



WIGWAG

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



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DECEMBER 2020

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

I wish to thank the "old man's crew" for doing a magnificent job this past year making the "bivouac of the dead" at the Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta the best kept section of the sacred grounds. Our November clean-up day was the 17th and last clean-up for the year. Those working on November 17 included Crew Chief **Tom McCauley**, **Carl Mixon**, **Mike Milford**, **Gary Hattaway**, **Tommy Chappell**, **Bill Storrs**, **Walter Cook**, **Craig Williams**, **Paul Stampley**, **J.J. Brittingham**, and **Brian Weber**.

Our November camp meeting at Sconyers was a success with **Col. Bill Hollinsworth** of Greenwood, S.C. giving us an informative talk on General George Patton's 16 Confederate ancestors. Patton's grandfather was killed while commanding the 22nd Virginia as a Colonel at the Battle of Third Winchester. Many of his ancestors fought in the Stonewall Brigade and were killed at Gettysburg. We also learned many unusual

facts about the famous World War II general. During our meeting, a new recruit and VMI graduate **Joe Knick** was sworn in as a camp member. His ancestors fought with Stonewall Jackson and JEB Stuart. We welcome Compatriot Joe as well as **Brandon Rumph** and **John Brinkman** who just transferred into our busy camp.

Our next camp meeting will be on December 10th at Sconyers BBQ starting at 7:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Chaplin Bernard Martin of the Carter Camp in Waynesboro. He will talk about Christmas in Dixie during the War. Don't forget to wear a mask at the meeting.

On Saturday, December 19th, the Wheeler Camp in Aiken, S.C. will have their annual "Wreaths over America" ceremony in the Bethany Cemetery in Aiken. The cemetery has over 50 Confederate Graves and is at the corner of Hampton and Laurens Streets off Highway 19 in North Aiken. Our Honor Guard, led by **Major Ron Udell**, will participate and yours truly will be the guest speaker talking about South Carolinian Sgt. Adam Bellanger who won the Confederate Medal of Honor. The ceremony begins at 3:00 p.m. and is a moving experience well worth your time.

Finally, do not forget our annual **Lee-Jackson Banquet** to be held at 6:00 p.m. January the 9th, at Bobby's BBQ on the Jefferson Davis Highway near Midland Valley, S.C. Our speaker will be world renown Confederate author **Thomas Moore**. Tickets are only 12 dollars each and can be secured by calling our Treasurer **Carl Mixon** at 706-231-5311. You can also purchase tickets from Carl at our December Sconyers camp meeting.

Have A Great Dixie Christmas --- your obedient servant Commander John Baxley, MD.

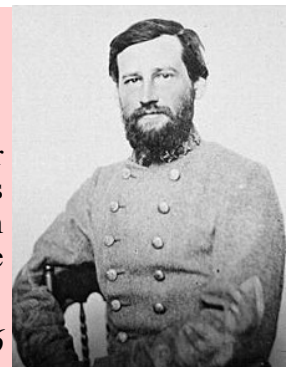
Dr. John Baxley, MD, Commander

HERITAGE—NOT HATE!

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,**

Wish a Dixie welcome to **Joe Knick** and his wife **Kathy** of Augusta. Joe qualified for SCV membership through his ancestor Pvt. Richard Morrison Knick of the 14th Virginia Cavalry, in addition to 4 additional Confederate ancestors!

To top that off we also are getting two more transfer members to our Camp—as soon as their paperwork is completed.

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

29. Recognize brother Compatriots that make you successful or are recognized for their own accomplishments (*let the Wig Wag Editor know about it*).
30. Thank the women in your life for supporting your membership in the SCV.
31. Take all side conversations out of the meeting.

On a final note: Out **Lee-Jackson** Dinner and awards evening will be held on January 9 at Bobby's BBQ on the Jefferson Davis Highway (Rt. 1) in SC. Contact **Carl Mixon** for your reservations. Don't miss out. We had a great time last year, and this year looks to be even better. We have a special guest speaker lined up, and it promises to be fun and informative.

