



# WIG-WAG

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



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MAY, 2018

## COMMANDER'S NOTES

### Brother Compatriots,

April was a very busy month for the Alexander SCV Camp # 158. The camp honor guard participated in four events during the month to include the April 1st Stone Mountain annual CMD event, our own annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at the Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta, Georgia, the annual Gen. Wright Camp event in Evans, Georgia, and the annual Confederate Service at the Vance Cemetery in Hephzibah, Georgia on April 29th. The Honor Guard includes **Major Ron Udell, Gary Hattaway, Tommy Chappell, Ben Creech, Bernard Martin, Roger Combs, Blake Moore, Ken Shockey, Emma Givens, and Tommy Miller** who always do an outstanding job honoring our ancestors. We also had cannon crews manned by **David and Mandy Armour, Joe Winstead, Marie Powell, "Rabbit" Combs, Carroll Nettles, Roy Stampley, Bill Stohrs** and others who add extra excitement to our black powder salutes at these ceremonies. Thanks to all compatriots and associates who do such a wonderful job each year making these events meaningful, moving and making for great memories.

The guest speaker Governor Wade Hampton (a.k.a. **Eddie Rogers** of the Aiken Wheeler Camp) gave us an outstanding speech concerning the difficulties of so called Reconstruction after the War.

The guest speaker for the annual Hephzibah ceremony was **Rev. Bernard Martin**, a fellow compatriot from the Burke County SVC Camp. He gave us an inspirational sermon on the Christian experience of the Confederate soldier and how their revival experience during the War made the South the "Bible Belt" after the War of Northern Aggression. His message telling us we needed to follow in their footsteps as Christian soldiers and not be afraid to defend our ancestors during these satanic times was powerful and really hit home, with everyone spiritually refreshed by Brother Bernard's sermon.

Our monthly camp meeting was a delight with USC author and writer taking us down memory lane with a lecture on how the South used to be. Lots of laughter and favorable comments accompanied **Tom Polan's** amusing talk.

Next month **Dr. Paul Graham** will be our guest speaker at the May 10th camp meeting at Sconyer's BBQ. He will be speaking on "Confederate Phobia", the title of his new book.

Finally, I wish to thank all camp members who have helped mow and clean the cemetery this past month. Compatriots, **Gary Hattaway, Tommy Smith, Tommy Chappell, Paul Stampley, Mike McCann, Mike Milford, Jeff Young, Carl Mixon, Terry Bower, Bill Stohrs, Joe Winstead, Tom McCauley and Barry Whitney** can always be counted on to help with this thankless but meaningful job we do every summer taking care of over 400 Confederate plots at the Augusta Magnolia Cemetery. **Joe Winstead** has especially been hard at work completing the renovation of the 150 year old cemetery fountain in the Confederate Dead Section. Thanks to all that have worked so hard to include the ladies of the camp, **Diane Winstead, Gail Smith, Barbara Stohrs, Marie Powell, Mandy Combs, Diane Grigsby, and Lisa Walker**, who show up in period dress at our events adding a "touch of class" to the ceremonies. Have A Great Dixie Day!

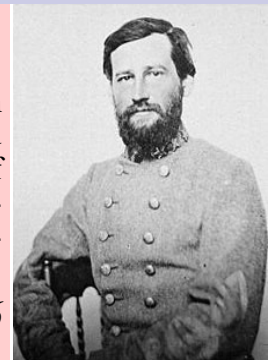
### Deo Vindici,

*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*



## EDITOR'S NOTES



### Brother Southern Compatriots,

I trust all my brother Compatriots had a Holy and Happy Easter with their families and friends! This is a special time for us as Southerners; with the renewed sense of fulfillment and spirituality, we have gained from this Holy day of Easter. I invite each and

every one of you to bring that renewed spirit with you to our Camp.

In the last issue of the Wig Wag, I included 3 tips about how YOU may help YOUR Camp to grow and thrive. Here are three more easy ones;

4. Smile! Act like you're enjoying your Camp and show it.
5. Volunteer to do a little more than you really want to in fundraising or committee work.
6. Take your camera to functions and turn in the pictures to your *Wig Wag* Editor.

