



WIG-WAG

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



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COMMANDER'S REPORT

Brother Compatriots,

Despite the oppressive heat and humidity, the Alexander Camp stayed busy during the month of June. The "old man's crew" mowed over 400 Confederate graves in the Augusta Magnolia Cemetery twice during the month with the help of **Ron Udell, Gary Hattaway, Paul Stampley, Mike McCann, Carl Mixon, Tommy Smith, Tom MacCauley, Terry Bowers, Mike Milford, Bill Stohrs, Barry Whitney, Jeff Young**, and yours truly. The Confederate Dead and Survivor Sections continue to be the best kept parts of the 200 year old cemetery. Thanks to all the compatriots who give their all in making that happen. **Joe Winstead** continues to work hard in organizing the renovation of the cemetery fountain. We have run into a snag with broken water lines in the cemetery which will cause an unfortunate delay in completion of the project. But, as General Lee would say, we will "continue the march" and get the job done.

On June 3rd our honor guard led by **Major Ron Udell** did two well done headstone dedications in the Magnolia Cemetery. This was done at the request of the North Augusta Benson Camp and was greatly appreciated by all. **Ron Udell, Gary Hattaway, Ben Creech, Tommy Miller, Joe Winstead, Carroll Nettles, and Emma Givens** were magnificent in firing black powder to honor our ancestors.

We were fortunate to have several camp members represent the Alexander Camp as delegates at the annual Georgia Division Reunion in Macon, Georgia. **Dr. William Thomas, Bob Green, Ron Udell, Ben Creech, Tommy Chappell, and Gary Hattaway** all attended and were active in representing our camp. Georgia Division elections were held and several amendments voted upon which will be summarized in our Georgia Division newsletter so well edited by Compatriot Al Perry.

Our June camp meeting at Sconyer's was well attended with **Pastor Paul Noe** of the Sweetwater Baptist Church in North Augusta giving us a moving sermon on the Christian walk of our Confederate generals and soldiers. It was truly a moving talk given to us by "Pastor Paul" who is a member of the General Gary SCV Camp in Edgefield, South Carolina. Those who could not attend missed an inspirational night.

We have no camp meeting in July. Our next meeting on August the 9th will feature past South Carolina Division Commander **Jack Marlard** from Greenville, S.C. He will give us a talk on famous artillery engagements during the War of Northern Aggression. You do not want to miss Compatriot Jack's talk, as he is not only informative but also humorous in the vein of the comic Jerry Clowers from Mississippi.

I wish to thank all the compatriots who work so hard for the Cause and to accomplish the camp goals. Many like **Nick Posey, Bob Green, Emma Givens, and Joe Winstead** work hard behind the scenes. Others, as those above, are on the front lines keeping the flag flying. We have a great camp and the more we work together to honor our ancestors, the more we will achieve in the fight for their honor and glory. Have A Great And Safe Dixie Summer! Commander "Doc John" Baxley.

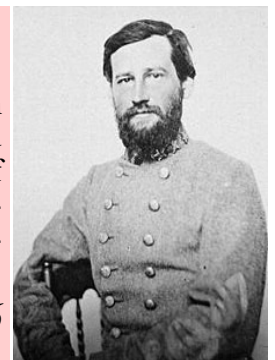
Deo Vindici,

Dr. John Baxley, 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,

Remember: **NO Camp Meeting** in July. If you show up, you won't even get Barbeque—Sconyers is closed too. Recently, a compatriot asked me what a "brevet" rank was. I'm glad he asked, because we (being human) are often afraid to admit we don't know something we've heard for years. So in the interest of "there's no such thing as a stupid question," here's the definition of a brevet: In many of the world's military establishments, a **brevet** was a warrant giving a commissioned officer a higher rank title as a reward for gallantry or meritorious conduct but without conferring the authority, precedence, or pay of real rank.^[1] An officer so promoted was referred to as being **brevetted**. The promotion would be noted in the officer's title (for example, "*Bvt. Maj. Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain*").

The Articles of War adopted by the United States Army in 1776 and slightly revised in 1806 established the use and significance of brevet ranks or awards in the U.S. Army. When first used, a brevet commission in the U.S. Army entitled the officer to be identified by a higher rank, but the award had limited effect on the right to higher command or pay. This higher command and pay would last only for the duration of that assignment. The brevet promotion would not affect the officer's seniority and actual permanent rank in the army.^[2] Beginning on April 16, 1818, brevet commissions also required confirmation by the United States Senate.^[7]

1. Hunt, Roger D. and Brown, Jack R., *Brevet Brigadier Generals in Blue*, Olde Soldier Books, Introduction, pg. v.
2. Eicher, John H., and Eicher, David J., *Civil War High Commands*, Stanford University Press, pg. 34.

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SIX CAMP BROTHERS ATTEND GEORGIA DIVISION CONVENTION/REUNION



L to r: **Dr. William Thomas** (GA Div. Surgeon), **Ron Udell** (Former Camp Commander), **Gary Hattaway** (Honor Guard), **Ben Creech** (Camp Chaplain), **Tommy Chappell** (Honor Guard), and **Bob Green** (Wig Wag Editor).

