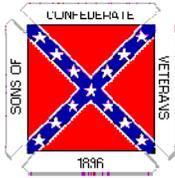
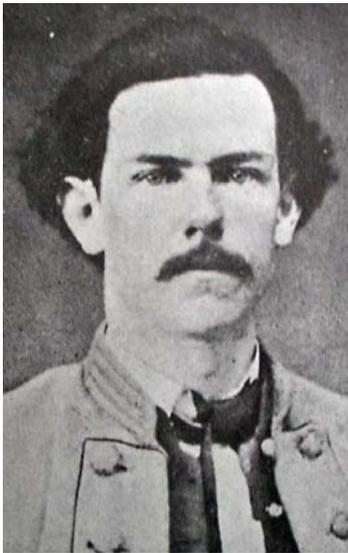
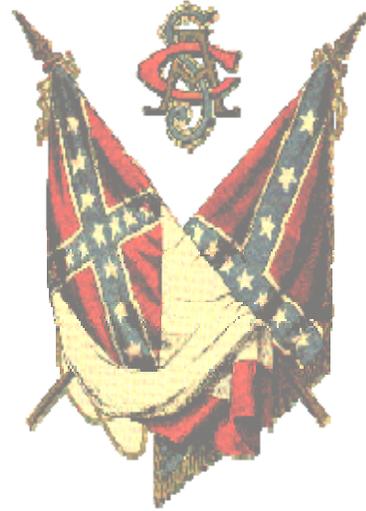

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State of Dade Mechanized Cavalry on the road.

GEORGIA DIVISION, SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS BUSINES MEETING – 2006

The following items of interest were transacted at the recent annual convention of the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Everything considered, it was a great meeting and things are certainly looking up for the Division.

Elected:

Charlie Lott	new Division Commander.
Ted Brooks	new Lt north Commander.
David Espy	new 1 st Brigade Commander
Martin O'Toole	new Judge Advocate.

Resolutions

1. Resolution to Honor Dr. Bickers.....passed
2. Resolution to establish a permanent Heritage Defense Budget amount of \$10,000 and any roll-over monies left in the budget at fiscal year end will be placed in the Heritage Defense Reserve Account.....passed
3. Resolution to abandon the Napier Hoffman house.....failed by two votes, resolution was move to paper ballot count toward the end of the reunion to either keep the resolution tabled or re-open it for discussion.....passed to keep the resolution tabled.
4. Resolution for joint meetings between the SCV and SCF.....passed, if no agreement between both parties are met by SCV reunion date in 2007, all considerations between the Ga. Division and the SCF shall be dissolved.
5. Resolution stating any recommended agreement between the SCV and SCF must be approved by the men of the Division at the 2007 SCV Reunion.....passed.

Amendments to constitution and by laws:

1. Amendment to Constitution fixing the Camp affiliation of Brigade Commanders & Division Lt. Commanders.....passed.
2. Amendment to Constitution fixing the responsibilities of the Division Lt. Commanders.....passed
3. Amendment to Constitution for forming a new 14th Brigade out of the 9th Brigade.....failed
4. Amendment to Constitution fixing the date of annual convention.....passed.
5. Amendment to Constitution amending policy 1 concerning membership dues.....passed.

Special NOTICE: The next meeting of the Georgia Division Executive Council will be held on September 16 at Lee and Gordon's Mills at Chickamauga, Georgia. This is the weekend as the annual War Between the States event at Chickamauga.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIVISION COMMANDER REGARDING THE DIVISION INTERNET SITE

Gentlemen:

We have approximately 4,100 members in the Division. Of these, only 126 are members of this list (3%). Why are the other 97 % not on this list? Most say that they do not wish to be exposed to the “Trash” and arguments put here by a very few. Gentlemen do not use profanity... Nor make personal attacks.... Nor comment on race/creed, etc...Gentlemen who cannot find a way to agree to disagree at times, should immediately take their “discussion off this list and to private emails. To help restart this list, we are placing a moratorium on discussion of flagging, and politics. Go to the groups that specialize in these discussions

Below are the new rules:

NO profanity or vulgar comments expressed or implied, to or about ANYONE

NO reference to Flagging. (There is a very good list called “flag-fight” which is operated by one of our good Compatriots) This is NOT to say that I (or any member of this list) is against Flagging. Just that comments on flagging should be elsewhere.

