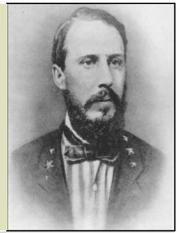




WIGWAG

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



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DECEMBER '21

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

The "Old Men's Crew" got a reprieve from their normal monthly or bi-monthly work due to Mother Nature slowing the growing season. A special thanks to **Tom McCauley** and all of the participants, who kept the Confederate section at Magnolia Cemetery the very finest of the whole cemetery all year.

At our last meeting on November 11th, **Lt. Dan Hendricks**, of the Columbia County Sheriff's Department gave a very informative talk on gun safety and personal safety. I think some of his advise was especially helpful for some of the Grandchildren of **Mae Gilmer** that were present at the meeting with her.

Our next meeting will be on December 9th at Sconyer's BBQ at 7:00pm, Our guest speaker will be **Pastor Paul Noe**, of the Edgefield, S.C. camp. He will be speaking about the Confederate Bible Society of Augusta. Turns out that the Bible Convention of the Confederate States of America was held in Augusta, March 19th - 21st, 1862.

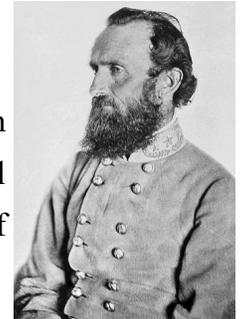
Thanks everyone for your hard work, help and participation. Have a Great Dixie Day,

J.J. Brittingham, Commander



Mark Your Calendars

for our annual CSRA **Lee—Jackson** Dinner at Bobby's BBQ in Graniteville, SC. It will be on Saturday, January 15, and our special guest speaker is **Phillip Leigh** who will present a discussion of Augusta's own **Barry Benson**.

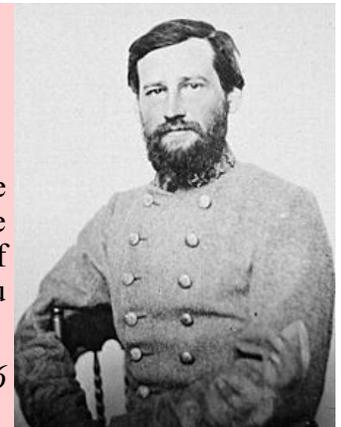


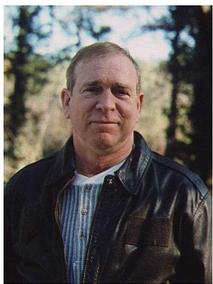
HERITAGE—NOT HATE!

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,

Well, I've pretty much recovered from my Thanksgiving turkey "coma" and finished off the leftovers, so now I can turn my attention to the Christmas holidays.

It is also my sincerest wish that all of you have a merry, safe, and blessed Christmas. Remember the "reason for the season," and try to do an act of kindness for someone in need, or even do a "pay it forward" for a complete stranger. I try to do this about once a week.

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

8. Talk about other Compatriots in a positive way.
9. Both talk and listen.
10. Sit with and talk to one or two people before, during, or after the Meeting that you normally don't talk to.
11. Respect your brother Compatriots feelings.

This month, pick one or two of these and try them out.

Vivat Dixie,

Bob G., Editor



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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

18 Dec— Carlton Hardin

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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

09 Dec — Carl & Sandra Mixon

28 Dec — John & Susan Harris

29 Dec — Gary & Tina Hattaway

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

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

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)

Bill Storrs (D)

James Trask (N)

Philip Weaver (D, N)

D=Georgia Division; N=National.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

E Porter Alexander.homestead.com

GaSCV.org, (GA State Division)

SCV.org, (National Headquarters)

SaveAugustaMonument.wixsite.com/save .

WELCOME A NEW MEMBER TO OUR CAMP



At our November 11 Camp meeting new member/compatriot **Terry Martin Dewitt**(L), accompanied by his wife **Harriet**(R), was sworn in by Adjutant **Carl Mixon**, to the SCV. Terry and his wife live in Evans, GA.

Following the initiation of Mr. Dewitt, **Emma Givens** presented a Resolution of thanks to Mrs. **Mae Gilmer**, widow of **Henry Gilmer** for his many years of service and membership in our Camp.

