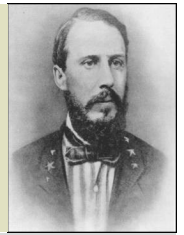




WIGWAG

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



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SEPTEMBER '21

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

The following is condensed from an article by Silvia Cooper and Scott Hudson of the Augusta Press on-line: "Mayor Hardie Davis' task force on the Confederate monument is urging the Augusta Commission to relocate the monument, and the commission may vote on the matter at the Sep. 7 meeting.

The task force first released its 40-page report calling for the monument to be moved in June, but the commission took no action at the time.

After waiting the required 90-day period, the group, represented by John Hayes and Cory Rogers, came back before the administrative services committee stating the reasons they felt the monument should be removed from its prominent spot on Broad Street.

Hayes claimed a "critical mass" of citizens wanted the 76-foot tall monument moved but did not produce any evidence [of] such as a petition. According to Hayes, moving the monument is the moral thing to do.

"It's just the right thing to do. Back in 1878, the people that created the monument thought they were doing the right thing. They thought the Confederate States of America was the best country they could think of. On the monument, they put, 'No Nation Rose So White and Fair. None Fell So Pure Of Crime.' We're not stuck with that. We can say in 2021, 160 years after the Civil War started, 'We don't want that on a public street. We don't need it,'" Hayes said.

According to Hayes, the task force determined that the best location for the monument was a city-owned cemetery.

The task force also recommended moving the Confederate monument on Greene Street as well as changing the names of Gordon Highway and Calhoun Expressway, actions that would require approval of the state legislature.

A group of citizens who belong to Save Our Monuments In Augusta, Inc. showed up with signs to protest the monument's removal. Russell Gambill represented the group, which has 3,000 members on its Facebook page.

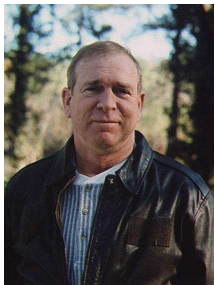
"To say that a majority of people in this city want to spend a lot of money to relocate this piece of art downtown when we have a budget deficit is a fallacy," Gambill said. "It's ludicrous to a majority of the people in this city, including the descendants of the black people who donated to build the monument the way that it is," Gambill said.

Gambill cited Georgia law 50-3-1, which specifically bans the removal of publicly-owned statues and monuments on public land. The monument was donated to the city by the Ladies Memorial Association of Augusta and rests on city-owned land. According to Gambill, if the commission decides to remove the memorial, the group [SCV and Save the Monuments in Augusta] is prepared to sue the city.

After both sides were given a chance to speak, District 6 Commissioner Ben Hasan, chairman of the administrative services committee, made a motion to send the matter to the full commission for a vote."

Have a Great Dixie Day,

J.J. Brittingham, Commander

EDITOR'S NOTES**Brother Compatriots,**

If you had any doubts about what the intentions of the Stone Mountain Memorial Association, you only need to look at their new logo. They have made it very clear they will do whatever it takes to remove the historic granite carving from the mountain, and from history.

Brian Kemp hoped you wouldn't be paying attention to what was going on. He was and is wrong. We are paying attention.

We Need every Compatriot to act! Pick up your phone and make a call, write a letter, send an email, attend a meeting if you are able to do so! The other side is loud and persistent...don't let them drown out our voices!

The same goes regarding our Augusta Monument. Write, email and phone your City/County Commissioners to block the Mayor's biased Commission to move the monument. That group was hand picked to give the Mayor the decision he wanted at the very beginning.

And finally, back to my list of 45 "Ways To Help Your Camp":

3. Thank an officer for all of his efforts.
4. Smile! Act like you're enjoying your Camp and show it. Just pick one of the above and give it a try (especially try #1 above).

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

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Sep — Allen Johnson
- 4 Sep — Paul Stampley
- 5 Sep — Ted Ray
- 9 Sep — Craig Williams
- 14 Sep — Bill Berry
- 15 Sep — Fred Bussey
- 21 Sep — Dr. Thomas Poole
- 21 Sep — Col. William Thomas
- 25 Sep — Thomas Smith
- 30 Sep — Dr. Ed Johnson
- Sep — Teddy Ray

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

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Sep — Robert & Judy Sanders
- 11 Sep — Lee & Tammy Herron
- 21 Sep — Roy & Vivian Stampley
- 28 Sep — Tommy & Tina Edwards
- 30 Sep — Scott & Tina Dedman

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SICK-CALL & PRAYER LIST

- David Armour's wife Christy
- Bill Berry
- Fred Bryant
- Fred Bussey
- Tommy Chappell
- Walter Cook
- Jacob Cook
- John Denham's wife Betty
- Kenneth Gordon's mother
- 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](http://EPorterAlexander.homestead.com)
- GaSCV.org, (GA State Division)
- SCV.org, (National Headquarters)
- SaveAugustaMonument.wixsite.com/save .

