



WIG-WAG

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



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April, 2019

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

March was another busy month for the camp. We kicked off the month with over twenty compatriots and friends of the camp participating in the three day Broxton Bridge reenactment near Ehrhart, S.C. in the Carolina Low Country. Quartermaster **Joe Winstead** along with his wife **Diane** and side kick **Carroll Nettles** worked hard as a vendor for the camp selling supplies and Confederate articles for the event. Joe was also Provost Marshall for the event helping with crowd control. **Ron Udell, Ben Creech, Tommy Chappell, Tom McCauley** and Tom's daughter **Angela**. **Bill and Barbara Storrs, Marie Powell, Emma Givens, and Otho McLeroy** were on hand to help man the over twenty cannons present for the battle. **Mandy and Roger Combs** along with **Billy Belger** senior and junior pitched in as Confederate infantry. **Diane Grigsby** and yours truly were present in period dress and **Nick Posey** along with **Carl Mixon** attended as spectators. It was truly a surreal experience with participants battling on the actual battlefield in the old entrenchments and fortifications. **Col. McLeroy** and **Angela McCauley** got engaged during the reenactment, creating even more excitement for the camp.

We had our first Magnolia Cemetery cleanup on March 12th. Members from the "old man's crew" present included crew captain **Tom McCauley, Tommy Chappell, Brian Weber, Craig Williams** and his friend **Russell Mann, Carl Mixon, Walter Cook, and Paul Stampley**. The bivouac of the dead looked beautiful with the southern cross flying over the sacred ground of those who gave their all for the Cause when we finished our two hour work day. Humble thanks to all that help with this mission---especially brother **Tom McCauley** who has stepped up to the plate and already hit a grand slam in his leadership.

At our March camp meeting we swore in a new member Chaplin **Doyle Willingham** and heard a wonderful talk by southern author **Tom Poland** about back country Carolina roads. Our next meeting at Sconyer's on April 18th at 7:00 p.m. will feature Chaplin and fellow compatriot **Bernard Martin** of the Waynesboro camp. Brother Bernard will speak about the Christian experience of the Confederate soldier.

Major **Ron Udell** had the honor guard which included **Gary Hattaway, Emma Givens** and Commander **Blake Moore** of the Wheeler Camp participate in the annual Gen. Wade Hampton Memorial Service in North Augusta put on by the Barry Benson Camp. Compatriot **Eddie Rogers** gave a great talk on the sacrifice of the Confederate soldier and black powder was fired creating excitement in the next door Waffle House.

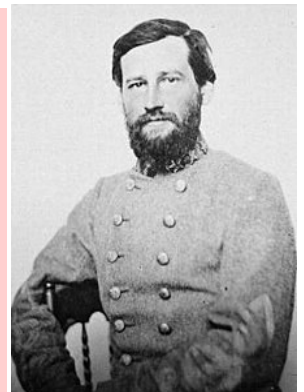
Finally, our most important event of the year will be our annual Confederate Memorial Day Service at the Magnolia Cemetery on 27 April at 11:00 a.m. in Augusta, Georgia. The cemetery entrance is at the corner of Walton Way and Third St. and our guest speaker will be General Robert E. Lee (a.k.a. Rev. **David Chaltas**) who is driving down from Kentucky to help dedicate the rebuilt fountain and honor our southern dead buried in the cemetery. This will be a once in a lifetime event you do not want to miss. Your humble servant,

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 Notes: 1) Due to Masters Week, our Camp meeting will be the 3rd Thursday, **April (the 18th)**.

2) 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 Compatriot applicant.

3) Over the last several 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.

4) Please plan to attend the Magnolia Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony/Service on April 27. Our speaker will be **Robert E. Lee (David Chaltas form Kentucky)**.

5) We recently elected several new Camp officers, and some of them may not be known to all of our Compatriots. In that regard, I will, over the next several months, be including personal profiles of our Camp Officers and a brief summary of their duties, beginning with our Camp Commander.

On a continuing subject, I have been including tips about how **YOU** may help **YOUR** Camp grow and thrive. Here are two more easy ones;

34. Offer to drive potential members to visit the Camp.

35. Put an emblem, or SCV coffee mug in your office and talk to anyone who asks about it (OK, this one might be a little more difficult, depending on where and for whom you work, but do it if you can. It's a great conversation starter).

