



WIG-WAG

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



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February, 2019

COMMANDER'S NOTES

Brother Compatriots,

The big camp event for the month of January was our yearly Lee-Jackson Banquet with over 50 compatriots and friends in attendance. The speaker was Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire who talked about his relationship with Gen. Stonewall Jackson as his medical director the last two years of the General's life. The speech was well received by all and rather informative concerning General Jackson's personal witness with the Lord. The meal was a delicious country meal with good old southern flavor and the new camp officers for the next two year term were sworn in. Awards were handed out to camp members who worked the hardest and were most influential the past year in allowing the camp to have such a successful year. **Emma Givens, Rosa Posey, Joe Winstead, Ron Udell, Robert Green, Brian Weber, Gary Hattaway, Tommy Chappell, Paul Stampley, Tom McCauley, Carl Mixon, and Nick Posey** received well deserved honors for working hard to accomplish our camp mission. **Nick Posey** was especially honored with the General Stonewall Jackson award for his past 15 years of service as a camp officer.

Due to **Joe Winstead's** hard work as supervisor on the Magnolia Cemetery fountain project, much progress was made this past month. Over 17 camp members worked hard over two all day work sessions to complete laying the brick for the fountain. In frigid conditions, **Paul Stampley, Tom McCauley, Gary Hattaway, Joe Winstead, Mike Milford, Brian Weber, Carroll Nettles, Terry Bowers, Ron Udell, Craig Williams, Tommy Chappell, Bill Storrs, Mike McCann, Roy Williams, Jeff Young and Tommy Smith** have all worked hard this past month to complete the task at hand. Hopefully the fountain will be up and running for a dedication at our annual Confederate Memorial Day service the last Saturday in April.

Our next camp meeting at Sconyer's BBQ will be February 14th. The 7:00 p.m. meeting will feature 5th SC Division Brigade Commander **Blake Moore** who will talk about the Confederate Fort McAllister located 10 miles south of Savannah. Blake is also Commander of the General Wheeler Camp in Aiken, SC and is a gifted speaker.

Finally, do not forget the annual Battle of Aiken event, which will be the last weekend of February with many of our own compatriots taking part in the action.

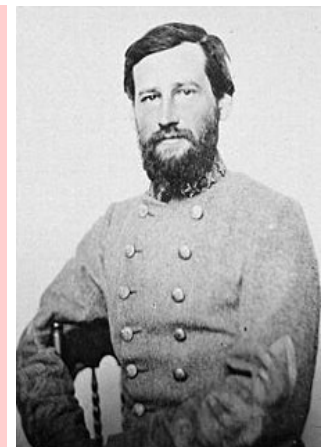
Have A Great Dixie Day!

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,**

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 be, or lead us to our next member applicant. The following page 4 has a list of our brother Compatriots who brought guests and the guests they

brought: thank them!

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 been including tips about how **YOU** may help **YOUR** Camp to grow and thrive. Here are two more easy ones;

29. Recognize brother Compatriots that make you successful or are recognized for their own accomplishments (*let your Wig Wag Editor know about it!*).
30. Thank the women in your life for supporting your membership in the SCV.
31. Take all side conversations out of the meeting.

Deo Vindici,

Bob Green, Editor

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Feb—John Denham

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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None Listed

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

OUR FLAG — OUR CHOICE!

The vitriolic reaction to the Confederate Battle Flag is a rather recent phenomenon. Credible research reveals its origins to be in the 1980s, revived by a financially strained and scandal plagued NAACP. Then-president Kwise Mfume turned the issue into a fundraising juggernaut. Egged on by a liberal media irritated at lingering conservatism in the South, the flag fight generated much heat but little light.

South Carolina relocated the flag from its capital dome to a place of historical significance after they decided it flew in a position of false sovereignty. Governor Hodges became the second governor in a row whose broken promises to "leave the flag alone" scuttled their re-election bids.

