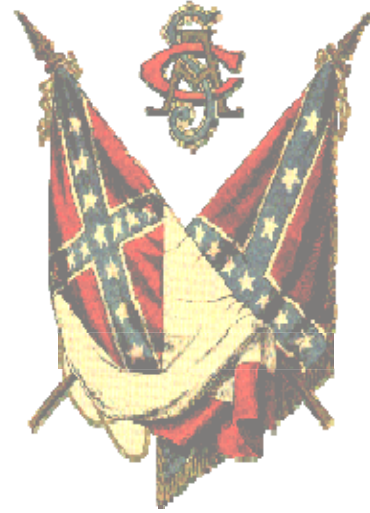

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Georgia Mechanized Cavalry Quarterly meeting.



MECHANIZED CAVALRY REPORT

Sons of Confederate Veterans-Mechanized Cavalry, 3rd Battalion, Georgia Division

Quarterly meeting held March 11, 2007 at the
Wicks Tavern, Villa Rica, Georgia

1. Capt. Sparks called the meeting to order.
2. Pledges were recited and a prayer was given
by Chuck Shields.
3. Capt. Sparks swore four new members into

the organization.

They are:

Pvt. Howard Mount	Villa Rica, GA
Pvt. Scott Niles	Ringgold, GA
Pvt. William Thomas	Rock Spring, GA
Pvt. Jerry Vogler	Kennesaw, GA

4. Chuck Shields was promoted to Corporal.
5. Troop Commander's reports:

Freddie Parris presented recruitment brochures and discussed recruiting applications, where to find applicants-VFW, SCV camps, biker events, etc.

Wedge Morrison has spoken to other camps about recruitment. He believes that There are many SCV members that do not know about the Mechanized Cavalry. He will visit camps in his area and inform them. The 2nd Brigade Commander Will attend with him to let them know that the SCV-MC is proud to be Sons of Confederate Veterans and Southern.

Taz Cook has contacted former SCV-MC members in South Georgia and is recruiting them to renew their membership. He plans to visit other camps to recruit.

6. Capt. Sparks mentioned getting information out at various biker events. Many bikers are qualified but don't know about us. He reminded us how impressive it looked as the members ride down the highway, flags flying. It gets the attention to all who witness it.
7. Chuck Shields told of an upcoming meeting at the Ringgold City Hall to discuss flying the Battle Flag over the SCV meeting hall. Since the hall is a memorial, he

thinks that it should be flying during Confederate History Month in April. The meeting is scheduled for March 12th.

8. Georgia Division Commander, Charlie Lott spoke to us about the upcoming Executive Committee meeting to be held at the Napier-Hoffman House. The house sits on seven acres of land on Indian Springs Road in Forsyth, GA and is being considered for the headquarters location for the Georgia Division, SCV. The reason for meeting at this location is to acquaint compatriots to the facility so that they will be able to make an informed decision at the Division Reunion in June. The division has met with the current owners, the Southern Cultural Foundation, and are close to an agreement to present at the reunion for a vote. All compatriots are invited. Motorcycles welcome.

Charlie reminded us to make sure that Tom Brown has your correct mailing address so that you will receive The Georgia Confederate.

9. Freddie Parris announced that a number of bikers who are interested in history are riding to the Chattanooga area and are asking for someone to show them around to the local historical sites. They will be here this summer. Anyone who can participate contact Freddie. This would be a good chance to recruit.

10. Capt. Sparks discussed the upcoming officers meeting on May 21st at Cloudland State Park. Everyone is invited.

11. Capt. Sparks told us about the Road Rash party and Run to the Border to be held on August 18th.

12. We have in the past discussed forming a Mech Cav camp, but due to the enormous effort required, Capt Sparks has decided to put this on the back burner.

13. We discussed placing a brick at Beauvoir. To raise money to refurbish Jeff Davis' house after Hurricane Katrina, they are selling engraved bricks at \$50.00 each. We passed the hat and \$86.00 was contributed. After buying the brick the remainder will be used to take out an SCV-MC ad in the Georgia Confederate. Bob Blankenship will make arrangements.

14. We discussed the time and place for the next quarterly meeting and decided to have it at the 10th Annual in June. Voted on and passed.

15. Capt. Sparks described the upcoming St. Patrick's Day Parade in Savannah. The State of Dade marches in uniform and is well received by all the party-goers. All are invited to attend.