Deo Vindici, *Bob Green, Editor*

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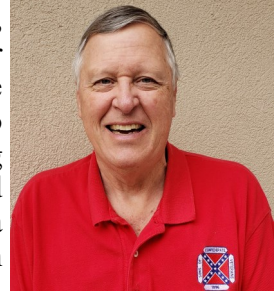
Camp Commander

As per the SCV Camp Manual: *“The Commander has a unique responsibility to lead, encourage, assist, guide, maintain esprit-de-corps, and above all, to work to achieve harmony within the Camp. The Commander does have the overall responsibility for the Camp he has been elected to serve. The Commander presides at all meetings or otherwise designates his subordinate officers to do so. He will appoint all non-elected officers and all necessary committees and will perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. He will fill all vacated offices occurring during his administration until the next election of officers, with the advice and consent of the Camp executive council.”*

Dr. John Baxley: Born in Ruffin, SC, and as a “military brat” John grew up all over the globe, including a tour of duty in Hawaii. “Doc” enjoys playing golf and following the University of Kentucky football program. Graduating High School at Stuttgart American in 1963, he earned his MD Degree at the University of Kentucky in ’67, and completed his Family Practice Residency at Ft. Benning, GA in 1974. An avid reader, he has also immersed himself in military history. He is a Life Member of the SCV and a Life Member of the Masons.

John has served our Camp 158 as Commander since 2014, and Camp Surgeon for several years prior to that. He now lives in Aiken, SC, where he practiced medicine as a Family Practice Physician

from 1974 until 2004, including a tour at Eisenhower Medical Center. He and wife then moved to Cincinnati to help with his wife’s ailing mother. He then practiced medicine in the Aiken area from 2006 until 2012 at which time he retired.



John also serves as a Docent (guide and speaker) one day a week for the Aiken County Historical Museum. He teaches visitors about the true history of the South.

John says he tries to make sure that everyone has fun in the Camp, is able to learn more about our heritage, and ensure harmony prevails throughout.

[Next month will feature our Adjutant/Treasurer Carl Mixon - Ed.]

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.



Posted on Facebook by Jim Denison, SCV Compatriot from Houston, TX

WELCOME NEW COMPATRIOT



Our newest brother Compatriot **Doyle Windham** 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. Robert Missileinec**, captured and POW in 1864, imprisoned at Lookout Pt., MD.

Phillip was accompanied at the swearing-in by his sponsor David Armour.

5 Things You May Not Know About Lincoln

1. Lincoln wasn't an abolitionist.

Lincoln did believe that slavery was morally wrong, but there was one big problem: It was sanctioned by the highest law in the land, the Constitution. The nation's founding fathers, who also struggled with how to address slavery, did not explicitly write the word "slavery" in the Constitution, but they did include key clauses protecting the institution, including a fugitive slave clause and the three-fifths clause, which allowed Southern states to count slaves for the purposes of representation in the federal government. In a three-hour speech in Peoria, Illinois, in the fall of 1854, Lincoln presented more clearly than ever his moral, legal and economic opposition to slavery—and then admitted he didn't know exactly what should be done about it within the current political system.

Abolitionists, by contrast, knew exactly what should be done about it: Slavery should be immediately

abolished, and freed slaves should be incorporated as equal members of society. They didn't care about working within the existing political system, or under the Constitution, which they saw as unjustly protecting slavery and slave owners. Leading abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison called the Constitution "a covenant with death and an agreement with Hell," and went so far as to burn a copy at a Massachusetts rally in 1854. Though Lincoln saw himself as working alongside the abolitionists on behalf of a common anti-slavery cause, he did not count himself among them. Only with emancipation, and with his support of the eventual 13th Amendment, would Lincoln finally win over the most committed abolitionists.

2 Lincoln didn't believe blacks should have the same rights as whites.

Though Lincoln argued that the founding fathers' phrase "All men are created equal" applied to blacks and whites alike, this did not mean he thought they should have the same social and political rights. His views became clear during an 1858 series of debates with his opponent in the Illinois race for U.S. Senate, Stephen Douglas, who had accused him of supporting "negro equality." In their fourth debate, at Charleston, Illinois, on September 18, 1858, Lincoln made his position clear. "I will say then that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and political equality of the white and black races," he began, going on to say that he opposed blacks having the right to vote, to serve on juries, to hold office and to intermarry with whites. What he did believe was that, like all men, blacks had the right to improve their condition in society and to enjoy the fruits of their labor. In this way they were equal to white men, and for this reason slavery was inherently unjust.

Like his views on emancipation, Lincoln's position on social and political equality for African-Americans would evolve over the course of his presidency. In the last speech of his life, delivered on April 11, 1865, he argued for limited black suffrage, saying that any black man who had served the Union during the WBTS should have the right to vote.

