



WIGWAG

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



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MAY, 2020

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

I hope everyone is surviving the Chinese corona virus. Despite not having an April camp meeting, the camp compatriots have been busy this past month with the Magnolia Cemetery and the Broad Street Monument. We mowed and cleaned the Confederate Dead and Survivor sections three times since our March meeting. I wish to thank Tom McCauley, Walter Cook, Carl Mixon, Paul Stampley, Craig Williams, Bill Storrs, Brian Weber, Dr. Ed Johnson, Mike Milford, Gary Hattaway, and Jeff Young for working so hard the past six weeks to make the Confederate bivouac of the dead the most beautiful section of Magnolia Cemetery. This is the least we can do for our brave ancestors who gave all in the defense of our rights, homeland and Cause. When you get a chance, thank our "old man's crew" for their efforts.

Now for some bad news. The Confederate Monument on Broad Street in Augusta was vandalized this past month with some ignorant racist bigot spray painting the monument with racial epitaphs. Jeff Young alerted us as to the felony offense against a military monument and Paul Stampley as well as Joe Winstead jumped in to rectify the offense. The vandalism was reported to the Richmond County Sheriff's Department and the local press to include the Augusta Chronicle and local television stations were notified. Joe also took pictures and notified the Georgia SCV Division before contracting with a local cleaning service to remove the offensive language. Joe Winstead especially worked hard to correct the problem and should be thanked by all for his efforts.

Finally, I wish to notify all camp members and friends of the camp that we will not have a meeting in May at Sconyer's. After some discussion amongst the camp members including camp officers at our last cemetery clean up on April 25th, we decided it was too early to have a meeting with the virus still a problem. The majority of our members are more senior with health care issues that would make exposure to the virus a serious issue. Also, it would be difficult for Larry Sconyer's to serve our crowd with the need for social distancing. I personally as Camp Commander would feel terrible if one of our beloved member's contracted the virus at a camp meeting and "passed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees."

If all goes as planned, our next camp meeting will be June the 11th at Sconyer's BBQ as hopefully the virus will be on its way out. Have A Great Dixie Month!

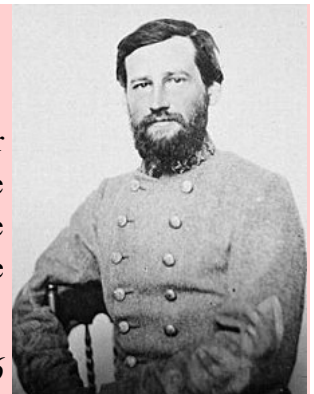
Your obedient servant,

Dr. John Baxley, M.D., Commander

Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

Lt. General Stephen D. Lee, April 25, 1906



EDITOR'S NOTES**Brother Compatriots,**

The following is from an article originally posted online by Jennie Weyman entitled "On Loss, Community, and Taking a Breath", which I have heavily condensed and adapted to the current situation of SCV Camp 158.

What a few weeks it has been. I know many of you must be feeling as emotionally and mentally drained as I, saddened by the cancellations of our monthly meetings since March. All other Camps of the SCV face cancellations as well due to the virus situation developed across the US.

Luckily, our Camp has not suffered any financial loss, as we had no fund raisers planned to date. But, ultimately it is a huge part of our mission that our monthly meetings be accessible to all, members and guests alike. Especially our Camp Compatriots. I had never anticipated a scenario such as this, where we would go weeks or months without being able to gather in fraternal friendship. This is unprecedented in our lifetimes!

The reality of the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 is that large gatherings will cause this virus to spread faster. It is not a matter of if, but a matter of how much. Your SCV Leadership saw the need to suspend meetings before any of the states initiated the "social distancing" guidelines.

It is still too soon to evaluate the science behind social distancing and "flattening the curve," or to tell you what will happen with our Camp. There have been what seems like hundreds of articles written on that subject and are available to anyone who would do a simple google search.

