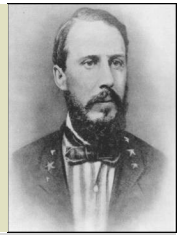




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*News for members, families and friends of the
BG E. Porter Alexander Camp 158, SCV, Augusta, GA*



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JUNE '21

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

The "Old Man's Crew" did another magnificent job prepping the Confederate section at Magnolia Cemetery for our Confederate Memorial Day Service. Those working on May 28th included Crew Chief **Tom McCauley, Carl Mixon, Paul Stampley, Mike Milford, Gary Hattaway, Craig Williams, Bill Storrs, Dr. John Baxley** and I

Our May Camp meeting at Sconyers was a success with **Michael Mull** of Statesboro giving us an informative talk about Tom Dooley, a Confederate soldier from Western North Carolina who was tried, convicted and hung for the killing of Laura Foster.

Our next meeting will be June 10th at Sconyers BBQ starting at 7:00 PM. Our guest speaker will be **Ken Temples** of the Aiken Camp. He will speak about the life of **Stonewall Jackson**.

On May 2nd, the Wheeler Camp held their Confederate Memorial Day Service at the Bethany Cemetery in Aiken. Our Honor Guard, led by Major **Ron Udell** provided the black powder salute at the grave of the Unknown Confederate Soldier. Also in attendance was **Dr. John Baxley, Carl Mixon, Paul Stampley** and Myself.

Our Confederate Memorial Day Service was a huge success due to perfect weather and a lot of hard work and help by more compatriots than I can mention. **Donna Barron** gave an informative talk about Her Father's work at the Stone Mountain Carving. Our Honor Guard, led by Major **Ron Udell** did another fabulous job at the event. I thought the highlight of the event was the Salute to Confederate Ancestors, especially the one given by Betty Jane Miller, this feisty, tough and gracious lady reminded me a lot of my recently departed Mother. Thanks everyone for your hard work, help and participation.

Have a Great Dixie Day,

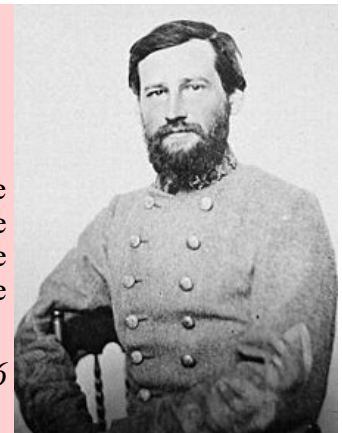
J.J. Brittingham, Commander

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,**

Our Camp hosted an amazing Confederate Memorial Day Service at the Magnolia Cemetery in Augusta. Postponed from an earlier date due to weather, this one was absolutely perfect.

Our speaker **Donna Barron** was timely and fascinating, especially in view of the Cancel Culture now in charge of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association. The SMMA new motto appears to be "Hatred not Heritage" as opposed to our own Camps' "**Code of Ethics:**

1. We shall do everything in our power to perpetuate our Camp and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
2. We shall deport ourselves and conduct the Camp's functions in such a manner as to reflect credit upon our members, the Camp and the Sons of Confederate Veterans.
3. We shall conform in all respects to the Bylaws of the Sons of Confederate Veterans and our Camp.
4. We shall accept for membership only congenial men of good character who are direct descendants of Confederate Veterans and love our Southern heritage.
5. We shall exhibit a spirit of good fellowship toward all members of our Camp.
6. We shall refrain from forcing our convictions upon unsympathetic or hostile ears.
7. We shall not use our membership in the Camp or in the Sons of Confederate Veterans for personal gain.
8. We shall enthusiastically endeavor to promote the spirit of "Heritage, not Hatred" theme of our Camp and the Sons of Confederate Veterans

Vivat Dixie, *Bob G.*, Editor

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 06 June — Doyle Windham**
- 06 June — Jeff Rowe III**
- 10 June — Tom McCauley**
- 23 June — Jeffrey Young**

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

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 June — Henry & Margie Gilmer**
- 20 June — Dr. John & Jean Baxley**
- 20 June — Charlie & Linda Roberts**

