

# THE HOWLING DAWG

MAY 2015



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



## ***Southern Hearts In Blue Wool - Old Clinton War Days 2015***

It was simply one of the best of the 34 spring times that the recollections of War returned to Jones County, Georgia - War Days! The weather was perfect and that, of course, enhanced the turnout greatly, both among the re-enactors and spectators, alike. It is hard to write more than this when the photographic talents of Heidi Edge, Kenny Stancil, Kellie Banks, Tim Hawkins, Dixie Curtis and a host of others supplied such an excellent array of images, which ably captured the treasured ol' faces and the anticipating newcomers. We will step back and allow the pictures tell the story of this time in our lives...

























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## DOWN MEMORY LANE



What beloved Future Colonel,  
started shooting damnyankees  
at age five; Christmas 1959?

Sent by: Camille (Nobles) Stearns



## **CONFEDERATE MEMORAL DAY SERVICES IN MIDDLE GEORGIA** **2015**

Some members of The Lt. James T. Woodward Camp 1399 of Warner Robins, GA, The Logan E. Bleckley Camp 1998 of Cochran, GA, The General Edward Dorr Tracy camp 18 of Macon, GA, The Pine Barrens SCV 2039 of Eastman, GA The Sidney Lanier Chapter #25 UDC of



Macon, GA, and The Camp of The Unknown Soldier Camp 2218 of Old Clinton, Jones County, GA (among other historical groups) spent the April 25, 2015 weekend conducting nine services in three days. How did yours go?

We started on Friday, April 24, 2015, 6:00 pm at Stevens Street Cemetery in Warner Robins, GA, and an hour later visited the Cliett Cemetery in Byron, GA. On Saturday, April 25th, we arrived at 8am to fire a volley at the Confederate Statue in downtown Macon, GA. Due to heavy rains that moved through the area, the 10am Rose Hill Cemetery (Macon) service had





to be moved indoors at First Baptist Church. By 12 noon we arrived at The Woodward Cemetery on Hartley Bridge Road, Bibb County, GA. Near 2pm we were at The Byron City Cemetery, honoring all veterans buried there and enjoying a great quick lunch of black-eyed peas and cornbread. Stormy weather drew nigh as we made our final stop of the day at



Oaklawn Cemetery in Ft. Valley, GA. Hosted by the Ft. Valley UDC, who served sumptuous refreshments afterwards. This occasion also included an supporting service at the gravesite of



Brigadier General C.D. Anderson. Area storms had held off most all day but they we trailed us as we departed for home.

Sunday, April 26, 2015, resumed the services with an 11:00 AM service at Liberty Baptist Church in Eastman, GA, hosted by The Pine Barrens SCV Camp 2039. On the same day a 2:00 pm service was conducted

at the Hickman Family Cemetery, Gordon, GA, by Compatriot Rodney Morgan, 1st Lt. Commander Charles Whitehead, Compatriot Brick Lee Nelson and Judge Advocate Ethan Bloodworth, all of The SCV Camp of The Unknown Soldier # 2218 of Jones County, GA.

**This** is how it is done.



## QUOTES

*"Now, we as men, are fearful when we walk through a group of boys. When we were boys, when we walked through a group of men, we felt secure. Something is wrong."* - Robert Boyd / Baltimore

*"As a living historian, my job is not to try and say what was right or wrong. My job is to show how it happened and to memorialize the men and the women that made the supreme sacrifice in defense of their homes."* - J. C. Nobles

*"We'd rather pretend to be a Yankee than bring real ones down here. That blue'll suck the intelligence right out of you."* - Andy Carson / from down around Albany

*"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."* - 2 Timothy 2:4

*"For every southern boy, it's always within his reach to imagine it being one o'clock on an early July day in 1863, the guns are laid, the troops are lined up, the flags are out of their cases and ready to be unfurled, but it hasn't happened yet. And he can go back in his mind to the time before the war was going to be lost and he can always have that moment for himself."* - William Faulkner (Intruder in the Dust)

Captured, imprisoned at Fort Stedman, and offered freedom if I would take the oath and join in the Indian Wars, I replied, I *"had no quarrel with the Indians, but had learned that I was good at killing Yankees and believed that if let go, I would continue with what I had a talent for."*

- Jeremiah W. Beachum - 26th North Carolina Co. K

"I would like to thank Simple Heritage, Camp 2218 and the 16th Georgia for supporting the Confederate Memorial events. The 16th Georgia adds so much to the events and makes it a special event that everyone remembers. Many of the people that attend are not a part of the SCV don't understand the way our ancestors had to fight. The 16th demonstrates the period dress and fire power that our ancestors had in the war of Southern Independence. I am always impressed in the dedication and professionalism the 16th demonstrates in supporting these events. And thank you for the great music that you so humbly provided." - Tim Hawkins, Commander Lt. James T. Woodward Camp 1399

"I was amazed again during the 2015 weekend at Old Clinton. The 16th GA even when fighting in the wrong uniform on Sunday served with honor and respect. Every year I learn something new at Old Clinton. Sitting with Ricky and talking with people about their ancestors is an eye opening experience. Ricky and Steve (Smith) shared many stories about the 16th in a way that almost made me feel like I was there. Every year I leave with a little more knowledge about the 16th and our history. Thank you for what you have given me in just sharing time with you and the 16th family." - Tim Hawkins, Camp 1399

