



# WIG-WAG

*News for members families and friends of*



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## COMMANDER'S NOTES

Brother Compatriots,

August was another good month for the Alexander Camp with a well attended meeting featuring Past S.C. Division Commander **Jack Marl** who gave us a talk on the effectiveness of Confederate artillery which included the land and naval battle for Charleston in 1863. The "Boys in Grey" did such a grand job with their artillery defense of the harbor against the Yankee ironclads, the Union navy had to withdraw in defeat never to attack again. It was the worst defeat of the U.S. Navy until Pearl Harbor. We certainly appreciate Jack's talk which was not only informative but was also full of his usual humor and wit.

The "old man's crew" mowed and cleaned the cemetery twice during the month with numerous compatriots pitching in. Even **Dr. Arnold Huskins** from Summerville, S.C. showed up for our last work day to help. He continues to remain a member of our camp as his "heart is with us". The folks that helped with the cemetery in August included **Ron Udell**, **Gary Hattaway**, and **Bill Stohrs** who come down the day before our large crew to weed eat and mow prepping the grave sites for the large crew. We are able to come in the next day with **Carl Mixon**, **Tommy Smith**, **Tom McCauley**, **Tommy Chappell**, **Barry Whitney**, **Jeff Young**, **Paul Stampley**, **Mike McCann**, **Mike Milford** and our new member **Brian Weber** and finish up the clean up in good style. Thanks to our camp, the Confederate graves always look the best in the cemetery which is the least we can do for the brave soldiers buried there who gave their all in the defense of our beloved Southland.

I also wish to thank all those who participated in the 200 year celebration of the Magnolia Cemetery this last month. Several of our camp members were "in uniform" and participated as an honor guard and available for tours in the Confederate Dead Section. **Ron Udell** gave an outstanding interview to the Augusta Chronicle which was front page news in the paper. Even compatriots from other camps to include **Reed Wakeley** from the Benson Camp were in attendance.

Our next camp meeting is September 13th and will feature **Marion Sturkey** from Plum Branch, S.C. who will give us a talk on his new book, "Casualties of War". The talk will especially speak to Confederate casualties and should be a good one. Also, it is not too early to think about new camp officers for next year. We need to nominate our officers at the November meeting and vote on them at the December meeting. Please let me know if you are interested in serving the camp as an officer as it is a real honor and can be a gratifying experience. Remember, it was General **Robert E. Lee** who said: "Do your duty in all things. You cannot do more, you should never do less." Have A Great Dixie Day!

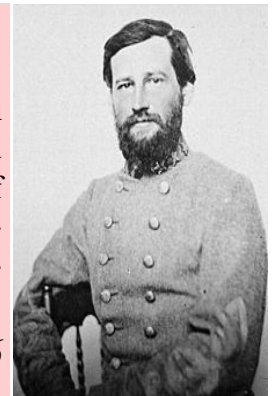
**Deo Vindici,**

**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 Compatriots,**

In the "truth is stranger than fiction" category, I recently read that the ACLU is helping the National Rifle Association (NRA) fend off extralegal attempts by New York state officials to put it out of business.

In a brief filed in federal court, the ACLU argues that New York's strong-arm efforts to compel banks and other companies to drop the NRA as a customer represent a glaring violation of the First Amendment. The ACLU invokes a long series of First Amendment cases to argue that the regulators should not use their power in office to punish political enemies.

On previous subject, I have included tips about how YOU may help YOUR Camp to grow and thrive. Here are three more easy ones;

13. Accept your brother Compatriots differences and don't judge.

14. When you are at other social gatherings, always talk a little about your Camp—you never know where our next member might be.

