THE HOWLING DAWG

FEBRUARY 2015



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16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company G
"The Jackson Rifles"

POST-OLUSTEE ISSUE

AN OLUSTEE TO REMEMBER ...



The "Jackson Rifles" Surge Forward at the Battle of Ocean Pond

When you have attended a particular event for many years you have to resist the dull edge of sameness. As you get past that point, nostalgia takes hold and you look at the old grounds, where you have spent so many an eventful weekend, as if they are a box of faded photographs. February 2015 drew people of the past to the old familiar haunts. Friday evening Ronnie "Skin" Neal and Larry "Bones" Orr pitched their tent near the swamp. Around the campfire, "Bones" and I decided it had been at least a decade since he and I stood on this familiar ground. "Coonpossum" and Beverly came with us. Jerry "Alabama" Franklin sailed in. I heard that Jose Menderos was present but I never could catch up to him. There was Phil Frazier, Jerry Gouge, Pat and John Rocky Griffeth; Bill Cameron, Wanda Middlebrooks (formerly Dobson) Ford Wilson, Laney Haygood and even Sam Bornt. Some of these names of the 80's-90's - are vaguely known - suspended between past and present - among living legends and legends in the making. It was an Olustee to remember..... Duke

OLUSTEE 2015 IN PICTURES

As is often the case we are blessed by the dedicated efforts of several talented photographers. Among best pictures we received this time were from Heidi Edge who sent them in three collections: The Parade, The Memorial Service and The Battle. Were know you will enjoy them as much as we do and thank her for capturing these moments of life ...

LAKE CITY PARADE - SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 14th

"Who knows, but it may be given to us, after this life, to meet again...to get up soon to answer the morning roll call, to fall in at the tap of the drum for drill and dress parade...." - Sqt. Berry Bepson



THE MEMORIAL SERVICE - SATURDAY 5 PM, FEBRUARY 14th

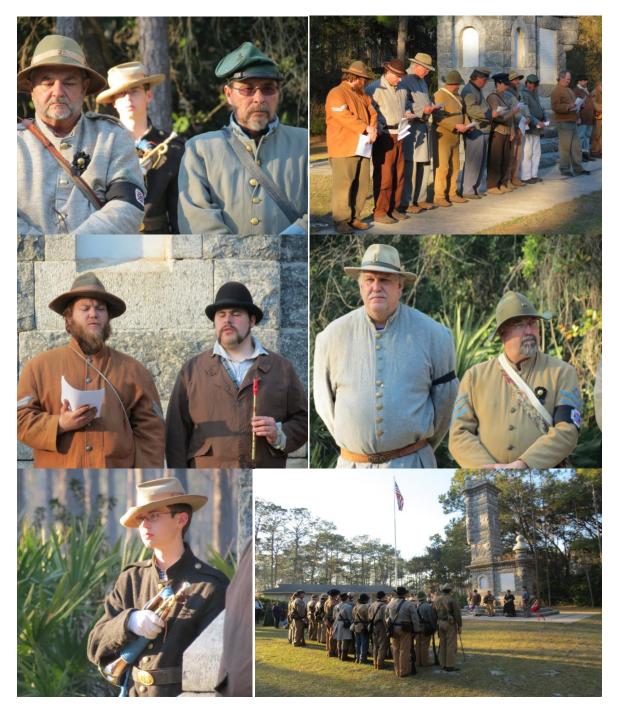


THE MEMORIAL SERVICE - SATURDAY 5 PM, FEBRUARY 14th

Members of The Camp of the Unknown Soldier #2218, the Logan Bleckley Camp #1998 and The Lt. James T. Woodward #1399 took part in a memorial service conducted by Compatriot Ricky Smith for the Confederate dead of the February 20, 1864 Battle of Ocean Pond. Simple Heritage provided special music. Rev. Joey Young called on Heaven for us all.



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"..... And though we weep 'tis for those braves who stood in proud array, beneath our flag and nobly died while wearing of the gray....."

THE SKIT SATURDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 14th

Years ago, a Saturday evening skit was a 16th GA trademark, crafted from the amazing imagination of Ricky "Coonpossum" Smith. It was always meant as a high tribute to the target of our shenanigans. This year, the tradition was revised and took aim at our new GVB Colonel, Larry Bacon. If you want more explanation than that I suggest you ask him...



