



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

The August camp meeting was one of our best yet! Seven new members joined the camp and two past members transferred back. We now have over 100 members with more wanting to join. We had over 20 visitors to include two ladies from the restaurant downstairs to see what the fuss was all about. Gould Hagler from the Gen. Gordon Atlanta camp gave a timely talk on Georgia Confederate Monuments. Tommy Miller gave a rousing talk on the Cowpens Revolutionary War flag which we adopted as our US camp flag. Several members spoke on how to counter the politically confused aggressors in our country. This included an attempt to educate the uneducated masses as to the true cause of the War Between the States and what the monuments and flags mean to us. The more we talk to the silent majority, the more we find that there are millions out there who are fed up with this "P.C." mess in our country and agree with our rights and the cause.

After sending a letter of concern to my SC state senator, Senator Tom Young, I received a personal phone call from him. He, like us, is concerned about the grievous attacks on our monuments by the NAACP and assures me that in SC, the Speaker of the House will block any motion for removal as long as he is in power. Tom also says that the SC legislature has to pass any such motion for removal of monuments

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Forward the Colors!: The Alexander Camp Honor Guard, led by "Major" Ron Udell, is warmly received by the spectators during the Brooklet, Georgia Peanut Festival parade which was held on August 15th.

Cultural Censorship of our Heritage Continues

Since the removal of the Confederate battle flag from the South Carolina State House Grounds, the cultural censorship of Southern heritage has continued unabated throughout the month of August.

Universities, led by "politically correct" liberals, have been on the forefront of the movement. On August 30th, the statues of Presidents Jefferson Davis and Woodrow Wilson were removed from the University of Texas campus in Austin and relocated to their History Center. The SCV temporarily halted the move, but during a second hearing, the judge ruled in favor of the university. The College of William and Mary announced on August 15th that it will remove a plaque featuring the Confederate battle and Virginia flags and listing the names of the students and faculty who fought for the Confederacy from its historic Wren Building and will remove the Confederate flag from its ceremonial silver mace. Washington and Lee University in Lexington has rejected a request by the Sons of Confederate Veterans to utilize the Lee Chapel for its Lee-Jackson Day observance. In doing so, university officials have complied totally with the demands of the seven radicals last year who succeeded in removing the replica battle flags from the chapel which holds Gen. Lee's tomb.

Federal, state and local governments continue to remove historic Confederate flags deeming them potentially "offensive." The VA Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado is forcing an artist to paint over the Confederate battle flag in a mural he painted on a wall there featuring scenes from American history. The state of Virginia has issued a recall on all SCV plates featuring its official logo and is in the process of issuing plates without it. The city of Danville, Virginia has removed the third national flag from the site of the last capitol of the Confederacy and the city of Albuquerque has removed the "Stars and Bars" flag from its historic flag display. The city of Oxford, Mississippi has joined

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Last Camp Meeting

Gould Hagler Speaks on Georgia's Confederate Monuments

During the September 2015 meeting of the Alexander Camp, Mr. Gould B. Hagler, past commander of John B. Gordon Camp in Atlanta, an Augusta native, and graduate of Wake Forest and Georgia State University, spoke of and gave a power point presentation on "Georgia's Confederate Monuments". Compatriot Hagler has photographed almost all of Georgia's Confederate monuments and published them in a book on the subject. Hagler's presentation featured several unique monuments throughout the states of Georgia and Alabama, and he stated he is more interested in the inscriptions on the monuments than their form. Hagler stated many inscriptions were taken from poems written by Confederate poets such as Fr. Abram Ryan, Henry Timrod, etc., but some also feature Bible verses. He stated most of the monuments were erected by women's organizations after the War. Collectively, the monuments mourn and honor the dead serving as cenotaphs for their unknown graves, praise the soldiers for their exemplary conduct and, more importantly, impart a message that the Confederate cause was honorable and their reason for their struggle was for freedom.

Following his poignant presentation, Gould was presented a Powder Works fly ash bottle by Cmdr. Baxley and the book, *Fighting for the Confederacy*, by E. Porter Alexander, by his descendant, Compatriot Barry Whitney.