Former Governor Roy Barnes of Georgia finessed a backroom deal that changed the State flag but sank his rising political star as outraged citizens sent him to retirement in the 2002 elections.

In Mississippi, however, the thing was put to an old fashioned democratic vote. By a 2 to 1 margin (*although outspent 10 to 1*), Mississippians voted to keep the State flag which features the Confederate battle flag. In fact, three times more blacks voted to keep the flag than voted for President George W. Bush. Mississippians speak for all Southerners when they say, *"It's our symbol, it's our heritage and therefore our choice."*

- Posted by Jon Denison on "Sons & Friends of Confederate Veterans" Face Book Group

SICK-CALL. PRAYER LIST

Fred Bussey

Jacob Cook

Ben Creech's wife Belinda

John Denham's wife Betty

Mike Milford's G-Daughter Reagan

Ron Udell

OUR LIFE MEMBERS

David Armour

John Bailie, III

Dr. John Baxley

Kenneth Besecker

Fred Bryant

Gregory Bussey

Fred Bussey, Sr.

Bobby Crawley

Pat Estep

Ben Faulkner

Henry Gilmer

James Hair

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Thomas McCauley, III

Matthew Posey

Nicholas Posey

William Quattlebaum

Paul Stampley

Roy Stampley, Jr.

Philip Weaver

CAMP 158 OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR 2019



Shown Left to Right: Nick Posey, Dr. John Baxley, Paul Stampley, Ben Creech, Brian Weber, Carl Mixon, Joe Winstead, and Tom McCauley..

Not pictured were David Armour, 2nd Lt. Commander; and Dr. Ed Johnson, Camp Surgeon; Ron Udell, Color Guard Captain..

On January 26, at our Annual Lee-Jackson Dinner, Camp 158 installed our Officers for 2019. **Nick Posey**, the outgoing Adjutant and Treasurer issued the oath of office to the Following men: **Dr. John Baxley**, Commander; **Paul Stampley**, 1st Lt. Commander; **Terry Bowers**, Web Master and Historian; **Ben Creech**, Chaplain; **Brian Weber**, Sgt. At Arms; **Carl Mixon**, Adjutant and Treasurer; **Joe Winstead**, Quartermaster; and **Tom McCauley**, Cemetery Crew Captain.

The new Officers were instructed and pledged as follows:

“The members of Brigadier General E. Porter Alexander Camp #158, Sons of Confederate Veterans, reposing special faith and confidence in you, have elected you to lead our camp during the coming years of 2019 & 2020. How well we, as a camp, perform these tasks entrusted to us, and whether our camp continues to grow in strength and accomplishment or regresses, depends on how well you perform the duties of your office.

Therefore, on behalf of your compatriots of Camp #158, I ask each of you:

Do you pledge yourself, with loyalty and dedication, to protect, defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States and the Sons of Confederate Veterans, to faithfully perform the duties of your office, to regularly attend the meetings of our camp, and to support all the activities of our camp, our division, and our International organization, to the best of your ability, so help you God?

If you agree with this pledge, raise your right hand and say, “I do.”

Thank you, gentlemen. I hereby declare you duly installed in the offices of this camp to which you have been elected.”

Congratulations to all our newly installed Officers, and a special Thank You to Compatriot **Nick Posey**, our outgoing Lt. Commander, Adjutant, and Treasurer. A true and loyal Compatriot—well done Brother Nick. Take a well deserved rest Nick, you’ve earned it.

A FEW RANDOM THOUGHTS

- By 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.

“Crimes can be adjudicated; sins can be forgiven; blunders can rarely be rectified.

“An error doesn’t become a mistake until you refuse to correct it.”

- Orlando Battista

The First National Flag

This flag was adopted but never officially enacted. When this flag was first raised over the capitol building in Montgomery, Alabama, it contained seven stars, representing the Confederate States. The admission of Kentucky and Missouri in December brought the circle of stars to thirteen. During battle this flag was sometimes confused with the Union Stars and Stripes, therefore it was replaced by the 2nd National flag in 1863.



