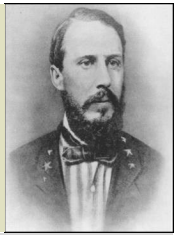




WIGWAG

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



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NOVEMBER '22

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brothers,

The "Old Man's Crew" performed another great job and probably the last of the year On Tuesday, October 4th. Those who participated were **Cemetery Crew Captain Tom McCauley, Dr. Ed Johnson, Carl Mixon, Bill Storrs, Paul Stampley, Mike Milford, Jeff Young, Craig Williams** and myself. Thanks to all of ya'll who worked hard this year to keep the Confederate Section the finest looking area of the entire cemetery. I have friends who visit the cemetery from time to time and they comment how nice the Confederate Section looks.

At our last meeting, on October 13th, we had 23 members and guests, We heard **Joe Long** speak about a young Confederate Captain who was fighting at the end of the war in the Carolina's trying to stop Sherman's destruction of every thing in his path. It was very interesting. Thank you Mr. Long.

Our next meeting will be on November 10th at 7:00 PM at Sconyers BBQ. Our guest speaker will be **Ed DeVos**, who served more than twenty years as a U.S. Army Infantry officer in both state-side and overseas assignments. Ed's awards include the Silver Star with one oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, U.S. and German Parachute Wings, and he is an Army Ranger. Additionally, he is a graduate of the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College where he received his Master of the Military Arts and Science degree in Military History. Ed will be speaking about his latest book, *The Last 100 Yards*, where Ed writes about his twenty years of experience with infantry soldiers. Should be very interesting.

Thanks everyone for your hard work, help and participation.

J.J. Brittingham, Commander

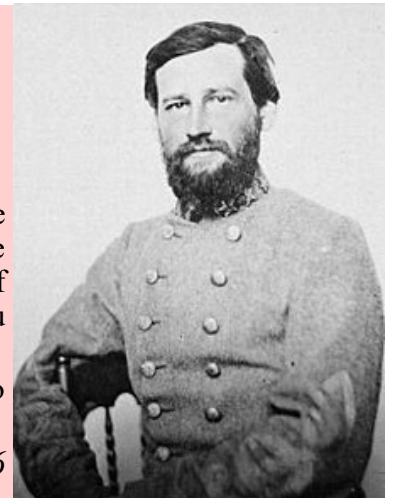
Hereditatem non Odite!

(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." Remember it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations

Lt. General Stephen D. Lee, April 25, 1906



EDITOR'S NOTES

Brother Com patriots,

First of all, my apologies to the Camp. This is the first time since I began as Editor that I have failed to get the WigWag to you on the first day of the month. Time and circumstances just “ganged up” on me this time.

Secondly, This may be the last issue I will be able to do. My eyesight is rapidly deteriorating from swelling behind my retinas. I can barely see to read and write. If there is any Compatriot that would like to try your hand at taking up the task, please contact me ASAP. I will help and guide you through the process as best I can.

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

Here are some more of my 45 ways to help your Camp. Pick one or two of these and try them out. Just like the Youth Camp, THEY ARE FREE!

34. Offer to drive potential members to visit our Camp meetings
35. Put an emblem or coffee mug of the SCV in your office and talk to anyone who asks about it.
36. Organize a picnic, golf outing, etc., for the Camp. We missed our opportunity in July when we had no regular camp meeting.
37. Bring a gift to the Camp to raffle off as a quickie fundraiser.

Deo Vindice,

Bob G., Editor

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Nov — Bill Stores
- 10 Nov — Tommy Chappell, Sr.
- 16 Nov — R. Lee Herron
- 18 Nov — John Harris
- 24 Nov — Emma Givens
- 27 Nov — Dr. John Baxley

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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Nov — Tom & Patricia McCauley
- 29 Nov — Ulmer & Vicki Bridges

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
- David Armour’s wife Christy
- Fred Bryant
- Fred Bussey
- Tommy Chappell
- Walter Cook
- Jacob Cook
- John Denham’s wife Betty
- Bob Green
- Carleton T. Hardin
- Mike McCann
- 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, N)
 - Carlton Hardin (D, N)
 - Gary Hattaway (D, N)
 - Richard L . Herron (D, N)
 - Thomas Highsmith (D)
 - James Kirchner (D)
 - Joe Knidk (D, N)
 - 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](http://EPorterAlexander.homestead.com)
- GaSCV.org, (GA State Division)
- SCV.org, (National Headquarters)
- SaveAugustaMonument.wixsite.com/save .