CHURCH CALL SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 15th



THE BATTLE - SUNDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 15th





FAMILY



It is not uncommon for members of the same family to serve in the same unit. It was that way in the 1860's and it is now. Brothers Ricky and Steve Smith (as well as their sons Alex and Steven) made up the stalwart ranks of the 16th for many years as is now the case with the Sprague Brothers (Noah and Nathan with sons Chance and Cody). There's J.C.'s daughter, Camille; Charlie, Matt, Joel and Bruce Whitehead, Frank and Dan Williams, Joey and David Young, and so the legacy endures. I served with my late father, both sons and now, my grandson. Earl Colvin's grandson's are part of our standing ranks.

Unusual, however, are a duo of sisters on the

firing line of the "Jackson Rifles. For those of you who do not like women in the ranks - this will tie you in knots, 'cause we have these two and sometimes more! Jenny Banks, (left) daughter of rifleman Gary Banks (and Brenda Dobson), was a drummer with the 16th from about age 5 and now, in her 20's she is "as good a man as ever tore a cartridge." Several years ago, younger sister, Kellie, (right) joined the ranks with the same devotion and ability. These sisters are shown in the upper left photo and the father and son team of Nathan (right) and Cody Sprague (left) in the



lower right forming the Olustee line of 2015. It is not a hobby, it is family. jwd

A PEEK AT THE PAST



The 16th Georgia Co. G - Byron, GA - Summer 1990



THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER 2218 of Old Clinton, Jones County, Georgia, held its first regular meeting of the new year on Thursday evening, February 19 in Gray, GA 31032. Our guest speaker was one of our own beloved membership, Chris Faulkner, who made a very interesting and excellent presentation about how the Confederate soldier is portrayed in movies and television. He concluded by distributing a list of films that included Confederate soldier portrayals. We reprinted with his permission:

Title	Year	Starring	Type	Setting
Mosby's Marauders	1967	Kurt Russell, James MacArthur	TV	Wartime
The Last Confederate	2005	Julian Adams, Mickey Rooney	Movie	Wartime
Gods and Generals	2001	Robert Duvall, Stephen Lang	Movie	Wartime
The Great Locomotive Chase	1956	Fess Parker, Jeffrey Hunter	Movie	Wartime
Johnny Shiloh	1963	Kevin Corcoran, Brian Keith	Movie	Wartime
Gettysburg	1993	Jeff Daniels, Martin Sheen	Movie	Wartime
Santa Fe Trail	1940	Errol Flynn, Ronald Reagan	Movie	Wartime
The General	1926	Buster Keaton, Marion Mack	Movie	Wartime
The Gray Ghost	1957-58	Tod Andrews, Phil Chambers	TV	Wartime
The Blue and the Gray	1982	John Hammond, Stacy Keach	TV	Wartime
<u>Drums in the Deep South</u>	1951	James Craig, Barbara Payton	Movie	Wartime
Shooting Creek	1995	Brian Abercrombie, Karen Tucker	Short	Wartime
An Occurance at Owl Creek Bridge	1962	Roger Jacquet, Anne Cornaly	Short	Wartime
The Hunley	1999	Armand Assante, Donald Sutherland	TV	Wartime
<u>Shennandoah</u>	1965	James Stewart, Doug McClure	Movie	Wartime
<u>Ironclads</u>	1991	Alex Hyde-White, E.G Marshall	TV	Wartime
Copperhead	2013	Billy Campbell, Angus MacFadyen	Movie	Wartime
The Good, The Bad and the Ugly	1966	Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef	Movie	Wartime
Ride With the Devil	1999	Skeet Ulrich, Tobey Maguire	Movie	Wartime
The Littlest Rebel	1935	Shirley Temple, John Boles	Movie	Wartime
Escape From Fort Bravo	1953	William Holden, Eleanor Parker	Movie	Wartime
Point of Honor	2015	Garland Rhodes, Christopher O'Shea	TV	Wartime
<u>Major Dundee</u>	1965	Charlton Heston, Richard Harris	Movie	Wartime
The Raid	1954	Van Heflin, Anne Bancroft	Movie	Wartime
Field of Lost Shoes	2014	Jason Isaacs, Tom Skerritt	Movie	Wartime
Alvarez Kelly	1966	William Holden, Richard Widmark	Movie	Wartime
Class of '61	1993	Clive Owen, Josh Lucas	TV	Wartime
North and South, Books 1-3	1985-94	Patrick Swayze, James Read	TV	Both
Birth of a Nation	1915	Lillian Gish, Henry Walthall	Movie	Both
The Rebel	1959-61	Nick Adams	TV	Postwar
The Outlaw Josey Wales	1976	Clint Eastwood, Chief Dan George	Movie	Postwar
John Carter	2012	Taylor Kitsch, Lynn Collins	Movie	Postwar
True Grit	1969	John Wayne, Glen Campbell	Movie	Postwar
The Undefeated	1969	John Wayne, Rock Hudson	Movie	Postwar
<u>Last Stand at Saber River</u>	1997	Tom Selleck, Keith Carradine	Movie	Postwar
<u>Vera Cruz</u>	1954	Gary Cooper, Burt Lancaster	Movie	Postwar
<u>Sahara</u>	2005	Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn	Movie	Postwar
Love Me Tender	1956	Elvis Presley, Debra Paget	Movie	Postwar
<u>Shadowheart</u>	2009	Justin Ament, Angus MacFadyen	Movie	Postwar
Judge Priest	1934	Will Rogers, Tom Brown	Movie	Postwar
<u>The Searchers</u>	1956	John Wayne, Jeffrey Hunter	Movie	Postwar
The Last Outpost	1951	Ronald Reagan	Movie	Wartime