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

SICK-CALL & PRAYER LIST

- Christy Armour**
- Bill Berry**
- Fred Bryant**
- Fred Bussey**
- Tommy Chappell**
- Walter Cook**
- Jacob Cook**
- John Denham’s wife Betty**
- Kenneth Gordon**
- Bob Green**
- Carleton T. Hardin**
- Mike McCann**
- Tom McCauley**
- Mike Milford’s G-Daughter Reagan**
- Cosby “ Butch” Smith**
- Ron Udell**

OUR LIFE MEMBERS

- David Armour (D)**
- Dr. John Baxley (D, N)**
- Kenneth Besecker (N)**
- Ulmer Bridges (D)**
- Fred Bryant (N)**
- Gregory Bussey (D, N)**
- Fred Bussey, Sr. (D, N)**
- Walter Cook (D, N)**
- Bobby Crawley (N)**
- Pat Estep (N)**
- Ben Faulkner (N)**
- Robert Green (D)**
- James Hair (N)**
- Carlton Hardin (D, N)**
- Gary Hattaway (D, N)**
- Richard L . Herron (D, N)**
- Thomas Highsmith (D)**
- James Kirchner (D)**
- Thomas McCauley, III (D)**
- Matthew Posey (D, N)**
- Nicholas Posey (D, N)**
- William Quattlebaum (D, N)**
- Paul Stampley (D)**
- Roy Stampley, Jr. (D, N)**
- James Trask (N)**
- Philip Weaver (D, N)**

D=Georgia Division; N=National.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

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



Victor Jean Baptiste Girardey was born on June 26, 1837 at Lauw, France; and emigrated to Georgia with his family in 1842. His first Confederate service was as a Second Lieutenant of Louisiana Militia, then as a Second Lieutenant of the 1st Louisiana Infantry

Battalion. He resigned from that position in October, 1861 and on the same day was appointed aide-de-camp to Brigadier General Albert G. Blanchard.

In June, 1862, Girardey became a Captain and Assistant Adjutant-General for Brigadier General Ambrose Wright's brigade. Girardey received several commendations for skill, bravery and efficiency, having fought in the Seven Days Battles, the Battle of Chancellorsville and the Battle of Gettysburg. He took temporary command of a regiment during the Battle of Manassas Gap when the regiment's colonel was wounded. During the Siege of Petersburg, Girardey was transferred to the divisional staff of Major General William Mahone. During the Battle of the Crater, Girardey distinguished himself by his performance in organizing and timing Mahone's counterattack after the Union Army's mine exploded under the Confederate line. He led two brigades from behind the Confederate line in order to fill the gap in the line caused by the mine explosion.

In August, 1864, Girardey was promoted several grades from Captain to temporary Brigadier General, to rank from July 30, 1864. Historian Mark Boatner says that General Lee made the promotion in the field.

On August 16, 1864, during the Second Battle of Deep Bottom, Girardey was in command of Wright's former brigade. The brigade was stationed near the Darbytown Road on the east end of the defenses of Richmond in Henrico County, Virginia. On that date Girardey was shot in the head and killed while directing a defense against the Union Army assault on the Confederate position near Fussell's Mill.

Victor Jean Baptiste Girardey is buried in **Magnolia Cemetery** at Augusta, Georgia, next to his wife



Ask for a Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) specialty Tag when renewing your car Tag. A portion of your tag fee goes to the SCV for historical projects

You do not have to be a member of the SCV to obtain this specialty tag. The plates are available thru the DMV, either in person, or thru <http://www.gascv.org>



Honor Guard at Confederate Memorial Day

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. Who assigned the numbers to the Confederate Army Regiments?
2. What general’s Tactics Manual was used for drill discipline?
3. What was the most dangerous duty in an infantry regiment?
4. What did President Davis do with every Confederate deserter condemned to death?