During the meeting, seven new members joined the camp: **Timothy T. Carroll** who joins on the record of his ancestor, Pvt Stephen Carroll of Co. F, 10th Georgia Infantry Regiment; **Tobin R. Burnett, Sr** who joins on the record of his ancestor, Sgt Harman Edgar of Co. G, 30th Georgia Infantry Regiment; **Brandon S. Pybus** who joins on the record of his ancestor, Pvt William R Priebe of Co. E, 57th Alabama Infantry Regiment; **Dr. James B. Davis** who joins on the record of his ancestor, Pvt Frank Edwards of 35th Georgia Infantry Regiment; **Thad B. Calhoun III** who joins on the record of his ancestor, Pvt James E. Calhoun of Co. H, 63rd Georgia Infantry Regiment; **William H. Belger, Jr.** who joins on the record of his ancestor, Pvt Elred Gooding, Jr. of Co. D, 11th SC Infantry/9th SC Volunteers; and **Dennis L. Long** who joins on the record of his ancestor, John M. Hudson of Co. C, 1st SC Infantry, Orr's Rifles. Additionally, Compatriot Roy Williams Jr. and Dewey Hill rejoined the Alexander Camp having transferred from other camps.

Compatriot Joe Winstead reported that he has applications

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Important Dates to Remember:

11 September: Patriots Day

Coming Events:

10 September: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp #158 Meeting
Topic: Gen. Wade Hampton
7:00 PM at Sconyers Barbecue

12 September: Rally to Marietta at 12:30 PM

19 September: Southern Heritage Rally
1:00-3:00 PM in Reidsville, NC

26-27 September: Skirmishes for Lexington Re-enactment,
Clinton Sease Farm
Lexington, SC

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~scprnyz/Lexington/MainPage.html>

3 October: Oliver Hardy Festival in Harlem, Ga.

Notable Confederate Birthdays:

7 September: MGen Howell Cobb II
10 September: MGen Joseph Wheeler II
13 September: BGen Joseph L. Hogg*
14 September: Maj. John Pelham*
16 September: MGen G.W.C. Lee
17 September: Admiral Franklin Buchanan
MGen Earl Van Dorn
20 September: MGen Sterling "Old Pap" Price
21 September: MGen Carter L. Stevenson
22 September: LGen Stephen D. Lee
27 September: RAdm Raphael Semmes
28 September: BGen John Gregg*
LTC Alexander "Sandie" Pendleton*
2 October: Lt. Gen. Alexander P. Stewart
*Died in Confederate Service

from four individuals who wish to become members of the support group, Friends of the SCV.

Cmdr. Baxley thanked all those who assisted with the Confederate cemetery clean up during the summer and requested prayers of Compatriot Bill Berry and Chris Armour, the wife of 2nd Lt. Cmdr. David Armour.

Lt. Cmdr. Nick Posey reported that there will be a Confederate Cross of Honor dedication service at Cawley Cemetery A at Ft. Gordon to be held on September 26th. He reported the Camp now has 101 members with the addition of seven new members and two transfers from other camps.

Quartermaster Joe Winstead stated the next group of pavers at the Confederate Monument on Broad will be engraved within the month, and he encouraged the camp to consider purchasing a memorial paver as soon as possible.

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Georgia Governor Omits Confederate Memorial Day and Gen. Lee's Birthday from Official State Calendar

In a blatant act of political correctness, Georgia's Governor Nathan Deal has omitted Confederate Memorial Day and Gen. Robert E. Lee's birthday from the official state calendar. The days are referred to as a "state holiday," but the official titles were removed. Last year's calendar listed the official names of the holidays.

Please contact Gov. Deal via the information below and let him know that he is the Governor of Georgia--not New York or Massachusetts--and that you are offended by his egregious dishonor to our Georgia veterans and to Gen. Lee. Please consider writing your state legislators and let them know how you feel about this and ask them to preserve these days as official state holidays.

Governor Nathan Deal
206 Washington Street
111 State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334
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Cowpens Flag: The First Battle Flag of the South



The Cowpens Flag is a United States flag that meets the requirements of the flag resolution of 1771 and is similar to the "Betsy Ross" flag; however, it features a single star in the union surrounded by 12 stars in a circle. The flag was carried by troops from Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland during the American Revolution after the Battle of the Cowpens on January 17, 1781 who felt their respective states as being represented by the flag's single star.

The flag was allegedly carried south by William Batchelor of the 3rd Maryland Regiment, a unit which had lost heavily at the battle of Camden, SC on August 16, 1780. Integrated into another unit after the battle, Batchelor carried the flag with him at the Battle of Cowpens until the British surrender at Yorktown, Virginia.

Interestingly, the flag is featured in the famous painting, *The Spirit of '76*, by artist Archibald MacNeal Willard who painted it in 1875 for America's centennial celebration. Some people mistakenly believe the flag in the painting is a "Betsy Ross" Flag, with all 13 stars in the circle; however, if one looks closely, there is a 13th star in the center.