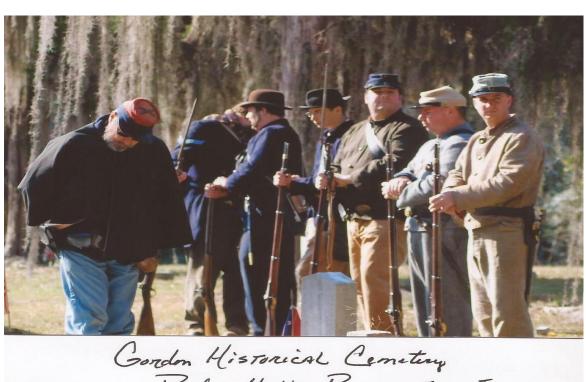


As previously announced the camp is no longer meeting at FIREFLYS Restaurant, due to it closing at the end of 2014. Arrangements were made with the AGAVE AZUL Mexican Restaurant, 106 Bill Conn Parkway, in Gray, GA, by Treasurer Al McGalliard and we appreciate his devoted efforts. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 19, 2015 and we will continue

meeting in this location on the 3rd Thursday of each month, eating at 6PM (ordering off the menu) and meeting at 7pm. Our speaker for the March meeting will be Ms. Sherrie' Raleigh, President of the Sidney Lanier Chapter (#25) UDC of Macon, GA, who will give a first person portrayal of Miss Mary Ann Harris Gay, a Southern supporter and the author of Life in Dixie During the War. Miss Gay witnessed the destruction and devastation wrought by Sherman's Army, and will tell of her experiences during the war - including her actions to help the Confederate Army, the Federal occupation of Decatur, and the hardships suffered by those on the home front. Sherrie' is a graduate of Mercer University, and was asked by Mercer's Tarver Library to present this program as part of the library's 150th Anniversary of the Civil War Exhibit in October 2014.

Note: We are asking all of those who plan to attend Sherrie'
Raleigh's presentation, and who have, and are willing to wear
their period clothing to do so, please; but by no means is this required.





Gordon Historical Cemetery Rufus Kelly Re-enactment November 16, 2014



FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 1 - 150TH BROXTON'S BRIDGE (SC)

MARCH 14 - Rose Hill Iron Cross Dedication for Lt. Col.

William W. Carnes. @ 11AM; also Iron Cross Placement at Old Clinton Methodist Church Cemetery

MARCH 21-22 - BATTLES AT MANASSAS (GA)

- POC Tommy Wallace 912-293-7174.

MARCH 21-22 - 150TH BENTONVILLE (SC)

APRIL 11 - WORK DAY @ OLD CLINTON (GA)

APRIL 12 - TWIGGS CO. (GA) MONUMENT DEDICATION SERVICE @ 3 PM

APRIL 18 - WORK DAY @ OLD CLINTON (GA)

APRIL 23-25 - 150TH ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF SELMA (AL)

APRIL 25 - CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY- attend services near you

MAY 1-3 - WAR DAYS - BATTLES OF SUNSHINE CHURCH & GRISWOLDVILLE (GA)

MAY 15-17 - BATTLE OF RESACA (GA)

MAY 23 - OLD SOLDIER'S DAY AT ERVIN GARNTO'S NEAR SCOTT (GA)

JUNE 12-13 - 118TH GA. DIV. SCV CONVENTION/REUNION @ NASH FARM

SEPTEMBER 18-20 - HURRICANE SHOALS (GA)

SEPTEMBER 19 - SCV SALUTE TO VETERANS IN DUBLIN (GA)

OCTOBER 2-4 - ANDERSONVILLE (GA)

OCTOBER 23-25 - SANDERSVILLE (GA)

NOVEMBER 14-15 NASH FARMS (GA) - Battles of Jonesboro and Nash Farm

NOVEMBER 14-15 SECESSIONVILLE (SC)

NOVEMBER 21- GRISWOLDVILLE MEMORIAL (GA) POC Wayne Dobson 478-731-5531.

