

WIGWAG

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



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JANUARY 2023

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

I hope everyone had a Very Merry Christmas, and I pray everyone has a fabulous new year in 2023. As most of you know we are having our Lee/Jackson Banquet this month on the 21st. It will be held at Bobby's Bar-B-Q Buffet, 1897 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Warrenville, S.C. We will start arriving at 5:30PM and food will be served at 6:30. Our state lawyer, Martin O'Toole will be guest speaker. He will be speaking about one of my all-time heroes, Robert Edward Lee, commander of all Confederate armies in the War of Northern Aggression. I have no new news about the Jefferson Davis bridge on 5th Street, we have filed the suite. No response that I know of from the commissioners.

At our last meeting on December 8th, we had Julie Hardaway, a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, give a very interesting talk about the "Nancy Hart Militia" an all-women's unit that was formed in LaGrange, GA. In

1864 as Sherman was burning and looting his way through Georgia, he sent raiding parties to different locations in the state one of these raiding parties was sent to LaGrange, near the Alabama border. The commanding yankee officer happened to be named LaGrange, he was met by the women of the "Nancy Hart Militia" many wearing four to five dresses, thinking the yankees were going to burn their homes. I'm not sure if it was the ladies' attire or the yankee named LaGrange, but the houses were spared.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 12th at Sconyers BBQ at 7:00PM, our guest speaker will be Pastor **Bernard Martin**, he will be speaking about the importance of our history in today's world, also about importance of the constitution to all free men and women.

J.J Brittingham, Commander



<u>HERITAGE—NOT HATE!</u> 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



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EDITOR'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

If you do anything at all this month, be sure to go to our Lee-Jackson Dinner / Celebration! Excellent speaker, excellent food, and excellent fellowship. A perfect combination and always well attended.

On a sad note, we lost a Compatriot to illness on New year's Eve. A brief Obituary is on page 4. Remember his family in your prayers.

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

- 43. Be mindful of members individual personal lives. Everyone can only give what they personally can. Accept with gratitude what you get from each. member and encourage them to be happy, relax and to enjoy our brotherhood.
- 44. Never give anything less than your best effort every time you participate.
- 45. Take pictures—and SHARE with your Editor (Your WigWag is the best place to put them).

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

Vivat Dixie,

Bol G., Editor

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

05 Jan — Fred Bryant
20 Jan— Ben Creech
21 Jan — Charles Williams
25 Jan — Cosby Smith
30 Jan — Joe Knick

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

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

31 Jan — Pat & Christa Estep

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 Fred Bryant Fred Bussey Tommy Chappell Diane Chappell Walter Cook Jacob Cook **Bobby Crawley** 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) Joseph Knick (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
GaSCV.org, (GA State Division)
SCV.org, (National Headquarters)
SaveAugustaMonument.wixsite.com/save.

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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. After the War, what General became President of a railroad and also the Manager of the Louisiana Lottery?
- 2. After the War, who became President of Virginia's Washington College?
- 3. After the War, who became Chancellor of the University of Nashville, and later Professor of Mathematics at the University of the South?

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

DID YOU KNOW? On June 11, 1863, Union troops stationed on St. Simons Island destroyed most of the town, including the homes of black residents, mostly slaves (*It was not part of Sherman's March to the Sea, which occurred more than a year later.*). The destruction of the undefended city, which was of no strategic importance, was carried out by the 54th Massachusetts Volunteers under the command of a reluctant Col. Robert G. Shaw and the 2nd SC Volunteers under the command of Col. James Montgomery.

Col. Montgomery ordered the town be looted and burned. This was part of the Union strategy to damage the Confederate states' ability to supply food and materials towards their war effort. Montgomery's troops broke ranks and looted freely, while Shaw ordered his troops to take only what would be useful at camp. He later described the raid as a "Satanic action."

So — How did you do?

3. General Edmund Kirby Smith.

2. Robert E. Lee, now Washington & Lee University.

1. P. G. T. Beauregard.

The Confederate Quiz answers are:

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

REST IN PEACE

Teddy Wayne Ray, Age 55, went to be with the Lord on New Year's Eve of an extended illness

He was born and raised in Kentucky and moved here to Augusta to help his father.

He submitted his application for membership in our Camp just this fall

His qualifying confederate ancestor was Private James Robert Arrants of Co. E, 2nd Palmetto Regiment, 2nd S.C. Infantry. He survived the war and was discharged and is buried Old Quaker Cemetery, Camden, S.C.

Teddy is survived by his brothers Sammi and Don Ray.

Arrangements are not yet complete.

SAVE OUR MONUMENTS

We have continued to maintain our group page and continue monitoring all actions in Augusta and Georgia preparing for the inevitable battles to save our monument. We also have donated a substantial sum of money to the GA Division, SCV, to help with legal expenses in current and upcoming court battles. Our attorneys Randy Sheppard, and Martin K. O'Toole [GA Division, SCV] attorney are ready with regard to our next steps.

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



JANUARY



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--|------------------------------|---|
| NEW YEAR'S DAY | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 National Championship GA vs. TCU | 10 | 11 | CAMP 158 MEETING; 1900 hrs at Sconyers BBQ | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | MG George Pickett Born | 17 National Beggars Day | 18 | General Robert E. Lee Born | 20 | Lee/Jackson Banquet, Bobby's BBQ, Warrenville, SC Stonewall Jackson Born |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | Gen "Fightin' Joe" Wheeler died | 26 | 27 Holocaust Remembrance Day | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |



FEBRUARY



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|-------------------------|--|-----|--|
| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 MG J. E. B. Stewart born. | 7 | 8 BG John Jackson born. | 9 CAMP 158 MEETING; 1900 hrs at Sconyers BBQ | 10 | VP Alexander H. Stevens born. |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | President Jefferson Davis Inaugurated. |
| 19 | P.G.T. Beauregard born. | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| P. G. T. Beauregard died. | 27 BG John Jackson died. | 28 | | | | |