



WIG-WAG

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



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January, 2019

COMMANDER'S NOTES

Brother Compatriots,

December was another productive month for the General Alexander Camp. Mrs. **Marty Foss** of Aiken, South Carolina gave the camp a great talk on nursing during the War for Southern Independence. Mrs. Foss, a UGA graduate with two degrees, is also a re-enactor as a battlefield nurse at the Battle of Aiken and other venues.

The last cleanup of the Magnolia Cemetery was held on December 10 with **Carl Mixon, Ron Udell, Mike Milford, Gary Hattaway** and **Tommy Smith** participating. I wish to thank all members of the "Old Man's Crew" for their steadfast help in making the Confederate eternal camping ground in the cemetery the best kept section where the Southern Cross guards the hallowed ground—the bivouac of the dead!

Our January 10th camp meeting at Sconyer's BBQ will feature Dr. **Debra van Tuyll**, a Professor of Communications at Augusta University. Dr. Tuyll will speak on the "Cult of True Womanhood" and how Southern women contributed to the war effort with the vital role they played in supporting the Confederacy. It would be great to have a big turnout for our first meeting of 2019 as a show of support for the Cause!

Our annual Lee-Jackson Banquet will be on the evening of Saturday January 26. It will be at the Burns Memorial Methodist Church on Lumpkin Road in Augusta, Georgia off of Dean's Bridge Road. The festivities start at 7:00 p.m. with the doors opening up at 5:00 p.m. for those involved in setting up the banquet hall. As usual, we will have generous door prizes, an entertaining speaker and a delicious catered country meal with all the fixin's. **Nick Posey** will swear in all the Camp Officers for the next two years. This will be Nick's last official act as an officer in the camp having served well over 15 years Camp Gen. E. Porter Alexander as a hard working Compatriot. The price of admission is only 12.00 dollars per person with most camps charging 15.00 to 20.00 per participant. Those wishing to attend should contact Nick at the next camp meeting or call him at 706-294-7813 (cell) or 706-855-1895 (home) to make reservations. This needs to be done before January the 23rd in order to give our caterer a "body count".

We hope to see you at Sconyer's [*Thu, Jan 10*] and at the annual Lee-Jackson Banquet.

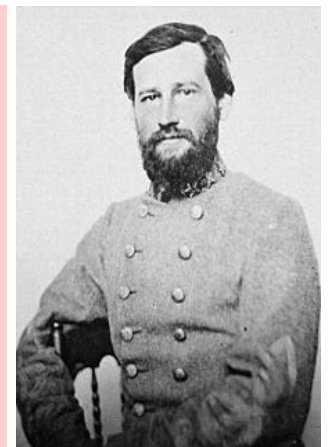
Have A Great Dixie New Year!

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,**

I've noticed at the beginning of our Camp meetings, we recite pledges to a few flags. I've also noticed that several compatriots are having to read the pledges. Let's challenge ourselves for the next meeting (Jan 10) to memorize one more pledge. Last month was the real Georgia Flag. For January lets all know our pledge to the Confederate Battle Flag: "I Salute the Confederate Flag With Affection, Reverence and Undying Devotion to the Cause for Which It Stands."

Important Note: Guests and visitors are our future Compatriots. Please invite a friend or neighbor who might enjoy our programs—offer them a ride. They could lead us to our next member applicant.

On another topic, last month I discovered that the Sick Call & Prayer List was a little out of date. Please, if you know someone who needs to be added to this list, let me know, and especially let me know if a Compatriot has passed away. That information should definitely be included in the WigWag

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

27. Don't wait to be asked to do a job—volunteer. How will anyone know that you're interested if you don't express you desire to get involved?
28. Contribute to your Camp's projects funds

Deo Vindici,

Bob Green, Editor

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

04 Jan—David Donehoo

05 Jan—Fred Bryant

20 Jan—Ben Creech

23 Jan—Billie Belger

25 Jan—Henry Gilmer

25 Jan—Cosby Smith

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

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

31 Jan—Pat & Christa Estep

If your Anniversary is **not** listed here, you need to inform your Editor at dixiebas@yahoo.com, or 706-831-1579. The Adjutant's Roster does not list Compatriots Anniversaries

WISDOM FROM THOMAS SOWELL

"The political left has never understood that, if you give the government enough power to create 'social justice,' you have given it enough power to create despotism. Millions of people around the world have paid with their lives for overlooking that simple fact."



