



WIG-WAG

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



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May, 2019

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

April 27, 2019, was a once in a lifetime experience for the Compatriots of the CSRA and the friends of the Confederacy. With hundreds of battle flags flapping in the breeze over our sacred Confederate Dead and our newly rebuilt 150 year old fountain of life spraying its living waters among the "bivouac of the dead", over seventy spectators and participants were treated to an unforgettable presentation by General **Robert E. Lee** (a.k.a. **Rev. David Chaltas** of Kentucky). His poetic and humble blessing of our beloved sacred ground of the "Boys in Gray" will long be remembered.

The precision performance of the CSRA Honor Guard commanded by **Major Ron Udell** with their black powder salutes was exceptional. We wish to thank those who participated in the Honor Guard to include Compatriots **Gary Hattaway, Tommy Chappell, Chaplin Ben Creech, Carroll Nettles, Billy Belger, Tommy Carl Miller Junior and Senior, John Martin, Ken Shockley, Jackson Williamson, Gary Schultz, and Rev. Bernard Martin**. The cannon crews were outstanding in their performance which included 2nd Lt. Commander **David Armour, Emma Givens, Joe Winstead, Roger "Rabbit" Combs** and others.

Quartermaster **Joe Winstead's** completion of the five year long fountain project was incredible and "spot on". The work done by the "old man's" cemetery crew was above the call of duty which created a place of beauty and repose to be enjoyed by all. Crew captain **Tom McCauley** and his coworkers **Gary Hattaway, Carl Mixon, Ron Udell, Walter Cook, Paul Stampley, Craig Williams, Bill Storrs, Jeff Young, Brian Weber, Terry Bowers, Barry Whitney, Joe Winstead, Carroll Nettles, and Mike Milford** are to be commended for their many hours of work the past month in preparing the cemetery for our annual event. This not only included mowing the sacred grounds twice in April; it also entailed **Tom McCauley** and his crew repaving the road with new asphalt by the speaker's stand and **Joe Winstead** and his crew painting the speaker's stand, adding new railing to the complex, cleaning all the gravestones and putting the final touches on the new fountain. We wish to thank **Diane Winstead** for the refreshment stand setup for the event and honorary camp member **Marie Powell** for her presentation as a Confederate widow placing the memorial wreaths on the grounds. **Nick Posey** and **Alan Thompson** did an outstanding job with the speaker system and program production. **Mrs. Betty Jane Miller** from the Carolina Low Country graced us with her presence and presentation when we honored our Confederate ancestors. **Carl Mixon** and **Tom McCauley** were instrumental in providing chairs and bathroom facilities for the event.

The CSRA Confederate Mechanized Calvary was effective in providing security. And lastly, fellow Compatriot **Larry Sconyer's** was overly gracious in providing us a post ceremony BBQ meal to top off the day. With such a beautiful day, such meaningful Christian fellowship, and a bald eagle swooping down over the Confederate red fountain during General Lee's speech, we all knew God hand a hand in such a glorious time.

Have A Great Dixie Month and see you at Sconyer's May 9th for our monthly camp meeting featuring noted author **Cheryl Oliver** from Summerville talking about her ancestor who was wounded at the angle next to General Armistead during Pickett's Charge.

Dr. John Baxley, Commander



CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY AT MAGNOLIA CEMETERY

On April 27, 2019, E. Porter Alexander Camp 158 hosted the Confederate Memorial Day Service, at Augusta's Magnolia Cemetery, in honor of the brave Confederate Veterans who fought and died for the Southern Cause

At left, **Major Ron Udell** commands the Honor Guard and on the right 2nd Lt Commander **David Armour** prepares the Artillery Salute at the Confederate Generals Memorial site.



EDITOR'S NOTES

Brother Compatriots,

Important Notes: 1) Try to attend one Georgia re-enactment in May (Clinton, GA on May 4-5 and/or Resaca May 18-19. These are fun and informative

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) 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) 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.

5) Consider the Ga Confederates Youth Camp for your sons, daughters, grandchildren. Start their education young!