NOVEMBER - CANNONBALL HOUSE APPARITIONS - Macon (GA)

DECEMBER - RICHLAND CHURCH (GA)

DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS AT THE CANNONBALL HOUSE - Macon (GA)

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Capt. Wm. "Rebel" Bradberry - 404-242-7213

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2nd Lt. Kevin Sark - 478-731-8796

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Musician - Aaron Bradford - 302-668-8029

Musician - Oliver Lummus - 302-668-8029

Musician - Al McGalliard - 478-986-4827

Rev. Joey Young - Honorary Life Member

ON FACEBOOK: "JACKSON RIFLES". All issues (2011-present) of The Howling Dawg are available @ scvcamp1399.org & some @ scv2218.com, thanks to Steve Scroggins and Al McGalliard.



16TH GEORGIA ANNOUNCEMENTS



16TH GA BOOK - "My book on Major William E. Simmons/16th Georgia/3rd Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters is scheduled for release in either late 2015 or early 2016 by Mercer University Press. I still have a small window of time to add text on soldiers from the Jackson Rifles who served in Company E of Wofford's Sharpshooter Battalion. They include: Private John M. Archer, Private Benjamin F. Fields, 1st Corporal Thomas Jefferson Fields, 3rd Sergeant William J. Hainey (Haynie, Haney), and Private James R. Wood. If you or any of your associates have anecdotal information on these five fine soldiers who led the 16th Georgia and Wofford's Brigade into battle during the last two years of the WBTS, I would like to see if I can make special mention of them in my book. I have already reviewed their service records and researched 26 other sources, and they are included on the battalion roster in the book Appendix. Thanks, and a tip of the slouch hat, Very respectfully, Joe Byrd" 16TH GA NCO ELECTIONS 2015 - Elections for 1st Sergeant, 1st Corporal, 2nd Corporal and 3rd Corporal will be held a Clinton at our unit meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2015, by written ballot. In order to be a candidate for any of these positions and have

your name included on the ballot you must indicate such by saying so in writing (email or postal) to the Adjutant no later than mid-night April 1, 2015. Write-in candidates will be allowed only if nominations are made from the floor on the day of election, and only if approved, by a majority vote of the overall consent of present unit members in good standing. Elections for Captain, 1st Lt., 2nd Lt. and 2nd Sgt. will be held at the War Days event of 2016. Contact: *Wayne Dobson, Adjutant*

THE FOLLOWING HAVE ALREADY OFFERED AS CANDIDATES:

ALAN RICHARDS - 1ST Sergeant DAN WILLIAMS - 2ND Corporal

CHARLES WHITEHEAD - 1ST Corporal BRICK LEE NELSON - 3RD Corporal

16TH GA SYMPATHY AND BEREAVMENT POLICY - It was decided by those members present at the Olustee 2015 event that all unit sanctioned expressions of sympathy will consist of a letter to the family of the deceased advising that a \$25.00 donation has been made in honor of their loved one to the Old Methodist Church Fund. This will be in lieu of unit-purchased flowers.

16TH GA AUNTHENTICITY COMPETITION AT WAR DAYS 2015 - It was also decided by those members present at the Olustee 2015 event that the unit will again host an authenticity/rapid fire contest during the Old Clinton War Days event. More details forthcoming. POC - Lt. Noah Sprague. **ABOUT THE PICTURE:** The image (upper left on this page) is Captain Augustus C. Thompson, Co. G, 16th GA Infantry. Born in Georgia in 1828, he was elected Captain of Company G on July 20, 1861 and remained in command through the grueling marches and battles of the summer of 1862. When the regiment entered Maryland in September 1862, they were part of Howell Cobb's Brigade of Lafayette McLaw's Division. On September 14th, the 16th GA was positioned at Brownsville, in the rear of the Division, working to capture the Maryland Heights during the operation against Harper's Ferry. When fighting broke out at Crampton's Gap, the 16th was ordered to immediate support. Arriving at the Gap, Captain Thompson would lead "The Jackson Rifles" down to the Burkittsville Road to support the Confederate Right. As they were getting into position, the Confederate center broke under the weight of the Union assault. Seizing an opportunity the 16th GA and Cobb's Infantry Legion, under Lt. Col. Jefferson M. Lamar (mortally wounded - born in Milledgeville, GA - buried in Athens, GA) moved into battle line and poured a galling fire into the, now, unorganized Union lines. Unknown to these two Confederate regiments, however, Alfred Torbert's New Jersey Brigade advanced up the Burkittsville Road and slammed into the flank of Cobb's Legion. The Legion and the 16th GA were severely mauled in the attack and Captain Thompson was wounded. He would recover from his wound and remain in Confederate service until he resigned in August of 1863.



