



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

What does the Peanut Festival in Brooklet (Statesboro), Georgia, August 20<sup>th</sup> have to do with the Confederate Monument on Broad Street August 23<sup>rd</sup>? Nothing! I'm just trying to get your attention! We had four members (and two had their wives there) from our Camp at the Peanut Festival, and three of them marched in the parade. Overall, there were about 40 re-enactors marching, and I believe we fired a volley about every 50 feet or less (The barrel got hot pretty quick.) and the march is about three-fourths of a mile long. As far as the heat, it wasn't too bad as it was cloudy most of the time. Their event is very nice with lots of crafts, food and old tractors, of course, **peanuts**.

The work on our Confederate Monument on Broad Street started on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and was completed on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Clark Memorials of Macon did a good job, and those of you that came downtown agree. The bucket lift that was used was maxed out as far as the height it would go (it had about four feet to spare). In fact, Jeff Ellis of Clark Memorials had to ask for volunteers to come to Augusta to do the job when he told his employees how high it was (approx. 74 feet-76 feet). None of them had done anything this high before. One problem we had at the beginning of the job was that the city had said that they would provide a water tap at the fire hydrant in front of the old JC Penney's. It was supposed to be there Monday

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**Making Berry Shine**

**Right:** The Alexander Camp's restoration of the Confederate Monument on Broad Street began on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and was completed on August 25<sup>th</sup>. In this photo (courtesy of the *Augusta Chronicle*), Hank O'Neal of Clark Memorials sprays bleach on Sgt Berry Benson's statue atop the memorial on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Preparing for the Peanut  
Festival Parade**

**Left:** Compatriot Ben Creech and Brigade Commander Neil Dickey prepare to march in the Peanut Festival parade held on August 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Alexander Camp Receives Three Awards at  
Georgia Division Reunion**

At the Georgia Division Reunion held in Rome in June, the BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp was given three framed awards: the Georgia Division Commander's Certificate of Appreciation, the Lt. Commander's Award, and the Brigade Commander's Certificate of Appreciation.

Both Certificates of Appreciation were given for the Camp's efforts in restoring the Confederate Powder Works Chimney. The Division Commander's Certificate of Appreciation was given for "eight years of dedicated work toward the restoration of the Confederate Powder Works Chimney and the October 9<sup>th</sup> 2010 rededication of the same" and the Brigade Commander's Certificate of Appreciation was given "in recognition of (the Alexander Camp's) untiring efforts which led to the preservation and restoration of the Chimney". The Lt. Commander's Award was given for "exemplary performance, noteworthy achievement, and ardent service" by the camp to the Georgia Division.

Cmdr. Ron Udell stated the awards are a reflection of the dedi-

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## Last Camp Meeting

### Black Compatriot Discusses His Search for the “Truth” and his Confederate Ancestor

During the August meeting, Compatriot James Adams, a former Colleton County Councilman from Walterboro, who has served as the Chaplain for the 17th SC Infantry Regiment, SCV Camp # 2069 in Hilda spoke to the camp about his search for “the truth” regarding his black Confederate ancestor. Adams began by singing the hymn, “Lord Prepare Me to be a Sanctuary” and was joined by other compatriots. Adams explained that his quest for “the truth” began when he responded to a letter written in a local newspaper regarding black slave owners and was given many references which he chose to investigate. In the process, he discovered that his ancestor, Caleb Glover, was the body servant to Col. Olen Dantzler of the 22<sup>nd</sup> SC Infantry and was given a medal by the UDC following the war for his efforts in returning the Colonel’s body to the Palmetto State after Dantzler’s was killed in 1864. Adams explained he was not taught the true history of the “War Between the States” and that he often wears his Confederate uniform to Wal-Mart where he relishes the opportunity to expound upon his ancestor and the truth. Compatriot Adams stated he has lost family members, friends and even his wife for his defense of the Confederate cause. Following his compelling speech, he was presented a framed photograph of the Confederate Powder Works Chimney by Cmdr. Udell.

