



WIG-WAG

News for members families and friends of
BG E. Porter Alexander Camp 158, SCV, Augusta, GA



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COMMANDER'S NOTES

Brother Compatriots,

A lot has happened since our last news letter. The big event in January was our annual Lee-Jackson banquet with almost 60 compatriots and family and friends in attendance. **David Moncus**, our past commander, gave a great talk on General Robert E. Lee's early formative years. Past Commander Moncus, who is now the Chief of Staff for the Georgia Division, drove two hours from Montgomery County, Georgia, to give the speech. He was awarded the General Robert E. Lee award for his devotion to duty in working so hard for the Cause the past 30 years.

Honor guard commander Major **Ron Udell** was awarded the annual General Stonewall Jackson award for his hard work the past 20 years as honor guard commander. Our Lt. Commander and adjutant **Nick Posey** was awarded the annual Commander's award for all that he has done the past year in holding the camp together. **Diane Winstead** was awarded a special award for her outstanding support of the camp as a Friend of the SCV. Her work in keeping her husband Joe, our quartermaster, pointed in the right direction was noted.

Joe Winstead has been busy organizing the renovation of the Magnolia Cemetery fountain in the Confederate Dead Section. After several days of work with the help of **Carroll Nettles, Tommy Chappell, Gary Hattaway, Paul Stampley, Mike Moncus** and other camp members, much has been done towards putting up a new fountain. Hopefully this can be completed by our April 14th Confederate Memorial Day celebration.

Compatriot **Rev. John Sweat** gave the camp an inspirational talk on the Christian faith and walk of General Stonewall Jackson as part of our February meeting. The sermon was so good that you almost felt like you were with the general as one of his soldiers.

The last weekend of February was capped off by the Battle of Aiken. Once again, the General Bernard Bee Camp out did themselves in putting on the best show yet at the battle park in Aiken County. The presentation of Compatriot **John Osteen's** cabin and one room school house was superb.

The historical talks each day were highly educational to include a talk on black Confederates fighting along side General Nathan Bedford Forrest. This talk was given by **Gregory Newson**, a highly educated African American Confederate sympathizer who preaches the truth concerning the War of Northern Aggression.

Several of our camp members helped as reenactors to include **Ben Creech, Tommy Chappell, Roger and Mandy Combs, Bill and Barbara Stohrs, Roy and Vivian Stampley, Emma Givens and Marie Powell**. Thanks to all who helped the Bee Camp in making this a great educational annual event in the CSRA.

Our next meeting will be March the 8th at Sconyer's BBQ and will feature Compatriot **Rev. Bernard Martin** from the Waynesboro camp. He will talk about Christianity in the Confederate Camps during the War. See you at Sconyer's and Have A Great Dixie Day!

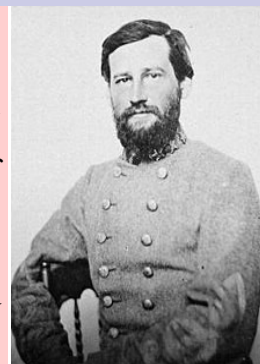
Deo Vindici,

Dr. John Barley, Commander

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldiers good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Lt. General Stephen D. Lee, 1906



The **Christian Flag** is an ecumenical flag designed in the early 20th century to represent all of Christianity and Christendom. Since its adoption by the Federal Council of Churches in 1942, it has been used by many Christian traditions, especially Protestant ones.

The flag has a white field, with a red Latin cross inside a blue canton. The shade of red on the cross symbolizes the blood that Jesus shed on Calvary. The blue represents the waters of baptism as well as the faithfulness of Jesus. The white represents Jesus' purity. The dimensions of the flag and canton have no official specifications.



Salute to the Christian Flag

I salute the Christian Flag, Banner of the Price of Peace, Emblem of Faith, Hope and Charity.

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153rd Anniversary of the Battle for Broxton Bridge 17th Annual Reenactment

On the southern end of Broxton Bridge Plantation there is an old battleground, complete with all the breastworks, left over from the south's defenses on February 1, 1865 – 153 years ago. The northern army was in route from Savannah, Georgia, to Columbia, South Carolina, and the battles at Broxton Bridge and Rivers Bridge on the Salkehatchie River were the last big defensive effort for the Confederates before the battle at Columbia.

Guided tours can be arranged with prior notice at a cost of \$10 per person. This money goes to help to fund our "Confederate Museum". Walking trails around a 10-acre lake or a walk to the battleground can be an exhilarating experience. There are a total of 58 miles of trails.

Directions: From Augusta, GA: Take Hwy 78E to Bamberg. Turn right on Hwy 601/301S Hwy to Ehrhardt. Plantation is approx. 7 miles south of Ehrhardt on Hwy 601S. (approx 60 miles), or: Take Hwy 278 east to Barnwell, Hwy 64 east to Olar. Then take Hwy 64 two miles and cross over Hwy 301 and take Hwy 64 approx. 10 miles to Ehrhardt. Turn right on Hwy 601 at caution light. The Plantation is 6 miles south of Ehrhardt on the right.