16. Capt. Sparks gave us an update on the condition of Brother Lewis Leach. Although it has not changed appreciably, he has spoken and is scheduled to be reevaluated.

Capt. Sparks adjourned the meeting at 12: 50 PM.



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS: April is the month in which the Confederate States of America began and ended a four-year conflict in the Civil War. Confederate Memorial Day on April 26 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 Georgia has long cherished her 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 Captain John Derst, a German immigrant who lent his services as a soldier and as a baker. After the war, he formed the Derst Baking Company, which remained a family-run business for over a dozen decades of operation. Through their business practices and good works, Derst and his family have contributed significantly to the economic and cultural development of the City of Savannah 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

THEREFORE: I, SONNY PERDUE, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2007 as CONFEDERATE HISTORY MONTH in Georgia and encourage our citizens to learn about Georgia's heritage and history.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seven.



Sonny Perdue
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Ed F. Halcomb
CHIEF OF STAFF



2nd Company D, 1st Confederate Infantry Regiment at Bridgeport, Alabama.



Roz Bowie – A Black Woman pays tribute to unknown Confederate soldier.

Calvin E. Johnson, Jr.

Take me home to the place where I was born, on a early frosty morn, Sweet Dixie, Take me home. These words are from a LP recording by Mrs. Roz Bowie, an African American women, who made a recording called, "Take Me Home (The Ballad of the Unkown Confederate soldier)." This song is included on Mrs. Bowie's album called "Dixie." Mrs. Bowie is said to have been inspired to do the "Dixie" album by the spirit of events that took place at the Battle of Ox Hill, Virginia, on September 1, 1862, where a Confederate soldier was killed in the battle during a blinding rainstorm. 124 years later the remains were unearthed during a construction project near the present city of Chantily, Virginia. His remains were taken home and a memorial service was held in Columbia, South Carolina, on November 22, 1986. Mrs. Bowie, a Southern lady, wanted to be a part of this event. Because of the momentous and solemn occasion that thousands came to pay their respects as they reburied this soldier, Roz Bowie sung the song "Take Me Home" as well as Dixie and Bonnie Blue Flag.



The Chaplain's Corner

Many of the SCV camps will be observing Confederate history month as well as Confederate Memorial Day this month. I have done some research to see how the first Georgia Confederate Memorial Day started and this is what I found.

In 1874, the Georgia General Assembly approved legislation adding a new public holiday. The 26th day of April – commonly known as Confederate 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 be traced 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.

Matthew 11:28-30 *Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and My burden is light.*

Prayer List: Our thoughts and prayers continue to go to our compatriot, Lewis Leach, who had left his home on Missionary Ridge a year ago to go to the Confederate Day observance at the Georgia monument at the Chickamauga Battlefield. While on his way there, he was involved in a motorcycle accident with another vehicle. He still continues in his great fight for recovery. Also remember Wedge Morrison's granddaughter, Rachel Phillips, who has a very serious illness. Ronnie Watts requests prayer for his Dad who has some health problems. Let's continue to remember these in our prayers