ONE LAST LETTER

As we see the approach of the 150th anniversary of Lee's surrender at Appomattox, I, ironically face a type of finality myself. Since 1973 I have submitted Letters-to-the-Editor to the Macon Telegraph and various other publications. Most editors were fair-minded people even though they heartily disagreed with most of the views I expressed. Others used their authority to support their own ideology. Earlier

this year, in a sloppy piece of writing, I failed to note the direct words of source and place the proper quotation marks - see the Letters-to-the-Editor at Macon.com for January 7. I make no excuse, it was my poor work and I am guilty of that. What I am not guilty of is the bogus charge of plagiarism. Although I am ashamed of my workmanship, in this instance, I have no need to copy words and represent them as my own. In fact the strength of my writings is often the foundation laid through eloquent words of past voices. In better words, what I say, or what I think is not important - historical quotes are - and that is what I often used. Without attributing them to their rightful author they do not carry much weight. It seems, therefore, that I now am totally barred from expressing opinions in the Macon Telegraph. A slanderous enemy seems to have won.

I, had a voice, one voice, in this community to present historical observations without a coating of political white wash. Naturally, these were opposed but often people graciously told me how much they supported the sentiments of my writings which mirrored opinions that they also held. As much as I appreciated these kind words, I always wondered, "if you feel that way, why did you not write as letter as well?" Sometimes I actually asked them this question, to which they replied "well, you know I can't write and express things like that" ... and so on - others just shrugged. Most of us were taught to read and write in school and I was amazed that illiteracy was yet so prevalent. Can you imagine someone with a high school diploma (and in many cases a college degree) telling me they can't write a letter expressing their opinion - what they mean is they won't! I know, they say that the art of letter writing has been lost but I get emails folks all the time saying what they think. And don't tell me people are incompetent nor shy about giving you a piece of their mind look at FACEBOOK! However, in newsprint, well they seem to reluctant to write what they think and sign their name to it - why is that? Do they fear repercussions from their peers or a reprimand at work? I have actually received work place promotions and opportunities related to writing letters to the newspaper - true story! Come on folks, I understand fully how the politically correct of this world can give you a hard time but we are SOUTHERN PEOPLE - of all humanity we should be unaffected by fear or laziness. Is our heritage worth it or not? If not, find the channel changer and nod off in an easy chair.

We may be able to affect little change by voicing our opinions and being a reminder of true historical facts but we can sure make them know we are not asleep. For much of the opposition this is all just a game played with a deck of cards called "sheer willful ignorance." Those who wrote rebuttals to my work had little more to say than to call me names and skew a few facts - real scholars they are! I never minded what they said about me, it was often amusing; nor did I waste my time contending with them. However, do you feel okay about their defamations of Lee, Jackson, the Cause of Southern Independence and in some cases even the Lord Jesus Christ?

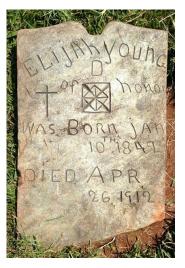
Apparently, I am out of that game - my weapon taken. If I could find any way to continue the fight, I would, and there may be another avenue of approach but I will need some courageous wiliness from you - not interested, okay, I expected such. But, there may be one or two out there who still have a taste for the fray - contact me if you care about carrying the fight to the face of the enemy. I really do not expect many emails nor for my phone to ring in acceptance of this challenge. It you're up to it, it would be encouraging.