Before the meeting began, Cmdr. Ron Udell announced that the Camp had won three awards at the Georgia Division Reunion: the Commander’s Certificate of Appreciation, the Lt. Cmdr’s Award and the Brigade Cmdr’s Certificate of Appreciation. All were awarded for the Camp’s efforts at restoring the Confederate Powder Works Chimney and its rededication ceremony.

During the meeting, **Craig and Christopher Stripling, Eddie Usry and Roger Combs** were sworn in and given certificates of membership. There were two applications for membership: **P. Scott Dedman** who joins on the record of his great great grandfather, Pvt. Humphrey O. Parrott, Co. K, 48<sup>th</sup> Georgia Infantry; and **Thomas E. “Pete” Drain** whose paternal great grandfather, Pvt.

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## Important Dates to Remember:

11 September: Patriots’ Day

### Coming Events:

**8 September: BGen E. Porter Alexander Camp**

**#158 Meeting**

**Topic: Georgia's Unorthodox Way of Naming Towns and Counties**

**7:00 PM**

**Sconyers Barbecue**

17 September: Lt. Gen. Stephen D. Lee Banquet

Acacia Lodge-AFM, 6:00 PM

North Augusta, SC

Berry Benson Camp #1672, SCV

1 October: Oliver Hardy Festival

Harlem, Ga.

22-23 October: Brattonsville, SC re-enactment

### Notable Confederate Birthdays:

9 September: MGen Martin Luther Smith

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

7 October: Maj. Gen. Bushrod Rust Johnson

7 October: Lt. Gen. Richard H. Anderson

7 October: Maj. Gen. William B. Bate

8 October: John H. Reagan, Postmaster Gen.

9 October: John J. Pettus, Governor, Miss.

\*Died in Confederate Service

William M. Marshall served in Capt C. G. Campbell’s Independent Company, Georgia Siege Artillery, Volunteers, and who was killed at the battle of the Wilderness.

During the Commander’s report, Commander Udell stated there were three Confederate cemetery clean ups over the summer—twice in July and once in August. He stated more help is needed in cleaning the cemetery and proposed, in the future, giving a prize to one individual whose name is among the list of volunteers in hopes of encouraging participation. Udell stated he had a meeting with city officials on June 14<sup>th</sup> discussing the Confederate monument. He said on August 1<sup>st</sup> a tree adjacent to the monument was

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## NC Confederate Monument in Jeopardy

In May 2011, in Reidsville, North Carolina, the Confederate Memorial monument which had been standing over 100 years was struck by a vehicle toppling the

statue of the Confederate soldier and breaking it in 15 pieces. In early June, the city of Reidsville held a public hearing on the fate of the statue and, after a heated debate in which race baiters “came out of the woodwork”, it was determined that the United Daughters of the Confederacy were the owners of the monument; however, the land on which the statue sits belongs to the city. Unfortunately, the North Carolina Division of the UDC has decided to capitulate and not demand the restoration of the monument and has recommended that the broken monument be placed in a cemetery or a museum.

As no Confederate monument should be forfeited, compatriots are asked to contact the National UDC Leadership (UDC President Mrs. Martha Van Schaick and Vice President General Mrs. Ruth Allbritton and others) and ask them to override the decision by the NC UDC leadership and seek the restoration of the monument.

Contact info: UDC Business Office

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afternoon according to our contact from the city, but it was not there on Tuesday morning when David Powell and I got there and it still was not there when the workers got there about 10:30 AM. It still was not there at 1:00 PM when the city said it would be there within the hour. Fortunately, the company was able to use the regular water tap in the garden area and they connected three water hoses together on Tuesday afternoon to clean the base and four on Wednesday morning to start cleaning at the top of the monument and work down. We are blessed to have such a fine monument here in Augusta which is very unique. It is also probably the biggest compared to the Confederate Powder works Chimney. Those of you that have not seen it should make a trip down to Broad Street to take a look. David did a good job coordinating the project and helping where he could during the job. And just for your information, the soldier on top of the monument has to be at least ten feet tall.

And lastly, our dues are now due and must be received **by November 1<sup>st</sup>**. After November 1<sup>st</sup> you will have to pay a \$5.00 reinstatement fee. So, with money as tight as it is, be sure to get them to our adjutant as soon as possible.

