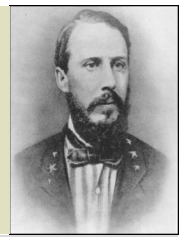




# WIGWAG

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



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MARCH '22

## COMMANDER'S NOTES



### Brother Compatriots,

I was able to attend the "**Battle of Aiken**" for the fourth year in a row. This year's reenactment was by far the largest in attendance that I've seen. A full-scale replica of the **CSS H. L. Hunley**, the world's first successful combat submarine was on display. The "Battle of Aiken" has to be one of the best reenactments in the country, every year.

At our last meeting on February 10th, we had 29 participants, who heard **Harold W. Mills, Jr.** speak about the Confederate Secret Service. A couple of things that I learned from Mr. Mills was the explanation about the "Coal Torpedo," how gunpowder filled coal was used to blow up the steam boilers on yankee ships. I also learned the fact that the South Carolina state flag was the most prevalent flag in the Confederate army.

Our next meeting will be on March 10th at Sconyer's BBQ at 7:00pm. Our guest speaker will be **David Butler**, who will be speaking about Columbia County's contribution at the "**Battle of Gettysburg**".

Thanks everyone for your hard work, help and participation.

Have a Great Dixie Day,

*J.J. Brittingham, Commander*



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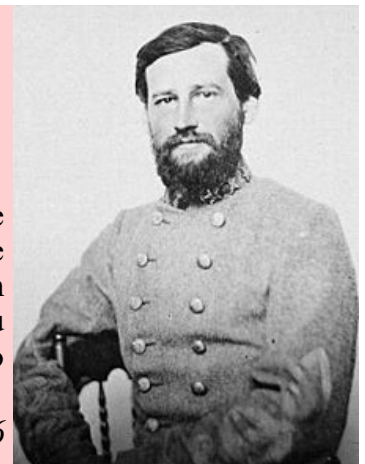
## *Hereditatem non Odite*

*(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 really hated to miss the Battle of Aiken this year—a little too much standing and walking this soon after my surgery. I've been assured it was one of the best gatherings yet. Maybe I'll feel like going to Broxton Bridge—not quite sure yet.

Due to our Camps' and our subscribers growth of the WigWag, on page 5 of this issue, I have included an article previously included in the April 2018 issue of the WigWag. I just feel it is time to remind our brothers and friends of just who our Camp is named for and where the name of our newsletter comes from.

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

11. Respect your brother Compatriots feelings. We are all brothers in the "Lost Cause" of Dixie.
12. Invite an absentee member to our next Camp meeting—offer them a ride if necessary.
13. Accept your brother Compatriots differences and don't judge. Read #11 again.
14. When you are at other social gatherings, always talk a little about your Camp—you never know where our next member might be

This month, pick one or two of these and try them out. It's free!

*Bob G.*, Editor

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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

**6 Mar — Gary Hattaway**

**16 Mar — William McAlhany**

**16 Mar — Thomas Brittingham**

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

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

**10 Mar— Thomas & Emma Brittingham**

**12 Mar — Dr. Ed & Jean Johnson**

**24 Mar — Gene & Wanda Duffie**

If your Anniversary is **not** listed here, please inform your Editor, at [dixiebas@yahoo.com](mailto:dixiebas@yahoo.com) , or 706-831-1579.

**SICK-CALL & PRAYER LIST**

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**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)**

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**Paul Stampley (D)**

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**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 .**

## HE'S A SOUTHERNER ?"

Governor **Brian Kemp** is attempting to completely eliminate Georgia's Confederate Holidays while at the same time paving the way for the African American Holiday of "Juneteenth".

Governor Kemp has instructed his **House Floor Leader Lauren McDonald** to file House Bill 868 which will permanently eliminate the names of Georgia's Confederate Memorial Day Holidays. It also seeks to add another a space for the "Juneteenth" holiday.

The present Georgia holidays to be wipe about by this proposal are:

- January 19, **General Robert E. Lee Birthday**
- April 26, **Confederate Memorial Day**
- June 3, **President Jefferson Davis Birthday**

The bill will remove the names of the holidays and the Governor can assign any date to these holidays. In addition, the Governor can completely ignore up to two of these then-nameless (and thus meaningless) holidays.

