

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

It's hard to believe summer has gone and fall is here. The time of football, festivals, and fairs has started! The camp has been busy this summer with the "Old Man's Crew" keeping the cemetery clean. Joe Winstead and Carrol Nettles have been busy selling merchandise at the Lock and Dam tractor pull and other events. Camp members, including Joe, helped with the placement of new flags and poles on Jefferson Davis Highway in Clearwater. Hundreds cheered and waved as they drove by seeing the new flags going up.

Ron Udell was magnificent organizing the honor guard with only one day's notice for Compatriot Scott Davis' unexpected funeral in Langley, S.C. At age 43, he passed away with a massive heart attack, and we were able to attend with four members from our camp and two members from the Bee and Benson Camps, respectively. The family was touched and thankful for the solemnity of the ceremony organized by Ron Udell, Ben Creech, and Gary Hattaway.

Our next cemetery cleanup will be either October 6th or 7th before the annual city "Ghost Tour" of Magnolia Cemetery on October 10th and 11th.

October 10th marks the time for Mule Days in Washington, Ga. Contact David Armour, our 2nd Lt. Commander, at 706-678-2219 for details.

"President Jefferson Davis" from Abbeville, S.C. will be speaking at our next camp meeting on October 8th. This

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Georgia Division Announces Return of SCV License Plates

The Georgia Division recently announced that SCV license plates are now available in tag offices and urged all compatriots who have not done so to consider purchasing the plate. Governor Deal had ordered the SCV plate discontinued following the Charleston massacre and suggested removing its battle flag logo. However, the Georgia Division moved forward and reached an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to save the time honored logo. In the process, the design with the faded Army of Tennessee battle flag in the background was eliminated, but the 120 year old SCV logo in its full color will be retained. The image of the statue of Gen. John B. Gordon at the Georgia state capitol will not be on the plate as previously reported.

Adjutant Tim Pilgrim, Judge Advocate Dan Coleman, 8th Brigade Commander Charlie Parks, and Compatriot Martin O'Toole were instrumental in the license plate's return as well as State Representatives Alan Powell of the Lt. Dickson L. Baker Camp # 926 and Tommy Benton of the Gen. T.R.R. Cobb Camp # 97. Please consider contacting the legislators at their respective email addresses to express your appreciation for their efforts: alanpowell23@hotmail.com and tommy.benton@house.ga.gov

Georgia law has permitted a specialty license plate for the SCV for more than a decade with the proceeds being used by the Division to maintain monuments and to erect memorials and veteran grave markers. More than 3,500 Georgians have paid the additional fees to obtain the plate, and the demand has recently surged. Notwithstanding, a petition was begun this past summer by a left-leaning radical group, Better Georgia, which demanded removal of the SCV's logo from the plates.

The state of Virginia, under compliance of its Democratic governor, recently recalled all of its SCV license plates which featured the battle flag logo and reissued the plates without it. North Carolina's Governor McCrory threatened to do the same, but wisely dropped the matter.

Confederate Monuments to be Removed; Relocated

Confederate memorial monuments in Florida, Maryland, Missouri and North Carolina were recently removed or will be relocated following decisions by politically correct officials reviewing all things "Confederate" following this past summer's racially tinged Charleston murders. It is quite apparent that the haters of our heritage, who initially stated they only wanted flags removed from public property, want our memorials honoring our soldiers and sailors eliminated as well.

The memorial monument and flag flown honoring Florida's last living Confederate veteran, "Uncle" Bill Lundy, will be removed from public property in Crestview, Florida and given to his descendants. The City of Gainesville, Florida recently voted to remove its Confederate soldiers' memorial monument, "Ol' Joe," which was erected by the UDC in 1904, to the grounds of a nearby historical museum. The City of Rockville, Maryland voted to remove their Confederate soldiers memorial monument from the Court House square to a local park, and Talbot County, MD commissioners are considering doing the same.

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Last Camp Meeting

Eddie Rogers of Aiken Speaks on the Life of Gen. Wade Hampton, III

During the September 2015 meeting of the Alexander Camp, Mr. Eddie Rogers, a broadcaster, USC Aiken graduate, and a member of the Joe Wheeler Camp in Aiken and WBTS re-enactor for 15 years did a first person portrayal of Gen. Wade Hampton III.

Initially, Rogers brought greetings from the Aiken Camp and thanked all the veterans and those presently on active duty for their service. He presented awards to Cmdr. Baxley and Lt. Cmdr. Posey for their outstanding service to the camp. He also thanked the ladies for their attendance and stated the Confederacy would not have lasted long without the determined efforts of its women.