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

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 Dec — Tommy Edwards

18 Dec — Carlton Hardin

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

IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

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

GaSCV.org, (GA State Division)

SCV.org, (National Headquarters)

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09 Dec — Carl & Sandra Mixon

19 Dec — David & Terisa Donehoo

28 Dec — John & Susan Harris

29 Dec — Gary & Tina Hattaway

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

OUR LIFE MEMBERS

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Mike Milford's G-Daughter Reagan

Cosby " Butch" Smith

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Vivian Stampley

Ron Udell

YANKEE PRISONS

Fort Delaware, Pea Patch Island, DL



Completed in 1859, Ft. Delaware was built on a marshy island located on the Delaware River, midway between Delaware City, MD, and Fort Mott, NJ.

During the War the six-acre fort served as a prison for CSA prisoners. The majority of them were captured at the Battle of Gettysburg—many from the 26th Georgia Regiment. Housed in wooden barracks, nearly 13,000 prisoners were at Ft. Delaware, leading to horrible conditions. The water became putrefied and food was scarce. The prisoners faced scurvy, smallpox, measles, dysentery, diarrhea, and severe malnutrition.

It is estimated that 2,700 CSA soldiers died while held captive at Ft. Delaware. About 2,400 of them are interred at Finn's Point National Cemetery, located just across the River near Fort Mott State Park.

Some famous Confederates who were held prisoner at Ft. Delaware include General James F. Archer and Burton H. Harrison, the private secretary of President Jefferson Davis.



Circular stairway near northeast bastion

“Not long after my arrival I heard a cry, “Rat call! Rat call!” I went out to see what this meant. A number of prisoners were moving and some running up near the partition, over which a sargent [sic] was standing and presently he began throwing rats down. The prisoners scrambled for the rats like school boys for apples, none but some of the most needy prisoners, and the needy were

the large majority, would scramble for these rats. Of course but few were lucky enough to get a rat. The rats were cleaned, put in salt water and fried. Their flesh was tender and not unpleasant to the taste.”

- *John Sterling Swann, Captain, Co. A, 26 Battalion, Virginia Infantry*

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A Farmer's Prayer

A pastor attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country.

The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going. The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour." The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than them biscuits. Amen."

Within that prayer there is great wisdom for all when it comes to complicated situations like we are experiencing in the world today.

Stay strong my friends, because our life is being mixed with lots of things that we don't care for — relax and wait until the mixing is done.

God bless us all!

- *Sent to me by my friend up North (Columbia, SC), Roy Moore.*

ANOTHER CHARGE:



My friends, the Confederate soldier is fast passing away. It devolves on you, sons and daughters of the Confederacy, and those who come after you, to cherish his memory, to preserve and keep alive the record of his glorious deeds. Let this sacred obligation sink deep into your hearts. Tell the story of the Confederacy

into the listening ears of your children until it becomes part of their nature to love, cherish, and defend the principles your ancestors fought for, bled for and died for. Do not slight them, for they are sacred now. Guard, shield, protect and defend them from detraction, misrepresentation, and abuse, no matter whence it comes, and your children and your children's children in successive generations, looking back from the far distant future, will proudly exclaim: **"I AM DESCENDED FROM A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER!"**

- **General John B. Gordon**

HOW BIG IS 1%?

1918 – Spanish Flu – 60 million dead

1918 - World Population – 950 million

1918 – 5.26 % died

Experts; **"A TRAGIC EVENT!"**

2018 – Seasonal Flu – 660,000 dead

2018 – World Population – 7.5 billion (est)

2018 - .009% died

Experts: **"A TYPICAL YEAR"**

2020 – covid 19 – 488,729 dead

2020 - World Population – 7.7 billion (est)

2020 - .006% died

Experts: **"The World is Ending!"** Shut down business, close the churches, destroy the world's economy!