Just a short challenge this month to encourage all 94 of my Camp Compatriots to plan to attend a minimum of one meeting a year. In case you've forgotten, it's the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month. Just this small amount of participation will make a difference to our Camp's success. We're doing some good—no—some great things. Come be a part of it! And yes, I do know there are many demands on our individual time—I've missed a few meetings myself due to family and health demands, but I'm always there when I can be.

Deo Vindici,

*Bob Green, Editor*

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**E. Porter Alexander** was a military engineer, a railroad executive, a planter, and an author. He served first as an officer in the United States Army and later, during the WTBS, rising to the rank of Brigadier General.

Alexander was the officer in charge of the massive artillery bombardment preceding Pickett's Charge on the third day of the

Battle of Gettysburg, and is also noted for his early use of signals and observation balloons during combat. After the War, he taught mathematics at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, and wrote extensive memoirs and analyses of the war, which have received much praise for their insight and objectivity. His *Military Memoirs of a Confederate* were published in 1907. An extensive personal account of his military training and his participation in the WTBS was rediscovered long after his death and published in 1989 as *Fighting for the Confederacy*.

Known to his friends as Porter, he was born in Washington, Georgia into a wealthy and distinguished family of planters of the Old South. He graduated from the USMA at West Point in 1857, third in his class of 38 cadets. He briefly taught engineering and fencing at the academy. He participated in a number of weapon experiments and worked as an assistant to Major Albert J. Myer, the first officer assigned to the Signal Corps and the inventor of the code for "**wig-wag**" [*sound familiar?*] signal flags, or "aerial telegraphy, and the emblem of the US Army Signal Corps today

After learning of the secession of his home state of Georgia, Alexander resigned his U.S. Army commission on May 1, 1861, to join the Confederate Army as a captain of engineers. He became the chief engineer and signal officer of the Confederate Army of the Potomac on June 3.

At the First Battle of Bull Run, Alexander made history by being the first to use signal flags to transmit a message during combat over a long distance [there's that **Wig Wag** again].

When Gen. Robert E. Lee assumed command of the army, Alexander was in charge of pre-positioned ordnance for Lee's offensive in the Seven Days Battles. Alexander continued his intelligence gathering by volunteering to go up in an observation balloon at Gaines' Mill, ascending several times and returning with valuable intelligence regarding the position of the Union Army.

Porter Alexander is best known as an artilleryman who who played a prominent role in many of the important battles of the war.

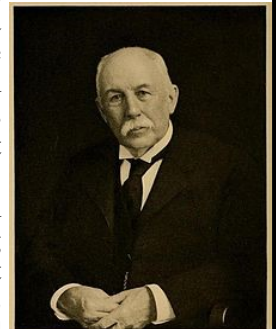
Alexander's most famous engagement was on July 3, in command of the artillery for Longstreet's Corps.

1863, at the **Battle of Gettysburg**, during which he was On that day, he was effectively in control of the artillery for the full army. He conducted a massive two-hour bombardment, arguably the largest in the war, using between 150 and 170 guns against the Union position on **Cemetery Ridge**. General Longstreet put Alexander in charge of launching Maj. Gen. **George Pickett** on his famous charge, placing the young colonel under enormous pressure to determine whether the Union artillery defenses had been suppressed.

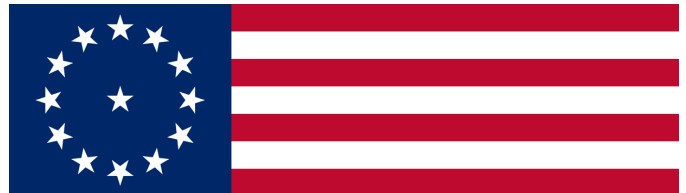
At Appomattox Court House, it was Alexander who made the famous proposal to Robert E. Lee that the army disperse, rather than surrendering. Lee rebuked him, and Alexander later wrote about regretting his suggestion.