Being late could mean not receiving the latest copies of the *Confederate Veteran* and the *Georgia Confederate*.

David Powell still has Powder Works fly ash bottles. In the past two weeks (first part of August), the Interpretive Center Gift Shop at the Enterprise Mill sold the last two fly ash bottles on the original order from April and requested one to two dozen more. They had a historic marker dedication (which we boycotted due to some “PC” misinformation on the marker) on August 27th at the bridge that crosses the canal to the Powder works on Eve Street. The marker details the explosion that occurred at the Powder works in 1864.

Our next upcoming meeting will be on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker will be Lt Commander South, Mike Mull, from Statesboro. Plan to be at Sconyers Barbeque for a great evening of Southern barbeque, to learn more about our Southern heritage, and to support our Camp and its activities. **Remember the Charge. God Bless the South!**

### Awards (Continued from page 1)

cation and hard work by the camp's past commanders Nick Posey and Lee Herron and Compatriot David and Marie Powell's generosity. Moreover, Compatriot Powell was nominated for the Division's Confederate of the Year Award.

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finally removed by the city, and he recently discussed removal of a light pole which was obscuring the view of the monument with the city manager. Udell reported that the refurbishment of the monument is set to begin on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. He inquired if the camp would be willing participate in a beautification project around the base of the monument, and the motion was made, seconded, and approved by all those in attendance.

Adjutant Perry Herron stated the camp now has 115 members and is eligible for 12 delegates at the division reunion.

Compatriot Fred Bussey recommended that monies be donated to the individual that maintains the fountain at the Confederate cemetery. The camp then discussed improvements to the fountain and its potential costs.

Compatriot Arnold Huskins recommended that the camp consider buying a memorial brick to be placed at the Griswoldville Battlefield in memory of the lone soldier from the Augusta Battalion, Pvt. A. Belcher, killed there. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by those in attendance.

Prayers were requested for Jules Godene, Jim Kirschner, Richard Smith's family, Tom Smith, Thomas Loveless, Ben Creech, Jerry Grigsby, and David Moncus whose uncle passed away.

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

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## Remembering our Hispanic Confederate Heritage!

### 150 YEARS AGO: The Battle of the Hemp Bales, Missouri

- 6 September 1861: Federal Gen. US Grant takes Paducah, Kty. unopposed.
- 10 September 1861: Engagement at Carnifax Ferry, western Virginia  
Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston given command of Confederate  
Armies of the West
- 11 September 1861: Lincoln has Secretary of War Simon Cameron to order the  
arrest of Maryland legislators who are pro-Confederate
- 12 September 1861: Gen. Robert E. Lee is criticized for his disastrous Cheat  
Mountain Campaign in western Virginia
- 13 September 1861: In the first significant naval action of the war, a small Federal  
force raids the Confederate Navy Yard at Pensacola and  
burn the Confederate privateer, *Judah*
- 19 September 1861: Battle of the Hemp Bales near Lexington, Mo.
- 26 September 1861: A Confederate expedition from Cumberland Ford, Kty.  
skirmishes with Union forces at Laurel Ridge and captures  
the Salt Works in Clay County
- 2-7 October 1861: Confederate government signs peace treaties with Osage,  
Shawnee, Seneca, and Cherokee Indians
- 3 October 1861: Battle of Greenbriar, western Virginia
- 6 October 1861: Lord Lyons, British minister to the US, writes the Secretary of  
State protesting against the alleged cruel treatment of British  
seamen captured on blockade runners

**Right: Flag of Co. B, Rock City Guards (1<sup>st</sup> Tenn. Infantry) of Nashville:** This blood stained Stars and Bars pattern flag was captured in an ambush during the Cheat Mountain Campaign on September 21, 1861 by Captain J.D. Chauncey of the 13<sup>th</sup> Indiana Infantry and later donated to the state of Tennessee by his granddaughter in 1982. It now resides in the Tennessee State Museum.

## Next Camp Meeting

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



**Windsor Springs & Peach Orchard Road**

### *Scripture Thought*

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

--1 Corinthians 15:58(ESV)