In 2015, Scalawag Governor **Nathan "Let's Make a" Deal** illegally removed the names of Georgia's Confederate Holidays off the State calendar. Now Governor Kemp apparently plans to complete the process by removing the names from Georgia law and permitting the executive to assign the dates as he pleases. At this moment the Holidays are law enacted by the Georgia State Assembly.

Lauren McDonald is an Owner of McDonald and Son Funeral Home in Cumming, Dahlonga Funeral Home in Dahlonga and Cleveland Funeral Home in Cleveland.

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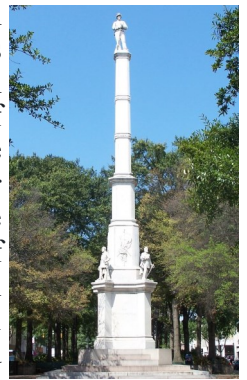
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You need to act ***immediately***. Please write, email and call Representative Lauren McDonald and Governor Kemp and let them know that that they need to withdraw the "cancel culture" House Bill 868.

Remember this come May in the Primary elections. I know I certainly will! Not a threat—a promise!

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

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



## The Legumes of War:

### *How Peanuts Fed the Confederacy*

Food shortages were a problem for both military and civilians. But even in these hard times, people could find relief in peanuts.

When it came to fighting the Civil War [*sic*], the South may have been rich in military leadership, but the North had superior resources, especially when it came to industrial strength. Still a largely agrarian society, the Southern states had to import most of their manufactured products, and with a poor railway system, keeping troops well-stocked was a battle in and of itself, especially when enemy blockades interrupted supply lines. ... But even in those hard times, people could find relief in peanuts.

Before the Civil War, peanuts were not a widely cultivated crop in the United States, and were generally viewed as a foodstuff fit for the lowest social classes and for livestock. When they were consumed, they were usually eaten raw, boiled or roasted, although a few cookbooks suggested ways to make dessert items with them. The goober pea's status in the Southern diet changed during the war as other foods became scarce. An excellent source of protein, peanuts were seen as a means of fighting malnutrition. In addition to their prewar modes of consumption, people used peanuts as a substitute for items that were no longer readily available, such as grinding them to a paste and blending them with milk and sugar when coffee was scarce. "This appreciation was real," Andrew F. Smith wrote in *Peanuts: The Illustrious History of the Goober Pea*. "Southerners continued to drink peanut beverages decades after the war ended." Peanut oil was used to lubricate locomotives when whale oil could not be obtained—and had the advantage of not gumming up the machinery—while housewives saw it as a sound stand-in for lard and shortening as well as lamp fuel.

Peanuts became ingrained in the culture, going so far as to crop up in music. And they eats them, shells and all, Over thar!

The humorous song "Eatin' Goober Peas" also surfaced during the war years. (You can hear the song in full as performed by Burl Ives and Johnny Cash.)

Just before the battle the General hears a row,  
He says, "The Yanks are coming, I hear the rifles now,"

He turns around in wonder, and what do you think he sees?

The Georgia militia eating goober peas!

Peanuts just weren't enough to save the Confederacy in the long haul.

*Posted by Debbie Coleman in "Save the Monuments in Augusta"*

## LIGHTEN UP A LITTLE

China claims that coronavirus came from an old stupid bat, but Nancy Pelosi denied having been involved.

"Payday" candy bar is changing its name because it's offensive to those who don't work.

If the current power grid can't handle a night of 20 degrees temperatures without rolling blackouts, how are we going to plug 100 millions electric cars up at night?

## A CONFEDERATE QUIZ

The "*Confederate Quiz*" is to test our brothers knowledge of our Heritage. This quiz is five questions about the Confederacy, or maybe another random subject regarding the South. The August *Confederate Quiz* questions are:

1. What notorious Confederate spy killed a Union soldier who had insulted her mother?
2. What woman wrote the most famous diary of the WBTS years?
3. What Virginia General had five (5) wives?
4. What woman received a full military funeral when she died in Richmond in 1916?
5. What General used his background as a chemist to improve the processing of gunpowder?