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What I am here to discuss is the grief that many of us have not quite had the chance to name just yet. Perhaps it hasn't even registered with some of you, buried beneath the mild chaos and growing anxiety that these cancellations and changes have brought about. But I can feel it, and I know as the weeks turn to months, it's going to become all the more potent.

Our leadership faces a unique situation in that they are not only administrators and have to cope with this situation from the perspective of their impact on those they lead, but also from the perspective of their own participation. Ultimately, it impacts the very heart of what we do to defend and promote our Southern heritage and history. I've spent many hours advocating for our Camp and our Southern history. I miss my times with my Camp brothers!

We are told on all fronts that we need to halt our work and to distance ourselves from one another. The exact thing that we are asked to discontinue is also the exact thing that we so desperately need for ourselves in these uncertain times. The desire to come together and have fellowship is only heightened when times are troubled and worries are high. What makes these circumstances particularly difficult is that we cannot come together and provide comfort for our wounds.

So yes, we are grieving the loss of our Monthly meetings together—the work that has been put in, and the stability we absolutely need. Even if you are not as keenly aware of that grief just yet, it is certain that many of your fellow compatriots are feeling it—or will be feeling it in the future. And just like any grief and any loss, it is important to acknowledge it and to recognize it for what it is.

I desperately miss getting together with you, my friends and colleagues. I am mourning the temporary loss of our Camp community, and afraid of what the future holds for us all. With social distancing comes loneliness, which is unavoidable when all we want to do is gather together. We must remember that our Camp is a fraternal community, even if we can't currently be a "community" under the standard definition.

Please know that each of you can always reach out to me for help. Even as we are asked to isolate ourselves for the good of the many, no one should be alone. Our heritage, history, and fellowship will be here, waiting for us when we get back—and that leads me to my last point.

It has never been more important that each compatriot do your homework and continue our heritage and history work. Not many have the excuse of "not having enough time," as we are confined to our homes. Be productive with your time. For the love of Dixie,

- *Bob G., Editor*

Make a Telemarketer Go Away:

If they want to loan you money, tell them you just filed for bankruptcy and you could sure use some money. Ask, "How long can I keep it? Do I have to ever give it back, or is it like the other money I borrowed before my bankruptcy?"

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST:

In Mississippi, on February 11, 1890, an appropriation for a monument to the Confederate dead was being considered. A delegate had just spoken against the bill, when John F. Harris, a Negro [sic] Republican delegate from Washington County, rose to speak:

"Mr. Speaker! I have arisen here in my place to offer a few words on the bill. I have come from a sick bed...Perhaps it was not prudent for me to come. But, Sir, I could not rest quietly in my room without...contributing...a few remarks of my own. I was sorry to hear the speech of the young gentleman from Marshall County. I am sorry that any son of a soldier should go on record as opposed to the erection of a monument in honor of the brave dead. And, Sir, I am convinced that had he seen what I saw at Seven Pines and in the Seven Days' fighting around Richmond, the battlefield covered with the mangled forms of those who fought for their country and for their country's honor, he would not have made that speech. When the news came that the South had been invaded, those men went forth to fight for what they believed, and they made no requests for monuments...But they died, and their virtues should be remembered. Sir, I went with them. I too, wore the gray, the same color my master wore. We stayed four long years, and if that war had gone on till now I would have been there yet... I want to honor those brave men who died for their convictions.

When my mother died, I was a boy. Who, Sir, then acted the part of a mother to the orphaned slave boy, but my 'old missus'? Were she living now, or could speak to me from those high realms where are gathered the sainted dead, she would tell me to vote for this bill. And, Sir, I shall vote for it. I want it known to all the world that my vote is given in favor of the bill to erect a monument in honor of the Confederate dead."

When the applause died down, the measure passed overwhelmingly, and every Negro [sic] member voted "aye."

