



WIGWAG

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



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JANUARY, 2020

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

The camp honor guard was very busy during this holiday season with two joyous events and one sad and somber event with the passing of one of our life members on December 19th. After an extended illness, our beloved strong supporter of the Cause departed from this world "crossing over the river and resting under the shade of the trees". Richmond County native **Henry Lawrence Gilmer** was a loyal camp member always there to help when needed. He not only served as treasurer for several years; Henry and his faithful wife **Mae** were also involved in numerous camp events furthering the Southern Cause. We wish to thank the honor guard for their support of the Gilmer family during their time of grief and sorrow. Compatriots **Ron Udell, Roy Stampley, Emma Givens, Ben Creech, Tommy Miller Junior and Senior, and Blake Moore** did an outstanding job honoring the remains of our beloved departed compatriot at not only the visitation on the 22nd but also the funeral service on the 23rd. **Paul Stampley** and **Marie Powell**

were also present to lend support.

The honor guard participated in the Jackson Christmas parade on December the 8th. **Joe Winstead** and his wife **Diane** did an outstanding job decorating the float with a theme of honoring veterans of all wars. **Gary Hattaway, Billy Belger, Emma Givens, Ben Creech, and Joe Winstead** fired black powder from the float. Compatriots **Nathan Oxley** and Commander **Blake Moore** from the Wheeler Camp along with Blake's grandsons **Carson** and **Collin Umbarger** added their rifles to the Christmas volleys. **Paul Stampley, Wayne Broome, Janice Moore** and **Diane Winstead** rode inside the truck throwing candy to the spectators with Honor Guard Commander **Ron Udell** in the bed of the truck issuing the commands. The crowd loved our presentation and a good time was had by all.

The honor guard also participated in the Wreathes Across America ceremony at the Bethany Cemetery in Aiken, S.C. on December 14th with **Ron Udell, Gary Hattaway, Emma Givens, Tommy Chappell, and Nathan Oxley** firing black powder salutes honoring our Confederate Dead.

Our next camp meeting is January 9th at Sconyer's BBQ with Past National SCV Commander **Kelly Barrow** traveling from south Georgia to be our guest speaker. He last spoke to our camp five years ago when he was the National Commander.

Our annual **Lee-Jackson** Banquet is January the 25th at Bobby's BBQ across from Satcher Ford on Jefferson Davis Highway in Aiken County. Doors open around 5:00 p.m. and the festivities start at 6:00 p.m. The 12 dollar meal includes BBQ pork, chicken and ribs and we will have lots of door prizes and awards. Contact **Carl Mixon** our treasurer before January the 19th at 706-231-5311 to make reservations for this gala event.

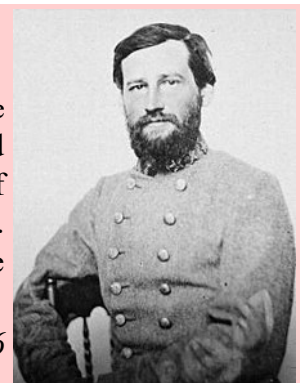
Have A Great Dixie New Year!

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,**

December was a tough month for our Camp, as we lost 3 Compatriots or former Compatriots this month. Keep them alive in your memories.

Be thinking ahead about the Georgia Division Youth Camp. Most of us have children, grand children, or nieces and nep-hews that would love to go to the week-long Camp in June this year. The cost is subsidized to an extent by the Division. They will have "tons" of fun and learn about our heritage at the same time. I'm sure you can think of a young one that would love to go.

Make your plans and mark your calendar for our **Lee-Jackson Dinner**. This year we will be at Bobby's Bar-Be-Que on the Aiken-Augusta Highway. Our speaker will be none-other than **General Wade Hampton!**

I thank those of you who have tried some of the many tips I've given over the past issues to help your Camp grow and thrive. Here some tips about how **YOU** may help **YOUR** Camp grow and thrive. Try one or two and see how it works!

4. Smile! Act like you're enjoying your Camp and show it.
5. Volunteer to do a little more than you really want to do in fundraising or committee work.
6. Take your camera to functions and turn in the pictures to your Wig Wag Editor.