JANUARY MEETING GUESTS

01/10/19:

David Armour brought his wife **Chris**, his daughter **Theresa** and **Phil Morgan**

Dr. John Baxley brought **Eddie Rogers** and our speaker **Dr. Debra Van Tuyll** and her husband **Hubear**

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

Roger Combs (rabbit) brought his wife **Mandy**

John Denham brought his wife **Betty**

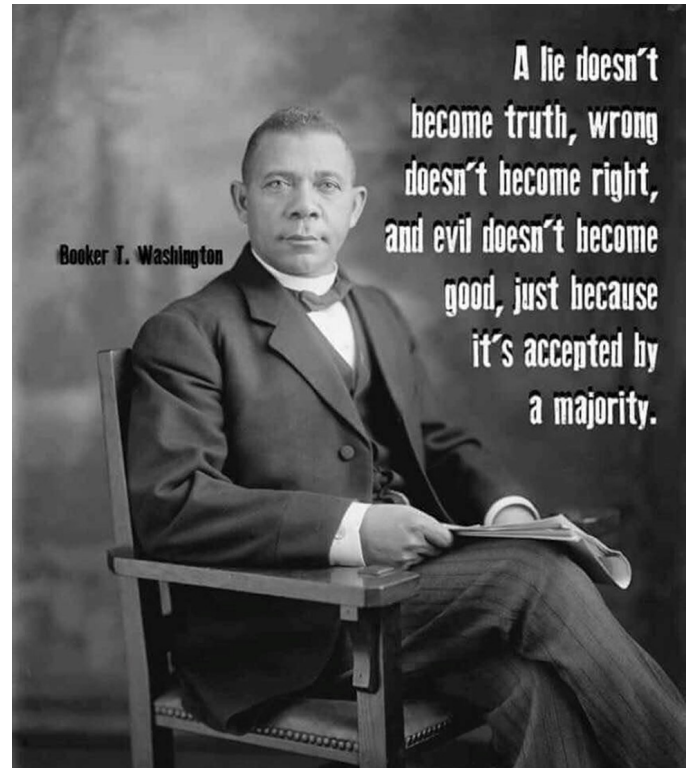
Emma Givens brought **Walter Cook** (transfer from Carter Camp)

Bob Green brought his grandson **Dylan**

Mike McCann brought his wife **Alice**

Joe Winstead brought his wife **Diane**

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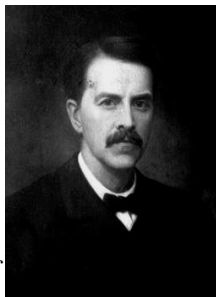
KUDOS & THANKS

Kudos to **Dr. John Baxley**! Our Lee-Jackson dinner went off without a hitch—in spite of a few last minute crises: Our scheduled speaker came down with the flu and had to cancel at the last minute. Undaunted, Commander Baxley stepped up, and with very little time to prepare, gave us a lively and informative “Living History” enactment of Stonewall Jackson’s physician, **Dr. Hunter McGuire**.

Dr. McGuire was made a brigade surgeon and was ordered to report to General Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson at Harpers Ferry. Jackson initially scoffed at McGuire's youth, but the two became very close as the war progressed. Dr. McGuire treated General Jackson's wounds after the First Battle of Manassas, where the General picked up the nickname "Stonewall."

In 1862, McGuire was promoted to the chief surgeon of Jackson's Corps, serving in the Army of Northern Virginia.

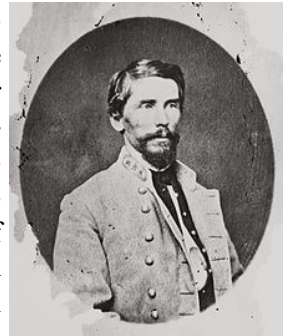
In May 1863, Jackson was gravely wounded by friendly fire at Chancellorsville and Dr. McGuire amputated his left arm in a failed attempt to save his life. Jackson died of pneumonia a few days later. His last words were recorded by Dr. McGuire as: *"Let us cross over the river and rest beneath the shade of the trees"*.



