Metro Police are investigating the crime.

## Last Month's Meeting (Continued from page 2)

ing the memorial pavers project to be placed in the Georgia Division newsletter and the camp approved the expenditure of funds to do so. Winstead thanked all those who volunteered to help with the installation of the protective chain and poles around the monument.

Georgia Lt. Cmdr. (South) Mike Mull announced he will again be a candidate for his present position at the Georgia Division Reunion in Bainbridge the second weekend in June.

Prior to the meeting, prayers were requested for Doris Miller, Ernie Franklin, Jules Godin, Jim Kirshner, and Fred Bussey's son, David.

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

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get as full and when they drop leaves, it will not be as bad and the graves of our Confederate soldiers will look a lot better.

The work at the Confederate Monument on Broad Street to install posts and a chain around the monument is complete. And the stumps there have finally been ground down. (When the workers came to grind down the stumps, they scratched the paint off one or two of the posts. Joe said that he will be able to take care of that easily.) Joe will now work on the base to get it ready for the pavers.

We had several camp members at the reenactment of the Battle of Aiken this past weekend. Despite the rain the day before, it turned out to be a very nice weekend. I believe everyone who participated had a good time, and one of our newest members, Tommy Chappells, was bitten by the reenactment bug. Next weekend will be the Broxton Bridge re-enactment and a special service is planned. There will be an update of the event at the next Camp meeting.

Contact Ken Kitchens if you wish to buy a Powder Works fly ash bottle (Keep him busy!). He has some left. Remember these monies go to fund our camp projects. Let me know if you would like a Confederate Powder Works print.

Our Confederate Memorial Service *should* be on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Magnolia Cemetery. The so called *music* thing that takes place at the fairgrounds is on the 14<sup>th</sup>. There may be a Christian concert there on April 28th, but that is not written in stone as of February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hopefully, it will not start until after 1:00 PM if we had to choose that date as it depends upon our speaker's schedule. As always, you should try to attend this service as this is one of our most important events of the year. And speaking of our Confederate memorial events, some of us will be attending the annual Georgia Division Confederate Memorial Day service at Stone Mountain on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Also be sure to make plans to attend the upcoming 2012 Georgia Division Reunion in Bainbridge, Georgia on June 8th-10th.

We still need to remember those on our sick list for whom we have been praying and those that have not been to a meeting or we have not seen in a while. Philip Weaver has now been added to that list.

Our upcoming meeting will be March 8<sup>th</sup> and the speaker will be announced at the meeting. Please plan to be at Sconyers Barbeque to remember our Southern heritage and to support our Camp and its activities if possible. We have a lot going on this upcoming year and you will miss something if you don't come. **Remember the Charge! God bless the South!**

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## Remembering our Irish-Celtic Confederate Heritage

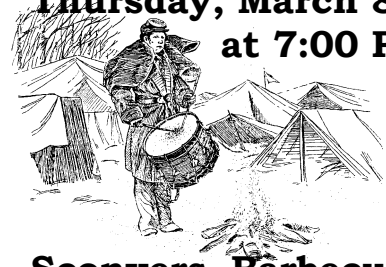
### 150 YEARS AGO: Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee

- 6-7 March 1862: Battle of Elkhorn Tavern (Pea Ridge) Arkansas; CSA Gens. Ben McCulloch and Gen. James McIntosh are killed.
- 8 March 1862: The CSS *Virginia* destroys the USS *Cumberland* and the USS *Congress* killing 250 men.
- 9 March 1862: CSS *Virginia* and USS *Monitor* are engaged for four hours to a draw in Hampton Roads, Virginia.
- 14 March 1862: Confederate forces withdraw from New Madrid, Mo. opening the way for a Union attack on Island No. 10
- 15 March 1862: Gen. John Hunt Morgan begins four days of cavalry raids around Gallatin, Tennessee.
- 17 March 1862: Under heavy gunfire, CSS *Nashville* runs the blockade out of Beaufort, NC.
- 22 March 1862: The first ship built in England for the CSA, CSS *Florida*, sails from Liverpool bound for Nassau.
- 23 March 1862: Battle of Kernstown, Va. Gen. Stonewall Jackson's only tactical defeat and the first battle of his Shenandoah Valley Campaign
- 28 March 1862: Battle of Glorieta Pass, New Mexico ends Confederate advance
- 5 April 1862: Siege of Yorktown, Va. begins  
Edisto Island, SC occupied by Federals
- 6-7 April 1862: Battle of Shiloh, Tenn. Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston killed on the first day; Confederates retreat on second day to Corinth, Miss.
- 7 April 1862: Island No. 10 falls after a long siege

**Right:** The Hardee Corps pattern battle flag of the 6<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry Regiment which saw its first action of the war at the Battle of Shiloh where it performed very well. After devastating losses at the battle of Perryville, the unit was consolidated with the 7<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry.

## Next Camp Meeting

Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 PM



**Sconyers Barbecue**  
Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard

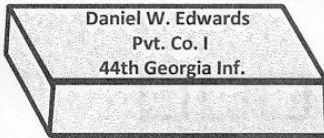
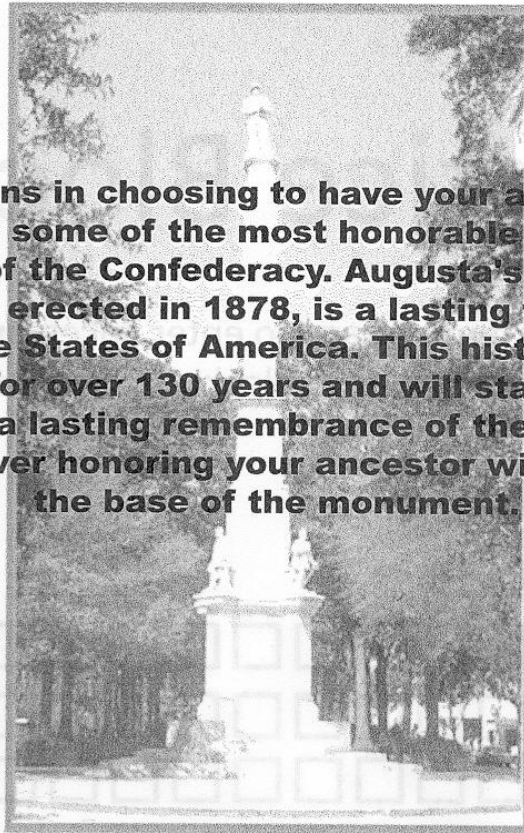
### *Scripture Thought*

You heavens above rain down righteousness; let the clouds shower it down...let salvation spring up, let righteousness grow with it...

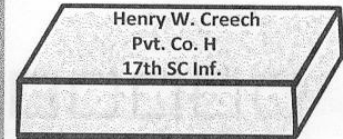
--Isaiah 45:8 (NIV)



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Daniel W. Edwards  
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44th Georgia Inf.



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