Deo Vindici, *Bob Green*, Editor

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Jan — David Donehoo**
- 5 Jan — Fred Bryant**
- 20 Jan — Ben Creech**
- 23 Jan — Billie Belger**
- 25 Jan — Henry Gilmer**
- 25 Jan — Cosby Smith**

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.

JAN. ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jan — Brandon & Jennifer Pybus**
- 31 Jan — Pat & Christa Estep**

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

SICK-CALL & PRAYER LIST

- Bill Berry**
- Tobin Burnett**
- Fred Bussey**
- Jacob Cook**
- Walter Cook**
- Ben Creech's wife Belinda**
- John Denham's wife Betty**
- Bob Green**
- Carleton T. Hardin**
- Mike McCann**
- Mike Milford's G-Daughter Reagan**
- Nick Posey**
- Ron Udell**
- Joe Winstead**

IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

- EPorterAlexander.homestead.com,**
(Augusta Camp 158)
- GaSCV.org, (GA State Division)**
- SCV.org, (National Headquarters)**

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**

Here's a fun history lesson!

A hundred and twelve years ago, in 1907, our great grandparents were first able to buy the rifle pictured. The semi-automatic Winchester Model 1907.

This is a gun they could buy from a Sears catalogue and have delivered via US Post. It was/is a semi-automatic, high powered center-fire rifle, with detachable, high capacity magazine.

About 400,000 of these were produced before WW2. Civilians had hundreds of thousands of these semi-auto rifles for 40 years, while US soldiers were still being issued old-fashioned bolt-action rifles.

The 1907 fired just as fast as an AR15 or AK47 and the bullet (a .351 Winchester) was actually larger than those fired by the more modern looking weapons. The ONLY functional difference between the 1907 and a controversial and much feared AR15 is the modern black plastic stock.

To summarize:

- The semi auto, so-called "assault rifle" is 110 years old. It isn't new in any way.
- The semi auto rifle was not a weapon of war. The government MADE IT a weapon of war 40 years after civilians had them.
- The semi-auto can be safely owned by civilians. The proof is that literally 3 generations of adults owned and used them responsibly and no one ever even noticed.
- Want to fix the horror of mass shootings? Fix the things that have changed for the worse in the last 50 years. The rifle technology in question was here long before this insanity.

Keep your Powder Dry. No telling when y'all will need it.



Submitted by Compatriot David Armour

LIGHTEN-UP A LITTLE

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers

Facts About Lincoln: *That Yankee Historians Will Not Tell You (Cont'd).*

24. Supporting a disastrous public works project in Illinois and continuing to support the same policies oblivious of the consequences.
25. Conjuring up a specious and deceptive argument against the historically- recognized right of state secession.
26. Lying about re-supplying the fed's tax collection office known as Fort Sumter .
27. Refusing to see peace commissioners from the Confederacy offering to pay for all federal property in the South.
28. Refusing to see Napoleon III of France who offered to mediate the dispute.
29. Provoking Virginia to secede by taking military action against the Deep South .
30. Supporting a tariff and other policies that systematically redistributed wealth from the South to the North, causing great consternation in the South.
31. Invading the South without consulting Congress.
32. Illegally declaring martial law.
33. Illegally blockading ports.
34. Illegally suspending habeas corpus.
35. Illegally imprisoning thousands of Northern citizens.
36. Tolerating their subjection to inhumane conditions in prison.
37. Systematically attacking Northern newspapers and their employees, including by imprisonment.
38. Deporting his chief political enemy in the North, Congressman Clement L. Vallandigham of Ohio.
39. Confiscating private property and firearms.
40. Ignoring the Ninth and Tenth Amendments.
41. Tolerating the arrest of ministers who refused to pray for Lincoln .
42. Arresting several duly elected members of the Maryland Legislature along with the mayor of Baltimore and Maryland Congressman Henry May.
43. Placing Kansas and Kentucky under martial law.
44. Supporting a law that indemnified public officials for unlawful acts.
45. Laying the groundwork for the establishment of conscription and income taxation as permanent institutions.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Its with a heavy heart I announce the passing of our GA Division Historian **Mark Pollard** of the Col. Charles T. Zachry Camp # 108.

Mark Pollard, age 64, of McDonough, died Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

Mr. Pollard is loved by all and survived by family and friends.