15. Involve as many Compatriots in your own activities as possible.

**Deo Vindici,**

**Bob Green, Editor**

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**SEPTEMBER BIRTH-**

**04 September Paul Stampley**

**14 September William Berry**

**21 September Col William Thomas**

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVER-**

**11 Sept. Richard & Herron**

**21 Sept. Roy & Vivian Stampley**

**30 Sept. Scott & Tina Dedman**

If your Anniversary is not listed here, you need to inform the Editor at [dixiebas@yahoo.com](mailto:dixiebas@yahoo.com) , or

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**Fred Bryant**

**Fred Bussey**

**Jacob Cook**

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

**Ron Udell**

**Roy Williams**

**Jeff Young's Mother**

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**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**



"The flap over the Confederate flag is not quite as simple as the nation's race experts make it. They want us to believe the flag is a symbol of racism. Yes, racists have used the Confederate flag, but racists have also used the Bible and the U.S. flag. Should we get rid of the Bible and lower the U.S. flag? Black civil rights activists and their white liberal supporters who're attacking the Confederate flag have committed a deep, despicable dishonor to our patriotic black ancestors who marched, fought and died to protect their homeland from what they saw as Northern aggression."

Walter E. Williams,  
Professor at George Mason University

## Jefferson Davis Placed in Irons



“On the morning of the 23rd of May [1865], Captain Jerome E. Titlow of the Third Pennsylvania Artillery, entered the prisoner’s cell. “I have an unpleasant duty to perform, Sir”; and as he spoke, the senior blacksmith took the shackles from his assistant.

Davis leaped instantly from his recumbent attitude, a flush passing over his face for a moment, and then his countenance growing livid and rigid as death.

“My God! You cannot have been sent to iron me?”  
 “Such are my orders Sir,” replied the officer, beckoning the blacksmith to approach . . . These fetters were of heavy iron, probably five-eighths of an inch in thickness, and connected together by a chain of like weight.

“This is too monstrous,” groaned the prisoner, glaring hurriedly around the room, as if for some weapon, or means of self-destruction. “I demand, Captain, that you let me see the commanding officer. Can he pretend that such shackles are required to secure the safe custody of a weak old man, so guarded and in such a fort as this?”

“I tell you the world will ring with this disgrace. The war is over; the South is conquered; I have no longer any country but America, and it is for the honor of America, as for my own honor and life that I plead against this degradation. Kill me! Kill me!” he cried, passionately, throwing his arms wide open and exposing his breast, “rather than inflict on me, and my people through me, this insult worse than death.”

“I am a prisoner of war” . . . “I have been a soldier in the armies of America, and know how to die. Only kill me, and my last breath shall be a blessing on your head. But while I have life and strength to resist, for myself and my people, this thing shall never be done.”

[The sergeant] advanced to seize the prisoner . . . Immediately Mr. Davis flew on him, seized his

musket and attempted to wrench it from his grasp. There was a short passionate scuffle. In a moment Davis was flung upon his bed [by four powerful assailants].”

On the 24th of May, 1865, Miles reported to Dana: “Yesterday I directed that irons be put on Davis’ ankles, which he violently resisted, but became more quiet afterward. His hands are unencumbered.”

These fetters remained on five days, although Dr. Craven urged their removal, because the irritation caused by the chains was counterpoising whatever medicine he might give the sick captive.

It appears to us that the object of Dana and Miles, in chaining the feet of President Davis, under the poor pretext of rendering imprisonment more secure, was to humiliate not only the prisoner, but the people of the whole South, and to them the names of Dana and Miles will be ever linked with the infamy.

The health of Mr. Davis rapidly failed under the cruel treatment and severe mental strain. The chief medical officer, Dr. John }. Craven, on the 20th of August, 1865, reported that his general condition denoted a low state of the vital forces. After a long time the reports of his deplorable condition reached the ear of President Andrew Johnson, and on the 9th of May, 1866, he requested the Secretary of War to direct Surgeon G. E. Cooper to submit an early report respecting the health of Jefferson Davis. Dr. Cooper, after a special examination on the same day, reported as the result of the examination:

*“He is considerably emaciated, the fatty tissue having almost disappeared, leaving his skin much shriveled. His muscles are small, flaccid and very soft, and he has but little muscular strength. He is quite weak and debilitated; consequently his gait is becoming uneven and irregular. His digestive organs at present are in comparatively good condition, but become quickly deranged under anything but the most carefully prepared food. With a diet disagreeing with him, dyspeptic symptoms promptly make their appearance, soon followed by vertigo, severe facial and cranial neuralgia,*

On the 28th day of May, 1865, Secretary Stanton required Miles to report “whether irons have or have not been placed on Jefferson Davis. If they have been, when it was done, and for what reason, and



## Lewis A. Armistead



This is a devotional message from UNLEASH GOD'S FULL POWER TRAINING PROGRAM.