CAPT. HENRY WIRZ MEMORIAL SERVICE

The 47th annual **Capt. Henry Wirz** Memorial Service will be held in Andersonville on Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 2:00p.m. The public is invited to attend. The Annual Memorial Service is sponsored by SCV Camp 78 in Americus.

Guest speaker for the Memorial Service is Georgia Division Spokesman Attorney Mr. Martin K. O'Toole. Capt. Henry Wirz, Commandant of Andersonville Prison Camp, was carried to Washington, D.C. after the War ended and put on trial before a Kangaroo Military Court. He was found guilty of murdering 13 Yankee prisoners although No Names nor any Physical Body was ever produced for the "13 prisoners." Several Historians have said the trial was the most unjust one ever held in the United States.

After he was found guilty, Capt. Wirz was hung on November 10, 1865. Afterward, the barbaric Yankees cut off his head, arms, and legs, and exhibited the bones around the country. To this day in 2022 there are still some of Capt. Wirz' bones on public exhibit in a Medical Museum in Maryland.

Capt. Wirz was given a chance the night before he was hung to have his death sentence commuted if he would state that President Jefferson Davis was involved in a conspiracy to kill the Yankee prisoners. Capt. Wirz would not betray his honor and integrity by agreeing to this lie, so he was hung the next day.

For more information about the Memorial Service, contact James Gaston at gaston7460@bellsouth.net or call/text him at 229-938-9115.

SAVE OUR MONUMENTS

Why Commemorate the Confederate Soldier?

When the South was invaded, Georgia and other Southern States called upon their sons to do their duty to defend their state, homes, and their families from an invasion. These men went to do their duty, not as aggressors, nor in the spirit of conquest, but to protect their homeland from an unjust invasion.

More than half of the Union and Confederate casualties were from the hardships and disease found in camp life. This was especially true for the Southern troops who nearly always lacked the basic necessities of food, clothing, and medical supplies, unlike the Northern troops, who had plenty.



The sacrifices made by the Confederate Soldier are inconceivable today. They would march for days with little or no rest, very little food, some with no shoes, in the heat of summer and the frigid cold of winter. Fatigue, hunger and sickness was commonplace for these Soldiers.

Despite the hardships endured by the Confederate Soldiers they pressed on to perform their duty. In nearly every conflict these Soldiers were typically outnumbered and outgunned 3 to 1.

The "Rebel Yell" made these brave soldiers famous. It demonstrated a fighting spirit, courage, tenacity and gallantry allowing them to prevail in most of the major conflicts of the war. Sadly they fought an invader with unlimited reserves and resources, making victory impossible.

Even during the last year of the war when they knew that victory was impossible, the Confederate Soldier continued to fight courageously to protect their homes and families, to the very end.

A CONFEDERATE QUIZ

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

1. What animal sometimes appeared on secessionist flags?
2. In what Georgia city did the secession convention meet? (It wasn't Atlanta.)
3. Who called for Georgia to hold a secession convention?
4. Who was the "Secesh Cleopatra?"

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

ARC Commission Postpones Vote on ‘Freedom Bridge’ or Properly, the Jefferson Davis Memorial Bridge

The Augusta Commission postponed voting Tuesday on whether to rename the Fifth Street Bridge the “Freedom Bridge” after a half-dozen opponents spoke of the need to preserve its designation as the Jefferson Davis Memorial Bridge.



The speakers offered various reasons for not removing brass plaques and marble signs honoring the president of the Confederacy, affixed since the bridge opened in 1932. Several made thinly-veiled threats of litigation under a Georgia law that bans altering memorials to Confederate soldiers.

Last week, four commissioners voted in favor of renaming the bridge, with Commissioner Ben Hasan specifying that means removing the markers. Freshly cleaned and shined during an \$11 million city overhaul, the signs became more visible when the bridge reopened as Augusta’s latest tourist attraction, a pedestrian-only bridge.

The full commission was set to vote on the matter Tuesday.

