



WIGWAG

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



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OCTOBER 2020

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

Despite the Chinese virus, September was another great month for the camp. We cleaned and mowed the Confederate graves at the Magnolia Cemetery twice this past month with the "old man's crew" doing an outstanding job. Those that helped our crew chief **Tom McCauley** were **Gary Hattaway, Mike Milford, Bill Storrs, Terry Bowers, Carl Mixon, Paul Stampley, Mike McCann, J.J. Brittingham, Dr. Ed Johnson, Brian Weber, Craig Williams, and Jeff Young**. Thanks fellows for making the Confederate Sections of the cemetery the best kept parts of the sacred grounds. It's the least we can do for those that gave their all fighting for our freedom from tyranny.

The Honor Guard which included **Major Ron Udell, Emma Givens, Ben Creech, Gary Hattaway, and Tommy Miller. Sr.** had the honor of standing guard over past compatriot **Joe Wilson Henderson** at the Posey Funeral Home in North Augusta

during his wake. The family was very appreciative of our quick response on such a short notice for a past member of the General Wright Camp in Evans.

Our speaker at our September camp meeting was **Dr. David Hollingsworth** of the Carter Camp in Waynesboro. The good professor, who has a PhD. in History, from the University of Kentucky gave us a very interesting and informative talk on **General Richard Ewell** of "Lee's Army". We all learned a lot about this fine Christian General who was a much more successful commander than any of us knew. We also voted in a new recruit, **Teddy Ray**, and presented Compatriot **Bob Green** his lifetime membership to the SCV. Our hardworking **Emma Givens** was officially made a **Friend of the Camp** and several visitors were present who showed interest in joining our clan. Our new **Quartermaster Bill Storrs** did an outstanding job at the meeting setting up a camp store and selling close to 300.00 dollars in merchandise. Thanks to Bill for stepping in and taking over that important camp office.

Our October the 8th meeting at Sconyer's BBQ will feature Capt. Harris of the Confederate Mechanized Cavalry. We will also be voting on some new members. On October 24th at 3:00 p.m. the camp will have a memorial service at the Magnolia Cemetery for our dearly departed Compatriot **Jack Bailey**. Jack was an active member of the camp for many years as "keeper of the fountain" and part of the Honor Guard.

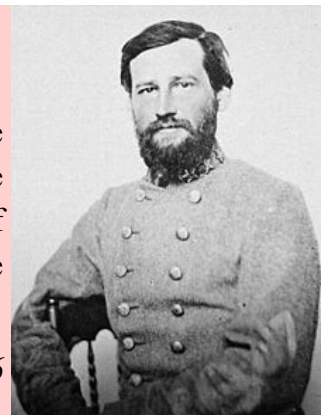
Have A Great Dixie Month! Your obedient servant,

Dr. John Baxley, MD, 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,**

In the latest issue of the "Confederate Veteran", between pages 68-69, was a "Tear-Out" sheet with three important post cards. If you truly value our flags, our monuments, and the names of our military bases, I urge you to fill these out and mail them in. Our only hope for preserving our heritage is in convincing our lawmakers that there are enough citizens **that** care about it. Don't let the Socialist PC crowd beat us down.

In that regard, I have recently connected with a group named "**Save the Monument in Augusta**". They are working tirelessly toward the same goal as we. They are putting their time and money to just that purpose, and I recommend you look them up online at:

www.facebook.com/groups/2346160209025576, and give them your support.

Sadly, our brothers of the General Joe Wheeler Camp in Aiken would like to honor the lives of **Eugene (Gene) Barron** and **Leroy Delionbach**. Both Compatriots were Life Members. We lost yet another member of the SCV with Compatriot **Joe Henderson** of the General Wright Camp in Evans. May our fellow compatriots Rest in Peace.

On another note, back to ways to help your Camp:

27. Don't wait to be asked to do a job—volunteer. How will anyone know that you're interested if you don't express you desire to get involved?

