



# WIG-WAG

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



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APRIL, 2018

## COMMANDER'S NOTES

Brother Compatriots,

The camp was very busy during the month of March starting out with a "bang" with over 15 camp members and associates participating in the Battle of Broxton's Bridge reenactment in the Low Country of South Carolina. **Joe and Diane Winstead** along with **Carroll Nettles** were busy working our camp quartermaster store raising over 300 dollars for the camp. **Ron Udell, Ben Creech, Tommy Chappell, Roger and Mandy Combs, David Armour, Nick Posey, Diane Grigsby, Bill Stohrs, Billy Belger, Emma Givens, and Marie Powell** all participated to make this three day event an exciting reenactment on the actual battlefield. Thanks to all for working so hard to make this a realistic experience.

Several compatriots on the "old man's cemetery crew" worked hard at the Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta, Georgia, prepping the 150 year old fountain for it's make over. **Tommy Chappell, Tom McCauley, Cosby Smith, Tommy Smith, Jeff Young, Carl Mixon, Roy and Paul Stampley, Mike McCann, Joe Winstead, Carroll Nettles, Gary Hattaway, and Joe VanBuren** worked at least four separate days during the month tearing down the old structure and removing over 10 trailer loads of brick and debris. **Joe Winstead** has lined up a brick mason and other professionals to hopefully finish the project by Confederate Memorial Day. Thanks to all involved who have donated financially and hard labor in moving this ambitious project along!

Compatriot **Rev. Bernard Martin** from the Burke County Camp gave us a moving talk on the Christian faith of the Confederate soldier during our March camp meeting at Sconyer's BBQ. There were a lot of "amen's" and "praise the Lord's" during his speech which felt more like a Confederate camp "born again" sermon than a historical talk. We were all deeply moved by Brother Bernard's witness to our camp.

Our next camp meeting will be April 12th at Sconyer's where author **Tom Polan** will give us a talk on "Southern Ways and Memories of the Old South". He has written several books on this and you do not want to miss this interesting and humorous talk.

April 14th will be our annual Confederate Memorial Day Celebration at the Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta, Georgia. Our guest speaker will be Gov. Wade Hampton (a.k.a. **Eddie Rogers**) who will talk about the terrible reconstruction years in the South. The ceremony starts at 11:00 a.m. and you may wish to come early to help set up.

April 28 at 3:00 p.m. will be the time for our annual Confederate Memorial Day Event at the Hephzibah, Georgia cemetery. We will talk more about both events at our April camp meeting.

Have A Great Dixie Day! See you at Sconyer's!

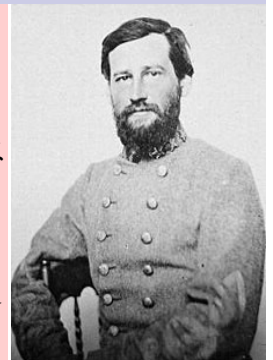
**Deo Vindici,**

*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*



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**AGENDA:**FRIDAY, JUNE 8th

PREREGISTRATION: at the Magnolia Room 1-6 PM

DINNER: 6-9 PM at the Magnolia Room

ENTERTAINMENT: Provided by the DIXIE JUBILEE

SATURDAY, JUNE 9th

REGISTRATION: 7-9 AM at the Centraplex Business Center

SATURDAY: Lunch &amp; Award Presentations

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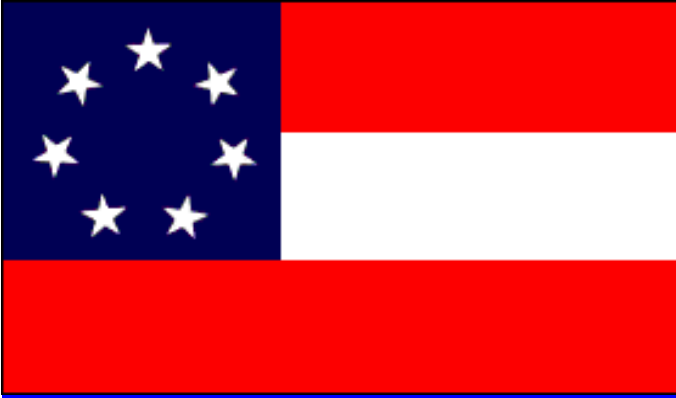
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The first official national flag of the Confederacy, often called the *Stars and Bars* was designed by Prussian artist Nicola Marschall in Marion, Alabama, and resembled the flag of the Austrian Empire.

The "Stars and Bars" flag was adopted March 4, 1861, in the first temporary national capital of Montgomery, Alabama, Marschall also designed the Confederate army uniform.

One of the first acts of the Provisional Confederate Congress was to create the *Committee on the Flag and Seal*, chaired by William Porcher Miles, a congressman from South Carolina. Miles had already designed a flag that later became known as the Confederate *Battle Flag*, and he favored that flag over the "Stars and Bars" proposal. But given the popular support for a flag similar to the U.S. flag, the "Stars and Bars" design was approved by the committee.