"..... a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So shall thy poverty come....." - Proverbs 24:33-34

I am your devoted friend and compatriot,

John Wayne Dobson

3RD BATTALION GEORGIA SHARPSHOOTERS



The picture to the left is of the grave of Reverend Joey Young's great, great grandfather, buried at New Bethany Baptist Church in Buford, GA. Notice the date that he died - April 26. Knowing that Brother Joey (who is an honorary member of the 16th GA, Co. G, "The Jackson Rifles") had an ancestor in the 16th GA and that the 16th's history is closely related to the 3rd Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters, I asked our good friend, Joe Byrd, to elaborate:

"The sharpshooter battalion was made up of hand-picked men from the 16th, 18th and 24th Georgia Infantry Regiments, Cobb's Legion Infantry Battalion, and Phillips Legion Infantry Battalion in the early spring of 1863. All were attached to the Brigade of William Tatum Wofford who replaced Brigadier General Thomas R. R. Cobb who was killed at Fredericksburg. From the aftermath of the Battle of Chancellorsville until the Battle of Sailor's Creek, the sharpshooter battalion was led by Lieutenant Colonel Nathan Louis Hutchins Jr. who previously served in the 16th Georgia. His second-ranking officer was Major William E. Simmons, also from the 16th Georgia. Both officers were from Lawrenceville. At least 63 of the sharpshooters came from the 16th Georgia, including five men from the Jackson Rifles: The overall breakdown is as follows:

24th Georgia Infantry Regiment 73
Phillips Legion Infantry Battalion 70
18th Georgia Infantry Regiment 65
16th Georgia Infantry Regiment 63
Cobb's Legion Infantry Battalion 49
Regiment/Battalion not recorded 40*
From field/staff position 4

Total

364

As for Private Elijah D. Young, he enlisted on May 15, 1862 and was assigned to Company G (organized in Morgan County as the Panola Guards) of Cobb's Legion Infantry Battalion. He was later transferred to Company D of the 3rd Battalion Sharpshooters. His service record indicates that he was hospitalized at Jackson Hospital in Richmond (no date recorded) and surrendered with the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox on April 9, 1865. References in my data base include: Private Young's Service Record, the National Park Service, the Confederate State Roster, and Southern Historical Society Papers - Parolees at Appomattox.

I have researched two other sharpshooters with the last name of Young:

<u>Private James H. Young</u> - enlisted on May 15, 1862 and was assigned to Company G of Cobb's Legion Infantry Battalion. He was later transferred to Company D of the 3rd Battalion Sharpshooters. His service record indicates that he was hospitalized at Hospital #9 in Richmond (no date recorded). He was captured at High Bridge, Virginia (Sailors Creek) on April 6, 1865, sent to Point Lookout Prison, and released June 8, 1865. References: Service Record, National Park Service, and the Confederate State Roster.

<u>Private Moses W. Young</u> - enlisted on March 24, 1864 and was assigned to Company D of the 3rd Battalion Sharpshooters. Toward the end of the war he was captured and later paroled at Newton, North Carolina on April 19, 1865. References: Service Record, national Park Service, and the Confederate State Roster.

To date, I have identified four soldiers in the 16th Georgia with the last name of Young. There is less information on each as I am in the process of adding information and references to my Regimental data bases. This will take some time as there are 1,485 soldiers who served in the 16th Georgia during the War Between the States.

<u>Private George L. Young</u> - enlisted July 25, 1861 and was assigned to Company K (Ramsey Volunteers). Died on December 13, 1864; location and cause of death not recorded.

David W. Young - Company I (Hutchins Guards).

<u>2nd Lieutenant Isaac M. Young</u> - enlisted as a private on May 21, 1862 and was assigned to Company I (Hutchins Guards).

Private Isaac M. Young - Company H (Flint Hill Grays).

I hope that this information is useful. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or information."

Very respectfully,

Joe Byrd

NOTE: Information about Joe Byrd's upcoming book in the 16th GA is on page11.

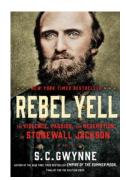
^{*} Most of these men enlisted during the latter months of the war and were assigned directly to the sharpshooter battalion.

HUNLEY UPDATE



NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A century and a half after it sank and a decade and a half after it was raised, scientists are finally getting a look at the hull of the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley, the first sub in history to sink an enemy warship. What they find may finally solve the mystery of why the hand-cranked submarine sank during the Civil War. "It's like unwrapping a Christmas gift after 15 years. We have been wanting to do this for many years now," said Paul Mardikian, senior conservator on the Hunley project. The Hunley sank the Union blockade ship USS Housatonic off Charleston in February 1864 as the South tried to break the

