

WIGWAG

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



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MARCH 2023

COMMANDER'S NOTES



Brother Compatriots,

It won't be long before Cemetery Crew Captain, **Tom McCauley** will be ringing up volunteers for cleanup duties down at Magnolia Cemetery. I recently had an old friend comment how nice the Confederate Section looked compared to the rest of the cemetery. It does take a lot of hard work and effort by the "Old Man's Crew" to keep it looking so nice. Thanks to everyone who participates.

On Sunday, February 19th, the Berry Benson Camp held the Berry Benson Birthday Remembrance at the Sunset Hill Cemetery in North Augusta. Our Honor Guard consisting of Carl Miller, Sr, Gary Hathaway, Ben Creech, Tommy Chappelle, Blake Moore and Emma Givens performed the presentation of colors, and under Honor Guard Commander, Ron Udell's command performed the "Gun Salute". I thought it was the highlight of the Remembrance.

The "Battle of Aiken" was another huge success thanks to our participants Emma Givens, Ron Udell, Ben Creech, Tommy Chappelle, Joe and Dianne Winstead manning the cannons.

Update on the bridge lawsuit, I received a notice from **Randy Sheppard** that the Judge in our bridge hearing will be available sometime in March.

At our last meeting on February 9th, we had **Thomas Robertson**, speaking about his book "Albert" the history on slavery and its aftermath. Albert was a very successful ex-slave after the war in Augusta.

Our next meeting will be on March 9th at Sconyers BBQ at 7:00PM, our guest speaker will be **Robert Shelor.**

Commander, J.J. Brittingham



<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,

I hope everyone was able to attend the Battle of Aiken this past weekend. There was a great turnout, the weather was awesome, and my son, my granddaughter and I had a fantastic time. You owe it to yourself to go

to ne of these events. It's so much more than just a re-enactment, it's like a mini-fair. And it's less than an hour away!

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

(Your WigWag is the best place to put them).

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

- 4. Smile! Act like you're enjoying your Camp and show it.
- 5. Volunteer to do a little more than you really want to do in fundraising or committee work.
- 6. Take your camera to functions and turn in the pictures to your Wig Wag Editor.
- 7. When you visit our Camp meeting, be upbeat, positive and warm.

Vivat Dixie,

Bol G., Editor

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

06 Mar — Gary Hattaway 16 Mar — William McAlhany 16 Mar — Thomas Brittingham

If your Birthday is **not** listed here, you must inform your Editor at Pfadfinder6@gmail.com, or 706-831-1579.

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

10 Mar — Thomas & Emma Brittingham 12 Mar — Dr. Ed & Jean Johnson 21 Mar — Gene & Wanda Duffie

If your Anniversary is 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)

IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

Philip Weaver (D, N)
D=Georgia Division; N=National.

E Porter Alexander.homestead.com
GaSCV.org, (GA State Division)
SCV.org, (National Headquarters)
SaveAugustaMonument.wixsite.com/save.

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Confederate Flag Day

Condensed from an article by Al Benson Jr.

I have been informed that March 4th will be designated this year as Confederate Flag Day. It will be a time to have programs about Confederate flags and their true meaning and purpose. Those flags were not about slavery. Today they are often misused and abused by those who should not use them.

... People need to learn the truth about our flags and not just believe the media liars that tell us these flags represent only "racism."

I've asked the question several times—if the North fought to free the slaves, why didn't they start by freeing their own slaves? To date, the silence on that question has been deafening. Everybody simply ignores this question and probably wishes it would go away. But it won't! Even the so-called conservative news media disparage the South and they should know better. It seems that they learned their "history" in the same public school indoctrination centers that the socialists did, and they believe the indoctrination!

In spite of all the political fertilizer that was thrown around, my wife and I ended up in the South and we have no regrets for having done so. We've been here for over twenty years now and found it is not the horrible place we were told it was. Believe me, folks, I grew up in the North and it is no paradise.

The Southerners were not traitors when they seceded. They did not try to overthrow the Northern government. All they tried to do was separate from it. If separation is treason then so was the Declaration of Independence. Even though the politically correct socialist types are pushing for it, Southern culture and history are not going away. But we need our folks down here to stand up for their heritage. One way we can do that is to get our kids out of public indoctrination centers we still call schools and make sure they start learning our real history instead of lies. It is up to us to preserve our heritage because you can bet the political liars in Washington are bent on destroying it.

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TO QUOTE A YANKEE:

While observing Stonewall Jackson's troops during the occupation of Frederick, Maryland?

"Over 3,000 Negroes [SIC] must be included in this number [Confederate troops]. These were clad in all kinds of uniforms, not only in cast-off or captured United States uniforms, but in coats with Southern buttons, State buttons, etc. These were shabby, but not shabbier or seedier than those worn by white men in the rebel ranks. Most of the Negroes had arms, rifles, muskets, sabers, bowie-knives, dirks, etc., and were manifestly an integral portion of the Southern Confederate Amy."

-Dr. Lewis Steiner, Chief Inspector of the United States Sanitary Commission

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after falling asleep on the

couch.

Question: How many retirees does it take to change a

light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything

done

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 discovery in March 1864 temporarily rekindled the South's fighting spirit.
- 2. What could Gov. Joe Brown have done to stop the destruction of Sherman's troops in Georgia?
- 3. What cavalry general entered Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and pretty much
- 4. How many officers comprised a general court martial?

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

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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

So — How did you do?

on trial.

4. From 5 to 13, usually ranking higher than the man

3. J.E.B. Stuart

Brown didn't.

I. The discovery of papers on the body of Union Col.

Ulric Dahlgren. The papers described a plot to burn Richmond and kill Jeff Davis and his cabinet.
2. Withdrawn all of Georgia's forces from the Confederate armies, according to Sherman's offer.

The Confederate Quiz answers are:

CONFEDERATE QUIZ ANSWERS

A LETTER FROM THE PAST

We've all heard the claims that Confederate statues were erected to intimidate blacks, especially, supposedly, during the Jim Crow era. The following letter from Booker T. Washington, shows his support for the memorials, makes it clear that the claims are not valid:



To Mamie A. Harrison

Rochester N. Y. June 16, 1914

"My dear Madam: Replying further to yours of June 6th, I would state that I am going to take up very carefully the matter of the Confederate monument about which you wrote me, and see if I can find someone to give the money that is still needed. I am very much interested in the matter and thank you for writing me. During the summer months people with money are very much away from home and it is hard to reach



them, so it may be I may not be able to do anything about it until fall.

"I want to say again how very much we all appreciate the visit of [former Confederate] General George Paul Harrison to Tuskegee. We all realize more and more that men like him are the true friends of our race, and that any

monument that will keep the fine character of such heroes before the public will prove helpful to both races in the South."

Yours truly,

Booker T. Washington

Washington, Booker T., Papers Volume 13:14-15. University of Chicago



MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Confederate Flag Day	4
5	6	7	8	9 CAMP 158 MEETING; 1900 hrs at Sconyers BBQ	10	Johnny Appleseed Day
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME	13 NAP DAY	14	The Ides of March	16	ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18
19		21	22	23	VP Alexander H. Stevens died.	25
26	27	Gen Wade Hampton born.	29	30	31	



APRIL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 GOOD FRIDAY	8
9 EASTER SUNDAY	10	11	12	CAMP 158 MEETING; 1900 hrs at Sconyers BBQ	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29