



WIG-WAG

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



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March, 2019

COMMANDER'S NOTES

Brother Compatriots,

February was an action packed month for the SCV in the CSRA. The Battle of Aiken the last weekend of the month was one of the best productions ever put on by the General Bee Camp. With over 500 re-enactors and 17 cannons, the battles each day were as real as they could get and stunning. Even General Robert E. Lee (**David Chaltas** from Kentucky) was in attendance and lent his appreciated enthusiasm to the event as "his blood was up" while he worked the crowd along the battle line. Compatriots **Ben Creech**, **Tommy Chappell**, **Bill Storrs**, and **Tom McCauley** helped fire Col. Mac's cannon, which was brought up from Ft. Meade, Florida. **Emma Givens**, **Marie Powell**, and **Angie McCauley** also pitched in as artillery soldiers to help with the event. **Roger Combs** served as an infantry man and helped **Bobby Snyder** with the Wild West shoot out. Major **J.B. Baxley** acted as General Lee's aide-d-camp and personal physician while honorary camp member General Wade Hampton supported General Wheeler and his boys. Paul Stampley and **Carl Mixon** were also in attendance to help with logistics. If you missed the event, you missed a big one!

On February the 10th the Benson Camp in North Augusta had their annual Sgt. Berry Benson grave side service. The honor guard commanded by Major **Ron Udell** did an outstanding job in support of the event. Compatriots **Ben Creech**, **Gary Hattaway**, **Tommy Miller Junior** and **Senior**, and **Bernard Martin** helped by firing black powder. **Emma Givens** and **Paul Stampley** also participated honoring a true patriot of the War.

Our February camp meeting was well attended as we were treated to a great lecture on Ft. MacCalister by Commander **Blake Moore** of the Wheeler Camp in Aiken, S.C. Compatriot **Lee Herron** gave us an informative short talk on sharpshooter Berry Benson and brought us a Confederate \$500.00 dollar bill with Benson's autograph on it to view. Brother **Roy Williams** gave us an emotional rendering of General Lee saying farewell to one of his Texas soldiers at the end of the War. Thanks to all for making the event a memory for all.

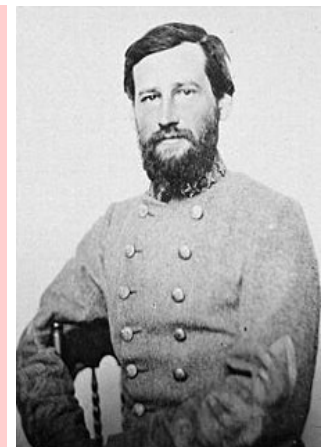
Our next camp meeting will be March 14th at Sconyer's BBQ (7:00 p.m.) and will feature author **Tom Polan** from Columbia, S.C. He will talk about his new book, "*South Carolina Roads*", and will take us back down memory lane on the back roads of the South.

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: Our future as a SCV Camp is closely related to our Guests and visitors. 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 3 has a list of our brother Compatriots

who brought guests and the guests they brought: thank them!

On another topic, over the last two months I have noticed 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;

32. Man a Camp information table at a local event with a smile.
33. When flyers are made for Camp events. Take a few and commit to posting them in various places around town.

Deo Vindici,

Bob Green, Editor

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

06 Mar—Gary Hattaway

16 Mar—Bill McAlhany

21 Mar—Barry Whitney

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

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mar—Barry & Laure Whitney

16 Mar—Dr. Ed & Jean Johnson

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

FEBRUARY MEETING GUESTS

02/14/19:

- Doc Baxley** brought **Jacob Cook** and **Bill Berry** brought **Richard Fulmer**
- David Armour** brought **Teresa**
- John Denham** brought his wife **Betty**
- Emma Givens** brought **Camille Usry**
- Paul Stampley** brought **Phillip Morgan**
- Bill Storrs** brought his wife **Barbara**

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LIGHTEN UP A LITTLE

The roundest knight at King Arthur’s round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.

She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it’ll still be stationery.