MAY BIRTHDAYS

04 May — Floyd Strickland

19 May — Curtis Carter

19 May — Dr. Gilbert Klemann

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. The Adjutant's Roster does not list Compatriots Birthdays.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

01 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

SICK-CALL & PRAYER LIST

Bill Berry

Fred Bussey

Jacob Cook

John Denham's wife Betty

Bob Green

Carleton T. Hardin

Mike McCann

Mike Milford's G-Daughter Reagan

Vivian Stampley

Ron Udell

Joe Winstead

IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

E Porter Alexander.homestead.com,
(*Augusta Camp 158*)

GaSCV.org, (*GA State Division*)

SCV.org, (*National Headquarters*)

OUR LIFE MEMBERS

David Armour

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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

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William Quattlebaum

Paul Stampley

Roy Stampley, Jr.

Philip Weaver

THE CONFEDERATE LEGION



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.

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.

Please visit us at www.makedixiegreatagain.com



slavery”

“The role of slavery became the proclaimed cause to the Civil War [sic] because it was necessary to put the South at a moral disadvantage by transforming the contest from a war for independence into a war waged for the maintenance and extension of

- *Woodrow Wilson*

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 Georgia General was named for the French soldier who aided George Washington?
2. What Georgia General had a Roman sounding name?
3. What Georgia General, named for an Emperor, was made General after his death?
4. What Georgia statesman was urging his state to secede while his brother, the Governor, urged compromise?

Answers to the “Quiz” can be found on page 6 of this issue.

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

YET ANOTHER GIFT FROM LYIN’ ABE!

1861, August 05; Abraham Lincoln imposes first federal income tax.

On this day in 1861, Lincoln imposes the first federal income tax by signing the Revenue Act. Strapped for cash with which to pursue the Civil War, Lincoln and Congress agreed to impose a 3 percent tax on annual incomes over \$800.

As early as March 1861, Lincoln had begun to take stock of the federal government’s ability to wage war against the South. He sent letters to cabinet members Edward Bates, Gideon Welles and Salmon Chase requesting their opinions as to whether or not the president had the constitutional authority to “collect [such] duties.” According to documents housed and interpreted by the Library of Congress, Lincoln was particularly concerned about maintaining federal authority over collecting revenue from ports along the southeastern seaboard, which he worried, might fall under the control of the Confederacy.

The Revenue Act’s language was broadly written to define income as gain “derived from any kind of property, or from any professional trade, employment, or vocation carried on in the United States or elsewhere or from any source whatever.” According to the U.S. Treasury Department, the comparable minimum taxable income in 2003, after adjustments for inflation, would have been approximately \$16,000.

Congress repealed Lincoln’s tax law in 1871, but in 1909 passed the 16th Amendment, which set in place the federal income-tax system used today. Congress ratified the 16th Amendment in 1913.

[From the internet, posted by several SCV brothers. Don’t know who posted it first.—Ed.]

“Every one should do all in his power to collect and disseminate the truth, in the hope it may find a place in history and descend to posterity. History is not the relation of campaigns, and battles, and generals or other individuals, but that which shows the principles for which the South contended and which justified her struggle for those principles.”

- *Robert R. Lee*

Georgia Confederates Youth Camp

The Executive Council approved again this year a \$200 scholarship for the first 20 Campers for the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp being held in June 2020. The cost per Camper for a week of Confederate education and fun is \$350, with the scholarship applied brings the cost for our young Campers to \$150 per Camper.

I would like to ask our Camps of the Georgia Division to please support the Georgia Confederates Youth Camp by sponsoring a Camper, either boy or girl for a week of the best historical programs and comradely that they will ever experience. If you can't sponsor a Camper please consider sponsoring by donating to the Youth Camp to help cover the cost of a Camper. Please contact our Division Lt. Commander South Al Perry for more details 912.585.9144.

The Georgia Confederates Youth Camp [GCYC] is dedicated to presenting the TRUTH to our young ladies and gentlemen. Our pro-grams are designed to build on the character al-ready established in the home, and increase knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures and the true history of the Southern people.