On this glorious Sunday of our Lord in early July let us look back to the year 1863 when a very courageous Christian man lived out the words inscribed next to his name

in his personal prayer book to: "Trust in God and fear nothing!"

Lewis A. Armistead had already survived several tragedies in his life that would have easily broken men of lesser faith however he knew that what he was facing on that hot July 3rd day in 1863 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, would be the greatest test for both himself and his men. Assigned the task of charging across an open field and up a well defended hill he knew it would be a miracle if he even survived. He also knew his best friend was in command of the troops he had to attack on top of the hill which caused him even more consternation than the thought of losing his own life. But his devotion to his duty, to his country, to his loved ones and to his God meant he had to go and try to do his best to lead his men to victory so he did what his Lord Jesus had done at the hour of his own death: "Father into thy hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46).

When most people see one of the many stirring paintings containing the Confederate Officer with his hat upon his sword leading his men into the jaws of death they usually have little idea that this was Lewis Armistead at his moment of greatest triumph. Lewis Armistead showed dramatically in his actions that day what it means to actually live out the words of Jesus to: "fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28) What an incredible legacy of faith he has given to all of us

believers to know that it is possible even in the midst of the hell of war to live as Jesus said we should live with no fear of anything in this world. May God Bless us all with the faith to do as well as General Lewis A. Armistead and trust in Him and fear nothing! Amen!

• Submitted by *Arnold Huskins*

### SILENT SAM

The UNC Chancellor is from Ohio and went to schools in California and the North. No connection to the South and advocated for Silent Sam's removal. Remove this carpetbagger instead. Now you know why it was allowed to happen!

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### Confederate Theme Checks

I have purchased Confederate General checks from Identity Check Printers for years, as recently as a few months ago. Someone alerted me today that they are no longer available, and I just confirmed. The website still offers Union Generals, but the page for the Confederate generals is missing. Hard to imagine a "Civil War Series" without the South included. Apparently, the Yankees came down here to fight...the Yankees!?

It looks like they have caved to the hate group bullies, following the lead of others such as the Bradford Exchange and Checks Unlimited. Please give the folks at Identity Checks a call at 1-877-286-0084 and let them know that you will not be buying ANY checks from them because of their discriminatory actions against our history and heritage, and FOLLOW THROUGH with your promise.



FYI: You can order Confederate/Southern themed checks here: [https://oldesouthltd.com/store/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=160](https://oldesouthltd.com/store/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=160)

*My apologies to whomever sent this to me, somehow the name was dropped from the post (email or Facebook, I don't recall. I'll give credit next issue if you let me know.*

**A FEW RANDOM THOUGHTS** (Andy Rooney)

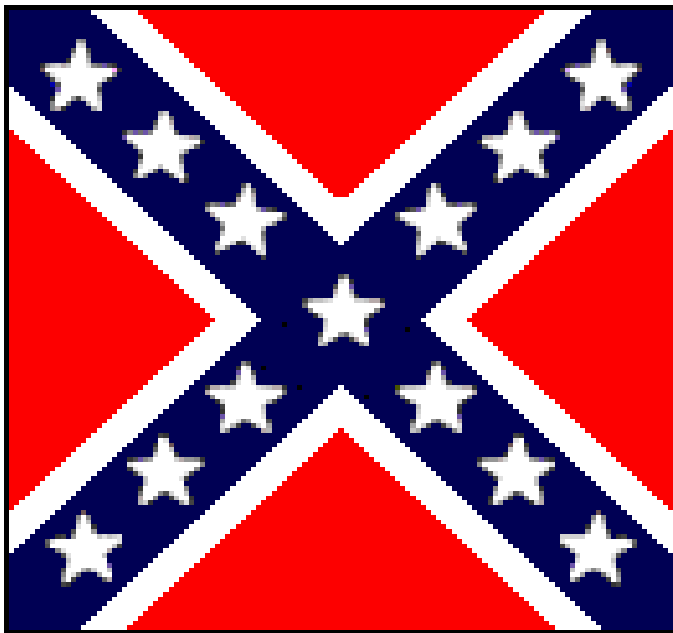
I've learned: That just one person saying to me, "You've made my day!" makes my day.

