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December, 2014



**CAMP MEETING
December 8, 2014**

CAMP CHRISTMAS PARTY!

**7:00 p.m. at the Pickering Center,
Germantown**

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A SOUTHERN MILITARY CHRISTMAS STORY

It was nearly half a lifetime ago, I was still on active duty, in the middle of one of my many military assignments, stationed in Yankee land at New York City; it had become clear very early on that I was stranded in what seemed like a foreign country. A leave of absence was applied for and thankfully approved! The morning of my departure finally arrived and none too soon for sanity sake!



When just before departing, a Yankee fella who was planning to head south on a new assignment, asked if he might ride approximately half the distance to my Florida home. Since he insisted on sharing the expenses, it seemed mannerly to accommodate a fellow traveler, particularly given this the time, so we both entered my then blue 1976 Dodge, figuring he being Yankee, he would surely love the color..

Anyhow we departed west on route 84 out of the oversized metropolis, known as the Big Apple! Then turned south on route 81, which would take us straight down the beautiful Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. While I knew this particular Yankee fairly well, still, what does one say to a Yankee, when there are few if any points of mutual interest?

We had little in common, we didn't like the same food, music, literature, and certainly our politics were as different as night and day. We disagreed on just about every aspect of life! As for myself, I never did understand how 'those people' got their heads so screwed on backwards.

Somewhere in their history or genetic code, which ever of these or both, those people got turned around in the worse possible way. I figured it would take more wisdom than was possessed by King Solomon himself to put them back on course! Anyhow, this being the season for commemorating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I thought it proper to show a little Southern Hospitality, so I decided to keep the conversation light and on the topic of Christmas. Nonetheless a few hours later we were nearing the Mason-Dixon Line, and about to cross into what I believed to be God's Country. My Yankee co-traveler couldn't help notice my spirits rising by the minute!

So he had to ask, "What is it about the South and you Southerners that no matter what the calendar says or the changing times, you are still so different?" I thought for a moment, then answered with a question, in answer to his question! "Please tell me if you would, how far is it to the nearest battlefield from your home in upstate New York?"

"We ain't got any battlefield anywhere near where my family lives!" "How about cotton fields, cornbread or traditional country music and whalin' guitars?" "You got to be nuts man," he said, "You know we ain't got any of them things, New York is a northern city!" "How well do I know that my

Yankee friend!" I said.

"That's why the South is so far south, cause it ain't anything like up north! When the Almighty God walked across heaven and earth, he took it slow and careful down in Dixie. He put his entire heart into creating the land of Dixie! It's a place that is truly our home my friend, in every sense of the word!"

"I thought you said your home is in Florida?" "It most certainly is, but you Yankee folks just don't understand; when a returning Southerner crosses the Mason-Dixon Line and reenters the Southland, he or she is already home."

While we spent the hours heading further south, the Yankee continued to ask questions about my Southern Homeland, the kind of questions not found in any of their history books, and I done my best to answer. Finally I began to open up my heart just a wee bit, as much as one could in the company of foreigners!

"My homeland is not just mud, grass, flowers, trees, cotton fields and buildings, it's all that clear enough, and might I say that when God created Dixie, he did His finest work. But the Southland is also a state of mind! Oh the years have exacted a heavy price upon the South, but the essence of what it means to be southern remains unique to our homeland.

And it still shines through, even in the midst of our modern day political and social smog, waiting for that hour when it will be reborn in all her splendor. "Our Southland is a storybook land of knights in shining armor, Christian Gentlemen Warriors and Ladies Fair, a land where grace and charm rides together with honor.

A place where little boys can still carry a cane fishing pole down a dirt road, and enjoy an old time fishing hole or ride an imaginary chariot to the stars. We produce more preachers, priests, singers, teachers, writers, and poets than the rest of the world combined. Our people can tell more stories, create more laughter, as well as tears, and do so with more gusto than any people who ever lived.

We still produce more and better military officers and men of valor, than any other civilization upon earth, based on the percentage of our population. The Southland also produces an abundance of heroes with tactical genius and prowess, and then instills within them a sense of grace and humbleness.