28. Contribute to your Camp's projects fund.

Vivat Dixie, **Bob G.**, Editor

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Oct — Gene Duffy

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15 Oct — Scott Dedman

18 Oct — Brian Weber

19Oct — Pat Estep, Jr.

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.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

24 Oct — Doyle & Elizabeth Windham

29 Oct — Floyd & Melvis Strickland

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

SICK-CALL & PRAYER LIST

Christy Armour

Bill Berry

Fred Bussey

Tommy Chappell

Walter Cook

Jacob Cook

John Denham's wife Betty

Kenneth Gordon

Bob Green

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Mike Milford's G-Daughter Reagan

Cosby " Butch" Smith

Roy Stampley, III

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IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

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

GaSCV.org, (GA State Division)

SCV.org, (National Headquarters)

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Gregory Bussey

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Walter Cook

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Pat Estep

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Roy Stampley, Jr.

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Yankee Prisons

Camp Chase; in Columbus Ohio; By Michael Dann Hayes, in SCV publication *“Prison-Pens of the North”*.



Located 4 miles west of Columbus, Ohio, this Union prison camp was named for Secretary of Treasury Salmon P. Chase—a former Governor of Ohio.

Used as a training camp for Union volunteers, the facility also became a prison for political and military prisoners from Kentucky and western Virginia. The early campaigns in the West saw the first large group of Confederate soldiers arrive, including enlisted men, officers, and a few of the



latter’s black servants,

Camp discipline, early in the war, was lax. Confederate officers, upon their oath of honor, were allowed to leave the camp and enter Columbus, register in hotels, and receive gifts of money and food. During this time, the public paid for camp tours, and Camp Chase became a tourist attraction.

Soon after, the camp was transferred to Federal control and conditions became worse. The prisoners were housed in shoddy barracks with open latrines and above ground cisterns—the camp was located on low muddy ground. A brief smallpox outbreak led to US Sanitary Commission agents demanding reform. Camp conditions continued to grow harsh, as disease, filth, overcrowding, starvation, and exposure to the weather, especially cold winters, caused many deaths.

Originally built for 3,500 men, more than 7,000 eventually were imprisoned. The graves of more than 2,087 Confederate soldiers are located at

Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery, established in 1863.

Following the war, a Union officer and author of “The Story of Camp Chase,” William H. Knauss, began marking the graves of Confederate soldiers. Because of his efforts, the first memorial services were held in 1896 and continue yearly.

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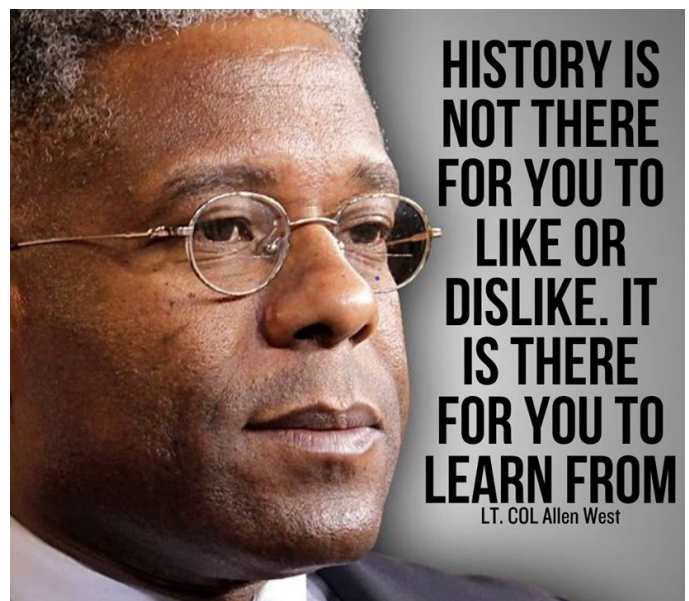
I will include descriptions of other Union camps in future issues. I chose this one first because my own great grandfather spent the last few months of the War there before being released.