I've learned: That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned: That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.



Magnolia Cemetery Work Crew, 8/28/18 (l to r): **Mike McCann, Doc Baxley, Arnold Huskins, Tommy Smith, Tom McCauley, Paul Stampley, and Brian Weber.** Helping but not pictured were **Barry Whitney, Tommy Chappell, Carl Mixon, Bill Stohrs, Ron Udell and Gary Hattaway.**



In the War for Southern Independence, Corporal T. J. Carlisle of the 37th Alabama Infantry said this about the Confederate battle flag; "Hail thou flag of the brave. We lift our hats in reverence as we behold the speechless but unmistakable evidence that you have passed through the fiery ordeal of war in all its fury. We are proud of your history, proud of your scars and venerate you for your age, trusting that your sacred folds may be preserved for ages to come and when time and its inevitable ravages shall dissolve your sacred folds into dust, may the patriotic emotions which actuated us in that memorial struggle pervade American hearts and live in vivid memories of Southern heroism and Southern chivalry."

Why do my people not still love me? Why do they not display me on their government buildings and their businesses? Above all, why do they not fly me on the occasions of Confederate Memorial Day or General Lee's birthday? Perhaps they just need to become reacquainted with who I REALLY AM and not who those that hate me SAY THAT I AM. Remember and honor me openly, my children. I was based on a Christian symbol; represented a fight for independence, carried by fearless men (an army of Christian soldiers); and loved by your grandparents. I am the Confederate Battle Flag. Fly me proudly, I am your inheritance.

- Submitted by Commander "Doc John" Baxley

**SCV 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.

**CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS ARE AMERICAN VETERANS!**

James "Bud" Robertson, professor emeritus at Virginia Tech, points out that there are laws on the books to prevent monument removal by local authorities. The wisdom of these laws is to disallow the ideological fashions of the day, implemented by fleeting politicians, to erase a history revered by the previous generations who were witnesses and participants.

In 1906 a federal law was passed which state Confederate soldiers would be treated the same as any other American veteran.

Section 2742 of the Virginia Code, passed in February 1904 protected all monuments from removal: "It shall not be lawful for the authority of any county or any persons whatever to disturb or interfere with any monuments." (Prohibiting removal, damaging or defacing was included later.) It is still the law in 2018.

In short, monuments may not be removed due to the whims of a local agency or "loud mouths" seeking notoriety. Authorities in Leesburg and Alexandria sought to take down monuments but such proposals were quickly shot down.

Robertson suggests individuals memorialized should be considered in the "context of their time", and that too many local politicians are too willing to bend to the politically correct trend of the moment.

So when may we expect Federal prosecution in Charlottesville, Memphis, New Orleans, etc? I'm not holding my breath!

- Condensed <https://www.americanthinker.com/>



# SEPTEMBER 2018



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2	3	4 Gen <b>John Morgan</b> killed in Battle	5	6	7	8 Battle of Tunnel Hill Reenactment, Tunnel Hill, GA
9 Battle of Tunnel Hill Reenactment, Tunnel Hill, GA  Gen <b>Joe Wheeler</b> born	10	11	12	13 <b>Camp 158 Meeting, 1900 hrs. at Sconyers</b>	14	15
16	17	18 BG <b>Marcellus Stovall</b> born	19	20	21	22
23  30	24	25	26	27	28	29



# OCTOBER 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 CSA signs alignment treaty with the Cherokee Nation
7	8	9	10	11 Camp 158 Meeting, 1900 hrs. at Sconyers	12 Gen Robert E. Lee died.	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 LtGen Nathan Bedford Forrest killed in action.	30				