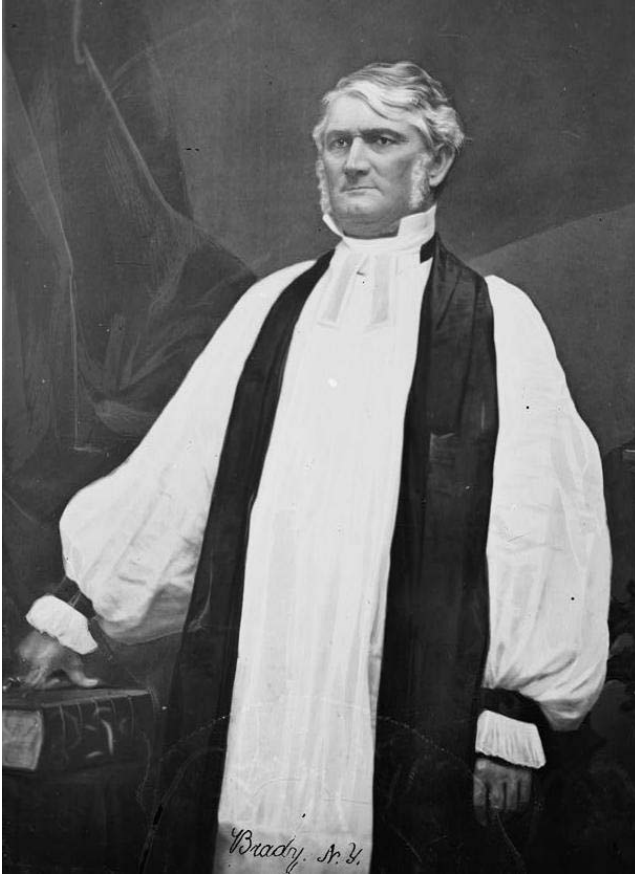
May God bless,

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Confederate Generals Born in April



Lt. General Simon Bolivar Buckner -
1 Apr. 1823 - Hart Co., Ky.

Lt. General Leonidas Polk - 10 Apr.
1806 - Raleigh, N.C.

Maj. General Charles William Field -
6 Apr. 1828 - Woodford Co., Ky.

Maj. General Edward Johnson - 16
Apr. 1816 - Salisbury, Va.

Maj. General David Rumph Jones - 5
Apr. 1825 - Orangeburg Dist., S.C.

Maj. General Edward Cary Walthall -
4 Apr. 1831 - Richmond, Va.

Maj. General Ambrose Ransom
Wright - 26 Apr. 1826 - Louisville,
Ga.

Brig. General Henry Watkins Allen -
29 Apr. 1820 - Prince Edward Co.,
Va.

Brig. General George Gurgwyn
Adnerson - 12 Apr. 1831 -
Hillsborough, N.C.

Brig. General Henry Lewis Benning -
2 Apr. 1814 - Columbia County, Ga.

Brig. General Thomas Reade Rootes Cobb - 10 Apr. 1823 - Jefferson Co., Ga.

Brig. General Phillip St. George Cocke - 17 Apr. 1808 - Fluvanna Co., Va.

Brig. General Alfred Holt Colquitt - 20 Apr. 1824 - Walton Co., Ga.

Brig. General James Dearing - 25 Apr. 1840 - Campbell Co., Va.

Brig. General Geroge Gibbs Dibrell - 12 Apr. 1822 - Sparta, Tenn.

Brig. General Jmaes Edward Harrison - 24 Apr. 1815 - Greenville Dist., S.C.

Brig. General Harry Thompson Hays - 14 Apr. 1820 - Wilson Co., Tenn.

Brig. General Geroge Baird Hodge - 8 Apr. 1828 - Fleming Co., Ky.

Brig. General Evander McNair - 15 Apr. 1820 - Richmond Co., N.C.

Brig. General John Smith Preston - 20 Apr. 1809 - Abingdon, Va.

Brig. General James Edward Rains - 10 Apr. 1833 - Nashville, Tenn.

Brig. General Alexander Welch Reynolds - in of Apr. 1816 - Frederick Co., Va.

Brig. General Phillip Dale Roddey - 2 Apr. 1826 - Moulton, Ala.

Brig. General John Caldwell Calhoun Sanders - 4 Apr. 1840 - Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Brig. General Leroy Augustus Stafford - 13 Apr. 1822 - Cheneyville, La.

Brig. General Robert Frank Vance - 24 Apr. 1828 - Buncombe Co., N.C.

Brig. General William Stephen Walker - 13 Apr. 1822 - Pittsburg, Penn.

Brig. General Edward Cary Walthall - 4 Apr. 1831 - Richmond, Va.

Brig. General Louis Trezevant Wigfall - 21 Apr. 1816 - Edgfield Dist., S.C.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 14: Confederate Memorial: A Confederate Memorial Ceremony will be held at Stone Mountain Georgia on Saturday, April 14, 2007. Mechanized Cavalry members plan to ride down on Friday and spend the night in the area. Call 657-500 for additional information.
- April 17: Camp Meeting: The April 2007 meeting of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 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 25: Confederate Memorial: The State of Dade Camp 707 will conduct the annual Confederate Memorial at 11:00 A.M. at the Confederate Monument in Trenton on Wednesday, April 25, 2007.
- April 29: Confederate Memorial: The Annual Confederate Memorial will be held at the Georgia Monument at Chickamauga-Chattanooga Military Park on Sunday, April 28, 2007 at 2:00 P.M. Additional information at April meeting.



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