EDITOR'S NOTES

Brother Southern Compatriots,

I would like to begin by offering my sincere thanks to Compatriot **Ben Faulkner** for the many countless hours he has spent over the past years in preparing and editing your newsletter, the **Wig Wag**. Few are aware of the work involved in preparing a timely and informative newsletter.



As I pick up the reins of the **Wig Wag**, I asked myself, "What is the purpose or mission of this newsletter?" As I see it—it is first, to keep the membership informed of all the things their Camp is doing, and second—hopefully—to motivate participation in those activities.

To accomplish these goals, I need your input and suggestions, and I'm talking about all of us. It is your newsletter. Let me know what you want it to be and what you think it should do. Suggestions are welcome. Articles and letters are welcome, encouraged and genuinely appreciated. Keep me Informed of what is happening in the Camp. If you are involved in a special project—please let me know, so I can inform the rest of the Camp.

In addition, ask your brother Compatriots if they got the **Wig Wag**—if they did not, call or email me to get them on the mailing list. Over the past few weeks, I have been working on coordinating and updating our mailing lists. We have some names with incorrect phone numbers, addresses, and/or email addresses. Please help us out on this. We can't inform and motivate the members we can't communicate with, or even find everyone. You can reach me at (706) 831-1579, or at dixiebas@yahoo.com.

Lastly, if you find any errors or mistakes in this, or any future issue of the **Wig Wag**, they are intentional, placed there by me personally, just to see if you are paying attention. Let me know if you find them. There's a big prize for whoever finds the most—**NOT!**

Deo Vindici,

Bob Green. Editor

THINK ABOUT THIS!

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars; but have to check when you say the paint is still wet?

Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they already know there is not enough money?



Restoration work begins on the fountain at Magnolia Cemetery.

On February 15, **Joe Winstead, Carroll Nettles, Joe VanBuren, Gary Hattaway, Tommy Chappell, and Elliot Walker** took up their shovels and picks and began the demolition and restoration of the memorial fountain in the Confederate section at Magnolia Cemetery.

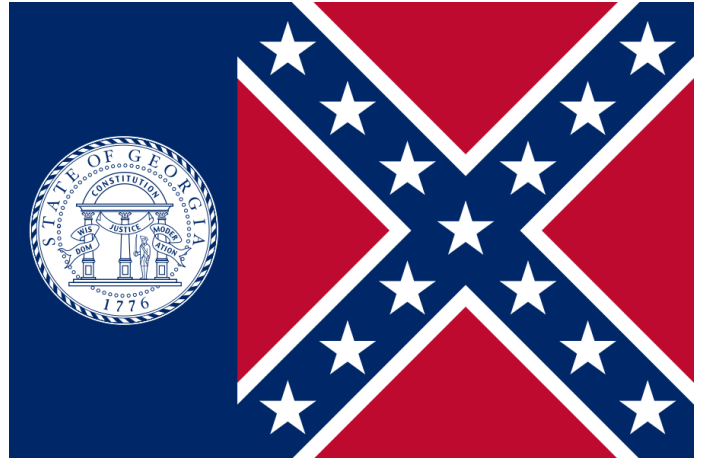
A group of our compatriots were at the Magnolia Fountain Tuesday morning the 27th around 10:00 a.m. to finish tearing down the old fountain in preparation for restoration. Stay tuned for future work dates—these guys can always use more help.

Although of New England ancestry, Joseph Wheeler was born near Augusta, Georgia, but spent most of his early life growing up with relatives in Connecticut. Despite his northern upbringing, he was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point from the state of Georgia and always considered himself a Georgian and Southerner.



Wheeler and his men attempted to stop Sherman in the 1865 Carolinas Campaign. He defeated a Union cavalry force under Brig. Gen. Judson Kilpatrick in South Carolina at the **Battle of Aiken** on February 11.

Later, while attempting to cover Confederate President Jefferson Davis's flight south and west in May, Wheeler was captured at Conyer's Station just east of Atlanta.



Pledge of Allegiance to the Real Georgia Flag

"I pledge allegiance to the Georgia flag and to the principles for which it stands—Wisdom, Justice and Moderation."

OUR LIFE MEMBERS

Thank them!

David Armour
 Dr. John Baxley
 Lonnie Bergeron, Jr.
 Kenneth Besecker
 Fred Bryant
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Battle of Broxton's Bridge LtGen Jubal A. Early , died	3 Battle of Broxton's Bridge Confederate Flag Day
4 Battle of Broxton's Bridge	5	6	7	8 Camp 158 Meeting 7:00 pm Sconyers BBQ	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Camp 1672 Meeting 7:00 pm No. Augusta	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Confederate Day of Prayer	28 LG Wade Hampton's Birthday	29	30	31

APRIL 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 LtGen A. P. Hill, died	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Camp 158 Meeting 7:00 pm Sconyers BBQ WTBS Began, Jeff. Davis Inaugrated	13	14 Confederate Memorial Day Magnolia Cemetery at 11:00 am.
15	16	17	18	19 Camp 1672 Meeting 7:00 pm No. Augusta	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 MG Ambrose Wright's Birthday	27	28 Gen E. Porter Alexander died Hephzibah Memorial Day Hephzibah Cemetery at 1500
29	30					