Heroes who, in spite of all the modern day political correctness and anti-Christian sentiments, still bow the knee at the feet of the King of Kings, our Lord

and Savior Jesus Christ. "My home sir, is a place where religion isn't a Sunday morning exercise, but a way of life, and we don't mind at all quoting the Holy Scripture and speaking His precious name.

The Southland is a place where our Confederate and Antebellum Southern history, heritage, culture and nationhood are still center stage issues; all these generations after northern armies aggressively conquered and subjugated us. A land that if free and independent today, would stand among the top three nations on earth, in economic terms, and within five years we'd be top nation among the military powers.

If the thirteen Southern States were allowed to depart in peace today, it would cause the United States to be reduced to a third-world status, merely by our absence from their Union. Such is our contribution, and thus the reason we are not permitted to regain our independence and national identity!

My home sir is a land, which flows with milk and honey, but most of all a land bathed in the blood of our forefathers, and they did so in defense of our right to be a free and independent nation and people. Were this not the case, the crowds of tourist and Yankee immigrants would be flocking north, rather than crowding our highways heading south.

And highway 95 running from the heart of Yankee Land to Miami would never have been built! Since two thirds of the highway was constructed so as to accommodate northerners who dislike us so much, they have chosen to up root and relocate their homes among us.

"My homeland has been abused, over built and over populated, then paved, and concreted over by illegal northern as well as Mexican immigrants, even so its loveliness shines through. The Southern States created the greatest civilization ever to exist in 2000 years, and buried deep within the heart of every Southerner is the collective memory of a time and a place, a paradise not really present and not completely gone.

Our people wait that glorious day wherein our just and honorable cause, shall have been vindicated! After which, our land shall once more be restored to her splendor, charm, grace and rightful place among the nations of the earth. "My Yankee friend, this is my home and to walk across her soil, is to walk on holy ground!

It is upon this precious Southern soil where I will live my life, make my stand, and should our Lord tarry in

his coming, I will take my final rest." My Yankee guest could only gaze at me in amazement at what he had heard! "You Southerners really believe these things deep within your hearts don't you?" he questioned? "Yes Sir, this is why as you also properly stated, no matter what takes place, we really are as different as night and day!

These things are the summation and contents of my heart, for my roots like the oak tree, grow deep in the history of the Southland and of the Confederacy. For being Southern and Confederate is not only born with me, but is also my state of mind. And this sir, is why we still honor the Almighty God, in Christ Jesus, the Holy Scripture and Prayer, and it all centers around the babe, born in a manger so long ago" And to that, my Yankee friend could only say, Amen!

HERITAGE ATTACK OF THE MONTH:



Here's a rarity - Attack and CounterAttack in the same letter!! Well done, VA Flaggers, please see below:

W&L Chapel Desecration Update - An Anonymous Letter

Occasionally, we receive letters such as the one below, with no return address or signature. This particular one is so full of misinformation and false statements, that we decided to share it and our reply here, in the hopes that the "anonymous" author, and anyone else who may have been misled, might see it and be educated.

The author's comments are in black, our responses in red...

"I was on the W&L campus this weekend. I saw your people at the entrance to the Chapel lot and I saw the little flyer you were handing out in different places." *Good to hear! Nice work, Flaggers!*

"My great great grandfather fought for the Confederacy and was killed at Petersburg." *God bless him! What SCV Camp or UDC Chapter to you belong to?*

"Yours is a sad and puzzling effort. Let's get the fact straight.