We hope you're making plans now to be with us for the 2018 GCYC at Refuge Baptist Camp. On the new web site, you can download the [3] forms needed to sign up. You can send them in by email or USPS mail gcyouthcap.org . When we process your forms, we will send you a Welcome Packet. Enclosed you will find several helpful items, including a map, some lists, a statement with a self-addressed envelope to return your Camp fee.

Check-in will be Sunday, June 11th from 3:00 ~ 5:00 p.m. Supper will be at 6:00 p.m. Be sure and let us know how many members of your family will be at-tempting the Ball & Banquet on Friday, June 16th. You won't want to miss the inspirational music of *Dixie Jubilee*.

If you need more scholarship assistance, see your local SCV Camp.

1] Download and return Camper app., Health App., and Genealogy worksheet [HuDaught22]

2] Receive Welcome Packet:

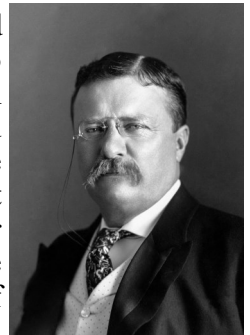
- a] Acceptance letter/ statement for Camp fee
- b] What to bring

- c] Dress code
- d] Conduct code
- e] Map

The counselors will have cell phones in case you need to contact your Camper. We Need Campers; Boys & Girls age 12-17.

Deadline: MAY 28th, No walk-ons, please. The 2020 GCYC will be held June 12 ~ 17. For more information contact the Camp Director Al Perry at asp3@planttel.net or phone: (912) 585-9144. Don't wait, check our web site for info & applications: gcyouthcap.org

“In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But, this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American. There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag. We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language. And we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people. ‘



- **Theodore Roosevelt 1907**

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build a bridge even where there is no river.

- **Nikita Khrushchev**

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

The August *Confederate Quiz* answers are:

1. Lafayette McLaws.

2. Marcus Augustus Stovall.

3. Claudius C. Wilson.

4. Thomas Cobb, brother of Howell Cobb. Both

became CSA Generals.

“So — How did you do?”



MAY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 National Two Different Colored Shoes Day	4 Wheeler Camp Meeting, Cancelled for May.	5 Cinco de Mayo Day, sponsored by <i>Corona!</i>	6	7 Edgefield Camp Meeting, Cancelled for May.	8	9 National Lost Sock Memorial Day
10 Mothers Day LtGen T. Stonewall Jackson died.	11 National Twilight Zone Day	12 MG J E B Stewart died.	13	14 CAMP 158 MEETING: Cancelled for May	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17	18 BG William Smith died.	1901	20 National Pick Strawberries Day	21 No. Augusta Camp Meeting, Cancelled for May.	22	23
24 National Escargot Day	25 Waynesboro Camp meeting Cancelled for May.	26 E. Porter Alexander born. Evans Camp Meeting, Cancelled for May.	27	28 PGT Beauregard born.	29	30 Col John S. Mosby died.
31 May Day						



JUNE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Wheeler Camp Meeting, 1900, Aiken Co. Museum	2	3 President Jefferson Davis born.	4 Edgefield Camp Meeting, 1900, Oakley Park Museum.	5 National Moonshine Day	6 D-Day
7 GA Confederates Youth Camp	8 GA Confederates Youth Camp	9 GA Confederates Youth Camp	10 GA Confederates Youth Camp	11 CAMP 158 MEETING: Sconyers BBQ @ 1830 hrs.	12 GA Confederates Youth Camp	13
14 National Bourbon Day	15	16	17	18 No. Augusta Camp Meeting: 1900, Acacia Masonic Lodge	19 National Martini Day	20
21 Father's Day	22 Waynesboro Camp meeting	23 Evans Camp Meeting, 1830 Cracker Barrel	24	25	26 BG Victor Girafdey born.	27 National PTSD Awareness Day
28	29	30				