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

36 Organize a picnic, golf outing, etc., for the Camp.

37 Bring a gift to the Camp to raffle off as a quickie fundraiser.

Deo Vindici, *Bob Green*, Editor

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KNOW OUR CAMP OFFICERS:

Camp Adjutant & Treasurer

Adjutant: as per the SCV Camp Manual, *The Adjutant may serve more than one term, and a good one should be encouraged to continue in his post. The duties and responsibilities of Adjutant include those duties performed in many organizations by the Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar. In many camps, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Genealogist or several other positions may assist the Adjutant. His position is the most critical for the Camp's continued growth and administrative responsibilities. An individual who procrastinates should not be considered for this office. This office and its complexities require an entire section of its own [7 pages worth in the Camp Manual-Ed]*"

Treasurer: *"Most all camps have the office of Treasurer. In smaller camps, a Treasurer's duties are often included in the duties of the Adjutant. The duties of the camp Treasurer, if one exists, are extracted from those duties that would otherwise fall upon the Adjutant. The Treasurer handles the business affairs of the camp. He posts dues payments and sees that bills are paid. He handles the banking arrangements of the camp and writes the checks. The camp may decide to have this officer bonded."*

Carl F. Mixon: Born in Barnwell, SC, Carl grew up in Barnwell and Milledgeville, GA. He graduated Georgia Military College and High School in 1972, where he received his Diploma and his Associate Degree in Business Administration Georgia Military College along with receiving a reserve commission. He followed up with a Degree in Business Administration and Economics from Charleston Southern University in 1976.

Carl married Sandra Lee Wright from Milledgeville, Ga. In 1976. They have since had two daughters, Kathryn Grace, born in 1978, living in Grovetown, and Jacquelyn Melissa of Cumming born in 1980. Both were born in Vernon Parish Louisiana. While Carl was stationed at Ft. Polk. After graduation from Georgia College (formerly Georgia State College for Women) in Milledgeville, Sandra retired from teaching after a very rewarding career.

Carl was Commissioned in the US Army in the Artillery and completed Helicopter Pilot training in 1978. He served on active duty for 5 years with

tours in the Republic of Korea and Fort Polk Louisiana from 1976-1981. He then worked for 3 years in sales at the Michelin Tire Corporation, followed by 32 years at the Savannah River Site with Wackenhut and the Centerra Group. He subsequently retired from there in 2016.



Carl and his wife are members of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Evans, Ga., and they follow the UGA Bulldogs and the Clemson Tigers.

Carl's father Ray's family is from the Low Country (Hampton County) of South Carolina. His father's mother, Edna Dyches was an actual daughter of a Confederate veteran—Isaac Hiram Dyches. His mother's family is from Georgia with 3 of her grandfather's brothers serving in the Confederate Army.

Carl's qualifying for the SCV through his mother's ancestor Pvt. Benjamin Franklin Sessions, Co. F, of the Georgia 51st Infantry. He did not survive the War, and the family story is that he died of wounds received in the Battle of Cedar Creek.

[Next month will feature our Lt. Commander Paul Stampley—Ed.]

GA CONFEDERATES YOUTH CAMP

Have a Son, Daughter or Grandchild between the ages of 12 and 17? Consider sending them to the **GA Confederates Youth Camp** June 23 to 28.

The summer camp is similar to the Sam Davis Youth Camp which is sponsored by the national SCV but offers the opportunity for youth from Georgia to attend a Confederate youth camp at a subsidized price, without the need to travel many hundreds or thousands of miles.

For more information visit:

georgiaconfederatesyouthcamp.weebly.com or contact the Director Al Perry at phone: (912) 585-9144

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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

4 May — Floyd Strickland

19 May — Curtis Carter

19 May — Dr. Gilbert Kleman

20 May — Robert Sanders

22 May — David Armour

29 May — Scott Bussey

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

1 May—Thomas & Gail Smith

29 May—William & Judy McAlhany

31 May—Tommy & Diane Chappell

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

LIGHTEN UP A LITTLE

Borrow money from pessimists — they don't expect it back.

