

# WIG-WAG

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



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# **COMMANDER'S NOTES**



## **Brother Compatriots**,

Fellow Compatriots and Friends of the Camp, July remained a busy month for the camp even though we had no meeting. We cleaned and mowed the Confederate graves at Magnolia Cemetery three times during the month making our sections the prettiest parts of the cemetery. We continue to get calls and comments from visitors from all over the country to the sacred Confederate Dead and Survivor Sections who appreciate our wonderful maintenance of the Bivouac of the Dead.

We can only say thanks to the "old man's" crew who worked so hard this past month. This included Crew Captain Tom McCauley, new member Walter Cook, Bill Storrs, Dr. Ed Johnson, Paul Stampley, Jeff Young, Gary Hattaway,

Mike Milford, Barry Whitney, Terry Bowers, Carl Mixon, and Craig Williams. If you get a chance, personally thank those of the crew who work so hard in this labor of love. If you wish to join the crew, give Captain **Tom McCauley** a call at 706-830-1698 and let him know.

Don't forget to mail your yearly dues payments to Treasurer Carl Mixon before the last week of August. Carl needs to process and mail the payments to National before the first of September when they will be delinquent. Also thank Carl for all the hard work he is doing as Treasurer and Camp Adjutant.

Lt. Commander **Paul Stampley** is doing a great job lining up a list of interesting speakers for the next twelve months. Compatriot Paul will be our speaker for our August 8th meeting at Sconyer's BBQ where he will speak about his Confederate ancestors.

Our August meeting will be Confederate ancestors night and you may wish to bring pictures or relics from your own rebel ancestors who fought in the War of Northern Aggression. We also need to thank Brother Stampley for his hard work for the Cause, as he visits other camps in the CSRA at least two or three times a month looking for new speakers and letting other SCV camps know what we are doing.

Have A Great Dixie Day! See you at Sconyer's August the 8th for good food, fun and fellowship---your obedient 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."



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# EDITOR'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

Important Notes: 1) 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.

- 2) Please, if you know someone who needs to be added to sick or prayer list, let me know, and especially let me know if a Compatriot has passed away.
- 3) 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.

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

- 42. Stay positive at all times.
- 43. Be mindful of members individual personal lives. Everyone can only give what they personally can. Accept with gratitude what you get from each member and encourage them to be happy, relax and to enjoy our brotherhood.

Deo Vindici, Bob Green, Editor

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# **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

02 August — Thomas Highsmith 05 August — Marie Powell 03 August — Jules Godin 09 August — Roy Stampley 26 August — William Belger

If your Birthday is **not** listed here, you must inform the Editor at dixiebas@yahoo.com, or 706-831-1579. The Adjutant's Roster does not list Compatriots Birthdays.

## **Dr. Thomas Sowell:**

"One of the consequences of such notions as "entitlements" is that people who have contributed nothing to society feel that society owes them something—



apparently just for being nice enough to grace us with their presence."

# **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

02 Aug — Thomas & Sandy Highsmith

09 Aug — Craig & Debbie Williams

13 Aug — David & Christi Armour

17 Aug — Terry & Joyce Bowers

21 Aug — Roger & Mandy Combs

27 Aug — Emma & John Givens

27 Aug — Charles & Cheryl Williams

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# SICK-CALL & PRAYER LIST

Bill Berry
Fred Bussey
Jacob Cook
Ben Creech's wife Belinda
John Denham's wife Betty
Carleton T. Hardin
Mike McCann
Mike Milford's G-Daughter Reagan
Ron Udell

# **OUR LIFE MEMBERS**

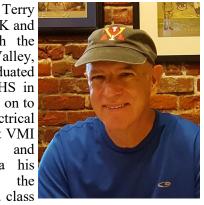
**David Armour** John Bailie, III Dr. John Baxley **Kenneth Besecker Fred Bryant Gregory Bussey** Fred Bussey, Sr. Walter Cook **Bobby Crawley** Pat Estep Ben Faulkner **Henry Gilmer** James Hair Carlton Hardin Richard L. Herron Dr. Arnold Huskins Thomas McCauley, III **Matthew Posey Nicholas Posey** William Quattlebaum **Paul Stampley** Roy Stampley, Jr. Philip Weaver