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

YANKEE PRISONS

Camp Randall, Madison, WI

The camp was a training facility of the Union Army and a hospital and a stockade for Confederate prisoners of war were also located at the camp. Only in use for three months, still 140 prisoners of war died at Camp Randall and are buried at Confederate Rest Cemetery in Madison. The surviving prisoners were moved to Camp Douglas in Chicago, IL.

The site was purchased by the state of Wisconsin in 1893 and deeded to the University of Wisconsin. Of the original 53½ acres, a segment was set aside as **Camp Randall Park**. This now features a memorial arch, two Civil War cannons, and a stockade building.

Camp Randall Park is also the location of Camp Randall Stadium, opened in 1917 as the outdoor football stadium of the University of Wisconsin.



Memorial Arch at Camp Randall, WI



Preserved Stockade section at Camp Randall

KUDOS & THANKS

Compatriots,

We in Camp 158 have some of the hardest –working and generous members in the SCV. If something needs done—just ask, there will be volunteers. The following brothers last month made more than generous donations to the Camp and the Heritage Foundation: **Bob Green, Mike Milford, Fred Bryant, Paul Stampley and Teresa Wackowiak.**

Deo Vindice, *Carl Mixon*, Financial Secretary

Georgia Confederates Youth Camp

We hope you're making plans now to be with us for the 2021 GCYC. It will be **June 28** through **July 2** at Douglas Gospel Assembly; Broxton, GA. On the new web site (gcyouthcamp.org), you can get detailed information, and download the forms needed to sign up.

Our Program in 2021: “Understanding the Conflict between the North and South over the Role of the Federal Government in the Economy.” Based on a study by Clyde N. Wilson of S.C., Ph.D.

The Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans has made another generous offer for the 2021 GCYC! A \$200.00 scholarship per Camper. \$350.00 - \$200.00 = Your cost **only \$150.00.**

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.

The deadline/balance of tuition is due by June 14, 2021. No walk-ons, please. When you attend the GCYC, you will visit the times and land of your ancestors. We teach the truth concerning the “War”, the conditions your ancestors lived in, their manners, their daily work, what they really faced, the land they conquered....so that you could be here today. Forget your pods, pads, phones, etc. You will experience real freedom....all week! The other Campers are just your friends you haven't met....yet. *Al Perry*

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SAVE OUR MONUMENTS

We have continued to maintain our group page as well as monitoring all actions in Augusta as well as the State of Georgia preparing for the inevitable battle to save our monument. We also have donated a substantial sum of money (donations) to the GA Division, SCV to help with legal expenses in current and upcoming court battles. Our local attorney Randy Sheppard, Martin K. O’Toole [GA Division, SCV] and Kyle King trial attorney are ready with regard to [our] next steps.

We are keeping our guard up and waiting for the Augusta mayor and his commissioners next move. 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> .

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

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



Speaker **Donn Barrow** addresses the crowd at Magnolia Cemetery

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

The *Confederate Quiz* answers are:

1. The State Governments.
 2. William Hardee’s.
 3. Picket-usually the first to be seen and shot at by the enemy.
 4. Commuted his sentence. Davis had a compassionate streak.
- So — How did you do?

- I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?
- If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments on your debts.



View of the Confederate Section at Magnolia Cemetery. The “Old Man’s Crew” makes sure this is the cleanest and most attractive section in the entire Magnolia cemetery. Thank you **Tom McCauley, Carl Mixon, Paul Stampley, Mike Milford, Gary Hattaway, Craig Williams, Bill Storrs, and Dr. John Baxley**





JUNE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Gary Camp Meeting, Edgefield, SC	4 National Cognac Day	5 National Moonshine Day
6 D DAY	7 Wheeler Camp Meeting, Aiken, SC	8	9	10 CAMP 158 MEETING: 1830 hrs., At Sconyers BBQ	11	12
13	14 FLAG DAY	15	16	17 Benson Camp meeting, North Augusta, SC	18	19 National Martini Day
20 FATHER's DAY	21	22 Evans Camp Meeting	23	24	25	26 BG Victor Girardy died
27 National Onion Day	28	29	30			



JULY '21



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7	8 <u>NO CAMP</u> 158 MTN IN JULY See you in August	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31