1) There were NO flags in the Chapel for 60 years after Lee died, and no evidence that Lee wanted flags there".*We are not sure what facts you are "straightening" here. We have never heard anyone claim there were flags in the Chapel before 1930 and do not dispute that fact. You claim there is no evidence that Lee wanted flags there. We assert that there is also no evidence that Lee DID NOT want flags there, despite what the Chapel docents have been instructed to tell visitors.*

"2) The real flags were there for 60 years from 1930 until about 1990, NOT until 2014, as your brochure so incorrectly states." *Actually, it was 1995 when the original flags were removed for preservation and restoration, as they certainly should have been, and reproductions were secured and put in their place, as they certainly should have been. Our brochure states that the reproduction flags were removed in July of 2014, which is correct.*

"3) They were removed over 20 years ago by the MOC because they were deteriorating. In their place, W&L got some commercial knock off/replica flags which have no more historical value than something I could buy in an Alabama K Mart." *As stated before, we have no issue with the arrangement, made in 1993 between the University, the UDC, and the Museum formerly known as the Museum of the Confederacy, to restore and preserve the original flags. However, you, Sir or Madame, are greatly misinformed if you believe the replica flags that were carefully placed were something that one could purchase at a department store.*

As can be seen in the above photo, the flags were custom made to precisely replicate the unit flags that were removed for restoration. They were and are of great "significant historical value", and as the flags of several units who fought under General Lee, completely appropriate as displayed in the mausoleum.

4) W&L has removed these knock offs and is getting Real battle flags on loan from the MOC (now known as the American Civil War Museum).*Yes, W&L has removed the replicas, but it has absolutely NOTHING to do with the plan to restore and preserve the original battle flags, which was a*

project started by former President Elrod, NOT President Ruscio. Removing the replica flags was NEVER a part of that project, and is completely unrelated. The flags were removed in capitulation to the demands of 6 W&L Law Students who threatened "Civil Disobedience" if the flags were not removed. University officials have used the (1993!) agreement as a smokescreen to cover for this fact, and, apparently there are those like you who have swallowed the spin... hook, line, and sinker.

4) Those flags WILL be available for viewing and education in the Lee Chapel Museum; anyone who wants to see them can see them. *Bravo! We are happy to hear that the 1993 agreement and project is (apparently) coming to completion. The Virginia Flaggers will be the first in line to get a look at the flags if/when they appear in the museum. The conclusion of this project, however, had NOTHING TO DO WITH THE REMOVAL OF THE REPLICA FLAGS IN 2014. The removal was a capitulation to the demands and blackmail of 6 students who the university obviously failed in their duty to instruct in the character and honor of Robert E. Lee.*

These are the indisputable facts. *On the contrary, your assertions have been clearly disputed above.*

How is it possible that The Flaggers think there is a crisis and that anyone other than you is or should be outraged? *For starters, there are the thousands of letters, phone calls, and emails from outraged citizens, students, and alumni that the University has received since the blackmail letter was received in April. Anyone with Confederate blood in their veins who is NOT outraged by this desecration is not worthy of his/her heritage, in our humble opinion.*

You are accusing W&L of desecrating Lee's grave when his remains are on the floor below the room with his statue?! *Yes, we are. The mausoleum above the grave is clearly intended as an extension of his final resting place.*

You are now calling Robert E. Lee IV out of line? *Actually, what we said was we are disappointed that he would privately believe that removal of the flags was ok, and saddened that he would allow himself to be used by the University as a means to cover their deeds. We stand by both statements. His blood line is certainly one to be honored, but it does not allow that he is free from criticism when it is due.*

People south and north are laughing at you. *Oh...well in THAT case... (Sorry, couldn't hold back the sarcasm.) We do what we do because we believe it is right. No amount of scorn, especially from folks who*

have no clue what has happened, and no understanding of our heritage, will stop us.

You are feeding those who think the old and new South is full of reactionary nuts. *One man's "reactionary nut" is another man's Patriot, and I know on which side my ancestors and I stand on.*

Please devote your time to something logical and productive. *You saw us and received and read a flier...sounds pretty productive to me.*

End your carnival act in Lexington. *No. Believe it or not, there are those of us who refuse to be silenced by silly threats and PC hogwash. We will not go away quietly and act like nothing has happened. We will continue to do everything in our power to spread the truth of what has happened at W&L, and hold Ruscio and the administration responsible for their despicable act.*

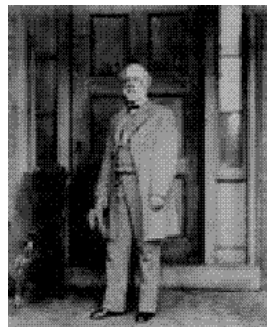
Great job, VA Flaggers!!