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

SICK-CALL & PRAYER LIST

Fred Bussey

Jacob Cook

Ben Creech’s wife Belinda

John Denham’s wife Betty

Carleton T. Hardin

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

Carlton Hardin

Richard L. Herron

Dr. Arnold Huskins

Thomas McCauley, III

Matthew Posey

Nicholas Posey

William Quattlebaum

Paul Stampley

Roy Stampley, Jr.

Philip Weaver

HONEST [???] ABE

I will not be celebrating Abraham Lincoln's birthday. I do not consider his actions worthy of honor or celebration. He is the president, after all, that is responsible for more American deaths—almost a million—than any other.

If you want to tear down a monument honoring a racist tyrant, I think we should start with the Lincoln Memorial, self described as a "temple." My good friend, Russell Bennett, posted this today. It is a good list of reasons why we should not be celebrating this president:

What American President launched a massive invasion of another country that posed no threat, and without a declaration of war?

What President raised a huge army at his own will without the approval of Congress?

What President started a war of choice in violation of every principle of Christian just war teaching?

What President said that he had to violate the Constitution in order to save it?

What President declared the elected legislatures of thirteen States to be "combinations" of criminals that he had to suppress?

What President said he was indifferent to slavery but would use any force necessary to collect taxes?

What President sent combat troops from the battlefield to bombard and occupy New York City?

What President sent the Army to arrest in the middle of the night thousands of private citizens for expressing their opinions? And held them incommunicado in military prisons with total denial of due process of law? And had his soldiers destroy newspaper plants?

What President was the first ruler in the civilized world to make medicine contraband of war?

What President signed for his cronies special licenses to purchase valuable cotton from an enemy country even though he had forbidden such trade and punished other people for the same practice?

What President refused medical care and food to his own soldiers held by the enemy country?

What President presided over the bombardment and house-by-house destruction of cities and towns that were undefended and not military targets?

What President's forces deliberately targeted women and children and destroyed their housing, food supply, and private belongings?

What President's occupying forces engaged in imprisonment, torture, and execution of civilians and seizing them as hostages?

Under what President did the Army have the largest number of criminals, mercenaries, and foreigners?

Who was the first American President to plot the assassination of an opposing head of state?

Who had the least affiliation with Christianity of any American President and blamed God for starting the war over which he presided?

What President voted for and praised a law which forbade black people from settling in his State?

What President said that all black people should be expelled from the United States because they could never be full-fledged citizens?

What President was the first to force citizens to accept as legal money pieces of paper un-backed by gold or silver?

Who was the first President to institute an income tax?

Who was the first President to pile up a national debt too vast to be paid off in a generation?

- *Posted on Facebook by Tom Glass and re-posted by Carl Tommy Miller*

KUDOS & THANKS

Honor Guard Commander **Ron Udell**, along with **Ben Creech, Gary Hattaway, Emma Givens, Bernard Martin** (Waynesboro), **George Kissinger, Tommy Miller Sr. and Jr.** led our Honor Guard for the Sgt, Barry Benson Camp for the Benson birthday ceremony and Battle Flag retirement ceremony in North Augusta.

A CONFEDERATE QUIZ

The "*Confederate Quiz*" is to test our brothers knowledge of our Heritage. This quiz is three questions about the Confederacy, or maybe another other random subject regarding the South.

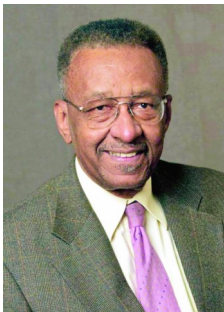
The March *Confederate Quiz* questions are:

1. What Cavalry general's motto was, "Get there first with the most."?
2. Who was both a Senator from Georgia and a Governor of Georgia?
3. What General went on to fight in the Spanish-American War and in the Philippines?
4. What name was given to the dye color made from walnut hulls?

Answers may be found on page 6 of this issue.

HISTORICAL IGNORANCE

By Walter E. Williams



The victors of war write its history in order to cast themselves in the most favorable light. That explains the considerable historical ignorance about our war of 1861 and panic over the Confederate flag. To create better understanding, we have to start a bit before the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

The 1783 Treaty of Paris ended the war between the colonies and Great Britain. Its first article declared the 13 colonies "to be free, sovereign and independent states." These 13 sovereign nations came together in 1787 as principals and created the federal government as their agent. Principals have always held the right to fire agents. In other words, states held a right to withdraw from the pact—secede.