CALL TO ACTION

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW. Calling all Save the Monument members and prospective members to come together in a unified manner to call, write, or email Hardie Davis, Mayor of Augusta, Georgia and all other Commissioners to express our desire that the Augusta Confederate Monuments be “LEFT ALONE” in its current location. On Thursday, October 22, 2020, Mayor Davis and his appointed Monument Commission will meet to determine their recommendations. The Monument Commission is a stacked deck of individuals whose minds were made up before they were appointed. It is imperative that we act now <https://www.augustaga.gov/652/Augusta-Commission> and [georgia.gov/elected-officials](https://www.georgia.gov/elected-officials).

By Debbie Coleman,

Admin, Save the Monument in Augusta



Hooray for the Confederate Flag

Adapted from an article by Charley Reese, Apr 9, 2014, in the *Abbeville Blog*

Al Sharpton is a darling of the national news media, primarily because he has a talent for making outrageous statements, and a complete lack of scruples. Keep this in mind, as in today's media-saturated world, nobody can be a successful demagogue without the cooperation of the "news" media.

A recent example is the attention given to Sharpton's demand that the Vice President apologize for visiting a hunting camp where somebody had hung a Confederate battle flag on a door of one of the buildings. The VP didn't go into that building and says he did not see the flag. Sharpton's apparent logic is that any person who finds himself in the vicinity of a Confederate battle flag has somehow insulted all African-Americans.

Flags are symbols, and the meaning of a symbol is subjective. I also recognize that some blacks see the Confederate flag as a symbol of racism. Morons like the Ku Klux Klan wave it about—along with the American flag. If I were black, I might not like it. If I were an American Indian, I might not like the Stars and Stripes, Et cetera.

There is no legal or constitutional protection for one's feelings. If something offends us, that's too bad. In a tolerant society, we would recognize that different symbols mean different things to different folks and not raise a stink about someone else's symbol.

To most Southerners, the Confederate battle flag symbolizes the bravery and devotion shown by our ancestors, who, put their bodies where their mouths were and died and bled for their cause. While slavery was one issue in the war, it was not the main one. Only 6% of white Southerners owned even one slave. The 1860 census shows about 3,500 free blacks, who owned slaves in the South.

The Confederate battle flag is a universal symbol of rebellion and independence. It appeared on the battlefields of World War II and on the Berlin Wall as it came down. I don't care whether Sharpton likes it or not. There is no law that says he must like it. There is no law that says anyone who displays the flag has to take it down or apologize to anyone.

You should also note that this flap about the Confederate flag is a recent happening. Till the 1950s, Americans of all colors showed respect for both flags. It was common at public concerts for bands to play both "Dixie" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The flap over the flag originated with the NAACP.

The NAACP was having a hard time raising money. It had internal scandals. That is when they decided to wage war on all things Confederate. It is just stupid for anyone to waste time arguing over a historic symbol. Period!

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 Union General gave his troops orders to "live off the country".
2. What confederate official was arrested by the Federals and charged with instigating "piratical expeditions".
3. What General did President Jefferson Davis accuse of "trying to exalt yourself at my expense?"
4. Who was the only woman commissioned in the Confederate Army?

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 Compatriot **Gary Hattaway**.

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 in the Make Dixie Great Again campaign.

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.

Products, tools and services supporting the campaign are being developed by the Sons of Confederate Veterans for deployment through this website. Direct action by the SCV is one prong of the offensive. A second prong includes action by people such as yourself, acting alone or through any honorable organization, including the camps of the SCV.

Please visit us at www.makedixiegreatagain.com



A Letter from a Southern Woman, after the WBTS

"Am I still loyal to the Confederate flag? I love it with as much fervid zeal as in my young womanhood. And why should I not love it? I gave four years of tears and prayers for its success, four years of tireless toil to its vindication; while for three full years I was the victim of cruel and barbarous outrage at the hands of soldiers who invaded Southern homes under an alien flag.