YANKEE PRISONS

ROCK ISLAND, ILLNIOS

The island was originally established as a government site in 1816, with the building of Fort Armstrong, intended as both an arsenal. The island facilities were converted as a POW Camp in 1863; they were not yet completed in December of that year, when the first Confederate prisoners were incarcerated. The construction was makeshift. The first prisoners were 468 Confederates captured in battles at Chattanooga, Tennessee. That month more than 5,000 Confederates would swell the population of Rock Island military prison. They were kept in 84 barracks, each holding around 100 prisoners.



Temperatures at the camp were below 0 degrees when the first prisoners arrived. Sanitation was very poor and, more that 95 of them died within the first month. By spring, more that 900 Confederates were buried on the island.

A total of 41 Confederate prisoners successfully escaped during the prison's operation, and many more would try but fail.

A total of 1,964 Confederate prisoners and 125 Union guards are buried in the adjacent 2 acre military cemetery. Most died from disease, since sanitation was primitive as in all army encampments, and exposure to heat and humidity during the summers and freezing temperatures during winters. In 1864, deadly smallpox epidemics rapidly spread through the prison.

The prison camp operated from December 1863 until July 1865, when the last prisoners were freed. After the war, the prison facility was completely destroyed. During its two years in operation, the prison camp housed a total of more than 12,400 Confederates

IVANHOE PLANTATION

Established in 1765 by a Crown Grant to Thomas Whitehead from King George III of England. The grandchildren now own the plantation and are keeping it in the family.

In November 1864, the Union troops of General Kilpatrick took over the Plantation House. The Army burned out the buildings, sheds, barn, cotton bales as well as the cotton gin.

General Joe Wheeler, leading the outnumbered Confederate Cavalry, met the Union Cavalry at Ivanhoe and routed them from their position.

Now occupying the position at Ivanhoe, General Wheeler's Cavalry camped in the "Ole Field" and set up defenses to protect the road to Augusta. The Confederates believed Sherman's Army would go to Augusta. Instead, as we now know, Sherman marched to Savannah instead.

During the 10 days when Wheeler visited Ivanhoe, he related these events to the daughter of Amos Grattan Whitehead and the grandmother of Alden R. Dye, Catherine Barnes Whitehead. Catherine recorded these events in the diary she very carefully kept throughout the war and during the latter years of her life. Her diaries have survived to present day.



- Condensed from an Historical Marker near Waynesboro and included in the Carter Camp newsletter by **Tim Lively**

KUDOS & THANKS

Once again, the "Old Man's Crew" did a superb job in the Confederate Section of Magnolia Cemetery.

Heart-felt thanks go out to crew leader **Tom McCauley** and his gang; **Mike Milford**, **Greg Willians**, **Dr. Walter Johnson**, **Paul Stampley**, **Gary Hattaway**, **Bill Storrs**, **Mike McCann**, **J.J. Brittingham**, **Jeff Young**, **Terry Bowers**, and **Carl Mixon**.

LT. COMMANNER

This is a reminder and a request for recommendations for Camp speakers for next year (2022). If you know an interesting person who would like to come and talk with us, please let me know. I have openings from February through December. Thanks for your help with this matter.

Respectfully,
Paul Stampley, 1st Lt. Commander

A NOTABLE QUOTE FROM A CONFEDERATE CHAPLIN

“I am glad to report that a large majority of the severely and mortally wounded with whom I have conversed in reference to their hopes of future happiness have given strong testimony of their preparation for death and eternity. Some of the mangled and gory have died praising God for His presence and power, enabling them to die triumphing over their last enemy. I have witnessed the peaceful and happy exit of many of our noble brave from the earth, who sent sweet messages to their far-distant mothers, wives, and sisters to meet them in heaven, for they were ready to die, and were going home.”

Chaplain S. M. Cherry, 37th Georgia Infantry

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. Please visit us at www.makedixiegreatagain.com



WERE YOU AWARE?

Our Quartermaster is preparing an order for our Camps’ baseball cap.

There was one on display at our last meeting and they look great, complete with the Battle Flag, our Camp name, number, and location.



If you would like to get one, please let our quartermaster know as soon as possible. There is a minimum number to order for a quantity discount so he needs you to get on the list.

“Taxes are the subsistence of party. As the miasma of marshes contaminate the human body, those of taxes corrupt and putrefy the body politic. Taxation transfers wealth from a mass to a selection. It destroys the political Equality, which alone can save liberty.”

