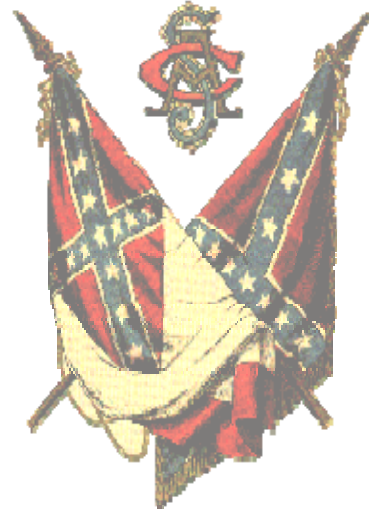

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1st Confederate Infantry Regiment, 2nd.Co.D and Family at Bridgeport.



Storming the Federal Breastworks at Bridgeport.

Notice: The State of Dade Camp 707 Newsletter will be available on the State of Dade Web Site at www.stateofdade.com. If you can receive your newsletter electronically, please call Lewis Leach at (423) 622-1090. Leave your message on the answering machine.



Cleburne Monument Donation

In accordance to the resolution passed at our last meeting, the State of Dade Camp 707 has donated \$500.00 toward the construction of the Patrick Cleburne monument.

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Proclamation

Confederate States of America - History Month

- WHEREAS: April is the month in which the Confederate States of America began and ended a four-year conflict in the American Civil War; and
- WHEREAS: Confederate Memorial Day on April 26th is a time when Georgians honor the more than 90,000 brave men and women who served the Confederate States of America; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia joined the Confederacy in January 1861 when a convention ratified the ordinance of secession; and
- WHEREAS: Georgians have long cherished their Confederate history and the great leaders who made sacrifices on her behalf; and
- WHEREAS: One of the many Confederate soldiers who made a significant contribution to the state was John Pemberton, who rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Third Georgia Cavalry Battalion. After the war, Dr. Pemberton went on to develop what we know today as Coca-Cola, and his efforts aided significantly in the economic and cultural development of the City of Atlanta, as well as the State of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS: It is important that Georgians reflect upon our State's past and honor and respect the devotion of her Confederate leaders, soldiers and citizens; and
- WHEREAS: I, Anthony Emanuel, Mayor of the City of Trenton, Georgia do hereby proclaim April 2006 as Confederate States Of America - History Month in our City and encourage our citizens to learn about Georgia's heritage and history and to continue to expand our individual level of tolerance.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Trenton, Georgia to be affixed this third day of April in the year of our Lord two-thousand and six.


Anthony Emanuel, Mayor
City of Trenton, Georgia



Arlington National Cemetery.

Calvin E. Johnson, Jr.

This story is about the Heroes of "Dixie" who are Commemorated during Confederate History and Heritage Month in April; proclamations are to be signed by Governors, Mayors and County Commissioners in their remembrance and honor.

The world famous Arlington National Cemetery is located in the shadow of the Curtis-Lee Mansion (Arlington House) that was home to General Robert E. Lee and family until 1861 at the beginning of the War Between the States. This cemetery is on the Virginia side of the Potomac River; Washington, D.C. is across the river.



Confederate Monument at Arlington National Cemetery.

Around the turn of the century 1900, this country also honored the men who fought for the Confederacy. This site of men who fought for "Dixie" is located in section 16. There is an inscription on the 32.5 foot high Confederate monument at Arlington National Cemetery that reads, "An Obedience To Duty As They Understood it; These Men Suffered All; Sacrificed All and Died!"

Some claim this Confederate Monument at Arlington may have been the first to honor Black Confederates. Carved on this monument is the depiction of a Black Confederate who is marching in step with the White soldiers. Also shown is a White Confederate who gives his child to a Black Woman for safe keeping.



Detail on the Confederate Monument.

In 1906, the United Daughters of the Confederacy asked permission from William Howard Taft to erect a monument. Taft was at the time serving as the United States Secretary of War and was in charge of National Cemeteries. With his permission, the Arlington Confederate Memorial Association was formed and the ladies of the UDC were given authority to oversee work on the monument.

An agreement and contract was made with Sir Moses Ezekiel – a Jewish Confederate Veteran – the record of his service at the Battle of New Market while he was a Cadet at Virginia Military Institute. Work started at his workshop in Italy in 1910, and upon his death in 1917, the Great Sculptor was brought back home and buried near the base of the Arlington Confederate Monument. Sir Moses Ezekiel was honored in his life by being Knighted by the German and Italian Governments.

On June 4, 1914, the Arlington monument was unveiled to a crowd of thousands that included former Confederate and Union soldiers. The Memorial Event was presided over by President Woodrow Wilson and the people applauded the stirring speeches given by: General Bennett H. Young, Commander In Chief of the United Confederate Veterans; General Washington Gardner, Commander In Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and Colonel Robert E. Lee, grandson of General Lee.