Mr. Rogers, dressed as the General, stated that Hampton's grandfather had served in the Revolutionary War and that his father had served in the War of 1812. Although, he was born in Charleston, his family moved to Millwood, a plantation near Columbia. Hampton liked fishing and hunting especially for bear. He became a planter and eventually a legislator who opposed the slave trade. In 1861, he organized and outfitted his own legion requesting 1,300 men--but obtaining 3,000-- training them at Camp Hampton near Millwood's racetrack. Rogers spoke of Hampton's exploits during the War particularly his five wounds which occurred at First Manassas, Seven Pines, and Gettysburg; the devastating death of his son, Preston; and the Beef Steak raid in 1864. He continued by discussing Hampton's post war political career as the leader of the "Red Shirts", Governor, Senator, and railroad commissioner.

Following his dramatic presentation, Rogers was presented a Powder Works fly ash bottle and a book on the Red Shirts by Cmdr. Baxley.

During the meeting, one new member was received into the camp, **Daniel West**, who joins on the record of his ancestor, Sgt. Daniel G. Kane of Company H, 53rd Alabama Partisan Rangers.

Cmdr. Baxley announced that a Magnolia Cemetery cleanup will be scheduled on September 16th. He stated the Confederate Cross of Honor ceremony scheduled for September 26th at Fort Gordon has been cancelled due to the ludicrous demands of the Army officials. They required the Confederate re-enactors to enter and leave the base in their civilian clothing, that no Confederate battle flags be present at the ceremony, and forbid the singing of *Dixie*. Rather than submit to their "politically"

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Important Dates to Remember:

Coming Events:

**8 October: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp
#158 Meeting
Topic: Pres. Jefferson Davis
7:00 PM at Sconyers Barbecue**

10 October: Mule Day Southern Heritage Festival
Calaway Plantation
Washington, Ga.

24-25 October: Historic Brattonsville, SC re-enactment
McConnells, SC

Occupation of Sandersville
Re-enactment, Ball, WBTS Art Show
Sandersville, Ga.

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

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. Wheeler*

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

*Died in Confederate Service

correct" demands, the Camp officers decided to cancel the ceremony and assist with the future placement of the Confederate Cross of Honor on the soldier's grave.

Adjutant Posey reported that the Camp has presently sold 22 memorial pavers and has 106 members including four members who have rejoined the camp. Eighty members have paid their Camp dues and 26 have not done so with the possibility that 3-5 will not. He stated the Camp has been extremely generous and has contributed over \$900 to the Georgia Division projects funds: Flags Across Georgia Fund: \$268, Heritage Offense Fund: \$527, Awareness Fund: \$80 and Disaster Fund: \$60.

Quartermaster Joe Winstead stated the next group of pavers

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Virginia Flaggers Continue their Aggressive Strategy to Defend Confederate Heritage

During this past summer when Confederate heritage was attacked relentlessly by the forces of political correctness, the organization known as the Virginia Flaggers never faltered and has continued their aggressive strategy to defend the flag and Southern heritage.

When monuments were being vandalized all across the South, the group performed nightly guard watches to protect Richmond's monuments. One culprit was caught defacing the Davis monument and prosecuted.

When the city of Danville, Virginia removed the Third National flag from the grounds of the Sutherlin Mansion, the last capitol of the Confederacy, the Flaggers raised two battle flags and a Third National flag on private property in visible locations throughout the city.

On September 19th, when a radical group maligned the route of the UCI Road World Championship cyclist event on the opening day of the race because it traversed Monument Avenue in Richmond, the Flaggers hired a banner plane to fly over the city during the race featuring a battle flag and stating "Confederate Heroes Matter." Despite the fact that the pilot misspelled the word "heroes," the effort was highly successful.

Within the week, the Flaggers raised another battle flag in a highly visible location adjacent to I-65 in Sandston, Virginia on land leased by the group. The flag was entitled the "Kershaw Flag" in that it is located on land that was crossed by Kershaw's Brigade during the Battle of Savage Station.

On September 12th, the Texas Division, SCV passed a resolution affirming "their support and admiration" for the Flaggers stating they have successfully fulfilled the charge of Gen. Stephen D. Lee.

If you are interested in supporting the Virginia Flaggers, mail your non tax deductible contribution to:

P.O. Box 547
Sandston VA 23150

Or donate through PayPal:

<http://www.vaflaggers.com/i95flagdonate.html>

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will be engraved en masse, and he encouraged the camp to consider purchasing one as soon as possible. He stated he contacted the appropriate authorities to obtain a booth for the Camp at the Oliver Hardy Festival, but no more spaces were available.

State House candidate for the 122nd District, Joe Mullins visited the Camp and spoke at length of his faith, his dedication to traditional values and protecting our heritage.