1% of the world population right now would be 77 million dead. If 5.26% is TRAGIC and .009% is no big deal, what are we thinking/ and doing?

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 did Union General Benjamin Butler do with the New Orleans church bells?
2. What important machinery did Fayetteville, NC receive from Gen "Stonewall Jackson?"
3. What type of weapon was classed as either a sword or an angular?
4. What Georgia park contains Providence Spring, a clearwater spring that appeared miraculously in the hot summer of 1864?

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



SAVE the MONUMENT

Update: Save the Monuments in Augusta, Inc. has a new Post Office Box. Our mailing address is: P.O. Box 16542, Augusta, GA, 30909. We have a paypal account up and running on our group page and website:

<https://saveaugustamonument.wixsite.com/save> .

We have had a busy month preparing for the inevitable battle to save the monument. We have met with Randy Sheppard, Attorney at Law, who will be our local attorney and we are consulting with Martin K. O'Toole [GA Division, SCV] with regard to [our] next steps. We currently have the names of four attorneys who are familiar with the litigations going on in GA regarding the illegal monument removals, and will be enlisting one of them to help us and to work with Randy Sheppard as the trial attorney.

At this time, we continue to gather all legal filings in the cases involving Covington, Macon, Gwinnett Co., Dekalb, McDonough, as well as watching the threats in Brunswick and Savannah. Attorneys for the cities of Brunswick and Savannah have advised the Commissioners that they are opening themselves up to individual [personal] lawsuits if they move forward with monument removals.

www.facebook.com/groups/2346160209025576 as we know there is strength in numbers.

- *Debbie Coleman, for Save the Monument in Augusta*



Commander **John Baxley**, and Adj. **Carl Mixon** swear in newest Compatriot **Joe Knick**.

REMINDER!

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 (*shown right*), 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 And Dr. Baxley are collecting these documents at our next Camp meeting on December 10th. We will then submit them to the proper people for the awards.

A few Thoughts from Jeff Foxworthy

If you have to show identification to board an airplane, cash a check, buy liquor or check out a library book, but not to vote who runs the government ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

If, in the largest city, you can buy two 16-ounce sodas, but not a 24-ounce soda because 24-ounces of a sugary drink might make you fat ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

If an 80-year-old woman can be stripped searched by the TSA but a woman in a hijab is only subject to having her neck and head searched ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

The August *Confederate Quiz* answers are:

1. Sold them at auction in Boston.
2. Rifle-making machinery taken from the Federal Arsenal at Harpers Ferry, VA.
3. The bayonet.
4. Andersonville National Historic Site.

So — How did you do?



DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bartender Appreciation Day	2	3	4	5 21st Amendment Repealed (I'll Drink to that)!
6 Col John S. Mosby born. President Jefferson Davis passed away.	7 Wheeler Camp Meeting , 1900, Aiken Co. Museum Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10 CAMP 158 MEETING: 1830 hrs., At Sconyers BBQ	11	12 Gen Joseph O. Shelby born. Gen Stand Watie born.
13 National Cocoa Day	14	15 Sec. Robert Toombs died.	16 Gen Henry Heth born.	17	18 National Bake Cookies Day	19 "Wreaths over America" ceremony, Aiken
20	21 1st Day of Winter BG Ambrose Wright died.	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26
27 National Fruitcake Day	28	29	30 1863, Twenty CSA Marines freeze to death when yankees swamp their boat and then fire on the survivors.	31 New Year's Eve		



JANUARY '01



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				31 New Year's Eve	1 NEW YEAR's DAY	2
3	4 Wheeler Camp Meeting, 1900, Aiken Co. Museum	5	6	7	8	9 Lee-Jackson Dinner; Bobby's BBQ
10	11	12	13	14 CAMP 158 MEETING: 1830 hrs., At Sconyers BBQ	15	16
17	18	19 Georgia Secedes from the Union	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30