



★ **Commander's
Comments** ★
by David Moncus

I am looking forward to seeing you at our next camp meeting on October 10th. Plan to bring someone with you and let's have a full house. Now is a good time to recruit a new member for our camp. If you have not paid your dues, you need to get them in this month no later than October 28th as Adjutant Posey must get the last dues mailed to National by October 31st. That is cutting it close and making some extra work for Adjutant Posey, so don't be the last one to submit them. Any dues received after October 28th will require a \$5.00 late fee.

Remember our next cemetery cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 12 at 8:00. As always, anything that you can do before that date is appreciated. We had a good crowd show up on Friday and Saturday for the last event and it did not take long to complete the work. THANKS SO MUCH TO THOSE WHO WERE ABLE TO HELP!!!!

I attended the Executive Council meeting on September 28th in Macon. I will be giving information about that meeting including an example of our new SCV tag design at our meeting. It will be a good opportunity to hear about the state of our Division including the final financial statement of the year.

Remember "The Charge" given to us by our Confederate veteran ancestors and the fact that you accepted that "Charge" when you joined our exclusive organization. Only we as SCV members

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Women Lead in Fight for Our Heritage

Over the past several decades, the city of Richmond, the Museum of the Confederacy and other Confederate entities in Richmond has fallen under the influence of "political correctness". Confederate flags no longer fly from the Confederate Memorial Chapel and the less well known "Stars and Bars" is the only flag flown outside the Museum of the Confederacy. Moreover, Virginia's "Civil War" Sesquicentennial "HistoryMobile" has traveled throughout the state providing residents with a "reconstructed" view of the War.

However, all is not lost as local Southern heritage activists under the leadership of an attractive woman have decided to make a stand for their Confederate ancestors. When she realized Southern heritage organizations were often timid in taking action, Susan Hathaway and a small group of dedicated followers known as "the Flaggers" have proven themselves to be a viable force.

Utilizing a simple strategy, they congregate at Virginia's "PC" infested Confederate related sites carrying Confederate flags. Standing with the strong visual symbols of their ancestors, they talk to those whom they encounter explaining the history of their banners and the Confederacy. In doing so, their numbers have increased. The Flaggers is now a multistate group neither operating as a not-for-profit organization nor burdened by the restrictions of 501C3. They are like the minutemen of old utilizing the modern tools of technology to quickly assemble when their heritage is threatened. Recently, they dedicated a large Army of Northern Virginia battle flag on privately owned property adjacent to Interstate 95 south of Richmond incurring national news reports and the wrath of liberals.

In Florida and Alabama, Lunelle Siegel has proven to be a strong advocate for Confederate heritage. She has strongly defended the embattled Forrest Monument and Confederate Circle in Selma, Alabama thus forcing the City Council there to rethink its policies. Presently she is involved in preventing the placement of a new monument to Union invaders at the Olustee Battleground site in Florida where a large granite cross memorial already memorializes the Union regiments that participated in the battle. Siegel has mobilized her followers to contact Florida's elected officials causing the state to reconsider its support of the plan.

From her New York location, Valerie Protopapas, now in her early 70's, has used her remarkable writing skills to respond to all those who have maligned anything Confederate. Though not a descendant of Confederate soldiers, she believes "the South was right" and as a result has written hundreds of letters and articles using logic and wit to combat anti-Confederate editorials and commentaries with that truth.

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Last Camp Meeting

Dr. John Derden Speaks on Camp Lawton

During the September meeting of the Alexander Camp, Dr. John Derden, Professor Emeritus of History at East Georgia College, spoke to the camp about his new book, *The World's Largest Prison: The Story of Camp Lawton*, and gave a Power point presentation entitled "The Resurrection of Camp Lawton" detailing the history of the Confederate prison, its near disappearance, and the recent archaeology discoveries at Magnolia Springs State Park near Millen where it was located.

A native Georgian, Derden, who was born into a military family, earned several degrees from the University of Georgia before serving as a professor of history for thirty-one years at East Georgia College.

Dr. Derden stated Camp Lawton was the largest stockade prison built by the Confederacy-- twice as large as Camp Sumter in Andersonville--consisting of 42 acres or ¼ square miles. It was first occupied on October 10, 1864 and built to relieve the crowding at Camp Sumter. Though it existed for only six weeks as it was burned by Sherman's troops in late November 1864, Camp Lawton served as the headquarters of the Confederate military prison system. During that time, Confederate authorities sought to recruit Union POW's for Confederate service, initiated a sick exchange, and endured many escape attempts and fatalities.