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

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should be a once in a life time event for all of us.

On Sunday December 13th from 2:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. we will have our first annual Confederate Christmas Party. The event will be at the Aiken County Historical Museum with refreshments graciously provided by Past Commander David Moncus and his wonderful wife. I will be your host providing personal tours as family and friends are invited. Please let me know if you are coming and how many will be in your party so that we can give David and his wife prior notice. My number is 803-295-3719.

Hope to see you at Sconyer's on October the 8th. Have a great Dixie Day and Deo Vindice!

Monuments Removed (continued from page 1)

Boone County, Missouri officials recently removed "Confederate Rock" a memorial honoring its Confederate soldiers, from its location on the courthouse grounds 21 miles away to the Centralia Battlefield Historic Site.

The Dowd YMCA in Charlotte, NC recently told the SCV and the UDC they must remove a Confederate monument they erected



on its grounds in 1994. The memorial, located at the site of the defunct North Carolina Military Institute which later became a Confederate hospital and prison, features a battle flag and honors cadets who later served in the Confederate armed forces. Many soldiers who died at the hospital are buried behind the building.

The YMCA is planning a massive renovation of its facilities and sits on the grounds of the Institute which was modeled on West Point and razed in 1954. A spokesperson for the Y spoke volumes when she stated the monument "challenges our Y's commitment to welcome all."

Other Confederate memorial monuments under scrutiny include those in New Orleans, San Antonio, Texas, Portsmouth, Virginia, and Baltimore, Maryland.

Many states, including Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee, have laws making it illegal to remove military monuments and memorials on public property. However, many states, like Florida, do not leaving Confederate memorials subject to the whims of Taliban-like officials.

The Civil War Preservation Trust, the nation's largest protector of battlefields, recently created a petition asking elected officials to prevent the hasty removal of monuments and memorials. Unfortunately, neither the American Legion nor other veterans groups have done the same.

The SCV and other Southern heritage organizations have met the foe in each of these instances to preserve these monuments in their respective locations. They won a recent victory in Norfolk, Virginia which decided to maintain its Confederate monument. Nonetheless, the recent purge of Confederate memorials makes it imperative that the SCV purchase its own land to place memorials and raise flags.

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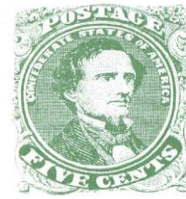
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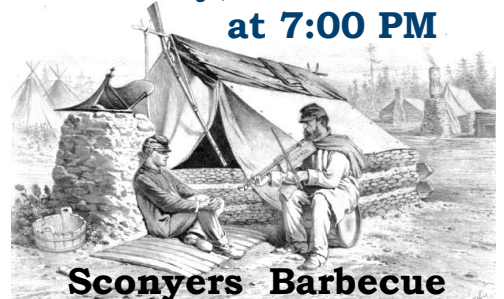
**Remembering our Native
American Confederate Heritage!**

The Largest Cities in the Confederate States

	City	Population in 1860	US Rank	Returned to US Control
1.	New Orleans, Louisiana	168,675	6	1862
2.	Charleston, South Carolina	40,522	22	1865
3.	Richmond, Virginia	37,910	25	1865
4.	Mobile, Alabama	29,258	27	1865
5.	Memphis, Tennessee	22,623	38	1862
6.	Savannah, Georgia	22,619	41	1864
7.	Petersburg, Virginia	18,266	50	1865
8.	Nashville, Tennessee	16,988	54	1862
9.	Norfolk, Virginia	14,620	61	1862
10.	Augusta, Georgia	12,493	77	1865
11.	Columbus, Georgia	9,621	97	1865
12.	Atlanta, Georgia	9,554	99	1864
13.	Wilmington, North Carolina	9,553	100	1865

Right: The gold and white battle flag of the 5th Georgia Cavalry: The regiment was formed on January 20, 1863, from combining the 1st Battalion, Georgia Cavalry (made up of men from Liberty and McIntosh counties) and the 2nd Battalion (Bulloch, Chatham, Effingham, and Screven counties). Officially mustered in on May 17, 1863, they were sent to South Carolina where they fought at Johns Island, Charleston, and Green Pond. In May 1864, they were ordered to join Wheeler's Cavalry in the Army of Tennessee and fought throughout the Atlanta Campaign where they lost many men. The unit surrendered in Hillsboro, NC on April 26, 1865.

Next Camp Meeting
Thursday, October 8th
at 7:00 PM



Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road

Scripture Thought

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath for it is written: "It is mine to avenge, I will repay," says the Lord.

-Romans 12: 19 (NIV)