"Socialism in general has a record of failure so blatant that only an intellectual could ignore or evade it."

"If you are serious about wanting to improve education, do not vote more money for the education establishment that has been dumbing down the schools for years."

SICK-CALL & PRAYER LIST

Fred Bryant

Fred Bussey

Jacob Cook

Ben Creech's wife Belinda

Mike Milford's G-Daughter Reagan

Ron Udell

Joe Winstead

Roy Stampley

OUR LIFE MEMBERS

David Armour

Dr. John Baxley

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Fred Bryant

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Roy Stampley, Jr.

Philip Weaver

Confederate Kepi's

The Confederate Government preferred the French "chasseur" kepi over the forage cap worn by the U.S. enlisted man. Although many were produced and worn, the kepi offered very little protection from the elements as it did nothing to protect the neck and ears. There were several firms just prior to the Civil War in the south producing the kepi. Before the war, these firms produced for almost every state north or south. Many kepis were imported for Confederate service from Ireland and France. French kepi makers were imported by some firms for their mastery of manufacturing techniques.

After all, the kepi was invented by the French Army.

The enlisted man in the Confederate Army would usually go through an evolution of headgear over his term of duty. Each state, having been part of the militia system since our country founded its constitution, had its own military tradition. For officers, the Confederate central government held some influence, but it often had states thumb their noses at any attempt to get a confederate "uniform" regulation enforced or followed. When in doubt go mid-war and very generic. Colors, materials, and construction vary greatly.

Officers wore the "Austrian" knot or braid on the kepi to show rank. However, at certain ranks, the number of braids differs. Usually one braid is Lieutenant, two is a Captain, three is a Major or Colonel, four is a lower ranking General, and five is Major General. There is some weird personalization in details.

Visors were mostly leather with lacquer glossing, and can either have binding over the edge or not. The very distinctive alternative is the oil cloth or oil painted visor which consisted of layers of paper compacted into a thin board with cloth glued and bound to its exterior surface.

From "Dirty Billy's Hats" online catalog



C.S. Homespun Kepi

I'M TIRED

By **Robert A. Hall**, a Marine Vietnam veteran who served five terms in the Massachusetts State Senate.

I'm 73. Except for one semester in college when jobs were scarce and a six-month period when I was between jobs, but job-hunting every day, I've worked, hard, since I was 18.

Despite some health challenges, I still put in 50-hour weeks, and haven't called in sick in seven or eight years. I make a good salary, but I didn't inherit my job or my income, and I worked to get where I am. Given the economy, there's no retirement in sight, and I'm tired. Very tired.

I'm tired of being told that I have to "spread the wealth" to people who don't have my work ethic. I'm tired of being told the government will take the money I earned, by force if necessary, and give it to people too lazy to earn it.

I'm tired of being told that Islam is a "Religion of Peace," when every day I can read dozens of stories of Muslim men killing their sisters, wives and daughters for their family "honor"; of Muslims murdering Christians and Jews because they aren't "believers"; of Muslims stoning teenage rape victims to death for "adultery"; of Muslims mutilating the genitals of little girls; all in the name of Allah, because the Qur'an and Sharia law tells them to.

I'm tired of being told that, out of "tolerance for other cultures," we must let Saudi Arabia use our oil money to fund mosques and mandrassa Islamic schools to preach hate in America and Canada, while no American nor Canadian group is allowed to fund a church, synagogue or religious school in Saudi Arabia to teach love and tolerance.

I'm tired of being told I must lower my living standard to fight global warming, which no one is allowed to debate.

I'm tired of being told that drug addicts have a disease, and I must help support and treat them, and pay for the damage they do. Did a giant germ rush out of a dark alley, grab them, and stuff white powder up their noses while they tried to fight it off?

I'm tired of hearing wealthy athletes, entertainers and politicians of both parties talking about innocent mistakes, stupid mistakes or youthful mistakes, when we all know they think their only mistake was getting caught. I'm tired of people with a sense of entitlement, rich or poor.

I'm really tired of people who don't take responsibility for their lives and actions. I'm tired of hearing them blame the government, or discrimination or big-whatever for their problems.