When I recollect these wrongs perpetuated upon defenseless women and children my soul revolts at the reckless barbarity of Northern soldiers. While I suffered personal indignities from these "knights in blue," I am really glad that Northern women escaped the ravages of vandal hordes and know so nearly nothing of the horrors of war. Such scenes as we in the South were forced to witness blunt the finer sensibilities of women and put her out of her natural sphere.

Three days after the hospital in Sommerville, Tenn. was closed and the remaining sick and wounded Confederates had been removed, a raiding party of eighty Federal soldiers dashed into town and drove all the old men into the courthouse. Then they began a system of robbery, pillage, and plunder that beggars description. Wardrobes were smashed to pieces, trunks broken open, feather beds ripped apart and contents scattered—in fact, nothing of value escaped the vigilance of these barbarians. The principal sufferers were those who had been most helpful tending the wounded at the Hardwich Hotel Hospital.

While the war developed many phases of human depravity evidenced by the fiendish deeds of a barbarous soldiery, the reconstruction acts passed for our humiliation and the destruction of our social, industrial and commercial resources was the growing ignominy of despotism, and furnishes a painful contrast between a monarchy and a republic.

No, I shall never forget the Southern Cross and all the boys who marched under it. May that Almighty Providence who shielded you so signally in defense of the constitutional rights of the South in the cruel war, protect you and all the remnant of the brave Confederates and bring you at last to the Beautiful City."

Mrs. Lizzie Lucas Dillard, Meridan, Texas, 1910

DID YOU KNOW?

Members of our Camp 158 can be awarded the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) Cross of Military Service. The Cross of Military Service is an outgrowth of the Southern Cross of Honor, and is presented to veterans of World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam Conflict (*shown right*), and the Global War on Terror who are lineal blood descendants of Confederate military personnel.

To be eligible, you only need a copy of your DD 214, and your Confederate ancestor's name, rank, and unit. I am offering to collect these at our next Camp meeting on October 8th.



KNOW OUR CAMP OFFICERS:

Chaplin: Ben Creech

As per the SCV Camp Manual; "A man with strong religious convictions usually fills this office. He will open and close all meetings with an invocation and benediction. He serves at various memorial services and funerals. He should have the responsibility to send get-well cards to the sick. He should report to the camp on the condition of members and [their] needs during their illnesses and recuperation. The Chaplain should order flowers for the deceased, at the Camp's expense and with the approval of the camp's Executive Council. He must also prepare a report of death for each deceased member and forward this to the Chaplain-in-Chief."

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

- The August *Confederate Quiz* answers are:
1. U. S. Grant, and he did, stripping the countryside bare.
 2. Navy Secretary Stephen Mallory.
 3. P. G. T. Beauregard. Both men were being a bit vain.
 4. Captain Sally Thompkins, compassionate head of a Richmond hospital.
- So—How did you do?



OCTOBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Official Day for the Elderly (<i>don't even ask why I added this one!</i>).	2	3
4 Octoberfest ends	5 Wheeler Camp Meeting, 1900, Aiken Co. Museum	6	7	8 CAMP 158 MEETING: 1830 hrs., At Sconyers BBQ	9 Moldy Cheese Day	10
11	12 Gen Robert E. Lee died Gen William Hardee born	13	14 Emergency Nurses Day	15 No. Augusta Camp Meeting 1900, Acacia Masonic Lodge	16	17
18 Meatloaf Appreciation Day	19	20	21	22	23 Gen. Turner Ashby born	24
25 Mother-In-Law Day	26 Waynesboro Camp Meeting, Amer. Legion BG Arthur Manigault born	27 Evans Camp Meeting, 1830, T-Bones	28	29 LtGen Nathan B. Forrest died	30	31 HALLOWEEN



NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Savings Time Ends All Saints Day	2 Wheeler Camp Meeting , 1900, Aiken Co. Museum All Souls Day	3	4 Common Sense Day (<i>shouldn't this be every day?</i>).	5	6	7
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9	30					