NO politics, which reference to ANY person or Party – either for or against. There are several lists which are appropriate for this “SPOGA” “SHPAC” “GHC”, etc

NO personal attacks!! To folks on OR off this list! Got a problem? Take it PRIVATE

NO negative comments regarding the National Flag!

NO comments regarding anyone’s race, color, creed, religion, or national origin In short, we’ll be abiding by General Lee’s maxim: “Everyone will be a gentleman!”

These rules will go into effect at 6:00 PM Sunday, June 25, 2006. After that time violators of one or more of these rules will be suspended from this list for a period of 30 days – with a return after that time, upon request. Second violations will result in permanent suspension.

It is NOT my wish that any Compatriot leave this list. Rather, I would hope with everyone acting like gentlemen, we could have 2000 members.

Charlie Lott
Division Commander
Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans



CHICKAMAUGA CAMPAIGN HERITAGE TRAIL

E. Raymond Evans

Thirty years ago Jeff Brown and I spent most of the summer performing archaeological work at Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park as a part of the planning phase of the Highway 27 Relocation Project. While there, we frequently came in contact with visitors to the park. One of the most frequently asked questions from the public was how did the two armies happen to come together for the battle at that particular location. The reply that was usually given by park personnel, at that time, was that the armies were simply wandering around and came together more or less by accident. I realized that this was not an adequate explanation, but the question was beyond the scope of what I was doing at that time.

I was out of the area for several years, and upon returning I learned that in middle Tennessee the Tullahoma Campaign Trail had been established, marking the route of the armies from Murfreesboro to Monteagle Mountain with attractive signs using text, pictures, and maps to describe the events that had taken place. It seemed logical that this would be an excellent way to continue the routes all the way to the Battle of Chickamauga. Since the first step would be identification of specific sites, I spent some time in an effort to obtain funding from the Marion County Commission to identify and assess sites throughout Marion County – beginning at the point on Monteagle Mountain where the Tullahoma Campaign Trail ends. This proved to be unsuccessful, and upon the advise of Freddie Parris and Larry Wheeler, I took the same proposal to the Dade County Commission. In the presentation, not only was historic preservation stressed, but also the economic benefits to be derived from historic tourism were also pointed out. The Dade County Commission was not interested in the proposal, but some members of the Dade County Chamber of Commerce were present. They saw the advantage of the concept to the local economy, and supported the project. This resulted in the inventory and assessment of period sites in Dade County.

I subsequently did an inventory and assessment of sites in Walker County under contract with Walker County government. In the course of this project, I became acquainted with John Culpepper, City Manager of the City of Chickamauga. For some time John had the vision of making Chickamauga the “Gettysburg of the South” in terms of tourism. Senator Jeff Mullis shared this vision. Culpepper organized a Chickamauga Campaign Trail Committee that eventually included county and city governments from Dade, Walker, Catoosa, and Chattooga Counties in Georgia and Marion and Hamilton Counties in Tennessee. We have identified sixty-two sites with significance to the Chickamauga Campaign Trail. A website has been established and a full color brochure and map is now available. Most of the sites will have interpretative signs, comparable to the Tullahoma Campaign Trail signs, which are now being made. Twelve of the sites being featured are located in Dade County. Camp 707 sponsored one of the signs, interpreting the Redding House. During the next four to six weeks, these signs will be erected.



During the last weekend in June, I led a group of Ohio people on a three-day tour of Dade and Walker Counties tracing the route used by the 18th Ohio Infantry Regiment on the way to the Battle of Chickamauga.

The participants were very impressed with the concept, and have stated that many other people in their area would be quite excited about an

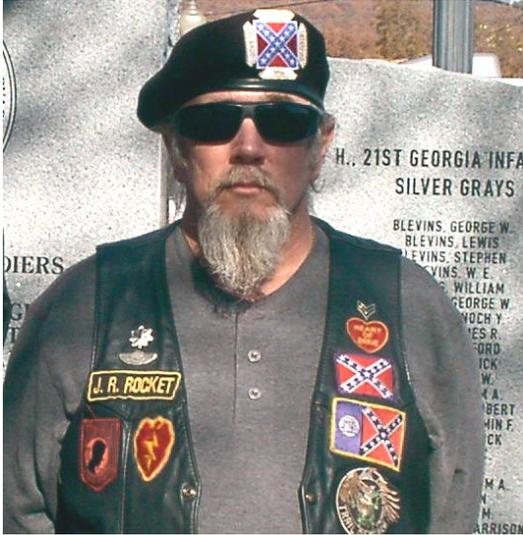
experience like this. We are confident that this will prove to be the first of many such groups.



An Ohio tour group at the Chickamauga Battlefield.



Mechanized Cavalry Report:

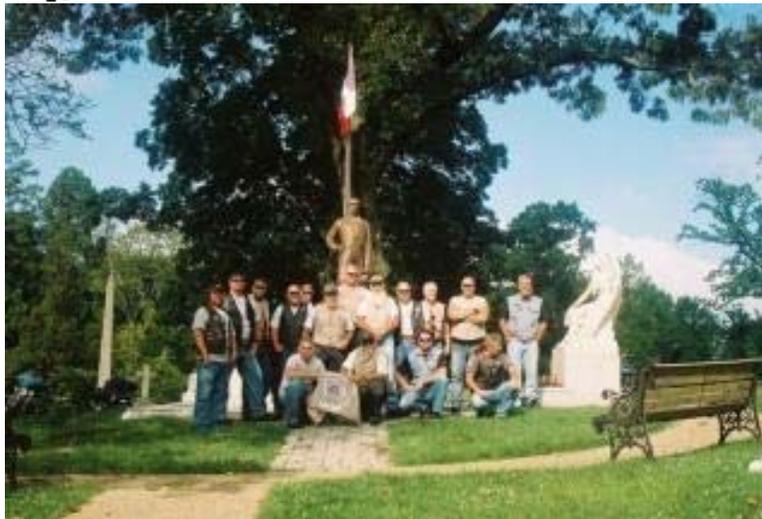


As most of you know most Mechanized members of the State of Dade Camp took part in the recent National Mechanized Cavalry reunion – consisting of a week long ride to numerous significant sites of the War Between the States in West Virginia and Virginia – ending at Moorefield, West Virginia. Lieutenant Sparks was out of the area on this event at the time this issue of the camp newsletter was being prepared. Except for some bad weather, which passed, everyone had a great time, and returned safely. Lieutenant Sparks will provide a full report on the event in the next issue of the newsletter.

The next major Mechanized event will be the Run to the Border ride, scheduled for the third week-end in August. This is shaping up to be a first class event. Plan now to take part. Additional information will be provided at our camp meeting, or call Lieutenant Sparks at (423) 605-2231, or (706) 375-2302 for additional information.

Lewis Leach is back at Erlanger Hospital, recovering from his recent accident. Please visit him when you can. We miss you Lewis – please hurry back!

Mechanized Cavalry
Lieutenant Johnny Sparks





The Chaplain's Corner

From pioneer days, the birthday of our nation has been a time to think about spiritual strength and to become awake to opportunities for service and fellowship. At this anniversary of our nation's birthday, there is great sadness in the hearts of those who have lost loved ones in the many conflicts since the first Independence Day. In these days of crisis, each of us must fight the evils of the spirit even as our gallant fighting men and women pursue our war on terrorism.

Galatians 5:1 *“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and not entangled with the yoke of bondage.”*

Prayers. Lewis Leach (as of this writing) is back at the ICU center at Erlanger in his great struggle caused by his motorcycle accident. Larry Wheeler's Mother is back home after being admitted to the hospital. John Exun has had a hernia operation and is doing better. Wedge Morrison's granddaughter, Rachel, has a very serious illness. Fred Stafford continues to improve from his motorcycle accident. Ronnie Watts requests prayer for his Dad who has health problems. Dennis Forster had a minor motorcycle accident and is O.K.

Let us remember all of these in our thoughts and prayers. I believe that prayer is an answer for many of the hardships we as mortals face.

I Peter 5:10 *“And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace , who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, establish, and strengthen you..”*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 18, 2006 : Camp Meeting: The July 2006 meeting of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 in back of the Easy Rental Store on Highway 11 at the south end of Trenton. We will meet to eat at 6:00 P.M. – there will be no retreat! Call 657-5000 for directions.
- August 3-5: National SCV Convention: The 2006 annual convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held August 3-5, 2006 at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. This will be a significant meeting, since major changes to the constitution and by-laws of the SCV will be proposed. Additional information will be provided at the July Camp meeting, or call 657-5000.
- August 18-20: Mechanized Cavalry Ride: Our next Mechanized event will be the Run to the Border ride on the third week-end in August. This is shaping up to be a first class event. Plan now to take part. Additional information will be provided at the July camp meeting, or you can call Lieutenant Sparks at (423) 605-2231, or (706) 375-2302.



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