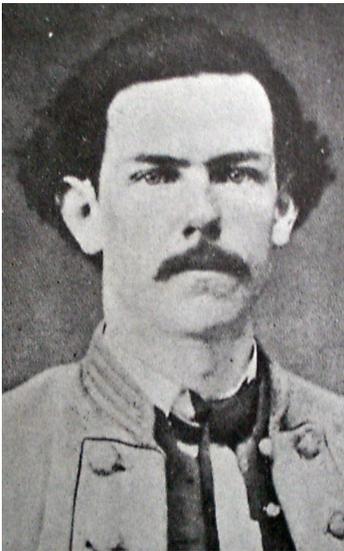
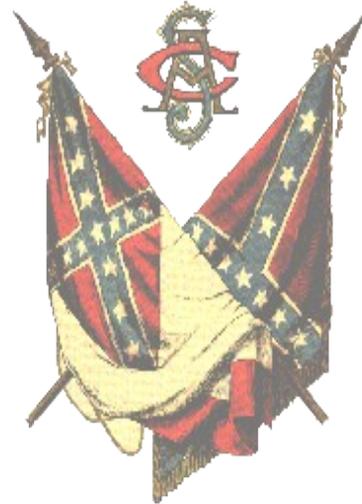




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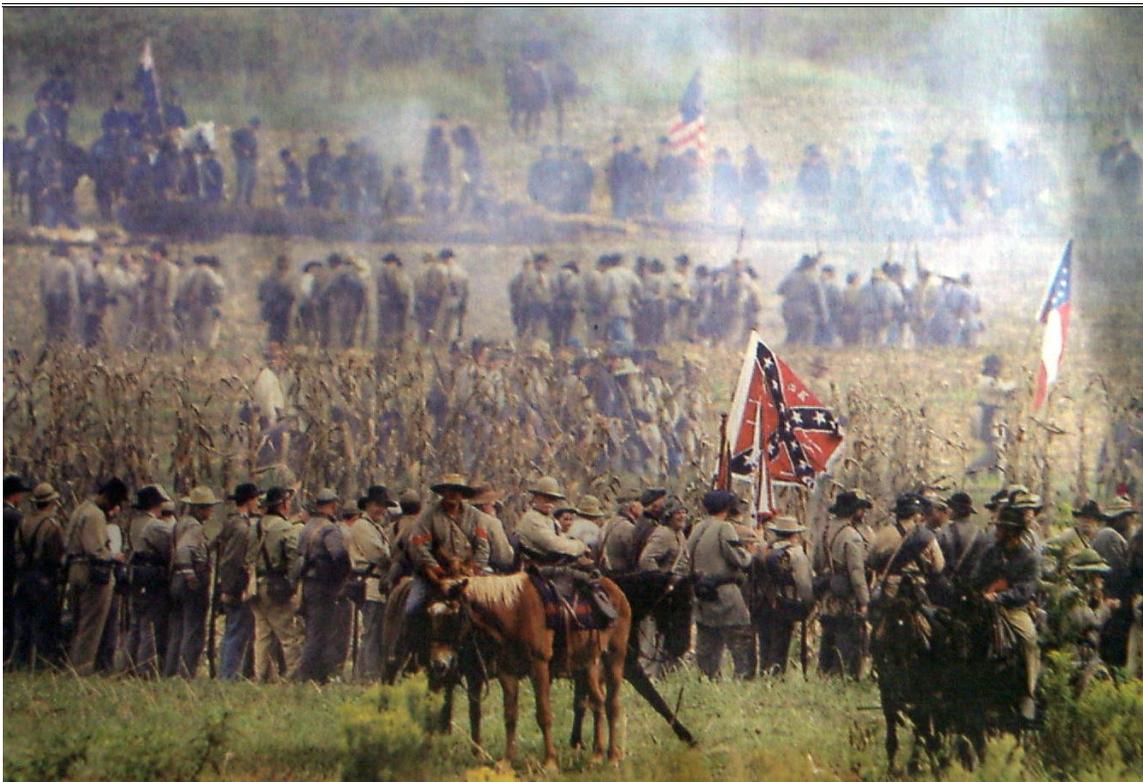
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150<sup>th</sup> Re-Enactment of the battle of Chickamauga.



Medal of Honor Presentations at the 150<sup>th</sup> Chickamauga Re-enactment.

A special feature of the 150<sup>th</sup> Chickamauga Re-enactment at Mountain Cove Farm in Walker County was the visit by Secretary of War Edwin Stanton (portrayed by E. Raymond Evans). He awarded the nation's highest honor, the Medal of Honor to Musician William J. Carson (portrayed by Patrick Parris) who delayed his brigade from being over run at Chickamauga by playing his bugle with his left hand while fighting with in sword in his right.

The award was also awarded to Dr. Mary Walker (portrayed by a staff member of the National Medal of Honor Foundation) for her devoted work with the wounded at the hospital established in the Crutchfield House at Chattanooga. She is the only woman to ever be awarded the Medal of Honor.

# ANNUAL DUES

Dues payable August 1 of each year and are delinquent November 1 of each year.

Anyone who joined the Sons of Confederate Veterans before August 1 (by the new rules passed at the 2005 convention) has owed dues as of August the first.

Please note that there was a \$10.00 increase in national dues last year.  
I will be sending in DUES the last week of October

## DUES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Sons of Confederate Veterans	\$30.00 per year
Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans	\$12.00 per year
State of Dade Camp #707	\$ 5.00 per year
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$47.00 per year</b>

### **This is your last chance!!!**

If dues are sent to me after 1 November 2006 the Sons of Confederate Veterans will add a \$5.00 re-instatement fee for a total of \$52.00.