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# **KNOW OUR CAMP OFFICERS**

Camp Historian: As per the SCV Camp Manual, "...has the responsibility of collecting and recording the camp's history, and other significant data worthy of saving for the current camp membership and also for future generations. If the camp succeeded a UCV camp, a special effort should be made to retrieve and report on such history. The historian also preserves rosters, mailing address lists and aids in research necessary for graves registration and individual ancestor research. Copies of any old UCV camp historical files should be made and forwarded to the international headquarters, where the files will be maintained for historical research purposes.

**Terry Bowers:** was born at Ft. Sill, OK and comes to us through the Valley, Shenandoah Virginia. He graduated from James Wood HS in Winchester, VA, went on to his Electrical earn Engineering Degree at VMI in Lexington, VA, and followed up with a his Masters Degree at the University of Virginia class of '70.



As you might expect Terry is a fan of VMI athletics, all the Military Service Academies, and also a fan of the Steelers, the Redskins, and the Falcons. He was an athlete as well, participating in Pole Vault events. He still enjoys Biking, hiking, and running today.

He married his bride Joyce (Retired Registered Nurse) in 1968 and they have three children; Matthew (USAF-Ret.), Timothy (US Army), and daughter Laura. They have seven Grandchildren as well.

Terry served in the US Air Force, attained the rank of Captain and was his Unit's Communications Officer.

In addition to being our Camp Historian, Terry is a member of the Cemetery Crew, and our Webmaster (eporteralexander.homestead.com). He has also served as our Camp Secretary.

Besides his activities in Camp 158, Terry is a member of the, VMI Alumni Association Augusta Chapter of the IEEE and the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

# **JULY MEETING GUESTS**

#### There was no meeting in July.

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.

## LINCOLN'S PLAN FOR THE STARVING FREED SLAVES: "LET THEM ROOT HOG OR DIE"

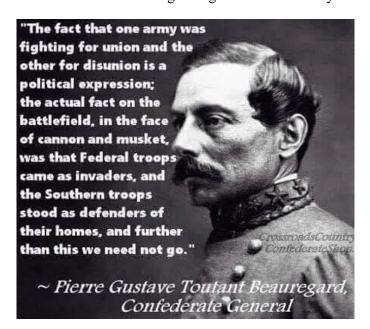
It comes from the idea that when pigs or hogs couldn't be fed, they'd be turned out into the woods to fend for themselves. They could either root hog or die. But, it was politically popularized by Abraham Lincoln. In a meeting with the Confederate emissary Alexander Stephens in February 1865 at the Hampton Roads Peace Conference, Lincoln was asked what his plans were for the freed slaves. Stephens' interest in the freedmen, was in how Lincoln planned to provide for their well-being. Lincoln, the great emancipator, replied: "Let them root hog or die".

And in the starving war-ravaged South they did die. According to Professor Downs, a Yankee, of Connecticut College, in his book Dying for Freedom, approximately 1 million black southerners, one out of four, died from 1862-1870 of war violence, disease, and starvation.

## **CONFEDERATE LEGION RADIO PROMOS**

## Respect All Veterans:

This is Radio Free Dixie, and I'm Mark Allen! In 1924 the United States Congress, by unanimous vote, approved the minting of a half-dollar coin displaying the images of Confederate Generals Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson. On the reverse side of the coin we read, "Memorial to the valor of the soldiers of the South." Since then, The US Post Office has issued numerous postage stamps honoring the Confederacy's President and military leaders. The Sons of Confederate Veterans are dedicated to honoring all of America's veterans, including Confederate veterans. Learn more about your heritage and the Sons of Confederate Veterans at MakeDixieGreatAgain.org. Join with us today!



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# 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.

- 1. What Confederate General was formerly a Vice-President of the United states?
- 2. What phrase did Robert E. Lee always use to refer to Yankees?
- 3. What future General did Robert E. Lee request as his aide when Lee went to Harpers Ferry to subdue John Brown?
- 4. What was the colorful name of the mighty gun used in the siege of Charleston?