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UNION GENERAL JOSEPH HOOKER



Like his predecessor, Major General George B. McClellan, being overly cautious proved Hooker’s undoing. At Antietam (Sharpsburg) McClellan commanded a force of 75,000 men against Lee’s 52,000, yet what should have been a smashing victory for the

North turned into a stalemate because McClellan held 22,000 men in reserve. This happened again at Chancellorsville, where Hooker led a force of over 133,000 men against Lee’s mere 60,000 man Army of Northern Virginia. By keeping a force more than half the size of Lee’s entire army in reserve and not bringing them into combat, Hooker allowed Lee to gain the advantage on the field and route the Union forces, turning Chancellorsville into a stunning Confederate victory.

Speaking of Antietam/Sharpsburg, at the time of that battle John B. Gordon, who rose to become a famous Confederate general, was serving as a colonel over the “Raccoon Roughs” he had raised from Alabama. Early in the action he received a minor wound when a bullet cut a hole through his cap. Later in the day, often called “America’s bloodiest,” Gordon was again hit in the head by another bullet and knocked to the ground, where he bled profusely. The future general would have drowned in his own blood had not the vital fluid drained through the hole made by the earlier Federal ball.

Source: *Civil War Curiosities* by Webb Garrison (Rutledge Hill Press, Nashville, TN; 1994)

HEADSTONES AND CEMETERIES UPDATE

Jeremy Elkins

My father chose to be buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Hickory Withe, TN, in Fayette County. It’s a beautiful cemetery that is secluded and off the beaten path. It was established in 1820 by the founding families of Arlington and Hickory Withe.

Names like Ivy and Wilson are everywhere. Even the first doctor to set up private practice in Arlington is buried there. His name was Dr. Preston Bone. He also happened to be General Forrest’s own physician



who served with the General throughout the entire war. Albert Weber was a Tennessee State Senator who died in office in 1908...he chose to be buried in his Confederate uniform! Peter Cole was a Lieutenant that was killed in the Battle of Murfreesboro and is also buried there.

Every Confederate soldier we could find...from the well known to the lesser known and even to the unknown will be honored. Flags are placed on their graves every holiday that calls for it. But what about Christmas? Now, thanks to the gracious donations from Mary Snipes and Maera Elkins, each veteran has a wreath placed on his grave. Not only the Confederate veterans buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, but the unknown Confederate soldiers who lay at rest in Pleasant Hill Cemetery on Brunswick Road. The camp honored them earlier this year for Confederate Memorial Day and we honor them again at Christmas. We may not know their names, but we know their cause that they gave their lives for. May they rest in peace this Christmas and every Christmas forever.





BLUFF CITY GRAYS UPDATE

REPORT OF ACTION FROM THE BATTLE OF SPRING HILL, TN

Following an early morning forced march, we arrived at the Rippavilla Plantation near Spring Hill and met up with our friends from the Cedar Bush Mess and the 32nd Mississippi. Knowing there was a large number of Yankees in the area, we sent scouts out into the surrounding area to gather new recruits, of which we found several - enough to form a battalion and a Color Guard. That done, and the Yankees having been sighted at the top of a ridge, Gen. Forrest's Cavalry engaged the enemy on our left. The artillery opened up shortly after, and we took up position in a long line at the edge of a corn field, with the Cedar Bush on our right, the Grays in the center, and the 32nd Mississippi on our left. From there, we opened fire by platoons within each company, which allowed us to maintain a continuous rate of fire as we advanced. The Yankees advanced down the hill, as we started to take casualties on our right. We had one injury and our Corporal was able to help drag our one injured soldier to safety as two of us covered him on our retreat. He should be considered for a medal of some sort

The losses were heavy on both sides, and we were pushed back but ultimately carried the day. Unfortunately, Gen Forrest reports that the enemy has escaped north toward Franklin. Casualty and muster reports to follow.