Dr. Hunter McGuire

A FEW NOTABLE QUOTES

Surrender means that the history of this heroic struggle will be written by the enemy; that our youth will be trained by Northern school teachers. Their version of the war; will be impressed by all the influences of history and education to regard our gallant dead as traitors, and our maimed veterans as fit subjects for derision.



• *General Patrick Cleburne*

We are stigmatized as rebels to satisfy ignorant fanaticism. If it be treason to fight and repel by force a horde of conscienceless plunderers of one's home and country, I glory in the name. The grandest and best and greatest of our country were so called by their silly enemies, by the noblest, these are called patriots, and such they are, to my mind.

• *Captain Thomas P Franklin*

Get correct views of life, and learn to see the world in its true light. It will enable you to live pleasantly, to do good, and, when summoned away, to leave without regret.

• *Gen. Robert E. Lee*

Gen. 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.



MG Ambrose Wright

For my part, when the time comes to cross the river like the others, I shall be found asking at the gates above, "Where is the Army of Northern Virginia? For there I make my camp."—General Moxley Sorrell

THIS IS HISTORY?

Clemson course light on history, heavy on a race war.

Friday, September 14, 2018: Bob Kellogg (OneNewsNow.com). At a Black Lives Matter protest in Philadelphia, a professor and her controversial U.S. history course at Clemson University have been exposed by a conservative student who did some digging.

Clemson senior Stone Washington, a member of the black leadership group Project 21, wrote a College Fix article describing how Black Lives Matter and books such as "White Rage" dominate the History 1020 course that supposedly follows Americans from Reconstruction to the present day.

Washington relates the basic history course sounds more like a left-wing political science course, since it spends approximately three weeks on U.S. history and the remainder of the semester hammering social justice issues.

Other required reading for the course includes books "Making of Black Lives Matter," "Equality of Trial: Gender and Rights," and "How Race is Made in America." "And that kind of gave me a big question mark," he says, "as to how this is a history course and not a political science course."

He (Washington) contacted Professor Maribel Morey about his concerns but says her response was vague and evasive. "She just responded with a veiled answer saying that this is the way she has designed the course and if I was interested there were still spots (for) registration," he says. "But she really didn't answer my questions at all."

Washington did not sign up for the course because, as a senior, it's not required for graduation.

LIGHTEN UP A LITTLE

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption.

A Nation at War with Itself

What arch-Federalist Alexander Hamilton thought was merely a bad dream and impossible, achieved reality with the sixteenth person to occupy the Oval Office. Lincoln converted the republic into a government which made "war and carnage the only means of supporting itself—a government that can exist only by the sword." Those States which enabled Lincoln to gain a plurality victory as president willingly provided the troops who marched into other States intent upon subjugation. Hamilton and his contemporaries never imagined a future president ruling with dictatorial powers and an army of two million under his command.

Bernhard Thuersam, www.Circa1865.org The Great American Political Divide



FEBRUARY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
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 Revolutionary War Days, Washington GA	9 Revolutionary War Days, Washington GA
10 Revolutionary War Days, Washington GA	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	26	27 BG John Jackson died	28	Mar 1 Battle for Broxton Bridge	2 Battle for Broxton Bridge



MARCH 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Battle for Broxton Bridge reenactment	2 Battle for Broxton Bridge reenactment LtGen Jubal A. Early died
3 Battle for Broxton Bridge reenactment	4 Confederate Flag Day	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Camp 158 Meeting, 1900 hrs. @ Sconyers	15	16
17	18	19 Dr. John M. Coski speaks on "The Confederate Battle Flag." 1800 to 2000 pm, Snelling Center.	20	21	22	23
24 VP Alexander H. Stevens died	25	26	27 Confederate Day of Prayer	28 Gen. Wade Hampton born	29	30
31						