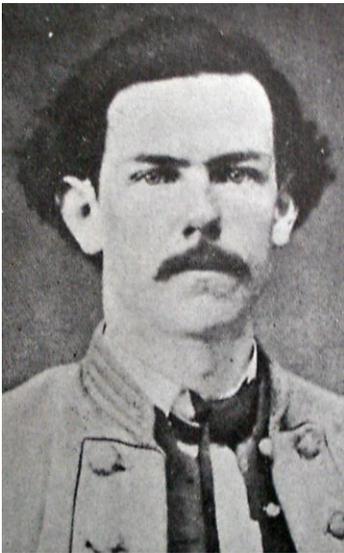
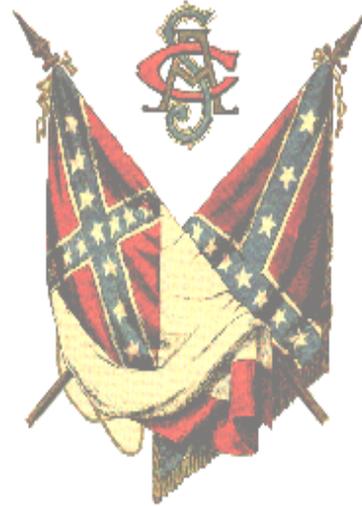

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Finding materials for the Dalton Relic Show, February 4-5, 2012.

Officers for 2012

State of Dade Camp 707

The following slate of officers is presented for vote by the members at the February 2012 meeting of the Camp. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Office	Name
Commander	Allen Daniel
Lt. Commander	Freddie Parris
Adjutant/Treasurer	Larry Wheeler
Judge Advocate	Keith Morrison
Sgt at Arms/Provost Marshall	Sturgis Creamer
Aide de Camp	Allen Daniel
Editor	Raymond Evans
Webmaster	Denny Forster
Quartermaster Sergeant	E. Jeffcoats
Quartermaster Corporal	Sonny Ballew
Chaplain	Jim Fletcher
Assistant Chaplin	Phillip Croft
Color Sergeant	Mark Steel
Historian	Raymond Evans
Bugler	Tony Burns
Clerk	Tony Burns

Executive Committee

Freddie Parris
Larry Wheeler
Raymond Evans
Jim Fletcher
Larry Croft
Allen Daniel

SPECIAL VOTE

Also, as was approved at the November Meeting, a vote will be taken at the February meeting as to whether or not the Camp will continue to maintain a sales booth at special events. Quartermaster Larry Wheeler has stated that he can not continue this activity without additional help. In the event that the booth is discontinued a decision will be made as to the disposition of the merchandise left on hand.

Lee-Jackson Dinner



State of Dade Table at the Lee Jackson Dinner.



Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens.

Eight members of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans joined with our North Georgia and Chattanooga SCV brothers for our annual celebration of the birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. “Stonewall” Jackson. Our featured speaker was SCV Commander-in-Chief Michael Givens.

Suggested attire for the evening was coat and tie for gentlemen and “church-type” attire for ladies. Period dress was also welcome.

Cost of the buffet style meal was \$12.50 per person. The menu included: chicken breast, roast beef, green beans, baked potato, salad, rolls, desert, tea and coffee.

Dalton Civil War Relic Show



In 2011, some 2,500 people descended on Dalton for the annual Chickamauga Civil War Show and Sale. And Mike Kent, promoter of the show, says he expects even more people to attend this year.

“We are expecting about 3,000. We’ve done three shows in the past three months, and all of them saw an increase of as much as 10 percent,” said Kent.

The 17th annual Civil War show will be at the Northwest Georgia Trade and Convention Center on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is \$8, with children under 12 free.

Kent said he believes the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, which started last year and runs through 2015, has boosted interest in the conflict.

“People are more aware of it. Every Civil War publication out there, every museum, anyone who has anything to do with the Civil War is really pushing the celebration,” Kent said.

He said exhibitor space has already sold out for the show.

“We’ve got 450 tables. That translates into about 300 individual vendors,” he said. “They come from 30 to 35 different states. I’ve got two different guys coming in from Virginia. I’ve got a guy coming in from Arizona, and I’ve got a lot of guys coming in from surrounding states such as North Carolina and Tennessee.”

Kent said he doesn’t know exactly what will be on sale this year.



Some of the items that will be available at the show.