Yes, I'm damn tired. But I'm also glad to be 73, because, mostly, I'm not going to have to see the world these people are making. I'm just sorry for my granddaughters and grandson.

Salute to the Christian Flag

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

William Edwin Loftis, M.D. died December 9, 2018.

Ed was born in Athens, GA to the late **William Edwin Loftis, Sr.** and **Ruby Booth Loftis**. He was preceded in death by his sister, **Daphne McCannon**.

Raised in Comer, GA, Ed received his M.D. degree from the Medical College of Georgia, where he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Before attending medical school, Ed was the youngest member of the faculty at Gainesville Junior College.

Ed became a board-certified radiologist in 1976 and he practiced at Brown and Radiology Associates in Augusta for 32 years. Ed continued practicing radiology at Augusta Oncology Associates and only recently retired at the age of 75. He loved his work and was proud to serve as a mentor to younger radiologists and radiology technologists. He was a member of the Eastern Radiological Society and the Pool Society.

Ed was a natural athlete and loved any sport that involved a "ball and a stick", especially baseball. Ed pitched all four years on the Madison County High School varsity baseball team. He was proud to have played in every inning of every game in his high school career. He continued his baseball career at UGA and also played for the semi-professional Athens Braves. Ed loved coaching his son John's baseball teams.

Ed was a self-taught, avid golfer and enjoyed being a scratch golfer for many years. He found some of his greatest joy competing on the golf course and playing pranks on his golfing buddies. He was a member of the Augusta Golf Association and the Augusta Country Club Sixers. Ed was a proud Georgia Bulldog, and enjoyed closely following and critiquing UGA athletics.

Ed was a lifelong history buff, an interest he shared with his wife Jan. He was a member of the **E. Porter Alexander Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans**, and he and Jan enjoyed many road trips to Civil War Battlefields. Ed was an avid reader, making good use of his three library cards. He imparted his love of reading to his two children, and quotes from his

favorite books are woven into the fabric of the Loftis Lore.

Ed was a devoted husband to Jan, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2018. He enlisted his daughter Laura to help plan a surprise dinner party to celebrate this special occasion, and the time spent on the event preparations was precious to them both.

Ed, known as ""Easy"" to his four grandchildren, could not have been prouder of his family and they brought him much happiness. Survivors include his wife, **Jan Burroughs Loftis** of Danielsville; GA. daughter **Laura Jarrett Lanier**, and her husband, **Joseph Minick Lanier** of Statesboro, GA; son, **John Brown Gordon Loftis**, his wife, **Meghan Rose Loftis** of Athens.

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to the physicians and nurses of the ER and ICU at Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center for their kindness and expert care during this very difficult time. A memorial service for friends and family is planned for January 2019. Because Ed remained interested in following the baseball program at Madison County High School, the family asks that in lieu of flowers contributions in memoriam be made to the M.C. Diamond Club, P.O. Box 87, Danielsville,

In your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil
and bid them eternal rest.

The old order has passed away:
welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever.

SOME WARNING LABELS !

Warning: May cause drowsiness. Do not drive car or operate machinery

- Boot's children's cough medicine

Warning: Keep out of children

- Korean kitchen knife

Not to be used for the other use

- Japanese food processor
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DECEMBER MEETING GUESTS

12/1318:

Bill Berry brought his friend **Richard Foreman**.

Dr. **John Baxley** brought his friend **Eddie Rogers**
(*Wade Hampton*) and our speaker **Marty Foff**.

David Armour brought his wife **Chris**.

John Denham brought his wife **Betty**.

Emma Givens brought **Walter Cook** (Carter Camp) and
Marie Powell.

Gary Hattaway brought his wife **Tina**.

Joe Winstead brought his wife **Diane**.

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History of the Black-Eyed Peas Tradition

May We Never Forget Our Roots & Traditions!!!

By Ron Perrin, Fort Worth Texas

"The Real Story is much more interesting and has gone untold in fear that feelings would be hurt. It's a story of war, the most brutal and bloody war, military might and power pushed upon civilians, women, children and elderly. Never seen as a war crime, this was the policy of the greatest nation on earth trying to maintain that status at all costs. An unhealed wound remains in the hearts of some people of the southern states even today; on the other hand, the policy of slavery has been an open wound that has also been slow to heal but is okay to talk about.

