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



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FEBRUARY 2023

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

The Lee/Jackson Banquet last month was a huge success, we had great attendance from camp members and guests. Our program speaker was **Martin O'Toole**, Attorney at Law, who gave an interesting account of Robert E. Lee and Thomas "Stonewall' Jackson. He also gave a very informative account of how the South had every legal right to secede from the union in 1861. Mr. O'Toole and **Mr. Randy Sheppard**, our local Augusta attorney, stated that we are waiting for a response from the Commissioners legal team, pertaining to the bridge renaming.

Mrs. Julie Hardaway, the United Daughters of the Confederacy Vice President General, presented our Historian and Webmaster, Terry Bowers with the National Defense Medal. Terry also accepted for His Son, Timothy Bowers, the Cross of

Military Service, Timothy lives in Tennessee and could not attend.

Dr. John Baxley presented our Lt. Commander **Paul Stampley** with a plaque of appreciation and a framed picture of Robert E. Lee, for all His hard work. **Ken Temples,** past Chaplin of the South Carolina also recited 3 poems of the Confederacy he had written.

Camp Adjutant Carl Mixon and I presented Bill Stores, Bob Green, Tom McCauley, Mike McCann and Emma Givens with plaques of appreciation and various framed pictures, for all of their hard work and dedication, Thanks You all!!!!

At our last camp meeting on January 12th, we had **Bernard Martin** and **Steve Burke** give us a talk about their experiences in the United States Armed Forces and the importance of Our history in today's world.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 9th at Sconyers BBQ at 7:00PM, our guest speaker will be **Thomas Robertson**. He will be speaking about a book he has written about a slave in the Augusta area.

J.J Brittingham, Commander



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



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EDITOR'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

In view of the hate being spewed out by the minority of "woke" generation regarding Confederate soldiers — from the lowest privates to the highest generals, I feel I should add a few comments by

some prominent Americans regarding one object of their attacks.

I quote: President **John Kennedy** said: "Robert E. Lee, a great son of the South, a great leader of the South—and I assume no modern-day leader would question him or challenge him—Robert E. Lee counseled us well when he told us to cast off our animosities and raise our sons to be Americans."

Winston Churchill said that "Lee was the noblest American who had ever lived and one of the greatest commanders known to the annals of war."

Harry Truman referenced Lee as a "great man." Truman also gave his mother a portrait of Lee and memorized one of Lee's prayers.

President **Gerald Ford** said: "As a soldier, General Lee left his mark on military strategy. As a man, he stood as the symbol of valor and of duty. As an educator, he appealed to reason and learning to achieve understanding and to build a stronger nation. The course he chose after the war became a symbol to all those who had marched with him in the bitter years towards Appomattox."

President **Jimmy Carter** said Lee "was a soldier whose affection for his home and family called him to a life of service that often meant hardship, loneliness, and long separation from those he loved and even from the Nation which he most loved."

President **Ronald Reagan** referenced Lee as a "southerner who criticized secession and called slavery a great moral wrong" and who "would become himself an American legend."

And finally, back to my list of 45 "Ways To Help Your Camp". As I completed the 45 last month, I'll be starting over with #1 because I'm sure no one remembers them all.

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

- 1. Bring an absentee member with you to the meeting once a year.
- 2. Show up early and socialize.
- 3. Thank an officer for all of his efforts. Vivat Dixie.

Bole G., Editor

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FEBUARY BIRTHDAYS

03 Feb — Lloyd Gross

05 Feb — John Denham

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

FEBUARY ANNIVERSARIES

WOW! No marriages in February — the month of love a7 Valentines' Day.

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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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L to R J.J. Brittingham, Paul Stampley, Dr. John Baxley



Terry Bowers is presented the Military Service Award by Julie Hardaway of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at our Lee / Jackson dinner. He was also presented the same award on behalf of his son who was unable to attend our celebration.

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 western state ha a pro-secession group wanting to form a separate "Pacific Republic?"
- 2. What State's Capital celebrated secession with a torchlight parade?
- 3. What State's secession convention was egged on by speakers from South Carolina, Alabama, and Mississippi, which had already seceded?

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



L to R Carl Mixon, Bob Green, J.J. Brittingham

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

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Join 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.

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 as the Northern states were doing under Leftist influences of the day.

Products, tools and services supporting the campaign are being developed by the Sons of Confederate Veterans for deployment through this website. Direct action by the SCV is one prong of the offensive. A second prong includes action by people such as yourself, acting alone or through any honorable organization, including the camps of the SCV.

We depend on God and you for the victory we seek. To join go to:

www.makedixiegreatagain.com/

Reminder to the "Cancel Culture"



I am rejoiced that slavery is abolished. I believe it will be greatly for the interests of the South. So fully am I satisfied of this, as regards Virginia especially, that I would cheerfully have lost all I have lost by the war, and have suffered all I have suffered, to have this object attained.

So — How did you do?

3. Georgia.

2. Tallahassee Florida.

1. California.

The Confederate Quiz answers are:

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

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.

- Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
- When everything seems to be coming your way, maybe you're in the wrong lane.
- Ambition is a poor excuse for not being smart enough to be lazy.
- Hard work pays off in the future, laziness pays off now
- I intend to live forever... so far, so good.

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FEBRUARY



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



MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 National Anthem Day	4
5	6	7	8	9 CAMP 158 MEETING; 1900 hrs at Sconyers BBQ	10	11
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS	National Napping Day (that's me Every Day)	14	15	16	ST PATRICK'S DAY	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	VP Alexander H. Stevens died.
26	27	28 LtGen Wade Hampton born.				