On June 9, 6 Camp 158 Compatriots attended the Georgia Division Convention in Macon, GA.

Record attendance and participation marked the meeting with 257 Compatriots representing 79 Camps.

The Division proposed 6 By-Law Amendments. Five failed to pass and one [regarding the wording of the *Steven D. Lee Charge*] was Tabled until next year.

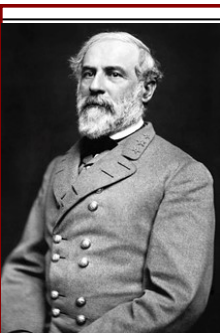
Two By-Law Policy Amendments passed. Amendment #1 "...changes the Division's policy dues deadline date from November 1 to September 1, also to delete prorating for renewing members to correspond with SCV National's dues structure changes."

Amendment #2 "...approved an increase in the annual Division membership dues from \$12 to \$20 to help funding heritage defense initiatives."

Georgia Division Officers election was held and the following brother Compatriots were elected:

- Div. Commander—Tim Pilgrim
- Div. Lt. Commander North—George Crawford
- Div. Lt. Commander South—Al Perry
- Div. Adjutant—Richard Straut
- Div. Judge Advocate—Dan Coleman

Let's be sure to give these duly elected Division Officers our support and encouragement during the coming year.



I have fought against the people of the North because I believed they were seeking to wrest from the South its dearest rights. But I have never cherished toward them bitter or vindictive feelings, and I have never seen the day when I did not pray for

QUOTES TO PONDER

Before the current measles outbreak, measles was once almost wiped out in the United States. But an article in a medical journal more than a decade ago had many parents afraid to have their children vaccinated; for fear that the vaccine causes autism. After scientific studies refuted that claim, the medical journal repudiated the article, and the doctor who wrote it had his license revoked.

When someone tries to lay a guilt trip on you for being successful, remember that your guilt is some politician's license to take what you worked for and give it to someone else who is more likely to vote for the politician who plays Santa Claus with your money.

-Thomas Sowell

"I hold it that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical."

(Jefferson to James Madison, January 30, 1787.)

I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education.

-Thomas Jefferson

All human situations have their inconveniences. We feel those of the present but neither see nor feel those of the future; and hence we often make troublesome changes without amendment, and frequently for the worse.

-Benjamin Franklin

THINK ABOUT THIS!

I have to exercise early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to actually go there.

Statement of Purpose

We, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, having been commissioned by the Confederate Veterans themselves, retain our responsibility and right to adhere to the founding principles of the United States of America remembering the bravery, defending the honor and protecting the memory of our beloved Confederate Veterans, which includes their memorials, images, symbols, monuments and grave sites for ourselves and future generations.

JULY BIRTHDAYS**16 July, Jacob Cook****22 July, Dr. Arnold Huskins**

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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES**2 July, John & Noel Brittingham****3 July, Bob & Frankie Green****8 July, Gilbert & Elizabeth Klemann****11 July, Dr. William & Paula Thomas**

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ADULT TRUTHS

1. Sometimes I'll look at my watch 3 times and still not know what time it is.
2. Nothing stinks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong.
3. I totally take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is a great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How the h*ll are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Was learning cursive really necessary?
7. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on #5. I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my neighborhood.
8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you how the person died.
9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind -of tired.
10. Bad decisions make good stories.
11. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of that day.
12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blu-ray? I don't want to restart my collection—again.

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!**

There are three (3) kinds of people—those who can count and those who can't.

The best way to lose weight is to eat all you want—of everything you don't like.

OUR LIFE MEMBERS**Thank them!****David Armour****Dr. John Baxley****Lonnie Bergeron, Jr.****Kenneth Besecker****Fred Bryant****Gregory Bussey****Fred Bussey, Sr.****Bobby Crawley****Pat Estep****Ben Faulkner****Henry Gilmen****James Hair****Carlton Hardin****Richard Herron****Dr. Arnold Huskins****Thomas McCauley, III****Matthew Posey****Nicholas Posey****William Quattlebaum****Roy Stampley****Philip Weaver**



JULY 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Battle of Gettysburg begins	2 Robert Toombs born	3 Pickets charge at Gettysburg	4 Independence Day Vicksburg falls to Union	5 155th Gettysburg National Battle Reenactment	6 155th Gettysburg National Battle Reenactment	7 155th Gettysburg National Battle Reenactment
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15	16	17 BG Morgan raids Cincinnati	18 SCV National Reunion, Franklin, TN	19 SCV National Reunion, Franklin, TN	20 SCV National Reunion, Franklin, TN	21 SCV National Reunion, Franklin, TN First battle of Bull Run begins.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 MG George Pickett died.	31				



AUGUST 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 BG Marcellus Stovall died
5 Battle of Mobile Bay	6	7	8	9 	10	11
12	13	14 VJ Day	15	16 Camp 158 Meeting, 1900 hrs. at Sconyers BG Victor Girardey died BG Goode Bryan died	17	18
19	20	21 Gen Forrest captures Memphis	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 BG Goode Bryan born		