- *Tim Pilgrim, Georgia Division Commander*

THE CONFEDERATE LEGION

Fake History:

“This is Radio Free Dixie. We often hear conservatives complain about “fake news.” Here in the South, we’re familiar with biased and slanted news reporting. As bad as fake news is, we the people of Dixie must contend with something equally as bad: “fake history.” Fake history misinforms people about the South’s reasons for declaring independence in 1860, and fake history condemns the founders of the Confederacy as traitors and racists. Real, true history inform the world that Southerners fought for the same principles of freedom and morality that America’s founding fathers fought for—principles that Yankee leaders had largely abandoned. The Sons of Confederate Veterans invite you to educate yourself and learn the truth about your Southern heritage and join with us the Make Dixie Great Again. Please visit us at MakeDixieGreatAgain.org.”



The 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.

www.makedixiegreatagain.com

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.

CSA MYTHS vs. FACTS:

History books, the media, the school systems, etc. abound in falsehoods and inaccuracies of Confederate and Southern history. This fact sheet will help to clarify and dispel some of these rampant inaccuracies.

MYTH—The United States Flag represented freedom.

FACT—No chance. The US flag flew over a slave nation for over 85 years! The North tolerated slavery and acknowledged it as a Division Of Labor. The North made a vast fortune on slavery and it's commodities. It wasn't until the South decided to leave the Union that the North objected. The North knew it could not survive without the Southern money. That is the true definition of hypocrisy.

MYTH—Abraham Lincoln was the Great Emancipator.

FACT—While Lincoln has portrayed in history as the Great Emancipator, many would not care to hear his real thoughts on people of color. “Martyred President Abraham Lincoln was fervently making plans to send all freed slaves to the jungles of Central America once the war was over. Knowing that African society would never allow the slaves to return back to Africa, Lincoln also did not want the slaves in the US. He thought the jungles of Central America would be the best solution and conducive to the freed slaves best interest. The only thing that kept this from happening, was his assassination.

MYTH—The South revered slavery.

FACT—A very interesting fact on slavery is that at the time the War of 1861—1865 officially commenced, the Southern States were actually in the process of freeing all slaves in the South. Russia had freed it's servants in 1859, and the South took great note of this. Had military intervention not been forced upon the South, a very different America would have been realized then as well as now.

Lastly, and most importantly, why did NORTHERN States outlaw slavery only AFTER the war was over? The so-called "Emancipation Proclamation" of Lincoln only gave freedom to slaves in the South! NOT in the North! This even went so far as to find the state of Delaware rejecting the 13th Amendment in December of 1865 and did not ratify it until 1901!

This is the problem with revisionist history. History is overwhelmingly portrayed incorrectly by most of the Federal & Yankee books and media.



REST IN PEACE

Henry Gilmer: Entered into rest Thursday, December 19, 2019, Henry, was 76, and husband of Margie Mae Scharnitzky Gilmer.

Henry was born on January 25, 1943 to Henry and Clara Gilmer. He was a 1961 graduate of Academy of Richmond County and a 1965 graduate of the University of Georgia. Henry worked for the Environmental Health Department of Richmond County for over 40 years. He was a Life Member of the E. Porter Alexander, SCV Camp 158, and served as Camp Treasurer for many years. He was a “DAMN GOOD DAWG,” attending every home game of his only team, the Georgia Bulldogs, for over 35 years.

In addition to his wife Mae, Henry is survived by his children: Vincent Lawrence (Kristan), Elizabeth Gilmer, Rebecca Gilmer—Franklin Blume (Benjamin); grandchildren: Kayla, Kaitlyn and Jackson Gilmer of Martinez, Olivia, Broxton and Spencer Franklin of Augusta.

A memorial service was held December 23, 2019 at the Thomas Potteet & Son Chapel. Inurnment followed at Bellevue Memorial Gardens in Grovetown, GA

Memorials may be made to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#): 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105.

The family received friends Sunday evening at Thomas Potteet & Son Funeral Directors. Please sign the guestbook at www.thomaspotteet.com

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 October *Confederate Quiz* questions are:

1. What was the preferred weapon of Confederate raider Hanse McNeill?
2. How many guns comprised an artillery battery?
3. What Georgia factory produced 5,000 lbs. of gunpowder per day to the Confederacy?
4. What Confederate gun was able to fire about 20 rounds/minute at max range of 2,000 yards?