After the war, Alexander became a well-respected author. Long after his death, it was realized that Alexander had produced the *Military Memoirs of a Confederate*, which sought to be a professional work of military history and analysis, after a long effort of editing a collection of much more personal memoirs that he had started compiling during his time in Nicaragua, at the behest of his family.

Many historians regard Alexander's memoirs as among the most objective and sharpest sources produced by a WTBS combatant. **David Eicher** called *Fighting for the Confederacy* "a superb personal narrative with a good deal of analysis of Lee's operations



E. Porter Alexander in the 1900's



### Pledge of Allegiance to the Cowpens Flag

"I pledge allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America and salute this battle flag of that republic.

Born in spirit of liberty, freedom and independence, the emblem of a nation of sovereign states, under God, in whom is our trust."

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

**19 May Dr. Gilbert Kleemann**

**22 May David Amour**

If your Birthday is not listed here, you must inform the Editor at dixiebas@yahoo.com, or 706-831-1579

**MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

**None Reported**

If your Anniversary is not listed here, you need to inform the Editor at dixiebas@yahoo.com , or 706-831-1579

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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 & Award Presentations

**SICK-CALL & PRAYER LIST**

**Fred Bussey**

**Jacob Cook**

**Ben Creech's wife Belinda**

**Bob Green**

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

**Ron Udell**

**Roy Williams**

**Jeff Young's Mother**

**THINK ABOUT THIS!**

In a democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a really small country.

**OUR LIFE MEMBERS**

**Thank them!**

**David Armour**

**Dr. John Baxley**

**Lonnie Bergeron, Jr.**

**Kenneth Besecker**

**Fred Bryant**

**Gregory Bussey**

**Fred Bussey, Sr.**

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**Richard Herron**

**Dr. Arnold Huskins**

**Matthew Posey**

**Nicholas Posey**

**William Quattlebaum**

**Roy Stampley**

**Philip Weaver**

## NAACP's "Open Panel" on: THE CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL

On April 26, I attended The Augusta Chapter of the NAACP's Open Forum to discuss the status of the Confederate Memorial on Broad Street. The Forum was moderated by Ms. Beulah Nash-Teeche, President of the Augusta NAACP. The speakers were Harvee White, Education Manager at the Augusta Museum of History; Alyssa Magnone, Public Historian and Registrar, Augusta Museum of History; Dr. John Hayes, Asst. Professor of History at Augusta University; and Dr. Bobby Donaldson, Associate Professor of History at the University of South Carolina.

Ms. Harvee White made the first presentation. The sound system failed so I could not absorb very much of what she was saying. For that reason, I can't really comment regarding her remarks.

Ms. Alyssa Magnone presented an overview of the history of the Confederate Memorial itself, the persons represented on the memorial, and the inscriptions thereon. She was unbiased, concise, accurate, and to the point. Well done.

Dr. Hayes clearly came to the floor with an agenda to denigrate the Lost Cause. He claimed the WBTS was all about slavery, and the term "Lost Cause" was nothing but Southern Revisionist History. When was the last time the losers of a war got to write the history of that war? The winners ALWAYS get to write the history. I don't know where his "white guilt" comes from, but it was clearly evident throughout his presentation.

Dr. Hayes also handed out a copy of an email he sent to the Augusta/Richmond Co. Council decrying the name of the John C. Calhoun Expressway, and asked our support for Commissioner Fennoy's proposal to rename the Expressway.

Dr. Bobby Donaldson was the next speaker. His primary focus was that the war was nothing more than the Southern Elitists, trying to maintain the institution of slavery, conveniently not mentioning that the North was also led by a group of elitists. He maintained that the slaves ran away from the South en-mass and joined the Union Army. He also added that the few blacks who did join the Confederate Army were then deserting to join the North. He also maintained that those blacks in the Confederate Army were nothing more than servants to their masters. He followed this claim by quoting some racist comments by Southern politicians and Army Officers. What a shock—he actually found some racists in the South, in the 1800's!