Union blockade strangling the Confederacy. But the sub and its eight-man crew never made it back to shore. The Hunley was discovered off the South Carolina coast in 1995, raised in 2000 and brought to a conservation lab in North Charleston. It was covered with a hardened gunk of encrusted sand, sediment and rust that scientists call concretion. Last May, it was finally ready to be bathed in a solution of sodium hydroxide to loosen the encrustation. Then in August, scientists using small air-powered chisels and dental tools began the laborious job of removing the coating. Now about 70 percent of the outside hull has been revealed. Mardikian said the exposed hull indeed has revealed some things that may help solve the mystery of the sinking. "I would have to lie to you if I said we had not, but it's too early to talk about it yet," he said. "We have a submarine that is encrypted. It's like an Enigma machine."He said the clues will be studied closely as scientists try to piece together what happened to the 40-foot submarine that night in 1864. The Hunley had a 16foot spar tipped with a charge of black powder that was exploded, sinking the Housatonic. After close examination of the spar two years ago, scientists speculated the crew was knocked unconscious by the shock wave of the explosion. When the Hunley was first raised, scientists speculated the crew may have run out of air before they could crank back to the coast. After the Hunley was raised, the sand and the silt and the remains of the crew in the interior were removed. In April 2004, thousands of men in Confederate gray and Union blue walked in a procession with the crew's coffins four miles from Charleston's waterfront Battery to Magnolia Cemetery in what has been called the last Confederate funeral. NOTE: In the photo above, the Confederate submarine H.L. Hunley is seen at conservation lab in North Charleston, S.C., on Jan. 27, 2015 photo. Scientists say that after six months of work, about 70 percent of the encrusted sand, silt and rust from the outside has been removed. The encrustation can still be seen at the top of the conning tower. Scientists hope that when the entire hull is revealed, it will provide the clues as to why the Hunley sank after sinking a Union blockade ship off Charleston, S.C., in 1864. (AP Photo/Bruce Smith, file)



By the numbers, the North should have easily smashed the South in the American Civil War. The North had more soldiers, more money, more supplies. But the numbers knew nothing about a man named Thomas Jackson, best known to us today as "Stonewall." An exceedingly ordinary physics professor who became an exceedingly extraordinary general, Jackson inspired the South and became its most beloved martyr. Historian S.C. Gwynne, best known as the author of books about the American West, profiles Jackson in a new biography. Rebel Yell: The Violence, Passion, and Redemption of Stonewall Jackson is a remarkable book that deserves a place on any list of this century's best Civil War histories.

Gwynne vividly brings this most unusual man to life. He reveals how Jackson, an odd, gentle, and even meek man off the battlefield, revolutionized warfare by abandoning any

What Made Stonewall Jackson Such a Legend? -By Randy Dottinga -

pretense that war isn't cruel or bloody. Like virtually no one else, it seems, he saw what was coming and was ready. Jackson made his men fight, and he made his men die, and he left a brutal battlefield legacy that's still with us today. "He understood the South had few resources, and the idea was to hit the North so hard and make

it feel pain so acutely that they'd acknowledge Southern independence," Gwynne said.

House Bill 50 Strengthening the Protection of Confederate Monuments



Ladies and Gentlemen, As many of you may be aware House Bill 50 that makes changes to Georgia Code 50-3-1 that will strengthen the protection Confederate monuments has been filed during this legislative session. The Bill is sponsored by State Legislator and SCV Member of the TRR Cobb Camp # 97 in Athens. The bill is currently in the State Properties Committee and the Georgia General Assembly meets again tomorrow and during this week the bill may be brought up to be voted out of committee. We need calls, e-mails and fax the members of the State Properties Committee and ask they support the passage of House Bill 50. Below is the list of the State Property Committee members:

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118th GEORGIA DIVISION CONVENTION/REUNION REGISTRATION FORM



JUNE 12th & 13th, 2015 at Nash Farm Battlefield 100 Babbs Mill Rd. Hampton, Georgia 30228