“I never know what these guys will come up with from show to show. They are like ‘American Pickers’ (a popular television show). They are out there constantly scouring the country for new things. That’s what makes it interesting,” he said. “But I know we’ll have a lot of antique firearms and a lot of antique swords and uniforms.”

For the past two years, the show has also featured relics from World War I and World War II. Kent said customers will be able to find things from those wars this year, too.

“That is now one of the stronger parts of all our shows. We opened them all up to wars up through World War II. That is a whole different collecting community, but we have found that a lot of our vendors also deal in World War I and World War II memorabilia,” Kent said. “The good thing about it is that that stuff is a whole lot more affordable than Civil War artifacts.”

On Saturday, Feb. 4, the Dalton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) and the Dalton Civil War 150th Anniversary Committee will host a Civil-War-themed dinner at the trade center at 7 p.m. Bobby Horton, a Birmingham, Ala.-based multi-instrumentalist, will perform Civil War-era music on period instruments.

Mint Juleps of Venerable and Mellow Bourbon

Bernhard Thuersam, Director
Cape Fear Historical Institute

It is said that author John Davis first mentioned the mint julep in 1803 and its origins in the South are in the eighteenth century. Senator Henry Clay of Kentucky introduced this unique beverage to Washington City's Round Robin Bar in the Willard Hotel.

Mint Juleps of Venerable and Mellow Bourbon:

"Aunt Lina," said Mama, "you know the ladies didn't drink in your day."

"Drink?" said Aunt Lina, who had been born and brought up before the war (Civil War, of course) and even before the Victorian era, "I should say they did drink. Why, every evening at the Springs the gentlemen used to sent a tray of mint juleps up to the ladies in their rooms before supper."

As a matter of fact, Aunt Lina was drinking a mint julep at that instant in her room at home. It was in the early afternoon, but there was no need for hurry. Her dinners (they were not lunches) rarely started before three o'clock in the afternoon - to give the diners time to let breakfast settle - and it would be two-thirty anyway before the turkey would be done properly. Violet, the colored cook, would see to that, and after she had finished her julep Aunt Lina would go in the kitchen and give the meal the finishing touches.

The gentlemen were having mint juleps in the parlor. These juleps had the confident simplicity of great works of art. Violet had picked a dozen handfuls of the mint from the mint bed between the woodhouse and the backhouse while the dew was still on it and kept it in the icebox. She had cracked the ice and got out the big silver goblets rimmed with the Greek key design. But nobody but Aunt Lina had made the juleps. She had put a lump of loaf sugar in the bottom of each goblet, dissolved it in a mite of spring water, pressed the mint with the back of a silver spoon against the goblet until it had yielded up its flavor, and then filled the goblet with cracked ice.

The next step was to pour from a bottle of venerable and mellow bourbon until the amber liquor reached a hair's breadth of the top, then garnish with sprigs of mint until one was reminded of Coleridge's words - "and ice mast-high came floating be as green as emerald." The result was a drink which was smooth and sharp, sweet and biting, cold to the fingers and hot to the stomach, delicate but authoritative, and "annihilating all that's made to a green thought in a green shade."

"Gentlemen," said Uncle John to Papa and me, "that is reverend stuff."

(Southern Accent, From Uncle Remus to Oak Ridge, William T. Polk, William Morrow and Company, 1953, pp. 125-126)



Chaplain's Corner

As the time comes to celebrate the birthday of George Washington, the first president of our nation, it is good to remember that the founding fathers hoped that each individual would contribute his best talents to the common good of all.

This ideal is in line with the wonderful Bible assurance that to be good and to do good is the one sure way to have peace of heart followed by glory and honor. This high motive can sustain and bless us today in all things that we do.

Father, we thank thee for the rule that working for good is the way to true honor, glory and peace.

Romans 2:10 *But glory, honor and peace to every man that worketh good.*

Prayer List: Prayer has been requested for Mike Dodd who is suffering a serious illness. Also remember your wives or sweethearts with a Valentine.

May God Bless,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 4-5 Dalton Civil War Show. Camp 707 will have a booth at the annual Dalton Civil War Show at the Dalton trade center the first weekend in February.
- February 21: Camp Meeting: The February 2012 meeting of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at Randy's Restaurant in Trenton. We will meet to eat at 6:00 P.M. – there will be no retreat!
- March 24-25 Battle of Bridgeport Reenactment: Additional material will be given in the March Newsletter



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