The story of THE BLACK EYED PEA being considered good luck relates directly back to Sherman's Bloody March to the Sea in late 1864. It was called The Savannah Campaign and was lead by Major General William T. Sherman. The Civil War campaign began on 11/15/64 when Sherman 's troops marched from the captured city of Atlanta, Georgia, and ended at the port of Savannah on 12/22/1864.

When the smoke cleared, the southerners who had survived the onslaught came out of hiding. They found that the blue belly aggressors that had looted and stolen everything of value and everything you could eat including all livestock, death and destruction were everywhere. While in hiding, few had enough to eat, and starvation was now upon the survivors.

There was no international aid, no Red Cross meal trucks. The Northern army had taken everything they could carry and eaten everything they could eat. But they couldn't take it all. The devastated people of the south found for some unknown reason that Sherman 's bloodthirsty troops had left silos full of black eyed peas.

At the time in the north, the lowly black eyed pea was

only used to feed stock. The northern troops saw it as the thing of least value. Taking grain for their horses and livestock and other crops to feed themselves, they just couldn't take everything. So they left the black eyed peas in great quantities assuming it would be of no use to the survivors, since all the livestock it could feed had either been taken or eaten.

Southerners awoke to face a new year in this devastation and were facing massive starvation if not for the good luck of having the black eyed peas to eat. From New Years Day 1866 forward, the tradition grew to eat black eyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck."

CONFEDERATE MOTORCYCLES LIVES ON

The Confederate Motorcycles brand, thought to be abandoned, has been revived by venture capital fund Ernest Lee Capital and continues to manufacture high end motorcycles in Birmingham, AL. The brand website has been updated with a number of new and re-owned motorcycles.

After the rebranding from Confederate Motors Inc. to Curtiss Motorcycle Company, they have successfully acquired the intellectual property rights to the Confederate brands and designs. Confederate Motorcycles LLC immediately announced plans to continue to sell the last remaining Confederate motorcycles and to begin production of its latest Confederate G3 Fighter immediately. The Confederate website also features a number of previously owned factory reconditioned Confederate motorcycles each with less than 500 miles on them.

"We are currently designing the next run of bikes that will each be available with a number of customer-selectable options," said Ernest Lee. "We personally did not want to see the Confederate brand disappear."

Lee believes the Confederate name is "no more synonymous with racism than is 'Rebel' or the Confederate Flag itself. We acknowledge that there are some that disagree with our viewpoint but felt that allowing individuals to discuss their differences of opinion is paramount to the democracy in which we all live. We want to continue that tradition at Confederate; building innovative and original bikes that draw crowds everywhere they ride."

THINK ABOUT IT...

"I hate when people say, 'Act like an adult.'" Have you seen adults lately? That's horrible advice!

- Morgan Freeman

"The beauty of the Second Amendment is that it will not be needed until they try to take it"

- Thomas Jefferson



JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5 Pickett's Mil, Dallas GA. A two-mile hike of the battlefield, with a Civil War weapons demonstration.
6	7	8	9	10 Camp 158 Meeting, 1900 hrs. @ Sconyers	11	12
13	14	15	16 MG George Pickett born	17	18	19 Gen. Robert E. Lee born Georgia Secedes from Union
20	21 LtGen T. Stonewall Jackson born	22	23	24	25 Gen "Fighting Joe" Wheeler died	26 Lee-Jackson Dinner, <i>Burns Mem. Methodist Church</i>
27	28	29	30	31		



FEBRUARY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 WBTS Medicine, 1 to 2 pm, Fort McAllister State Park. The remedies used to heal ailments and injuries.	4 Artillery Demo and Training. 12:00 to 3:00 pm, Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site	5	6 MG J.E.B. Stewart born	7	8	9
10	11 VP Alexander H. Stevens born	12	13	14 Camp 158 Meeting, 1900 hrs. @ Sconyers	15	16
17	18 Jefferson Davis Inaugurated	19	20 BG P. G. T. Beauregard died	21	22 Battle of Aiken Reenactment	23 Battle of Aiken Reenactment
24 Battle of Aiken Reenactment	25 Artillery Demo and Training. 12:00 to 3:00 pm, Pickett's Mill Battlefield State Historic Site	26	27 BG John Jackson died	28	Mar 1-3 Battle for Broxton Bridge	2 Battle for Broxton Bridge