You may pay me at the meeting or mail your DUES to:

Larry D. Wheeler (Adjutant)  
639 Canyon Park Dr.  
Trenton, Georgia 30752-2640

Thank you for being a Son of the South. The South needs the support of all of her Sons.  
Please continue your membership and support THE CAUSE.

Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter.

Yours in Service to the South,

Larry W. Wheeler, Adjutant

## From the Georgia SCVMC Captain

Compatriots,

Sunday's quarterly state Mechanized Cavalry meeting went well, as did our 10th annual Salute to the Veterans at the VA hospital in Dublin. I'd like to thank all the Camps and everyone that donated their time and money to make this event another big success, we're always honored to serve our Veterans anyway we can.

The reenactment in Chickamauga took place over last weekend which resulted in some of our Boys not attending the meeting or the VA event, I think we only had 7 bikes. I'd have been at the reenactment in Chickamauga had it been on another weekend.

I will touch on one subject, Lt Hall (Bo) told me only one Communication Sgt. was reporting to him like clockwork every Monday. Comm Sgts, we need your input, report to Bo on a weekly basis, doesn't matter what day of the week you do this, just pic a day and add it to your phone or PC calendar as a reminder. Even if you don't have anything report, indicate there's no activity in your area, just let him know you're out there and on the job, it only takes 5 to 10 minutes a week. Reporting on your local events is what keeps our wheels turning and keeps us in touch. If you've lost his email address it's, [sejhj1998@hotmail.com](mailto:sejhj1998@hotmail.com).

We also have Andersonville and Beauvoir coming up in October. Bo will have all the details in the Event calendar for these two events. That's about all I have this month, I'll close with the Charge. I've heard talk that there may be changes in the future, and the SCV will have to be more politically correct. I can only imagine what this means, remember, you took an oath to defend the Confederate Soldier's good name, and we're not going to bow to political or any other type pressure.

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish."

DEO VINDICE

Wayne----Captain

# No Emancipation for the Wage Slave

Bernhard Thuersam, Director  
Cape Fear Historical Institute

It is often remarked that the Northern climate led to slavery's demise up there, though it is more accurate to say that Massachusetts inventor Eli Whitney, New England cotton mills, and a plentiful supply of wage slaves had more to do with it. The South had great expanses of cultivated land to produce raw cotton for those Northern mills, Manhattan banks provided financial lubricant, and New England slave ships continued to ply the Gulf of Benin for dusky laborers to work the plantations. The thrifty manufacturers of New England, however, had a cheaper and more efficient labor supply readily at hand in the white wage slaves already there and immigrants from Europe who came flooding in.

The chattel slave [in the South] had to be fed and clothed and taken care of in sickness and in health. When he got too old to work he had to be provided for. Some States made it illegal for slaves to work on Sundays under pain of a fine of five pounds. The average work day was about eleven hours [and] The slave was given a holiday between Christmas and New Year's. Louisiana prescribed by law that every slave had to be given a minimum of 200 pounds of pork a year.

The New England white wage slave wasn't nearly as expensive and a lot more efficient. He represented no capital outlay. He worked for starvation wages. Laborers in the North in 1860 were earning 60 cents a day, and a day was often 14 to 16 hours. The plight of women workers was even more appalling. In New York city, during the Civil War, women umbrella workers, after laboring 18 hours from six in the morning to midnight, earned three dollars a week. Seamstresses in the underwear crafts got seventeen cents for a twelve-hour day. When the wage slave got sick he went off the payroll. When worn out by age and hard work, he was discarded like an old shoe. Bells rang at daybreak in most factory towns. The wage slaves - men and women, boys and girls - had to report at the factory gates in fifteen minutes. An hour later they were allowed twenty-five minutes for whatever breakfast they had brought. They got another twenty-five minutes at mid-day. The gates opened again at 8 o'clock that night to let the wage slaves go home.

In the Eagle Mill, at Griswold, Conn., the work day lasted fifteen hours and ten minutes. At Paterson, New Jersey, women and children began the day's work at 4:30 o'clock in the morning. Overseers in some textile mills cracked a cowhide whip over the backs of women and children. That isn't to say that chattel slavery was to be preferred to wage slavery. There were folks who used to say that back in the middle of the past century but whenever Abraham Lincoln heard them Old Abe would sort of hunch those bony shoulders of his and cock his head to one side and burn them down with a single sentence. "They've written volume after volume to prove slavery a good thing," he'd say, ""but I never heard of a man who wishes to take the good of it by being a slave himself."

(My Old Kentucky Home, Good Night! W.E. Debnam, Graphic Press, 1955, pp. 30-31)



## The Chaplain's Corner

It is easy to be nostalgic about the past. We can feel the very emotions we knew when living in a favorite house, even as we drive past it when visiting the former hometown.

Sometimes it is hard to give up the happiness of the past that we over look the opportunities of the present, and are able to plan certain joys for the future. Forgetting the past is hard discipline, but a necessary prerequisite for a new blessing.

*Philippians 3:13 "Forgetting those things which are behind."*

Prayer List: Special thanks to those who prayed for Raymond. He is doing much better now.

May God Bless,

James Fletcher  
Chaplain, SCV Camp #707  
Ph. 256-657-5998  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 12-13: New Salem Art Show: The annual New Salem Art Show will be held on Lookout Mountain on Saturday and Sunday October 12-13, 2013. The Camp 707 sales booth will be set up and this is our last sales event of the year. This is always a relaxed and fun event. It is hoped that all State of Dade members can plan to come and spend the one or both days with us. We need help on Saturday.
- October 15: Camp Meeting: The October 2013 meeting of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 Ben Brandons "On Target" Shooting range at Fox Mountain in Rising Fawn. We will meet to eat at 6:00 P.M. – there will be no retreat! Call 298-4544 for directions.



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