Camp Dues are due!
Please be sure to send them to Lt. Cmdr. Posey before the November 1st deadline!

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by at least a two thirds majority for it to go into effect. Governor Haley's office responded to my letter of concern with a letter from their ombudsman saying they were sorry to hear of my difficulties and would love to be of help (whatever that means). Gov. Deal never responded. I've gotten nothing but positive feedback on the letter I sent to the *Augusta Chronicle* on August 27th. It is imperative that ALL of us write to our legislators and educate our friends!

The Sept. 10th meeting will be even more exciting. Eddie Rodgers is coming over from the Wheeler Camp in Aiken as Gen. Wade Hampton and will take us back to 1865. Fix bayonets and bring a friend with a pitchfork. See you all at Sconyer's. Have a great Dixie day and Deo Vindice!

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six other cities in the Magnolia State to remove the state flag from its municipal buildings. The battle flag will be replaced with the "Stars and Bars" at the Confederate monument on the courthouse grounds in Walton County, Florida and on the city seal of Winchester, Virginia.

Sadly, private organizations have become involved most notably the Shriners who have requested in a memorandum that its members refrain from displaying the battle flag while performing official duties. Boone Hall Plantation in Mount Pleasant, SC recently announced it was cancelling its annual re-enactment of the Battle of Secessionville in November.

We as Sons of Confederate Veterans must continue to be vigilant and do whatever we can to thwart these attacks. We can begin by renewing our SCV membership this month, donating to the SLRC or the SCV's Heritage Promotion fund, writing to our state and national legislators, and attending heritage rallies. Buying land in which to erect memorials and flagpoles to fly our ancestor's flags is the best option for the future.

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Compatriot Posey proposed a motion to send \$300 donation to the SCV's Heritage Promotion Fund. The motion was seconded and approved by majority voice vote.

Compatriot Huskins made a motion that the fifty star US flag displayed during the Camp meetings be replaced with the 13 star Cowpens flag given the hostility toward our heritage by the present administration and the government. A retired veteran, Huskins stated he was heartbroken by having to make such a motion, but recent circumstances have compelled him to suggest this measure. He stated the Cowpens flag was carried during the American Revolution by Southern troops and was an appropriate replacement. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously with no veterans present opposing the measure. At the end of the meeting, the 50 star US flag was removed from its staff, folded in proper trifold pattern, and given to Commander Baxley for safekeeping.

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

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**Remembering our Hispanic
Confederate Heritage!**

The First Confederates Killed in the WBTS

1. Twelve unnamed civilians killed during the Pratt Street Massacre on April 19, 1861 in Baltimore who tried to prevent the passage of the 6th Massachusetts militia to Washington, DC
2. **James T. Jackson**, a civilian who shot and killed Union Colonel Elmer Ellsworth on May 24, 1861 in Alexandria, Virginia for removing a large Stars and Bars flag from his home. Moments later, Jackson was killed by Corp. Frank Brownell and was buried in the family plot in northern Fairfax County, Virginia.
3. **Captain John Quincy Marr** was the first Confederate soldier to fall in battle. He was killed in a cavalry skirmish at Fairfax Court House on June 1, 1861 and was buried in Warrenton, Virginia.
4. **Private Henry Lawson Wyatt**, Company A, 1st North Carolina Infantry, a 19 year old from Tarboro, NC was the first Confederate enlisted man to be killed. He was killed at the battle of Big Bethel, Virginia on June 10, 1861 and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond.
5. **Brigadier General Robert Selden Garnett** was the first Confederate general officer to die having been killed at Corrick's Ford, Virginia (now West Virginia) on July 13, 1861. His final resting place is at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, NY next to his wife and child. Their names are listed on the memorial monument but his is not.

Right: The 11 star "Stars and Bars" flag of the 7th Regiment Georgia Volunteers. On the bottom red bar are painted the letters "C.S.A." On the reverse of the flag "Manassas 21st July 1861" is painted within the circle of stars. A cotton square was sewn to the bottom corner of the staff portion on the reverse of the flag. Upon this is written "Flag made by Caro Yancey (Mrs. Hugh Harris). To be returned to Mrs. Jefferson W. Carter 314 N. Jackson St., Atlanta, Georgia."

Next Camp Meeting

Thursday, September

**10th at
7:00 PM**



Sconyers Barbecue

Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road

Scripture Thought

All Your commands are trustworthy; help me, for I am being persecuted without cause.

--Psalms 119: 86 (NIV)