The Confederate monument unveiling was concluded by a 21-gun salute and the Arlington monument was officially given to the United Daughters of the Confederacy and was given back to the U.S. War Department for keeping and accepted by President Woodrow Wilson who said: "I am not so happy as **PROUD** to participate in this capacity on such an occasion, Proud that I represent such a people."

Since Woodrow Wilson, wreaths have been sent to both sections of Arlington, including the Confederate section, to honor those who died for freedom. Some Presidents have also spoken at Arlington on Confederate Memorial Day.



Mechanized Cavalry Report:



Greetings fellow Mechanized Cavalry Compatriots. State of Dade Mechanized Cavalry members are encouraged to attend every State of Dade meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

On Friday, April 7, 2006, we will ride to Stone Mountain and spend the night. The following day will be Confederate Memorial Day at Stone Mountain. For additional information call (423) 605-2231.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome Raymond Evans, Mack Griffin, and Michael Holland to the ranks of Mechanized Cavalry.

The National Mechanized Cavalry Re-Union is slated for 6-29-06 through 7-2-06 in Moorefield, West Virginia. State of Dade will be leaving Monday 6-25-06 to tour Gettysburg battlefield plus other Confederate sites along the way. Lewis Leach will be Captain and Ride Coordinator for this ride, contact Lewis at (423)622-1090.



There will be other Georgia Division riders along with us. Other Mechanized Cavalry rides will be announced as the year progresses. For more info on future rides watch for your newsletter or contact Sgt. Johnny (Rocket) Sparks (423)605-2231 or (706)375-2302.

Mechanized Cavalry
Sgt. Johnny Sparks





The Chaplain's Corner

It was good to see the many members of the camp who turned out to participate in the "Siege of Bridgeport". Both days were cold, but there was a good turnout by our reenactors and by the spectators. The cool weather was appreciated in the afternoon when the "Battle" was going on.

This month we will observe "Confederate Memorial Day". Our camp plans to observe this day on April 27th at the Veteran's park at Trenton and on April 30th at the Georgia Monument at the Chickamauga Battlefield. I have done some research to see how the first Georgia Confederate Memorial Day got started and this is what I found.

In 1874, the Georgia General Assembly approved legislation adding as a new public Holiday – The 26th day of April in each year – commonly known as Memorial Day". April 26th marks the anniversary of the end of "The War Between the States" in Georgia, for it was on this day in 1865 that Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston's surrender to General William Sherman in North Carolina became official. Johnston had been in charge of Georgia's defense, so this day marked the end of the War for Georgia. Exactly when Georgians began commemorating April 26th as Memorial Day is unclear, but the language of the 1874 act recognizes that April 26th was already being celebrated as an unofficial holiday. The day of observance may trace to the women of Columbus, Georgia who on April 23rd 1866, organized a memorial association and began a campaign to have a special day for "Paying honor to those who died defending the life, honor and happiness of the Southern women." Three days later, the Atlanta Ladies Memorial Association was organized and on April 26th 1866, the association held a Confederate Memorial observance at Oakland Cemetery.

Isaiah 49:13 For the Lord comforted his people and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

Sympathy: The officers and members of Camp #707, Sons of confederate Veteran's join in extending heartfelt sympathy to our fellow compatriot Ted Howell and his family in the passing of Ted's mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ted in this time of grief.

Prayers: Prayers are requested for our past commander, Johnny Sparks, who had a bad motorcycle accident on March 31st. Johnny received a broken arm and ankle in this mishap. He is at home, but is in contact with his doctor for treatment. Fred Stafford also had a motorcycle accident at the end of last year. He was in ICU for a long time and now is in rehab. Let's continue to remember Fred in our prayer's. Terry Thomas had some earlier health issues and is doing better now. Ronnie watts requests prayer for his dad who has some health problems.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7-8, 2006: **Mechanized Cavalry Ride:** The annual Confederate Memorial ride to Stone Mountain will be April 7-8, 2006. Call Sergeant Johnny (Rocket) Sparks (423)605-2231 or (706)375-2302 for additional information.
- April 18, 2006 : **Camp Meeting:** The April 2006 meeting of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 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.
- April 26, 2006: **Confederate Memorial:** The annual Dade County Memorial celebration will be held on April 26, 2006 at 11:00 A.M. at the Confederate Monument in Dade County's Veterans Memorial Park at Trenton. For additional information you can call 657-5000.
- April 30, 2006: **Georgia Confederate Memorial.** The annual North Georgia Confederate Memorial celebration will be held on April 30, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. at the Georgia Monument in Chickamauga and Chattanooga Military Park. We hope you all will be able to attend this important event.



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HONORING OUR CONFEDERATE HERITAGE