REPORT OF ACTION FROM THE BATTLE OF FRANKLIN, TN

Not an official AAR, but just as an update this month. Bill and Will Rivenbark, Ken Chrestman and myself all overcame a series of personal traumas (I'll spare you the details) in order to get our Blue uniforms on

and go to face the Grey Menace at Franklin for the 150th anniversary of that battle. The reenactment was obviously scaled down to size, but was for the most part historically correct. It was much shorter, on a much smaller field, with many fewer men involved. The drone above us shooting video was a bit farby but did what it was made to do, and the Confederates were kind enough to hold their fire long enough to allow us to go put out a small grass fire that was started by a cannon misfire as it was starting to go out of control. As Ken said, "you gotta clean those things, now!". Our friends from Chicago, Co. K of the 154th joined us and together we formed a company of about 16 to 20. Prior to the battle, it had been worked out between us and the field commander to allow us to portray the 36th IL, of Opdyck's Division who had been held in reserve but went without orders to stop the weary, tattered and half starved Confederates who had breached the Union line. This truly was one of the most accurately done, "stick to the scenario and historical facts" events I have been involved in (usually the scenario is out the window with the first shot fired). There were many legitimately interested folks who passed through the camps and asked questions, and the crowd of 5000 seemed to enjoy the "show". The overall event was both elating and saddening from my perspective, and from many of the rest of us as well. Overall, however, this was a GREAT event and if you missed it, well...you missed a good one. It was a great honor for us to be able to participate

That said, the aforementioned drone caught most of the action, and its work in capturing the battle can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nlKD65CLWY>.

There was also considerable media coverage and other film and photos which can be found on the Facebook site at:

<https://www.facebook.com/BluffCityGraysMemphis>.



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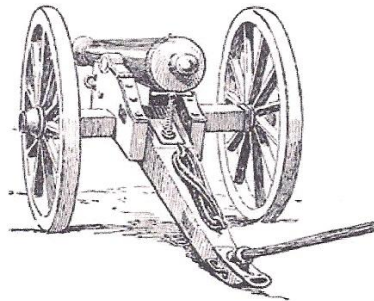
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COMMANDER'S CORNER



I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that your holiday season is off to a great start. We had a very good November meeting, with a minimum of business to cover for a change. Brad Waters, as usual, brought his

A-game and provided a great presentation on the Battle of Jenkins Ferry. As usual, we had a good crowd in attendance; hope to see more of you at our next meeting.

Speaking of our next meeting, that would be the Camp Christmas Party on Monday, Dec. 8. This will be held at the Pickering Center, which is across the plaza from where we normally meet. This is a potluck event, and if you haven't let us know you're coming or what you're bringing please do so now so we can plan accordingly. We don't want too much or too little, but just right. The Camp will provide a turkey, ham, or something along that line. Members with the last name beginning with A-H, please bring a vegetable or salad. Last names I-P please bring a starch (potatoes, pasta, stuffing, etc). Q-Z please bring a dessert. That will hopefully eliminate the issue of everybody bringing the same thing. Of course, please bring your wives, sweethearts, other family if you wish, and feel free to double up but if you do, please bring what you were assigned plus one of the other categories. It won't really be a meeting, as there is not really much business to cover, but we do have a nice program lined up for you so I hope to see everybody there.

Following that will be our January kick-off meeting on the 12th. We are developing some good plans for the year, in keeping with our ongoing focus on Community Service and Education, including work in the schools, Scouts, Parks, and others. I would like to hear your ideas, thoughts, and other input on things that we can do to promote the organization and the Camp. I want you all to bring your ideas and let us know your thoughts on things that can work better.

The Lee-Jackson-Chalmers Banquet is right around the corner on Saturday, Jan. 17, and I will have tickets for sale (\$30 each) at each of our next meetings. This will be at the Ridgeway Country Club, 9800 Poplar Ave. Should be a great time as always. Speaker is still TBD but we expect to have that nailed down pretty soon. Please plan to attend.