Confederate units serving as guards for the prison were the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Georgia Reserves and the 55th Georgia Infantry Regiment.

Following his informative and descriptive presentation, Dr. Derden was given a Confederate Powder Works Chimney fly ash bottle by Commander Moncus.

During the meeting, compatriots were happy to welcome back **Ryan Murphy** who rejoined the Alexander Camp increasing the membership to 107.

Cmdr. Moncus reported there will be a Camp cemetery clean-up on September 14th and October 12th. He continued to state that anyone can go at any time to maintain the Confederate Dead section. Moncus stated he is presently reading the comments made by compatriots who have submitted their dues and will be considering them for further action. He announced he will be attending the Georgia Division Executive Council meeting on September 28th. Moncus reported there will be a Sherman's March re-enactment event which will take

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Important Dates to Remember:

Coming Events:

**10 October: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp
158 Meeting
Topic: TBA
7:00 PM
Sconyers Barbecue**

12 October: Magnolia Cemetery Clean up

26-27 October: Brattonsville, SC re-enactment
McConnells, SC

11 November: Augusta Veterans' Day Service
11:00 AM
Broad & 4th

23 November: Griswoldville Battle Commemoration
12: 00 Noon
Jarrell Plantation Historic Site

Notable Confederate Birthdays:

9 Oct. 1813: John J. Pettus, Mississippi Governor
11 Oct. 1835: Hunter Holmes McGuire, Med. Director
12 Oct. 1815: Lt. Gen. William J. Hardee
15 Oct. 1836: Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Rosser
18 Oct. 1829: Brig. Gen. Lucius M. Walker*
Brig. Gen. Charles S. Winder*
20 Oct. 1820: Maj. Gen. B. Franklin Cheatham
1822: Maj. Gen. Mansfield Lovell
23 Oct. 1828: Brig. Gen. Turner Ashby*
28 Oct. 1810: Brig. Gen. Adley H. Gladden*
30 Oct. 1830: Maj. Gen. John S. Bowen*
2 Nov. 1828: Maj. Gen. Bryan Grimes
Brig. Gen. James B. Gordon*
3 Nov. 1816: Lt. Gen. Jubal A. Early
Brig. Gen. Edward D. Tracy*
4 Nov. 1835: Maj. Gen. Lunsford L. Lomax
9 Nov. 1825: Lt. Gen. Ambrose Powell Hill*
1823: Maj. Gen. William H. Forney
1810: Thomas Bragg, Atty. Gen.
10 Nov. 1830: Brig. Gen. Albert G. Jenkins*
11 Nov. 1811: Brig. Gen. Ben McCulloch*
*Died in CSA Service

place at various times and places across the state beginning in Atlanta and ending in Savannah.

Lt. Commander Posey announced that 74 compatriots have paid their dues. He stated Alexander Camp compatriots who have submitted their dues have been generous donating \$152 to the Flags Across Georgia Fund, \$86 to the Heritage Defense Fund, \$101 to the Awareness Fund, and \$52 to the Disaster Fund. Voluntary donations to the Camp totaled \$124. Posey stressed that all compatriots need to pay their dues **before November 1st** to avoid paying a \$5 late fee to National and a \$3 late fee to the Georgia Division.

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Gen. Forrest Statue Vandalized in Memphis

The statue of General Nathan Bedford Forrest statue, located on Union Avenue in Memphis, was vandalized on September 12th when a miscreant poured bright red paint on the side and sprawled graffiti on it. The statue has been in the middle of a heated battle since the city illegally removed a marker and



renamed the park. "It's just a shame they don't have anything better to do or have more respect for historical items or city property or other people's property,"

said Lee Millar of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Millar says the statue has been vandalized several times over the years requiring a sealant which allows the graffiti to be more easily removed. He says now they're considering partnering with either the city or nearby University of Tennessee to put surveillance cameras in the park. He thinks that might deter vandalism.

The perpetrators will be charged with vandalism and will face stiffer penalties for damaging a grave site as it is the burial site of Forrest and his wife.

Bee County, Texas Bans Confederate Flag from Festival

Bee County, Texas Commissioners recently voted to ban the Army of Tennessee battle flag from being displayed during the annual Western Week Festival held later this month. The ban was initiated after a few barbecue teams at the festival flew the flag last year. According to news reports, a disgruntled commissioner, who was "offended" by the flags, supposedly took the issue to court and the court banned the flag. The Southern Legal Resource Center is investigating the issue.

