



# WIGWAG

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



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JANUARY 2021

## COMMANDER'S NOTES



### **Brother Compatriots,**

After six years as Commander of our wonderful Camp, this will be my last Commander's report. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience which has never been "a dull moment" without its challenges. I wish to thank all Compatriots and friends of the Camp who have been so helpful in meeting those challenges. We have a great Camp with fellow members always chipping in to help when asked. From rebuilding the cemetery fountain, maintaining the Confederate graves at the Magnolia Cemetery, serving on the Honor Guard at monthly functions, participating in various reenactments, and serving faithfully as Camp officers, we have one of the most active Camps in the SCV. I wish to especially thank **Nick Posey, Paul Stampley, Carl Mixon, Ron Udell, Bill Storrs, Gary Hattaway, Ben Creech, Tommy Chappell, Mike Milford, Emma Givens, Tom McCauley, David Armour, and Bob Green** for stepping up in various leadership roles in times of crisis and need. I wish to thank the entire Camp in their support in the battle to protect our Confederate Heritage and Southern culture.

As a New Year's resolution, I would like to challenge all SCV members and friends of the Camp to get even more involved in our fight to preserve our freedom and liberty. Call **Tom McCauley** and sign up to serve on the "old man's crew" in maintaining the bivouac of the Confederate Dead at Magnolia Cemetery. Call **Ron Udell** and see about serving on the Honor Guard honoring the "Boy's in Grey." Research your Confederate ancestor and perhaps give a talk to the Camp on how he served. Ask Quartermaster **Bill Storrs** how you can help him with his efforts. Above all, be supportive of your new Camp Commander **J.J. Brittingham** whenever he calls asking for your help.

The more involved you become, the more you will enjoy the experience. Together as a tight knit group, we can be successful in the never ending fight to honor our Confederate ancestors, protect our Southern Heritage and preserve the freedom we enjoy in this country.

Have A Great Dixie New Year and remember, DEO VINDICE!

Your obedient servant ,

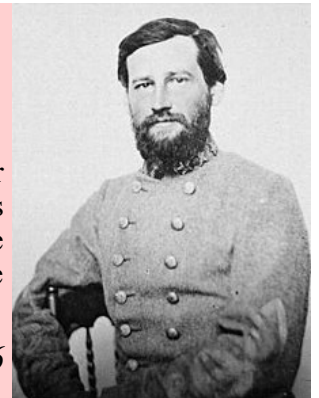
*Dr. John Baxley, M.D., Commander*

## 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,**

I—and all of us—should offer our sincere thanks to **Dr. John Baxley** for the past six years of service to our Camp. He has been an exceptional Commander through his devotion to the Camp and his “Bedside Manner” with our Compatriots. His focus and his poise through some “trying” issues have been an inspiration to us all. You would make a great sports referee Doc.

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

32. Help with a Camp information table at a local event with a smile.

33. When flyers are made for Camp events. Take a few and commit to posting them in various places around town.

On a final note: Our **Lee-Jackson** Dinner and awards evening will be held on January 9 at Bobby's BBQ on the Jefferson Davis Highway in SC. I hope all members take the opportunity to attend. 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.

We will also be swearing in some new officers at the dinner, so come thank and congratulate them.

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

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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Jan — David Donehoo
- 5 Jan — Fred Bryant
- 20 Jan — Ben Creech
- 21 Jan — Charles Williams
- 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.

**JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Jan — Brandon & Jennifer Pybus
- 31 Jan — Pat & Christa Estep, Jr.

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**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
- Carleton T. Hardin
- Mike McCann
- Mike Milford’s G-Daughter Reagan
- Cosby “ Butch” Smith
- Roy Stampley, III
- Vivian Stampley
- Ron Udell

**IMPORTANT WEBSITES:**

- E Porter Alexander.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
- Robert Green
- James Hair
- Carlton Hardin
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- Nicholas Posey
- William Quattlebaum
- Paul Stampley
- Roy Stampley, Jr.
- Philip Weaver

## YANKEE PRISONS

### Camp Douglas, Chicago, IL

Originally a training camp for Illinois troops, the first Confederate prisoners arrived in 1862—about 8,000 from the capture of Fort Donelson. During the War, Camp Douglas would hold more than 18,000 prisoners—12,000 in Dec., 1864.