During the 1787 Constitutional Convention, a proposal was made that would allow the federal government to suppress a seceding state. James Madison rejected it, saying, "A union of the states containing such an ingredient seemed to provide for its own destruction.." In fact, the ratification documents of Virginia, New York and Rhode Island explicitly said they held the right to resume powers delegated should the federal government become abusive of those powers. The Constitution never would have been ratified if states thought they could not regain their sovereignty—in a word, secede.

On March 2, 1861, after seven states seceded and two days before Abraham Lincoln's inauguration, Sen. James R. Doolittle of Wisconsin proposed a constitutional amendment that read, "No state or any part thereof, heretofore admitted or hereafter admitted into the union, shall have the power to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the United States."

Several months earlier, Representatives of Pennsylvania and Connecticut proposed a constitutional amendment to prohibit secession. Here's a question for the reader: Would there have been any point to offering these amendments if secession were already unconstitutional?

On the eve of the War of 1861, even unionist politicians saw secession as a right of states. Rep. Kunkel of Maryland said, "Any attempt to preserve the union between the states of this Confederacy by force would be impractical, and destructive of republican liberty."

Both Northern Democratic and Republican Parties favored allowing the South to secede in peace. Just about every major Northern newspaper editorialized in favor of the South's right to secede. New York Tribune (Feb. 5, 1860): "If tyranny and despotism justified the Revolution of 1776, then we do not see why it would

not justify the secession of Five Millions of Southrons from the Federal Union in 1861." Detroit Free Press (Feb. 19, 1861): "An attempt to subjugate the seceded states, even if successful, could produce nothing but evil." The New York Times (March 21, 1861): "There is growing sentiment throughout the North in favor of letting the Gulf States go."

The War of 1861 settled the issue of secession through brute force that cost 600,000 American lives. We Americans celebrate Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address; but, H.L. Mencken correctly evaluated the speech: "It is poetry, not logic; beauty, not sense." Lincoln said the soldiers sacrificed their lives "to the cause of self-determination—that government of the people, by the people, for the people should not perish from the earth." Mencken says: "It is difficult to imagine anything more untrue. The Union soldiers in the battle actually fought against self-determination; it was the Confederates who fought for the right of people to govern themselves."

The War of 1861 brutally established that states could not secede. We are still living with its effects. Because states cannot secede, the federal government can run roughshod over the U.S. Constitution's limitations of the Ninth and Tenth Amendments. States have little or no response.

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WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOT



Our newest brother Compatriot **Phillip Morgan** was sworn in on February 14th by Adjutant **Carl Mixon** and Commander **Dr. John Baxley**.

Phillip qualified for membership through his 3rd Great Grandfather Pvt. James Morgan, Company K, 1st Regiment, North Carolina Cavalry.

Phillip was accompanied at the swearing-in by his fiancé and daughter Arya.

Pro-Confederate Television

By Jeff Wolverton on Feb 15, 2019 [condensed],
through the Abbyville Institute.

In this age of political correctness it may surprise people that there were three TV series that portrayed Confederates in a good light.

The first series is *Yancy Derringer*. Yancy Derringer is a gentleman, adventurer and gambler. He is a former Confederate Army captain who has returned to New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1868, three years after the end of the War, during Reconstruction. The state is under Union control and martial law.

Widely respected by all parts of New Orleans society as a Southerner who never surrendered, Derringer is recruited by the Federal City Administrator to work as a secret agent at no pay.

Yancy owns a riverboat, the *Sultana*. His weapons of choice are four-barrel Sharps pepperbox derringer handguns carried concealed (one held by a clamp inside the top of his hat, one in his vest's left pocket under his jacket and one up his jacket's left sleeve in a wrist holster), and a knife in his belt. He is an expert marksman. He also carries a cane or a riding crop with hidden swords and is said to have iron fists: one punch and his opponent remains unconscious for a day. Yancy dresses elegantly, most often in a white suit with a long coat, ruffled white shirt, a silk vest, a sash instead of a belt, a black under-the-collar bow tie, and a white flat-topped straw hat with curled brim.