Last Camp Meeting (Continued from page 2)

Quartermaster Joe Winstead discussed the upcoming artillery training class which will be held on October 19th at 7:00 AM. He stated that instead of attending the Oliver Hardy Festival in Harlem, he will be taking the Camp van to the Sassafras Festival in Burnetown, SC on October 5th. Winstead requested prayers for Compatriot Ervin Long.

The meeting was adjourned by Cmdr Moncus. Following the benediction, *Dixie* was sung by the Camp.

Adjutant's Report by Nick Posey

I would like to thank those of you who have paid your 2013-2014 SCV membership dues. Getting them to me in a timely manner is very much appreciated. We currently have 106 members on our roster; 26 members to date have not paid their dues. The deadline of November 1st is quickly approaching, and I do not want us to lose any camp members due to non-renewals. Honor your Confederate ancestor and support our Southern heritage by continuing your membership in the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I strongly urge you to send me your dues invoice with payment to renew your membership, without further delay. Any dues received that are too late to be processed by November 1st are considered delinquent, which will require an additional \$8.00 reinstatement fee (\$5.00 SCV National & \$3.00 Georgia Division).

Compatriot Ervin Long, Jr.: 1928-2013



Alexander Camp Compatriot Ervin Long Jr. went home to be with the Lord on September 19th at University Hospital. A native of McCormick, SC and a camp member for two years, Mr. Long was an Aiken County resident for the past 60 years. He retired as a mechanic at the Savannah River Plant in 1978 with 28 years of service, and was the founder and owner of Long's Mobile Home Park in Beech Island. Long was a US Army veteran having served in the Korean Conflict and in Germany. He is survived by five sons, two daughters, nineteen grandchildren and twenty-nine great grandchildren.

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are fighting to uphold their good name and the true history of their courageous efforts to curtail the exact overbearing federal government that we experience today.

Southern Women (Continued from page 1)

In Houston, Texas, Confederate descendant Joan Hough has written numerous essays and poems celebrating and defending Southern heritage. Recently she composed a play detailing why the men of the South fought for their independence. Written for Southern heritage organizations, who will be its primary audience, the play will no doubt inspire and motivate its viewers to fulfill "The Charge".

Not unlike those women who remained behind during "the War", women today realize that defending the good name of the Confederate soldier is serious business, and they are heavily involved in the fight to preserve Confederate heritage. We as men of the Sons of Confederate Veterans can and should do no less.

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Remembering our Native American Confederate Heritage!

150 YEARS AGO: The Battle of Bristoe Station, Va.

- 11 October 1863: Army of Northern Va, and Army of Potomac clash between Rappahannock and Rapidan Rivers
 - 13 October 1863: Pres. Davis approves Bragg's request to relieve MGen Daniel Harvey Hill of duty
 - 14 October 1863: Battle of Bristoe Station, Va. Union Gen. Warren repels Gen. A.P.Hill's poorly coordinated attacks
 - 15 October 1863: Submarine *H.L. Hunley* sinks for second time during a practice Dive; its inventor Horace Hunley and seven men drown
 - 19 October 1863: Battle of Buckland Mills: Gen. JEB Stuart routs Gen. Judson Kilpatrick
 - 23 October 1863: Gen. Grant replaces Gen. Rosecrans in Chattanooga
 - 25 October 1863: Battle of Pine Bluff, Arkansas
 - 27 October 1863: Battle of Brown's Ferry: Union Gen. Hazen secures beachhead on southern bank of Tennessee River
 - Second major bombardment of Fort Sumter: three heaviest days of bombardment during siege
 - 28 October 1863: Battle of Wauhatchie, Tenn.
 - 29 October 1863: First supplies along "Cracker Line" reach Union troops besieged in Chattanooga
 - Pres. Davis grants Forrest's request for an independent command
 - 4 November 1863: Bragg orders Longstreet to Knoxville
 - 6 November 1863: Battle of Droop Mountain, West(ern) Virginia
 - 7 November 1863: Battle of Rappahanock Station, Va.
 - Three days of heavy shelling of Ft. Sumter begins
- Right: Army of Northern Virginia battle flag of the 47th or 52nd NC Infantry** which was captured during the battle of Bristoe Station, Virginia on October 14, 1863. It currently resides in the Museum of the Confederacy collection.

Next Camp Meeting

**Thursday,
October 10th**



at 7:00 PM

Sconyers Barbecue

Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road

Scripture Thought

The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing. ...Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV)