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

## 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.



## E. Porter Alexander

May 26, 1835 / April 28, 1910

He was one of only three Confederate officers to rise to the rank of general in the artillery branch. Respected by some of the Confederacy's most important commanders, Alexander would participate in nearly every major campaign in the eastern theatre.

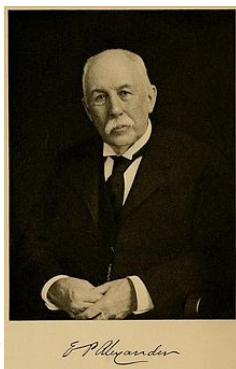
Born in Washington, Georgia, the future artilleryist entered West Point and graduated third of thirty-eight cadets in the class of 1857 and immediately accepted a commission as an engineer. His early assignments included teaching at West Point, and most notably, devising a flag signal system for the U.S. Army—and inventor of the “wig-wag” signal flag system (*note that name!*). A system that would later be used by both Union and Confederate forces in the coming war.

In 1861, upon learning of his home state's secession, Alexander resigned from the Federal army and accepted a commission as Captain of Confederate engineers. During the battle of Gaines' Mill in June of 1862, Alexander ascended in a hot air balloon, providing Lee with vital information on General McClellan's troop positions. In 2006 he was inducted into the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame. At the Battle of Fredericksburg, Alexander was responsible for placing the Confederate Artillery. When asked by his superiors for an assessment of his dispositions, Alexander surmised that, “A chicken could not live on that field when we open on it.” Alexander's belief proved to be accurate. In what is considered by most to have been the most lop-sided Confederate victory of the entire War.

On July 3, 1863, Alexander was assigned to command the Confederate artillery barrage that was to clear the way for Pickett's Charge. General Longstreet, placed upon Alexander the additional responsibility of telling Major General George Pickett when to commence the attack. When Federal fire had slackened, Alexander reluctantly sent word to Pickett. Unfortunately, Union guns conserved their ammunition for the infantry attack they knew was coming.

At Petersburg, Alexander was severely wounded by a Yankee sharpshooter. He returned from his wound in time to supervise the defense of Richmond and the retreat to Appomattox.

After the war, Alexander wrote about his wartime experience and his memoir is considered one of



the best contemporary analyses of the Army of Northern Virginia.

Gen. Alexander is buried here, in Augusta's **Magnolia Cemetery**.

## THE CONFEDERATE LEGION

Membership in the Legion supports the Southern Victory Campaign.

Dues and donations are used almost exclusively for a two-thrust marketing and public relations effort which is part of the Southern Victory Campaign led by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.



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.

The Legion's 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](http://www.makedixiegreatagain.com)

**CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS**

The *Confederate Quiz* answers are:

1. Belle Boyd
2. Mary Chesnut, wife of Southern politician James Chesnut. It is a classic of Confederate memoirs
3. John D. Imboden. Only one at a time, of course.
4. “Captain Sally,” beloved hospital administrator
5. Sally Thompson.

5. Gen George W. Rains, head of the Confederacy's Nitier and Mining Bureau, and Commander of the Augusta Powder works.

So — How did you do?



# MARCH '22



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mardi Gras	2 Lt.Gen Jubal A. Early died. Ash Wednesday	3 Gary Camp Meeting, Edgefield, SC Confederate Flag Day	4	5
6	7 Wheeler Camp Meeting; 1845 hrs at Aiken Co. Hist. Museum	8	9	10 CAMP 158 MEETING; 1800 hrs At Sconyers BBQ	11	12 National Plant a Flower Day
13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME Begins	14	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18 Pres. Jefferson Davis Inaugurated	19
20	21	22	23	24 VP Alexander H. Stevens died.	25 Medal of Honor Day: 27 Georgians have received this highest military honor	26
27 Confederate Day of Prayer	28 Gen Wade Hampton born.	29 Viet Nam Veterans Day	30	31		



# APRIL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 <b>CAMP 158 MEETING; 1800 hrs At Sconyers BBQ</b>	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 <b>Confederate Memorial Service at Magnolia Cemetery Augusta</b>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30