CANADA'S TOP 10 LIST

Canada's version of David Letterman's "Top 10":

10. Only in America... Could politicians talk about the greed of the rich at a \$35,000.00 a plate campaign fund-raising event.
9. Only in America... Could people claim that the government still discriminates against black Americans when they had a black President, a black Attorney General and roughly 20% of the federal workforce is black while only 14% of the population is black. 40+% of all federal entitlements goes to black Americans, 3X the rate that go to whites, 5X the rate that go to Hispanics!
8. Only in America... Could they have had the two people most responsible for our tax code, Timothy Geithner (the former head of the Treasury Department) and Charles Rangel (who once ran the Ways and Means Committee), BOTH turn out to be tax cheats who are in favor of higher taxes.
7. Only in America... Can they have terrorists kill people in the name of Allah and have the media primarily react by fretting that Muslims might be harmed by the backlash.
6. Only in America... Would they make people who want to legally become American citizens wait for

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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.



Another target for the Mayor's Task Force is Gordon Hwy. This will require state legislation to change the name and can you begin to imagine the disruption of businesses and residents whose address has been Gordon Hwy. Once again the Task Force is virtue signally their authority to make that decision and don't have the authority.

The whole Southland is sanctified by the precious blood of the Confederate soldier. Their courage has thrown upon the sky of Dixie a picture so bright and beautiful that neither defeat, nor disaster, nor oppression, nor smoke, nor fire, nor devastation, nor desolation, dire and calamitous, and the world, the flesh nor the Devil has been able to mar or blemish it. The tragedy of history fails to record anywhere upon its sublime pages anything comparable to it. All the time will be the millennium of their glory.

<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*

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

The **Confederate Quiz** answers are:

1. New Orleans, LA
2. Petersburg. The explosion resulted in the Crater, a hole 170 feet long.
3. Milledgeville, Georgia's Capital at that time.
4. West Virginia. Jackson was born in Clarksburg in 1824, and at that time West Virginia was not a separate State. It seceded from Virginia in 1863.

So — How did you do?

Gettysburg Address Was A Lie

The Battle of Gettysburg, one of the most noted battles of the Civil War, (War for Southern Independence) was fought on July 1–3, 1863. On Nov. 19, 1863, the field was dedicated as a national cemetery by President Lincoln in a two-minute speech that was to become immortal, the Gettysburg Address.

The Battle of Gettysburg, fought four months earlier, was the bloodiest battle of the Civil War. Over the course of three days, more than 45,000 men were killed, injured, captured or went missing. The battle also proved to be the turning point of the war. The South's defeat and retreat from Gettysburg marked the beginning of the Southern army's ultimate defeat.

The 278 word speech of the 16th President dedicated a national cemetery and it is claimed that he rededicated America to the hopes and dreams expressed in the Declaration of Independence. The Patriot and Union newspaper of Harrisburg Pennsylvania and other newspapers were not impressed by Lincoln's speech. They said, "The president acted without sense and without constraint in a panorama that was more for the benefit of his Party than for the honor of the dead.

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was a lie. Famous editor and journalist **H.L Mencken** wrote about the speech in 1920 saying that the speech claims that "The Union soldiers who died at Gettysburg sacrificed their lives for self determination so that government of the people, by the people, and for people should not perish from the earth. It is difficult to imagine anything any more untrue. The Union soldiers in that battle fought against self determination. It was the Confederates who fought for the right of their people to govern themselves. The practical effect of the battle of Gettysburg was the destruction of the sovereignty of the states.

The Confederates went into battle free but came out with their freedom subject to the supervision and veto of the North, and for 20 years they had scarcely more liberty than convicts in a penitentiary. It did not usher in a new birth of freedom. It consolidated Federal power and gave birth to the fascist system and imperial presidency under which we now suffer".

Condensed from a letter by James W. King, Commander, SCV Camp 141, Albany Georgia

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years in their home countries and pay tens of thousands of dollars for the privilege, while they discuss letting anyone who sneaks into the country illegally just 'magically' become American citizens.

5. Only in America... Could the people who believe in balancing the budget and sticking by the country's Constitution be thought of as "extremists."

4. Only in America... Could you need to present a driver's license to cash a check or buy alcohol, but not to vote.

3. Only in America... Could people demand the government investigate whether oil companies are gouging the public because the price of gas went up when the return on equity invested in a major U.S. Oil company (Marathon Oil) is less than half of a company making tennis shoes (Nike).