Within one year following the opening of the prison camp, the mortality rate was at 10 percent. One in five prisoners would die during the camp's history as a prisoner of war camp—a death rate unsurpassed by any other prison, Union or Confederate (note: the death rate at Camp Sumpter (Andersonville) was nine percent. In the aftermath of the war, Camp Douglas eventually came to be noted for its estimated death rate of about seventeen percent, although it is possible a higher rate occurred.

Poorly clothed and sick, the first prisoners only had one surgeon to care for them as disease, hunger, poor sanitation, and cold weather began to take their toll on the Confederate prisoners. Prisoners were deprived of clothing to discourage escapes. Many wore sacks with head and arm holes cut out, few had underwear. Blankets to offset the bitter northern winter were confiscated from the few who had them.

Between 4,000 and 6,000 Confederate prisoners perished at Camp Douglas and were buried in a single mass-grave, known as “Confederate Mound at Oak Woods Cemetery.” Surrounded by cannon and cannonballs, a lone 46-foot monument was erected in 1895. It is the largest mass-grave in the Western hemisphere, filled with the bodies of Confederate dead, 4,200 known and 1,800 unknowns.

Among the many soldiers buried there is **Private Berry Black**, a black Confederate cavalryman, captured with General Morgan's Raiders. Other famous Confederate prisoners included **Sam Houston, Jr.** and **Henry M. Stanley**, famed African explorer known for his statement, “Dr. Livingstone, I presume.”

A monument erected by Confederate veterans is all that remains of Camp Douglas. Now located at Oak Woods Cemetery, the monument is surrounded by an unknown number of Confederate soldiers in a mass-grave—records at Camp Douglas either having been lost or misplaced.

## KNOW OUR CAMP OFFICERS:

### Camp Commander Elect

As per the SCV Camp Manual: “*The Commander has a unique responsibility to lead, encourage, assist, guide, maintain esprit-de-corps, and above all, to work to achieve harmony within the Camp. The Commander does have the overall responsibility for the Camp he has been elected to serve. The Commander presides at all meetings or otherwise designates his subordinate officers to do so. He will appoint all non-elected officers and all necessary committees and will perform such other duties as are usually incident to the office. He will fill all vacated offices occurring during his administration until the next election of officers, with the advice and consent of the Camp executive council.*”

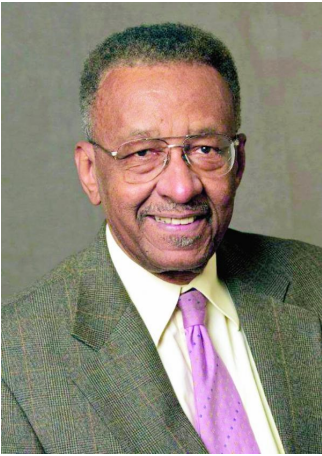
**J. J. Brittingham** comes to the SCV through his Confederate ancestor **Pvt. William Mulherin** of the Co. C, 2nd Battalion, Georgia Sharpshooters. JJ and his bride **Noel** were married in 1984, they have 3 children; John, Brian, and Emily, and 5 Grandchildren.

JJ is a graduate of Aquinas HS, and earned a BA Degree in Business Administration, at Augusta College in 1973. He is Currently retired as a Construction Estimator, JJ has been a pipefitter, a Home Builder, a Project Manager, and a Project Controls Engineer

He is a member of St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Patrick Walsh Council. His other interests include Atlanta Falcons, Ga Tech, Atlanta Braves, playing golf, Military history, Classic Cars, and Saltwater Fishing.