APRIL MEETING GUESTS

04/18/19:

Dr. Baxley brought our speaker **Bernard Martin** and **Eddy Rogers**.

Carl Mixon brought his wife **Sandra**.

Joe Winstead brought his wife **Diane**.

Emma Givens (Honorary Member) brought **Marie Powell** (Honorary Member) .

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

OUR LIFE MEMBERS

David Armour

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Fred Bryant

Gregory Bussey

Fred Bussey, Sr.

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Nicholas Posey

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Paul Stampley

Roy Stampley, Jr.

Philip Weaver

5 Things You May Not Know About Lincoln

Cont'd from April '19

3 Lincoln thought colonization could resolve the issue of slavery.

For much of his career, Lincoln believed that colonization—or the idea that a majority of the African-American population should leave the United States and settle in Africa or Central America—was the best way to confront the problem of slavery. His two great political heroes, Henry Clay and Thomas Jefferson, had both favored colonization; both were slave owners who took issue with aspects of slavery but saw no way that blacks and whites could live together peaceably. Lincoln first publicly advocated for colonization in 1852, and in 1854 said that his first instinct would be “to free all the slaves, and send them to Liberia” (the African state founded by the American Colonization Society in 1821).

Nearly a decade later, even as he edited the draft of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation in August of 1862, Lincoln hosted a delegation of freed slaves at the White House in the hopes of getting their support on a plan for colonization in Central America. Given the “differences” between the two races and the hostile attitudes of whites towards blacks, Lincoln argued, it would be “better for us both, therefore, to be separated.” Lincoln’s support of colonization provoked great anger among black leaders and abolitionists, who argued that African-Americans were as much natives of the country as whites, and thus deserved the same rights. After he issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln never again publicly mentioned colonization, and a mention of it in an earlier draft was deleted by the time the final proclamation was issued in January 1863.

4 Emancipation was a military policy.

As much as he disliked slavery, Lincoln didn’t see the WBTS as a struggle to free the nation’s 4 million slaves from bondage. Emancipation, when it came, would have to be gradual, and the important thing to do was to prevent the Southern rebellion from severing the Union permanently in two. But as the WBTS entered its second summer in 1862, thousands of slaves had fled Southern plantations to Union lines, and the federal government didn’t have a clear policy on how to deal with them. Emancipation, Lincoln saw, would further undermine the Confederacy while providing the Union with a new source of manpower to crush the rebellion.

In July 1862 the president presented his draft of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation to his cabinet.

Secretary of State William Seward urged him to wait until things were going better for the Union on the field of battle, or emancipation might look like the last gasp of a nation on the brink of defeat. Lincoln agreed and returned to edit the draft over the summer. On September 17 the bloody Battle of Antietam gave Lincoln the opportunity he needed. He issued the preliminary proclamation to his cabinet on September 22, and it was published the following day. As a cheering crowd gathered at the White House, Lincoln addressed them from a balcony: “I can only trust in God I have made no mistake...It is now for the country and the world to pass judgment on it.”

5 The Emancipation Proclamation didn’t free all of the slaves.

Since Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation as a military measure, it didn’t apply to border slave states like Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri, all of which had remained loyal to the Union. Lincoln also exempted selected areas of the Confederacy that had already come under Union control in hopes of gaining the loyalty of whites in those states. In practice, then, the Emancipation Proclamation didn’t immediately free a single slave, as the only places it applied were places where the federal government had no control—the Southern states currently fighting against the Union.

Despite its limitations, Lincoln’s proclamation marked a crucial turning point in the evolution of Lincoln’s views of slavery, as well as a turning point in the WBTS itself. By war’s end, the Proclamation would strike a mortal blow against the institution of slavery and paving the way for its eventual abolition by the 13th Amendment.