"Beyond Glory" came and went quickly. Unfortunately, sales were not what we had hoped for, not even close. The show was outstanding, but despite our best promotional efforts it just didn't draw as we had hoped. We did what we could do. Thanks to those of you who attended, hope you enjoyed the show. It's a shame that there apparently are not 1000 people in the area apparently that are interested in or would be inspired by a performance such as this that honors such heroic men.



As a reminder, we are teaming with the Chalmers Camp to put on this year's Mid South Military History and Civil War Show. This has been a great event for many years, previously held at the Southaven Arena out on old 51, but changes in the City Government caused the cost of the Arena to almost TRIPLE, so we are now going to hold it at Showplace Arena at the Agricenter. This is the big yellow building right next to the Butcher Shop. Should get a LOT more traffic and generate more interest since it's been opened up to WWI, WWII and others. Currently there is a committee that is handling most of the work, but soon we will need extra hands to work the door, handle internal logistics and do other things. We'll let you know what we need as that comes up. The good news is that the Agricenter has a crew that will set up and take down all the tables, and contracts with vendors for food and drinks so we won't have to mess with that. Hope to see you all there, they have some good speakers lined up and it should be a good all around event.

Last, and maybe most importantly, Kroger Cards - please sign up if you haven't. Amazon Smile - please sign up and use it if you haven't already. License plates - they're available at the County Clerk's office on Exeter - please get them when your registration is up for renewal this year. These are simple things that YOU can do to support the cause, the Division, and your Camp. Also - I talked with Gen. Lee Thanksgiving weekend in Spring Hill, and he asked that I send his warmest regards. At this time, I will pass along my best holiday wishes as well for a

wonderful Christmas to each one of you and my most sincere gratitude for your help in all that we have accomplished this year, both as Camp and as part of the overall organization. Without you, there is no SCV, there is no Southern Heritage, and Confederate History gets taught by those who write the text books and teach the students what the South was not about, and we can't have that.



It's going to be a very interesting 2015. Let's all get ready for the ride. In the meantime, enjoy the Holidays with your families, travel safe if you're traveling, and I'll look forward to seeing you all Monday night and then in January.

I am, and shall remain, your humble and obedient servant,

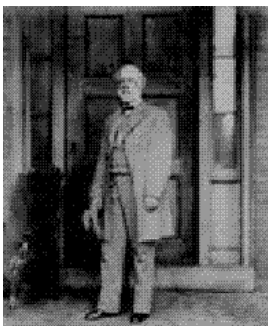
Mike Daugherty, Commander
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“The cause of the South was the cause of constitutional government, the cause of government regulated by law, and the cause of honesty and fidelity in public servants. No nobler cause did man ever fight for!”
--Rep. Benjamin Franklin Grady-Duplin Co. NC 1899

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A HOLIDAY THOUGHT

As Christmas approaches, and having just done a Reenactment in freezing temperatures, I would like everyone to remember our gallant ancestors whom did not have the luxury of going to the car to warm up, have a propane heater in their tent, have their pick of what their meal would consist of (or even if they had food at all!) and how many layers of warm clothing they could put on to stay warm. Lastly, if they would still be alive by days end. I ask you to remember these thing while you sit in your warm home with family around you and be thankful that they were willing to sacrifice all of those things because of their love of their families, the south and their fellow brothers in arms.

Your Obedient Servant,

Cpl Bill (Tuba Lips) Rivenbark.





UPCOMING EVENTS
CALENDAR

Dec. 8 - Lee Camp Christmas Party,
7:00 PM at Pickering Center

Jan. 17 - Lee/Jackson/Chalmers
Banquet (tickets are available now,
\$30 each)



THIS MONTH IN CONFEDERATE HISTORY

- Dec. 6, 1833 - Gen. John S. Mosby born
- Dec. 13, 1862 - Battle of Fredericksburg
- Dec. 13, 1864 - Fort McAllister surrenders
- Dec. 15, 1864 - Battle of Nashville
- Dec. 20, 1860 - South Carolina secedes
- Dec. 31, 1862 - Battle of Stones River



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Next Camp Meeting ** December 8, 2014
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