Condensed from an Article at www.history.com

[Continued next month! - RRG]

KUDOS & THANKS

A thank you to **Tom McCauley** for his generous donation to the Camp of the book "*Confederate Trivia*." by J. S. Lang. It's the source material for the Confederate Quiz on page 4.

A CONFEDERATE QUIZ

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

The April *Confederate Quiz* questions are:

1. Why were men in some Confederate prisons forbidden to stand in front of a window?
2. In what Confederate States did the writer of “Dixie” travel to perform his song?
3. By Army regulations, how often was Cavalry supposed to conduct reconnaissance?
4. The color blue on the collar & cuffs of the Confederate uniform indicated which branch of the Army?

Answers may be found below.

WERE YOU AWARE?

Barack Husain Obama’s neighbor and longtime friend was a raving Marxist. Dr. Quentin Young was one of America’s most committed Communists, beginning with his time in the Young Communist League in late 1930s Chicago. He was the principal author of the “Affordable Care Act” (Obama Care).

The push to socialize US Healthcare came, not from the “people,” but from small clique of Marxists, led by Dr Young with close personal ties to president Barack Obama. This group’s goal is fully socialized, government run “single payer” health care (Socialized Medicine).

Obama...learned about single-payer health care from his old friend and neighbor Dr. Young, the longtime coordinator of Physicians for a National Health Program.

Quentin Young told Amy Goodman of Democracy Now!, that while an Illinois State senator, Obama was a strong supporter of “single payer.”

LIGHTEN UP A LITTLE

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

The man who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

A backward poet writes inverse.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years—just getting over the hill.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

Dr. Thomas Sowell

“In politics, never assume that because something is insane, it will not be done. The Holocaust was as insane as it was a moral horror. But it was done. Even



after the tide of war turned against Germany and it faced invasion and devastation, Hitler continued to pour scarce resources into the mass killing of people who were no threat.

Today our educational system, from kindergarten to the universities, is engaged in the mass production of fashionable humbug—propaganda rather than education.”

That Question You Never Asked!

Could someone explain the difference between regiment and battalion?

Regiments generally consisted of 10 companies. Battalions had fewer, generally 4 or 5.

Each regiment back then was made up of two battalions. The first battalion was made up of companies A, B, C, D, E. And it was commanded by a Lt-Col. the second battalion was made up if companies F,G,H,I,K (*they skipped J because of it looking so like the letter I*). The regimental major commanded this battalion. In combat they fought as one regiment under the regimental commander, a Colonel. When not in combat the battalions functioned as small separate units for things like guard duty and other details.

ANSWERS CONFEDERATE QUIZ

- The April *Confederate Quiz* answers are:
1. It was feared they might be signaling to local Union sympathizers.
 2. None. Dan Emmet, a Yankee, did not perform in the South during the War.
 3. Daily.
 4. The Infantry.
- So—How'd you do?

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

21 Apr—Roger Combs

22 Apr—Bob Green

23 Apr—Terry Bowers

23 Apr—John Brttingham

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

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

17 Apr—Mike & Sue Milford

17 Apr—John & Betty Dunham

21 Apr—Bill & Barbara Storrs

23 Apr—Scott & Bonnie Bussey

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MARCH MEETING GUESTS

03/14/19:

Mike Bethune (Transfer) brought his son Herb

Doc Baxley brought Eddy Rogers

Bill Berry brought Richard Foreman

John Denham brought his wife Betty

Emma Givens brought Marie Powell and Camille Usry

Tom Poland our March speaker

Paul Stampley brought Mike Watkins (*prospective member*) and Ricky Luker

Joe Winstead brought his wife Diane

Guests and visitors are our future Compatriots. Please invite a friend or neighbor who might enjoy our programs. They could well lead us to our next member applicant.

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

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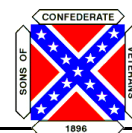
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| | 1 Aiken Camp meeting, 1830 hrs. | 2 LtGen A. P. Hill died | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Confederate Memorial Day Service, 12:00 noon, Stone Mtn., GA |
| 7 | 8 Masters Week | 9 Masters Week | 10 Masters Week | 11 Masters Week | 12 Masters Week | 13 Masters Week |
| 14 Masters Week | 15 | 16 Sylvania Camp meeting, 1900 hrs. | 17 | 18 Camp 158 Meeting, 1900 hrs. @ Sconyers BBQ | 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 |
| 28 BG E. Porter Alexander died BG Ambrose Wright born | 29 Waynesboro Camp meeting, 1830 hrs. | 30 | | | | |



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