About 6 members of Camp 158 were in attendance for The Forum, and I'm proud to say we were polite and ...

attentive throughout the presentations. Time ran out before many questions could be asked, so most of the speakers assertions went unchallenged.

As I mentioned above, the sound system wasn't working, so I didn't hear about half of what was being said. That being the case, I didn't include many quotes, and this is not a comprehensive summary of the entire meeting, but is my personal view and "take-away" from what I saw and heard.

Deo Vindice, *Bob Green, Editor*

## Georgia Confederates Youth Camp

We hope you're making plans now to be with us for the 2018 GCYC at Refuge Baptist Camp. On the new web site, you can download the [3] forms needed to sign up. You can send them in by eMail or USPS mail at [georgiaconfederatesyouthcamp.weebly.com](http://georgiaconfederatesyouthcamp.weebly.com). When we process your forms, we will send you a Welcome Packet. Enclosed you will find several helpful items, including a map, some lists, a statement with a self-addressed envelope to return your Camp fee.

Check-in will be Sunday, June 10th from 3:00 ~ 5:00 p.m. Supper at 6:00 p.m. Be sure and let us know how many members of your family will be attending the Ball & Banquet on Friday, June 15th. You won't want to miss the inspirational music of *Dixie Jubilee*.

If you need more scholarship assistance, see your local SCV Camp.

1] Download and return Camper app., Health App., and Genealogy worksheet [HuDaught22]

2] Receive Welcome Packet:

- a] Acceptance letter/ statement for Camp fee
- b] What to bring
- c] Dress code
- d] Conduct code
- e] Map

The counselors will have cell phones in case you need to contact your Camper.

Deadline: MAY 28<sup>th</sup>, No walk-ons, please. The 2018 GCYC will be held June 10 ~15. For more information contact the Director [atasp3@planttel.net](mailto:atasp3@planttel.net) or phone: (912) 585-9144

### THINK ABOUT THIS!

Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the end on your first try?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?



# MAY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 National Day of Prayer	4	5 Clinton War Event, Gray, GA
6 Clinton War Event, Gray, GA	7	8	9	10 <b>Camp 158 Meeting</b> 7:00 pm Sconyers BBQ  BG <b>Stonewall Jackson</b> died.	11	12 MG <b>J E B Stewart</b> died.
13 <b>Mothers Day</b>	14	15	16	17 Camp 1672 Meeting 7:00 pm No. Augusta	18 BG <b>William Smith</b> died, buried Magnolia Cemetery	19 Armed Forces Day
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 Our namesake BG <b>E. Porter Alexander</b> born.
27	28 US <b>Memorial Day</b>  Deadline to apply for Georgia Youth Camp	29	30 Col <b>John S Mosby</b> died.	31		

# JUNE 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Confederate Constitution Display, Richard Russell Library, Athens, GA
3 Pres. <b>Jefferson Davis</b> born.	4	5	6	7	8 Georgia Division <b>Reunion</b>	9 Georgia Division <b>Reunion</b>
10	11 <b>Georgia Confederates Youth Camp</b>	12 <b>Georgia Confederates Youth Camp</b>	13 <b>Georgia Confederates Youth Camp</b>	14 <b>Camp 158 Meeting</b> 7:00 pm Sconyers BBQ  <b>Georgia Confederates Youth Camp</b>  <b>Flag Day</b>	15 <b>Georgia Confederates Youth Camp</b>	16 <b>Georgia Confederates Youth Camp</b>
17 Sam Davis Youth Camp, Thaxton, VA  <b>Fathers Day</b>	18 Sam Davis Youth Camp, Thaxton, VA	19 Sam Davis Youth Camp, Thaxton, VA	20 Sam Davis Youth Camp, Thaxton, VA	21 Sam Davis Youth Camp, Thaxton, VA  Camp 1672 Meeting, 7:00 pm, North Augusta	22 Sam Davis Youth Camp, Thaxton, VA	23 Sam Davis Youth Camp, Thaxton, VA
24	25	26 BG <b>Victor Girardey</b> born , buried in Magnolia Cemetery	27	28	29	30