Host Camp: Col. Charles T. Zachry #108

Name:	& Camp #				
Spouse and/or Guest nar	me/s:				
	(Spouse & Guests do not have to pay Registration Fee)				
Registration Fee each (or	only Georgia Division members)	\$17			
[Late Registration Fee af	fter May 15, 2015] (only Georgia Division members)	\$27			
Friday, June 12 th					
	Pre-registration at the Host Hotel from $\underline{1-6}$ pm.				
Walking Guided Tour of the Nash Farm Battlefield Site and Museum 5-7pm Qty X \$10 =					
Meet & Greet Social at the Nash Farm Battlefield (Large Barn) 6 - 9 pm					
Supper and Live Entertainment at the Nash Farm Battlefield_(Large Barn) 6 - 9pm Qty X \$20 =					
Saturday, June 13 th					
Convention Starts at 9:30, Nash Farm Battlefield (Large Barn) Registration 6-9am Battlefield Museum					
Saturday Lunch	Qty	X \$15 =			
Total Enclosed – Make C	Checks Payable to Georgia Division	\$			
Return this form with Payment to:					
Division Adjutant Tim Pilgrim, 20 Old Fuller Mill Rd NE, Marietta, Ga. 30067					
Any Questions or Additional Information Contact:					
Commander Tony Pilgrim, E-mail at rebelson1974@yahoo.com or Call (770)-296-5139					
Please provide your contac	ct # & Email address				

Host Hotel Reservation contact info:

Fairfield Inn & Suites 30 Mill Rd, McDonough GA, 30253, (770)-305-0180

REAL ANGER - REAL SOLUTIONS

"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath."

Ephesians 4:26



Who in the history of the earth has not been angry? The answer is, no one who has ever lived on this planet has never been angry. Anger is in the basic programming of all human beings. God knows this He made All of us. God gets angry too, Examples of this are Noah's Flood and Sodom and Gomorrah. Sin makes God angry.

God sent His only Son as a sacrifice for our sins. Jesus knew all of our human conditions; happy, sad, angry ... He lived a sinless life. Jesus died and rose again so we could be heirs with him. Through His blood he made us acceptable to God.

Some people may comment that it is easy for me to say "sin not", or "why can't it be easier for us to sin not". Because if it were

easy Jesus would never have had to go to the cross. Which would make faith null and void. When you are angry about anything that is irritating you, give it to God in prayer. No problem is too great or small for God to handle. God will take care of the problem in due course. God knows all of your troubles and the solutions to them are on the way. God answers all prayer. God forgive us when in anger we fail you and guide us in our lives, Help us to be more like Jesus. Amen When life makes you angry reflect on Jesus' commandment to us:

"This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."
- John 15:12

In stressful times let us follow this command.

Chaplain Joel B. Whitehead, Jr. 16th GA, Co. G



Well, as good as it has been for me with cancer and healing, I now must ask that you send out prayers for my wife, Linda. You know you go thru life like a ship on calm seas then with one phone call your life changes and your ship is in a storm. The doctor called to tell Linda that she has a large mass in her bladder and they want to do a biopsy NOW!!! to determine if this is cancer. Here is a woman who does not drink, smoke and tries to commit to a good lifestyle and diet then to get this news. Granted it may NOT be cancer but the mass is the size of a small ball. What does this do to our life and where we

live, I simply don't know. I will let you know as to what happens. Please put Linda on your prayer teams.

God Bless, John R. Tucker, Sr.

THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE(Hebrews 13:15) - The 16th Georgia is a re-enactment organization, a fellowship and a family overwhelmingly blessed by God and we publicly say so without fear or reservation. This is not in the least to boast of us, but on HIM, Almighty God, who has blessed us so richly with each other and most of all with the abiding presence of HIMSELF. He has not done good unto us because we are good, nor has He given to us because we deserved it - only because He loves us and has chosen to show us favor. Therefore, we do openly acknowledge (Proverbs 3:6), thank and praise God the Father, the Son and His Holy Spirit with the full assurance in His promise to direct our paths.

2015, 118th GEORGIA DIVISION REUNION Nash Farm Battlefield, Hampton, Georgia

Delegates Form

Camp name and number:	
City:	
Brigade:	
Camp Commander's Name:	
Camp Adjutant's Name:	
DELEGATES:	
	L. Please present this to the credentials committee at the hen be checked against paid membership on the roster.
	Camp Commander or Adjutant on record with the
I certify that the above delegates are authori	ized to represent and vote for this camp.
Commander Please Print or Type the top information and ha	Adjutant ave each approved listed in readable format on the form.
	ommander or Adjutant of record in the records of the Georgia lled out, your camp may not be allowed your camp's votes.
Delegates allowed for Reunion Strength.	
0 Delegates – Less than 7 Paid Members, 3 Delegates – 25 to 34 Paid Members, 5 Delegates – 45 to 54 Paid Members, 7 Delegates – 65 to 74 Paid Members	2 Delegates – 7 to 24 Paid Members 4 Delegates – 35 to 44 Paid Members 6 Delegates – 55 to 64 Paid Members
Delegates will be adjusted for all above the members.	se numbers by rounding off to the nearest multiple of 10