Yancy's sidekick, Pahoo-Ka-Ta-Wah, is a silent Pawnee American Indian who communicates only by sign language. Pa-hoo-Ka-Ta-Wah is Pawnee for "wolf who stands in water." Although Pahoo is short on talk, he is long on action. Beneath a blanket wrapped about his body, he carries a sawed-off double-barreled shotgun loaded with split buckshot, which he wields in emergencies. Most of the time, however, he uses a throwing knife sheathed on his back.

Yancy and Pahoo live at the family plantation, Waverly. Yancy's recurring love interest is Madame Francine, the strong-willed, beautiful owner of a members-only gambling house in New Orleans. Her real name is Nora and she is actually Irish. Yancy also sometimes dines, at the Charter House Restaurant, whose specialty is French cuisine, and gambles at the Blackjack Club.

The second series is *The Gray Ghost*. "We took our men from Texas, Kentucky, and Virginia; from the mountains and the backwoods and the plains. We put them under orders—guerrilla fighting orders, and what we lacked in numbers, we made up in speed and

brains. Both Rebs and Yankee strangers, they called us 'Mosby's Rangers.' Both North and South they knew our fame. Gray Ghost is what they called me; John Mosby is my name."

Gray Ghost is based on the true story of Major (later Colonel) John S. Mosby, a young lawyer who joined the Forty-Third Battalion of the First Virginia Cavalry and became the leader of a Confederate guerilla unit. Mosby was known for his cunning and stealth, which earned him the name "Gray Ghost."

The third series is *The Rebel*. The adventures of young Confederate Army veteran Johnny Yuma, an aspiring writer. Haunted by his memories of the War, Yuma, in search of inner peace, roams the American West. He keeps a journal of his adventures and fights injustice where he finds it with a revolver and sawed-off double-barreled shotgun.

About Jeff Wolverton: Jeff Wolverton is a native of Indiana.. Jeff has a passion for the written word, and his work—on subjects ranging on Southern history has appeared in various publications.

What Politician...

- Created a Universal Health Care system,
- Gave free housing to the homeless,
- Created jobs for the jobless,
- Was a vegetarian,
- Was an animal lover,
- Gave free college education to all,
- Was a brilliant public speaker,
- Passed strict gun control laws,
- And, was a socialist?

He was everything today's Liberal / Progressive / Socialist wants.

Answer:

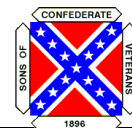
- Adolf Hitler!

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

The March *Confederate Quiz* answers are:

1. Nathan Bedford Forrest.
2. General John B. Gordon.
3. Fightin' Joe Wheeler.
4. Butternut.

So—How'd you do?



MARCH 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 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 Aiken Camp meeting, 1830 hrs. | 5 | 6 Ash Wednesday | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 Camp 158 Meeting, 1900 hrs. @ Sconyers BBQ | 15 | 16 |
| 17 St. Patrick's Day | 18 | 19 Sylvania Camp meeting, 1900 hrs. | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 VP Alexander H. Stevens died 31 | 25 Waynesboro Camp meeting, 1830 hrs. | 26 Evans Camp Meeting, 1900 hrs. Thomson Camp Meeting, 1900 hrs. | 27 Confederate Day of Prayer | 28 Gen. Wade Hampton born | 29 | 30 |



APRIL 2019



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Aiken Camp meeting, 1830 hrs. | 2 LtGen A. P. Hill died | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Confederate Memorial Day Service, 12:00 noon, Stone Mtn., GA |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 Camp 158 Meeting, 1900 hrs. @ Sconyers | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 Sylvania Camp meeting, 1900 hrs. | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 GA - Confederate Memorial Day | 23 Evans Camp Meeting, 1900 hrs. Thomson Camp Meeting, 1900 hrs. | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Confederate Memorial Day @ Magnolia Cemetery Antique guns and Collectables. Hall, Marietta, GA |
| 28 BG E. Porter Alexander died BG Ambrose Wright born | 29 Waynesboro Camp meeting, 1830 hrs. | 30 | 31 | | | |