When the WBTS broke out, the "Stars and Bars" caused confusion on the battlefield at the First Battle of Bull Run because of its similarity to the U.S. flag, especially when it was hanging limp, down on the flagstaff. Many Confederates disliked the Stars and Bars, seeing it as symbolic of the centralized federal power the Confederate states were seceding from. In January 1862, George William Bagby, writing for the *Southern Literary Messenger*, wrote that many Confederates disliked the flag. "Every body wants a new Confederate flag," Bagby wrote, also stating that "The present one is universally hated. It resembles the Yankee flag and that is enough to make it unutterably detestable." The editor of the *Charleston Mercury* expressed a similar view, "...we imagine that the 'Battle Flag' will become the Southern Flag by popular acclaim." In addition, William T. Thompson, the editor of the Savannah-based *Daily Morning News* also objected to the flag.

Over the course of the flag's use by the Confederacy, additional stars were added to the flag's canton, eventually bringing the total number of stars on the flag to thirteen.

## EDITOR'S NOTES

Brother Compatriots,

There are a few things I would like to address in this issue of the WIG WAG.

**First**, (in no particular order) is to promote a great web site from the Abbeville Institute. You can find them on the internet at [www.abbevilleinstitute.org](http://www.abbevilleinstitute.org). Its purpose is to critically explore what is true and valuable in the Southern tradition. "Rarely these days, even on southern campuses, is it possible to acknowledge the achievements of the people of the South. To speak positively about any part of this southern tradition is to invite charges of being a racist and an apologist for slavery and segregation. The Institute was formed as a response to this intellectual challenge. Its purpose is to critically explore what is true and valuable in the Southern tradition."



**Second**, if you have children or grandchildren, I would strongly recommend that you consider sending one (or more) of them to the Sam Davis youth camp. See information on page 4 of this Wig Wag.

**Third**, earlier in March, I emailed a plea for Compatriots birthdays and anniversaries. If you don't want to be left out, I need your information. You can see by the list in this issue, I didn't get a lot of responses. If you would like to be included in these announcements, please email back to me with your birthday (mo/day) and your anniversary (mo/day/year), and your spouses' name.

**Forth**, in this and every future issue, I am going to include a few tips about how YOU may help YOUR Camp to grow and thrive. Here are three easy ones;

1. Bring an absentee member with you to the meeting once a year.
2. Show up early and socialize.
3. Thank an officer for all of his efforts.

Deo Vindici,

*Bob Green*, Editor

## THINK ABOUT THIS!

I'm rich!

Silver In The Hair, Gold In The Teeth, Crystals In The Kidneys, Sugar In The Blood, Lead In The Rear, Iron In The Arteries, And An Inexhaustible Supply Of Natural Gas.

I Never Thought I'd Accumulate Such Wealth!

### Calling all Sons and Daughters to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Sam Davis Youth Camp

Virginia Camp: Sunday, June 17 to Saturday, June 22, at Thaxton, VA. Application deadline is June 10, 2018.

#### Why should your son or daughter attend the Sam Davis Youth Camp?

In a survey conducted by the Center for Survey Research and Analysis in 2000, 65% of college seniors failed to pass a high school equivalent American history test:

- Only 23% correctly identified James Madison as the "Father of the Constitution." Yet, 98% knew that "Snoop Dog" is a rapper.
- Just over half, 52% knew that George Washington's Farewell Address warned against establishing permanent alliances with foreign governments. Yet, 99% correctly identified Beavis & Butthead.

#### What to do?

There is no question that the youth of today must run a terrible gauntlet, and that many are struck down along the way by one or more of the politically correct influences in our schools. Sometimes these youths are from the best homes, with strong families and religious training. Oftentimes in high school or college, even these best & brightest finally succumb to the liberal, politically correct view of history.

This summer, you can help turn the tide. For one week, our Southern young men and ladies (ages 12-20) will gather to hear the truths about the War for Southern Independence. This camp will combine fun and recreation with thoughtful instruction in Southern history, the War Between the States, the theology of the South during the War, lessons on Southern heroes, examples of great men of the Faith, and for the first year, programs and sessions for our Southern ladies!

This is the eighth year the SCV has offered such a wonderful event for our sons and grandsons, and the third year we offer the program for our daughters and granddaughters. We urge you to take advantage of this great opportunity. It is our responsibility to teach our Southern history and culture to the future generations.