Theresa Pittman, an Augusta native and former president of the South Carolina Division of the Daughters of the Confederacy, said the bridge “could be a shining example for the education of people of the history of Augusta, good and bad.” She urged commissioners, the majority of whom are descended from African slaves, to pray about it.

West Augusta resident Jim Davis, representing a unit of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, said members met with city officials and contractors during the bridge construction project, a detail several commissioners said they did not know.

“We were continuously assured that the memorial and the plaques would remain,” Davis said. “I even sent Dr. (Hameed) Malik thanking him for remounting those plaques.” Malik directs the city’s Engineering and Environmental Services departments.

Davis said Georgia’s monuments are under attack by groups that include Black Lives Matter, the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Atlanta Socialist Party and the NAACP.

Around the state, some local governments have removed Confederate-themed monuments and other relics, citing their misrepresentation of history or celebration of slavery. Several face ongoing litigation.

Only one member of the public spoke out in favor of renaming the bridge. former commissioner Moses Todd said as the grandson and great-grandson of slaves, he supports those who served on both sides during the Civil War, “because they did not have a choice in the matter,” but not the more recently-constructed monuments.

“I do believe monuments put up honoring the Civil War or its leaders is more about hate than heritage,” he said.

- *Susan McCord, staff writer, The Augusta Press, Wed., Nov. 2, 2022*

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

This week in church, the pastor asked the congregation, "what does a bishop do".

Apparently, "move diagonally" was not the answer he was looking for...

LETTER TO THE EDITOR (of the Augusta Chronicle)

Gen. Sherman writes a letter to The Augusta Chronicle editor

OCT. 21, 1888

For years after the Civil War, Augustans argued over why feared Yankee Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman had not attacked Augusta. The reasons varied, some of them silly.

Finally, Pleasant Stovall, editor of The Augusta Chronicle, wrote the famous old general, and what do you know? He answered, in perhaps the most famous letter to the editor ever printed in the newspaper.

It was published Oct. 21, 1888, and basically, the old warhorse said he didn't attack Augusta because he didn't have to. He wanted to get to Savannah where the Union Navy could bring him supplies.

However, he offered to correct the oversight if Augusta felt neglected, writing: 'I can send a detachment of 100,000 or so of Sherman's Bummers and their descendants who will finish up the job without charging Uncle Sam a cent.

71 Facts About "Honest" Abe Lincoln The Historians Will NOT Tell You.

...Continued from the October Ber WigWag

61. Effectively killing secession as a threat, thus encouraging the rise of our modern federal monolith.
62. Waging war on civilians by bombing, destruction of homes, and confiscation of food and farm equipment.
63. Tolerating an atmosphere which led to large numbers of rapes against Southern women, including slaves.
64. Using civilians as hostages.
65. Promoting a general because of his willingness to use his troops as cannon fodder.
66. DiLorenzo blames Lincoln for the predictable aftermath of the war: the plundering of the South by Lincoln's allies.
67. Supporting government subsidies of the railroads leading to corruption and inefficiency.
68. Supporting a nationalized paper currency which is inherently inflationary.
69. Creating the federal tax bureaucracy and various taxes that are still with us.
70. Establishing precedents for centralized powers and suppression of liberties that continue to be cited today.
71. Ending slavery by means that created turbulence that continues to this day....

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

The *Confederate Quiz* answers are:

1. A rattlesnake, often with the slogan "Don't Tread On Me."
2. Milliedgeville, the state capital at the time.
3. Governor Joseph E. Brown.
4. Noted Confederate spy Belle Boyd.

So — How did you do?



NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 "Old Man Crew" cleanup at Magnolia Cemetery	2	3	4	5 National Donut Day
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7	8	9 LtGen A. P. Hill born.	10 CAMP 158 MEETING; 1800 hrs At Sconyers BBQ USMC Birthday	11 Veterans Day	12
13 Capt. Henry Wirz Memorial Service, Andersonville, GA, 2:00 pm.	14	15 "Old Man Crew" cleanup at Magnolia Cemetery	16	17 Great American Smoke out Day	18	19
20	21 Gen Hugh W. Mercer born.	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26
27	28	29 "Old Man Crew" cleanup at Magnolia Cemetery	30 Gen Patrick Cleburne died.			



DECEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 CAMP 158 MEETING; 1800 hrs At Sconyers BBQ	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve