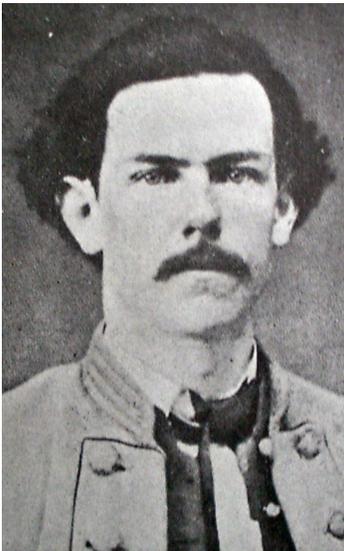
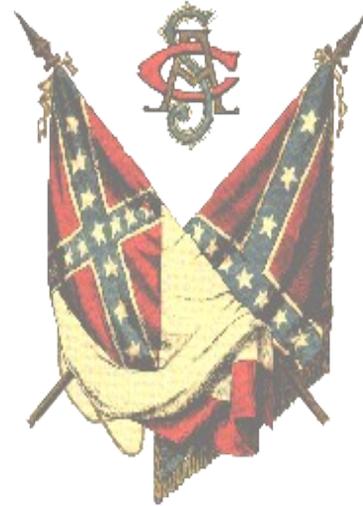

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Tenth Annual Confederate Memorial Day at the Georgia Monument.



Senator Jeff Mullis at the Georgia Monument.

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For ten years our camp has taken part in the annual Confederate Memorial Day observation at the Georgia Monument in the Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park. This is the only Confederate Memorial event to be held anywhere on National Park property. This year there were approximately 175 persons present, making this the biggest event since we started the memorial. The feature speaker was William Latham, and his topic was *“Our Confederate Heritage: Why echoes of the past are relevant for today.”* At the event, Senator Jeff Mullis made a long awaited announcement. For some time, Governor Sonny Perdue had been issuing a proclamation each year naming the Month of April as Confederate History Day. This will no longer be necessary. Senator Mullis announced that the bill he strongly supported making April 26th Confederate Memorial Day, and the month of April Confederate History Month, has passed and will be going to Governor Perdue for signature on Wednesday, April 29. With this measure, Confederate Memorial Day and Confederate History Month will become a legally permanent state holiday in Georgia.

We hope that all who attend the memorial observation this year were moved by the ceremony, and will come out and be with us again next year at the Georgia Monument in the Park.

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans

Annual Convention at Fayetteville, GA June 13, 2009

1. Voting Amendment: submitted by:

Charlie Lott, Cmdr Camp 1239, Past Division Commander

Be it enacted by the Compatriots of the Georgia Division, SCV in Convention assembled That Article VIII, DIVISION CONVENTION be amended by adding a Section to be known as Section 6 So that when amended, Article VIII, Section 6 will read thus:

VIII, Section 6: Delegate Voting. At the Division Convention, in election of officers and on final passage of Constitutional amendments, each Camp shall be entitled to cast the number of votes equal to the number of delegates to which it is entitled whether or not it has that number of delegates in attendance. In the event that all of the delegates to which the Camp is entitled are not in attendance, the number of votes which the Camp is entitled to cast shall be prorated, if desired among the Camp's delegates present, if more than one. If only one delegate is present, that delegate shall be entitled to cast the total number of votes to which his Camp is entitled as hereinbefore stated.

2. Tern Limits: Submitted by: The Pvt. John Ingraham Camp 1977, Chickamauga

An Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Georgia Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans Be it enacted, that Article VI, Section 4 be amended by adding a sentence to the end as follows: "No elected division officer, except Division Adjutant and Division Judge Advocate, shall hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms."

Current reading:

Section 4: All Division Officers, except Brigade Commanders, shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year. Brigade Commanders shall be elected by their respective Brigades according to the following criteria: Brigade Commanders shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year who represent the Camps which comprise the affected Brigade. Brigade Commanders shall be a minimum two (2) consecutive year member, and remain a member in good standing of one of the Camps in the Brigade which he commands. Division Lieutenant Commanders shall be a minimum two (2) consecutive year member, and remain a member in good standing of one of the Camps in that Section of the Division which he commands. All shall take Office at the end of the Division Convention wherein they were elected, and shall hold offices for two (2) years or until their successors are elected.

New reading:

Section 4: All Division Officers, except Brigade Commanders, shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year. Brigade Commanders shall be elected by their respective Brigades according to the following criteria: Brigade Commanders shall be elected by a majority vote of those Certified Delegates attending the Division Convention in an election year who represent the Camps which comprise the affected Brigade. Brigade Commanders shall be a minimum two (2) consecutive year member, and remain a member in good standing of one of the Camps in the Brigade which he commands. Division Lieutenant Commanders shall be a minimum two (2) consecutive year member, and remain a member in good standing of one of the Camps in that Section of the Division which he commands. All shall take Office at the end of the Division Convention wherein they were elected, and shall hold offices for two (2) years or until their successors are elected. No elected division officer, except Division Adjutant and Division Judge Advocate, shall hold the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

**3. Time and Place Committee Amendment: Submitted by: Sparks Ramey, Gen.
James Longstreet Camp #1289, East Point**

Be it enacted, that Article VIII, Section 1 be amended as follows:

Current Reading:

Section 1: An Annual Convention of the Division shall be held at a place and time as determined by a Time and Place Committee, appointed by the Division Commander. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to plan for Division Conventions three years into the future. Notification of Division Officers and Camps as to the Time and Place of Division Conventions is the responsibility of the Host Camp. Provided, however, that the Business Meeting of the Convention shall be held on the 2nd Saturday in June of each year.

New Reading:

Section 1: An Annual Convention of the Division shall be held at a place and time fixed three (3) years in advance by an Annual Convention. A Time and Place Committee, appointed by the Division Commander, shall be composed of a chairman and such other members as are deemed necessary; provided that each member be from a different camp. The committee shall recommend to the Division Executive Council sites & hosts for future conventions and reunions. The Division Executive Council shall review the recommendations of the committee and recommend a time and place to an Annual Convention at least three (3) years in advance. It shall be the responsibility of this Committee to assist in the planning, organization, and operation of the Annual Conventions. The decision of the Annual Convention as to the time and place of a future convention shall not be altered or changed except in the event of an emergency or other

exigent circumstances, as determined by an Annual Convention or, in the event that there is not another convention before the planned convention in question, by two-thirds (2/3) of the Division Executive Council. Notification of Division Officers and Camps as to the Time and Place of Division Conventions is the responsibility of the Host Camp. Provided, however, that the Business Meeting of the Convention shall be held on the 2nd Saturday in June of each year.

Rational: The division reunions need to be planned more in advance and the Division membership, as represented at a reunion, needs to have a say as to the time and place of future reunions.

4. Executive Council Meeting Amendment submitted by Joe Warnke, 2nd Brigade Commander Be it enacted, that Article IX, Section 4 be amended by as follows:

Current Reading:

Section 4: An Emergency Meeting of the Executive Council may be called by the Division Commander or by the Division Adjutant upon a written request from a majority of the Camp Commanders. Business at an Emergency Meeting shall be restricted to the specific reason that the meeting was called. To call an Emergency Meeting, the determination is that a major decision needs to be made before the next called Executive Council Meeting. Camp Commanders and Division Officers must be informed in writing of any action taken in an Emergency Meeting of the Executive Council within seven (7) working days after said Meeting. Business for an emergency situation may be conducted through a Conference Phone Call or Telecommunications when deemed necessary.

New Reading:

Section 4: An Emergency Meeting of the Executive Council may be called by the Division Commander or by the Division Adjutant upon a written request from a majority of the Camp Commanders or Executive Council members. Business at an Emergency Meeting shall be restricted to the specific reason that the meeting was called. To call an Emergency Meeting, the determination is that a major decision needs to be made before the next called Executive Council Meeting. Camp Commanders and Division Officers must be informed in writing of any action taken in an Emergency Meeting of the Executive Council within seven (7) working days after said Meeting. Business for an emergency situation may be conducted through teleconference or videoconference when deemed necessary. This shall not be construed to permit Executive Council meetings by postal mail, electronic mail, or facsimile.

Rational: Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised – 10th Edition, Chapter 1, Page 1, states that in a "deliberative assembly" "the group meets in a single room or area or under equivalent conditions of opportunity for simultaneous aural communication among all participants." Robert's Rules, Chapter 50, and Pages 482-483 state: "The bylaws may authorize a board or committee (or even a relatively small assembly) to meet by videoconference or teleconference. If they do, then such a meeting must be conducted by a technology that allows all persons participating to hear each other at the same time (and, if a videoconference, to see each other as well). The opportunity for simultaneous

communication is central to the deliberative character of the meeting, and is what distinguishes it from attempts to do business by postal or electronic mail or by fax."



The Chaplain's Corner

Last month I told you about the origins of Confederate Memorial Day and its beginning in Georgia on April 26, 1866. Honoring those who had fallen on both sides began to take hold and on May 5, 1868, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed by Gen. John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11 and was first observed on May 30, 1868. Flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at the Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890, it was recognized by all of the Northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days set

aside in their states since 1866 until after World War 1, when the holiday changed from honoring just those died fighting in the War Between the States, to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. It is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May, though several Southern states still honor the Confederate War died on separate days. January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi, May 10 in South Carolina and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Revelation 21:4 *And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there will be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away*

Prayer List: Lewis Leach is still fighting for recovery after his motorcycle accident. Mark Steele has some improvement in his knee condition.

May God Bless,

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The State of Dade camp 707 was formed May 11, 1995.
First Troop Mechanized Cavalry Ride



The Troop One ride for May 31, 2009 will depart from the Walmart in Tiftonia at 9AM EST. The route will be back roads for the most part from the starting point, through South Pittsburg, St Andrews (west of Monteagle), Winchester, with stops in Lynchburg at Lynchburg HD and the Jack Daniels distillery. From there we will go thru Tullahoma to Manchester and back on 41 to Tiftonia. It will last till it is over and mileage will be accurately determined at the end. Please arrive at the starting point with your gas tank topped off. You can bring your own food and beverages or buy them on the way. There is a restaurant at in the downtown square in Lynchburg.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 15-17: Battle Re-enactment: The annual re-enactment of the battle of Resaca will be held on May 15-17 2009. For additional information call (423) 298-4544.
- May 19: Camp Meeting: The May meeting of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 19th at Randy's Restaurant in Trenton. We will meet to eat at 6:00 P.M. – there will be no retreat! Call (423) 298-4544 for directions.
- May 22-23: Ringgold Parade: The state of Dade Camp will set up the sales booth at Ringgold on the evening of Friday, May 22. Members will be needed to work with the booth all day and to take place in the parade on Saturday, May 23. This is a great event and all should attend.
- May 31: Mechanized Cavalry Ride: First Troop, Georgia Mechanized Cavalry will ride to the Jack Daniels Distillery. See page 7.
- June 10-13: Annual Reunion of the Mechanized Cavalry. The annual reunion of the SCV Mechanized Cavalry will be held in Gulf Shores, Alabama on June 10-13. There will be additional information at May meeting.



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