The August *Confederate Quiz* questions are: Answers may be found on page 6 of this issue.



What did a Yankee notice while observing Stonewall Jackson's troops during the occupation of Frederick, Maryland?

"Over 3,000 Negroes must be included in this number [Confederate troops]. These were clad in all kinds of uniforms, not only in cast-off or captured United States uniforms, but in coats with Southern buttons, State buttons, etc. These were shabby, but not shabbier or seedier than those worn by white men in the rebel ranks. Most of the Negroes had arms, rifles, muskets, sabers, bowie-

knives, dirks, etc.....and were manifestly an integral portion of the Southern Confederate Army."

-Dr. Lewis Steiner, Chief Inspector of the United

States Sanitary Commission



Legion Objectives include::

- Rebuilding public support for the principles of liberty that America's founding fathers gave us.
- Rebuilding respect for the Confederate States of America that preferred to leave the Union rather than abandon the principles of liberty as the Northern states were doing under Leftist influences of the day.

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4. The "Swamp Angel," able to fire a 200 pound

3. J. E. B. Stewart

2. "Those people."

and a cabinet member.

John Breckenridge, VP under James
 Buchanan, and later a Confederate General

The August Confederate Quiz answers are:

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# LETTER FROM DR. HUSKINS TO PRESIDENT TRUMP

Dear President Trump:

As a retired US veteran and a retired VA employee, I would like to commend you for the great job you are doing for the American people. I know the Lord allowed you to attain this position—a position that you didn't need—so that He could use you for His purposes to preserve our nation from socialism, communism, and other elements designed to destroy the America we have known and loved.

Your election was a blessing to me, my family and to all Americans who believe in the old-fashion values espoused by President Ronald Reagan such as capitalism, free-enterprise, lower taxation, protection of the unborn, and the greatness of our nation and its heritage.

President Trump, I know that you endure relentless criticism from the radicals in the Democratic party, the leftist media, and others who wish to remake America into the mold of faltering socialist countries. Thank you for standing against these forces for us and bearing the brunt of their frustration and hatred, for we know if they oppose you, they will oppose us.

As a native born Southerner, I want to thank you for standing up for our heritage and our past heroes who are now being maligned because they did not adhere to 21st century moral standards. There were no better men than Washington, Jefferson, Monroe, and Gen. Robert E. Lee. When you defend these men and stand against political correctness, you are repeating what most Americans believe in their hearts and minds. Amazingly those leftists who condemn these men for their past sins fail to acknowledge their own and subsequently do not repent of them.

Sir, you remain in our thoughts and prayers, and we pray the Lord will continue to protect, guide and direct your and Vice-President Pence's steps as you shoulder this awesome responsibility. May He give you wisdom as you "make America great again." Thank you again, and may God bless you and your family!

Sincerely, with deepest respect,

Dr. Arnold M. Huskins Major, USAF, Retired

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The White House Washington July 29, 2019

Dear Mr. Huskins,

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. Your support means a great deal. The strength and courage of service members like you are inspiring.

Our Nation enjoys the blessings of hard-earned peace and prosperity due to the selfless service of the men and women of our Armed Forces. As Commander in Chief, I will continue to honor the legacy of all those who have risked their lives defending our freedom.

Thank you again for writing and for your service to our great country. May God bless you, and may He continue to bless our Nation.

Sincerely,

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 BG Marcellus Stovall died.	5	6	7	CAMP 158 MEETING; Sconyers BBQ @ 1830.	9	10
11	12	13	14 VJ Day	National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day	BG Victor Girardy died. BG Goode Bryan died	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	BG Goode Bryan born.



# SEPTEMBER 2019



			1896			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Atlanta falls to Sherman	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	CAMP 158 MEETING; Sconyers BBQ @ 1830	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	GA Confederate Youth Camp, contact Al Perry, asp3@planttel.net	24 GA Confederate Youth Camp,	25 GA Confederate Youth Camp,	26 GA Confederate Youth Camp,	27 GA Confederate Youth Camp,	28 GA Confederate Youth Camp,
29	30					