**Need more details? Interested in becoming a counselor? Please contact**

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**Fred Bussey**

**Jacob Cook**

**Ben Creech's wife Belinda**

**Mike Milford's G-Daughter Reagan**

**Ron Udell**

**Roy Williams**

**Jeff Young's Mother**

#### How Clothing Was Contrived:

"The sheep were sheared: the wool was cleansed, carded, and spun in the house. Small looms were set up and the warp adjusted under the eye of the practical weaver—this being the mistress, generally. All the clothes for the plantation, as well as some cloth to exchange for other commodities, was woven for the winter use. In winter the cotton clothes were made for summer. Pretty homespun checks, brown, black, blue, red and white, were manufactured for the ladies' and children's frocks. The ladies spun the wool and knitted the stockings and socks their children wore, also many for the soldiers.

When the longing for the silk stockings, habitually used, pressed upon refined women, the old pieces of black silk were picked to a "frazzle" and spun to make stockings and gloves for themselves and their daughters. Towels and sheets were spun from cotton to replace the house linen which had been cut into bandages, or scraped into lint for the surgeons in the field.

One handsome young woman, the daughter of an ex-Minister to Spain, rises before me out of the haze of bygone years, stepping lightly to and fro winding bandages on the spindle of her wheel and talking pleasantly to her visitors, while her patriotic mother sat by cutting up the table linen which she had treasured for forty years. The daughter showed great callous knots on her shapely hands made by scraping lint, and mentioned them with an expression of gratitude to God that she could procure material for such work.

Ladies plaited exquisite straw hats and bonnets, and learned every braid except that of Leghorn. The birds of the country furnished feathers for their adornment."

*Vivid Reminiscences by Mrs. V. Jefferson Davis from the "Confederate Veteran"—1893*

- Submitted by **Dr. John Baxley**





### Ambrose R. Wright

Wright, known by the nickname "Rans", was born in Louisville, Georgia. He read law under the tutelage of Governor and Senator Herschel V. Johnson, who later became his brother-in-law, and was admitted to the bar.

At the start of the WBTS, Wright enlisted as a private in

Georgia Militia, but he was commissioned colonel of the 3rd Georgia Infantry on May 18, 1861, and served in North Carolina and Georgia until the summer of 1862 and won a victory for the Confederacy at the Battle of South Mills in NC in April 1862. In May, Wright traveled with his regiment to Virginia and fought in the Battle of Seven Pines as part of BG Albert G. Blanchard's brigade. Blanchard was removed from command afterwards due to poor performance and Wright replaced him, being promoted to brigadier general.

Wright's Georgians made a distinguished record in the Army of Northern Virginia from the Seven Days Battles to the Siege of Petersburg. He was badly wounded at the Battle of Antietam in 1862 and at Chancellorsville in 1863.

At the Battle of Gettysburg, Wright's brigade, part of Maj. Gen. Richard H. Anderson's division of Lt. Gen. A.P. Hill's Corps, breached the Union defenses on Cemetery Ridge on July 2, 1863. His command drove off the Union force and captured twenty artillery pieces, before being forced to retire through lack of support.

In November, 1864, Wright was named major general on a temporary commission (which was not made permanent) and ordered to Georgia, where he exercised command until the end of the war.

In 1863, Wright had been elected to the Georgia state senate and president of that body *in absentia*. Resuming his law practice after the termination of hostilities, he purchased

the *Augusta Chronicle & Sentinel* newspaper in 1864. The following year, General Wright was elected to the United States House of Representatives, but died at Augusta, Georgia, before taking his seat. At a special election to fill the vacancy, A. H. Stephens was elected his successor. General Wright is buried in **Magnolia Cemetery**, Augusta.



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

22 Apr Bob Green

23 Apr Terry Bowers

If your Birthday is not listed here, you have to inform the Editor at [dixiebas@yahoo.com](mailto:dixiebas@yahoo.com), or 706-831-1579

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

**Mike & Sue Milford,**  
17Apr 1971, 48 Years!

**John & Betty Denham,**  
17Apr 1975, 43 Years!

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#### Thank them!

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# APRIL 2018

## CONFEDERATE HISTORY AND HERITAGE MONTH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	2 LtGen A. P. Hill, died	3	4	5 Masters Tournament	6 Masters Tournament	7 Masters Tournament
8 Masters Tournament	9	10	11	12 Camp 158 Meeting 7:00 pm Sconyers BBQ WTBS Began, Jeff. Davis Inaugurated	13 Thomas Jefferson born	14 Confederate Memorial Day Magnolia Cemetery at 11:00 am.
15	16	17 INCOME TAX DAY	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					

# MAY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 <b>Camp 158 Meeting</b> 7:00 pm Sconyers BBQ  BG Stonewall Jackson Died	11	12 MG J E B Stewart died
13 <b>MOTHERS DAY</b>	14	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day	16	17 Camp 1672 Meeting 7:00 pm No. Augusta	18 BG William Smith died	19 Armed Forces Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 BG E. Porter Alexander born
27	28 US Memorial Day  BG P. G. T. Beauregard born	29	30 Col John S Mosby died	31		