Condensed from an Article at www.history.com

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

A CONFEDERATE QUIZ

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

The *Confederate Quiz* questions are:

1. Religiously speaking, how did the Confederate Constitution differ from the US Constitution?
2. Which Union General ordered that all prisoner exchanges cease between the North and South?
3. What was the weight of the ball in a ball and chain?”
4. What notorious Confederate spy killed a Union soldier for insulting her mother?

Answers may be found below.

Quiz questions and answers are taken from “The Complete Book of CONFEDERATE TRIVIA,” by J. Stephen Lang.

Booker T. Washington on Confederate Monuments



We've all heard the claims by radicals that Confederate memorial monuments were erected to intimidate blacks, supposedly, during the Jim Crow era. However, these memorials were funded and erected when Southerners could finally afford to memorialize their fallen sons, husbands, fathers and brothers after the devastating effects of Reconstruction and hard economic times. The following letter from Booker T. Washington, which shows his support for the memorials, makes it clear that these claims are not valid:

To Mamie A. Harrison, Rochester, N. Y. June 16, 1914

“My dear Madam:

Replying further to yours of June 6th, I would state that I am going to take up very carefully the matter of the Confederate monument about which you wrote me, and see if I can find someone to give the money that is still needed. I am very much interested in the matter and thank you for writing me. During the summer months people with money are very much away from home, and it is hard to reach them, so it may be I may not be

able to do anything about it until fall.

"I want to say again how very much we all appreciate the visit of [former Confederate] General George Paul Harrison to Tuskegee. We all realize more and more that men like him are the true friends of our race, and that any monument that will keep the fine character of such heroes before the public will prove helpful to both races in the South.

Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington”

Washington, Booker T. , Papers Volume 13:14-15. University of Chicago Press. Page 64.

Relive the largest battle of the Atlanta Campaign!

Battle of Resaca Civil War Reenactment!

We look forward to seeing you at our event! Check out our event schedule at georgiadivision.org/bor_reenactment for all of the activities of the weekend.

While in the area, be sure to visit the **Resaca Battlefield Historic Site** that is open on weekends. The battlefield is located just off of I-75 at Exit 320 just miles from the reenactment site. The new battlefield park features hiking trails and interpretive markers.

Also while in the area, be sure to visit the **Fort Wayne Civil War Historic Site** just yards from downtown Resaca. This historic fort was part of the defensive earthworks guarding the river and town of Resaca during the 1864 battle.

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

The April *Confederate Quiz* answers are:

1. Confederate Constitution specifically mentions “Almighty God,” God is not mentioned in the US Constitution..
 2. U. S. Grant, who believed that exchanging prisoners served to increase the Confederacy's fighting strength.
 3. Usually about 12 pounds, but as much as 32. The chain was about 6 feet long.
 4. Belle Boyd of Virginia, probably the Confederacy's most famous spy. Nicknamed the Cleopatra of the Secession.
- So—How'd you do?



MAY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Battle of Clinton Re-enactment
5 Battle of Clinton Re-enactment	6	7	8	9 Camp 158 Meeting, 1900 hrs. @ Sconyers BBQ	10 LtGen T. Stonewall Jackson died	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Battle of Resaca Re-enactment	18 Battle of Resaca Re-enactment BG William Smith died
19 Battle of Resaca Re-enactment	20	21 Sylvania Camp Mtnng. @ 1900	22	23	24	25
26 BG E. Porter Alexander born	27 Waynesboro Camp Mtnng. @ 1830	28 Evans Camp Mtnng @ 1900 BG P. G. T. Beauregard born Thomson Camp Mtnng.	29	30	31	



JUNE 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Pres. Jefferson Davis born	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Camp 158 Meeting, 1900 hrs. @ Sconyers BBQ	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Ga Confederate Youth Camp	24 Ga Confederate Youth Camp	25 Ga Confederate Youth Camp	26 Ga Confederate Youth Camp BG Victor Girardey born (buried Magnolia Cemetery)	27 Ga Confederate Youth Camp	28 Ga Confederate Youth Camp	29 Ga Confederate Youth Camp
30						