• *John Taylor 1798*

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 August *Confederate Quiz* questions are:

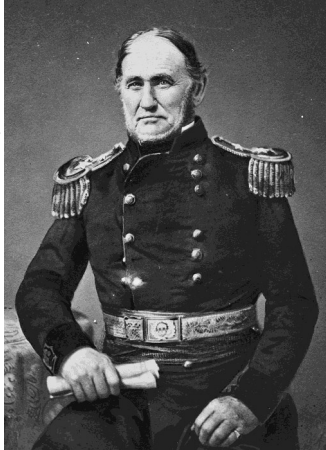
1. What members of a Regiment could be younger than the legal age for a soldier?
2. What pro-Southern song became a state song for a Union state?
3. What role did Regimental band members play during battles?
4. What was the highest income tax rate for the Confederacy?

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**.

David Emanuel Twiggs 1790 – 1862)

was a United States soldier during the War of 1812 and Mexican-American War and a general of the Confederate States Army during the American Civil War. He was the oldest Confederate general in the Civil War.



Twiggs was born on the "Good Hope" estate in Richmond County, Georgia, son of John Twiggs, for whom Twiggs County, Georgia was named and a general in the Georgia militia during the American Revolution,

Twiggs volunteered for service as a captain in the War of 1812 and subsequently served in the Seminole Wars. He became Colonel of the 2nd U.S. Dragoons in 1836 and served in the Seminole Wars in Florida, where he earned the nickname "Bengal Tiger" for his fierce temper.

During the Mexican-American War, he led a brigade in the battles of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma. He was promoted to brigadier general in 1846 and commanded a division at the Battle of Monterrey. He joined Winfield Scott's expedition, and led the division in all the battles from Veracruz through Mexico City. Twiggs was awarded a ceremonial sword by the Congress on March 2, 1847. The sword was taken when New Orleans was captured in 1862 and returned to the Twiggs family in 1889.

After the Mexican-American War, Twiggs commanded the U.S. Army's Department of Texas. He was in this command when the Civil War broke out. Four men were over the age of 60 and three had served in the War of 1812, half a century earlier. As the states began to secede, he met with a trio of Confederate commissioners, and surrendered his entire command. He insisted that all Federals retain personal arms and sidearms, and all artillery as well as flags and standards. Shortly after the secession of South Carolina in December 1860, Twiggs had written a letter to Winfield Scott proclaiming that Georgia was his home and he would follow the state if she should leave the Union.

David Twiggs was subsequently dismissed from

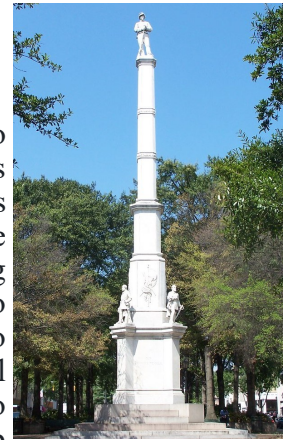
the U.S. Army on March 1, 1861, and accepted a commission as a major general from the Confederate States on May 22, 1861. He was assigned to command the Confederate Department of Louisiana, but he was past the age of 70 and in poor health, thus he resigned his commission before assuming any active duty.

He retired on October 11, 1861.

Twiggs died of pneumonia in Augusta, Georgia on July 15, 1862 and is buried in Twiggs Cemetery at "Good Hope" Plantation in Richmond County, Georgia.

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.



<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*

So — How did you do?

Compare that with today if you wish.

4. For incomes over 10,000, the rate was 15%.
3. Either fighting, or serving as messengers, orderlies, and stretcher bearers.
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1. Fifters and Drummers who could be as young as

The *Confederate Quiz* answers are:

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS



SEPTEMBER '21



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Gary Camp Meeting, 7:00 pm, Edgefield, SC V J Day	3	4 Gen John H. Morgan killed.
5	6 LABOR DAY BG William Smith born.	7 Augusta Commission to vote on Monument Removal!	8	9 CAMP 158 MEETING; 1800 hrs At Sconyers BBQ	10 Gen "Fighting Joe" Wheeler born.	11
12 National Chocolate Milkshake Day	13 Wheeler Camp meeting, 6:30, Aiken	14	15 Gen Stonewall Jackson captures 12,000 at Harper's Ferry	16	17 Constitution Day	18 Re-interment of General Nathan B. Forrest and his wife
19 Talk Like A Pirate Day	20	21	22 Gen Steven D. Lee born. Autumnal Equinox	23	24 Cherries Jubilee Day	25
26 Situational Awareness Day	27	28	29 VFW Day	30		



OCTOBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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