2. Only in America... Could the government collect more tax dollars from the people than any nation in recorded history, still spend a trillion dollars more than it has per year - for total spending of \$7 Million PER MINUTE, and complain that it doesn't have nearly enough money.

1. Only in America... Could the rich people - who pay 86% of all income taxes - be accused of not paying their "fair share" by people who don't pay any income taxes at all.

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.

I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors.

I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

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.



LETTER TO THE CAMP

Comp. Green,

Thank you for the newsletter! I've got a newsworthy item you may wish to include in your next newsletter.

Your camp member. **Dr. Bill Thomas's** historical novel, published by Shotwell Publishing's literary imprint "Green Altar Books," **RUNAWAY HALEY** is the recipient of the **JOHN ESTEN COOK FICTION AWARD** sponsored by the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. This is Dr. Williams's first book and this is a big honor for one just coming out of the gates.

For book details, you can go here: <https://shotwellpublishing.com/catalogue/runaway-haley/>

Best wishes,

Paul C. Graham, www.ShotwellPublishing.com

Runaway Haley

By WILLIAM A. THOMAS, JR.

In 1958 Ruby Haley received a letter from her uncle, answering some questions about their family history. That document sets the stage for a tremendous debut novel from William Thomas.

Escaping poverty and looking for opportunity, Michael Haley came to America from Ireland in 1847. He married above his station, had a life of adventure, hard work, and tragedy, but died young—leaving his children orphaned. Runaway Haley is a fictional family saga, imagining what might have happened in the lives of two generations of the Haley family in the deep South in centuries past.

Filled with heartache and struggle; set against the backdrop of the Civil War, reconstruction, plagues of disease, and incredible challenges; the Haley's persevered. Strengthened by the desire to keep their family together, they never abandoned their dreams.

This imaginative fiction fills in the gaps where the family and historical records fall short. As a reclamation of the Haley family story, Dr. Thomas joins other Southern writers who demonstrate what James Ronald Kennedy describes as follows:

In the South, history is a living thing. Yankees and scalawag Southerners get their history from history books by Yankees to glorify Yankee heroes and ideas. . . but Southerners, we get history from our family.

Dr. Thomas's work goes beyond the story encapsulated in this book. He has also established a website to gather more family stories and share them as they become available. Please visit TheRunawayHaleyStory.com for more information!

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 neo-Marxist attack on our Confederate Heritage has gone on too long without an appropriate response. That can change if you become active in the Southern Victory Campaign sponsored by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

This campaign could be the most important initiative ever launched by the SCV. It could be the best opportunity you will ever have to defeat the neo-Marxists that are turning people against us and destroying our monuments and heritage.

When we publicly prove that we are leaders in the fight for liberty and our Southern Heritage, we can expect phenomenal growth in members and donors, both locally and nationally.

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

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 was the Confederacy's largest city?
2. What Virginia city was the scene of an explosion of a 586 foot-long tunnel packed with gunpowder?
3. What Georgia city's St. Stephen's church had Union soldiers pouring sorghum syrup in the organ pipes so the organ couldn't be used to signal the Confederates?
4. Which non-Confederate State would you find a plaque marking the birthplace of Confederate General "Stonewall" Jackson?

Quiz questions are taken from "*The Complete Book of Confederate Trivia*" by J. Stephen Lang and donated to the WigWag by Compatriot **Gary Hattaway**.



DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 National Bartender Day	4
5	6 Pres. Jefferson Davis dies. Col John Mosby born.	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9 CAMP 158 MEETING; 1800 hrs at Sconyers BBQ	10	11
12 Gen Joseph Shelby born Gen Stand Watie born.	13	14	15 Robert Toombs dies.	16	17 Ugly Christmas Sweater Day	18
19	20	21 BG Ambrose Wright dies.	22	23	24	25 CHRIST-MAS DAY
26	27	28 Pledge of Allegiance Day	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	



JANUARY '22



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
2	3 National Fruitcake Toss Day	4	5	6 National Bean Day	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 CAMP 158 MEETING; 18 0 hrs At Sconyers BBQ	14	15 CSRA 's Lee—Jackson Dinner at Bobby's BBQ
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29