In JJ's own words, “I was born on Confederate Memorial Day, mother said that very few people were at the hospital, they were all downtown at the parade. My work history has taken me around the country to include Vicksburg, Denver, Washington State, Pensacola, northern Virginia, Atlanta, and Guatemala. I had the privilege to visit all of the major National Battlefields of the War of Northern Aggression. My mother sewed me an exact replica of Robert E. Lee's uniform jacket for Christmas when I was 4 years old. She said I wore it every day for months until it got too hot to wear it.”

## WALTER WILLIAMS—Rest In Peace



This past December, the Nation, and the South lost a generous, thoughtful, and conservative friend.

Williams was a Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University, as well as a syndicated columnist and author. Known for his classical liberal and libertarian views, Williams's writings frequently appeared in *Townhall*, *WND*, and *Jewish World Review*.

As an economist, Williams was a proponent of free market economics and opposed socialist systems of government intervention. Williams believed *laissez-faire* capitalism to be the most moral, most productive system humans have ever devised

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Williams praised the views of [Thomas DiLorenzo](#), and wrote a [foreword](#) to DiLorenzo's anti-[Abraham Lincoln](#) book, *The Real Lincoln*. Williams maintained that the American states are entitled to [secede from the union](#) if they wish, as the [Confederate](#) states attempted to do during the War Between the States and asserted that the Union's victory in the War allowed the federal government "to run amok over [states' rights](#), so much so that the protections of the Ninth and Tenth Amendments mean little or nothing today.

A few Williams Quotes:

1. Government is about coercion. Limiting government is the single most important instrument for guaranteeing liberty.
2. Democracy is little more than mob rule, while liberty refers to the sovereignty of the individual.
3. The true test of one's commitment to liberty and private property rights...comes when we permit people to be free to do those voluntary things with which we disagree.

## 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 General muttered the famous words, "There is Jackson, standing like a stone wall."??
2. What General took as his youthful motto, "You may be whatever you resolve to be."?
3. What leader said, "It is well war is so terrible, or we should get too fond of it."?
4. What Cavalry General went on to become a Major General in the Spanish-American War?

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](http://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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/2346160209025576) as we know there is strength in numbers.

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

## LIGHTEN-UP A LITTLE

I hate when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.

When someone asks what I did over the weekend, I squint and ask, "Why, what did you hear?"

I don't remember much from last night, but the fact that I needed sunglasses to open the fridge this morning tells me it was awesome.

When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?

I don't mean to interrupt people. I just randomly remember things and get really excited.

It's the start of a brand new day, and I'm off like a herd of turtles.

## 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 (*shown right*), the Viet Nam War, 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 a seven year old boy can be thrown out of school for saying his teacher is "cute," but hosting a sexual exploration or diversity class in grade school is perfectly acceptable ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

If your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of debt is to spend trillions more ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

If being stripped of the ability to defend yourself makes you more "safe" according to the government ... you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

## CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

The August *Confederate Quiz* answers are:

1. General Bernard Bee at first Manassas.
2. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson.
3. General Robert E. Lee.
4. Joseph "Fightin" Joe Wheeler.

So — How did you do?



# JANUARY '21



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 Edgefield Camp Mtng., 1900 hrs, Oakley Park Museum	8	9 Lee-Jackson Dinner @ Bobby's BBQ
10	11	12	13	14 CAMP 158 MEETING: 1830 hrs., At Sconyers BBQ	15	16 MG George Pickett born.
17	18	19 Gen Robert E. Lee born.  Georgia Secedes from the Union	20	21 LtG Stonewall Jackson born.  No. Augusta Camp Mtng., 1900 hrs, Acacia Masonic Lodge	22	23
24	25 Gen Fightin' Joe Wheeler died  Waynesboro Camp Mtng.	26 Evans Camp Mtng., 1830 hrs,	27	28	29	30



# FEBRUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Wheeler Camp Meeting, 1900, Aiken Co. Museum	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 CAMP 158 MEETING: 1830 hrs., At Sconyers BBQ	12	13
14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						