Quiz questions taken from “*The Complete Book of Confederate Trivia*” by J. Stephen Lang and donated to the WigWag by **Gary Hattaway**.

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

- The August *Confederate Quiz* answers are:
1. A double-barreled shotgun.
 2. Six (6) normally.
 3. The Augusta Powder Works.
 4. The Williams rapid-fire gun.
- So—How did you do?

"As long as millions of Americans vote on the basis of who gives them free stuff, look for their freedom — and all our freedom — to be eroded away, bit by bit."

• *Thomas Sowell*

COMMON CAUSE

Keep your eye out for these people

Common Cause is a Washington D.C.-based progressive organization that aims to “Restore the core values of American democracy.” While Common Cause claims to be a non-partisan “watchdog,” in reality the organization does nothing more than act as a safeguard for the Democratic Party, defending its Liberal/Progressive/Socialist policies and promoting its agenda.

Hypocrisy on Big Money in Politics: Calling itself “nonpartisan,” one of the stated “Visions” on Common Cause’s website is to “...curb the excessive influence of money on government decisions and elections.” While the organization outwardly claims it wants to reduce big money’s influence in politics, Common Cause continues to accept large contributions from partisan groups and uses that money to promote its partisan agenda. For example, Common Cause has received funding from George Soros’ Open Society Institute; Soros is the eccentric, NAZI collaborator, billionaire best known for backing left-wing advocacy groups. The *American Spectator* stated that between 2001 and 2009, the total contribution from Soros’ Open Society to Common Cause was over \$1.2 million.

As you might expect, they adamantly objected to the Kavanaugh appointment to the Supreme Court. They promoted Automatic Voter Registration, Election Day/ Same Day registration, Online Voter Registration, and pre-Registration for High School Students. Oh, and they oppose Voter ID requirements.



JANUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day	2 Edgefield Camp Meeting, 1900, Oakley Park Museum.	3 National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day	4 National Spaghetti Day
5	6 Wheeler Camp Meeting, 1900, Aiken Co. Museum.	7 National Bobblehead Day	8 National Bubble Bath Day	9 CAMP 158 MEETING: Sconyers BBQ @ 1830 hrs.	10	11 National Step in the Puddle and Splash Your Friends Day
12 Kiss A Ginger Day	13 Stephen Foster Memorial Day	14 National Hot Pastrami Sandwich Day	15	16 No. Augusta Camp Meeting: 1900, Acacia Masonic Lodge. MG George Pickett born.	17 Lee-Jackson Day	18
19 Robert E. Lee birthday Georgia Secedes from the Union .	20	21 Lt. Gen. T. Stonewall Jackson born.	22	23	24	25 Lee-Jackson Dinner; Bobby's BBQ Gen. "Fightin" Joe Wheeler Died.
26	27 Victims of the Holocaust Day	28 Evans Camp Meeting, 1830 Big Daddy's Grill.	29	30	31 National Backward Day	



FEBRUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Groundhog Day	3 Wheeler Camp Meeting, 1900, Aiken Co. Museum.	4	5 National Shower with a Friend Day	6 MG J.E.B. Stewart born Edgefield Camp Meeting, 1900, Oakley Park Museum.	7	8 BG John Jackson born Augusta, GA
9	10	11 VP Alexander H. Stevens born	12	13 CAMP 158 MEETING: Sconyers BBQ @ 1830 hrs.	14 Valentines Day	15
16	17 Presidents Day	18 Pres. Jefferson Davis Inaugurated	19	20 BG P.G.T. Beauregard died. No. Augusta Camp Meeting: 1900, Acacia Masonic Lodge.	21 Battle of Aiken	22 Battle of Aiken
23 Battle of Aiken	24	25 Evans Camp Meeting, 1830 Big Daddy's Grill. Mardi Gras	26 Ash Wednesday	27 BG John Jackson died, buried Magnolia Cem., Augusta, GA	28 Battle for Broxton Bridge Reenactment Feb 28th - Mar 1st	(Mar 1 & 2) Battle for Broxton Bridge Reenactment Feb 28th - Mar 1st