"Indeed, the 16th/2218 has much to be proud of. It's remarkable to see more youth rising in the ranks. Not only MUST we (SCV & southern heritage) have more young people in our ranks to carry on the traditions, but it is more authentic-looking from a layman/spectator's point of view. There were men of all ages in the CSA armies, but YOUNG men were most prevalent since they could endure the hardships and remain in the field longer with better health. The SCV needs to emulate and "bottle" the magic formula of 2218, whatever it is. Please pass along our thanks to Simple Heritage for the wonderful music. I was especially impressed by the song performed at Fort Valley. I can't carry a tune in a bucket, but I try my best on Dixie not to hurt the ears of innocent bystanders. The singers were in perfect harmony and pitch... it sounded like hi-fi stereo in a breezy outdoor environment. Very impressive." - Steve Scroggins Past Commander, Lt. James T. Woodward Camp 1399



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## ANNUAL OLD SOLDIER'S DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2015

*a memorial service to all soldiers & our fallen re-enactors and SCV compatriots*



*"We were prepared to lose some of us, but were never prepared to lose all of us..."  
Gen. R.E. Lee (Gettysburg Movie, 1993)*

Hosted by Ervin & Barbara Garnto, near Scott, GA (location of our winter drill of January 2012). This Memorial Service is for all soldiers that have passed on. Special honor is paid to our re-enactor brothers and sisters who have departed this life - a list that sadly grows longer with each passing year. Many of us attend memorial services all year long to remember and honor Confederate soldiers. This is an opportunity to remember our brothers and sisters who actually sat around the campfires with us and stood in line of battle, sharing the good times and the bad. Uniforms are certainly encouraged but not mandatory.

The Garntos would like very much for anyone that can and will to come and help with this awesome event. Camping areas available for those coming early or staying late. A meal will be served in the afternoon (about 2:30-3PM) for all that attend. The memorial service will follow as the cool of the evening begins to set in.

There will be signs at each turn from the caution light in Scott, GA by the big white church {SCOTT BAPTIST CHURCH}; come and get a blessing. Those wishing to stay over Saturday night are welcome to do so. For more information phone 1-478-290-6945, 478-668-4115 or e-mail at: [bjgarnto@hotmail.com](mailto:bjgarnto@hotmail.com). Directions from the point of Scott Baptist Church on U.S. 80: 2 1/2 miles to Glen Donaldson Road, turn left go 1/2 mile to Bill Garnto Rd. turn left go 1/4 mile to Dogwood Ln.; turn on Dogwood follow road around to pond follow arrows there will be signs @ each turn.



# Front Porch Faith



**An original Christian comedy presented by  
the Daily Bread Drama Team**

*A ministry of Macon Evangelistic Church*

**DATE: Saturday, May 30, 2015**

**TIME: 6 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Macon "E" Church** 5399 Hartley Bridge Rd. Macon, GA 31216

Please join us for an evening of fun and laughter that glorifies  
our Lord Jesus Christ!

Fellowship & refreshments following the performance.

(For more information call Val Elliott @ 478-731-5538)



## **OUR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**MAY 23 - OLD SOLDIER'S DAY AT ERVIN GARNTO'S**  
**JUNE 5 - BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL @ ALMA, GA. BATTLE 11AM SATURDAY**  
**JUNE 12-13 - 118TH GA. DIV. SCV REUNION @ NASH FARM**  
**JULY - SUMMER DRILL - DETAILS FORTHCOMING**  
**SEPTEMBER 18-20 - HURRICANE SHOALS (GA)**  
**SEPTEMBER 19 - SCV SALUTE TO VETERANS IN DUBLIN**  
**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)**

### **16TH GA Co. G. "Jackson Rifles"**

Brig. Gen. Herbert Burns - 478-668-3598  
Honorary Colonel J. C. Nobles - 478-718-3201  
Capt. Wm. "Rebel" Bradberry-404-242-7213  
1 Lt. Noah Sprague - 706-491-9755  
2nd Lt. Kevin Sark - 478-731-8796  
Adjutant: 5th Corp. John Wayne "Duke" Dobson 478-731-5531  
Treasurer: 6th Corp. Earl Colvin - 478-214-0687  
1st Sgt. Alan "Cookie" Richards - 478-308-9739  
2nd Sgt. Nathan Sprague - 478-320-8748  
1st Corp. Chas. "Goodtime" Whitehead- 478-986-8943  
2nd Corp. Dan Williams - 478-230-7189  
3rd Corp. Brick Lee Nelson - 478-986-1151  
Lead Chaplain - Joel Whitehead, Jr. - 478-986-8798  
Honorary Chaplain Ronnie "Skin" Neal - 478-808-8848  
Assistant Chaplain - Charles Hill - 770-845-6878  
Musician - Landon Allen - 478-294-9870  
Musician - Aaron Bradford - 302-668-8029  
Musician - Oliver Lummus - 302-668-8029  
Musician - Al McGalliard - 478-318-7266  
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**



**ABOUT THE PICTURE: William B. Wofford** - Originally of the 18th Georgia, was handpicked with many out of the 16th, 18th, 24th Georgia Regiments, Cobb's Legion, and Phillips Legion (All in Wofford's Georgia Brigade) to form the 3rd Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters. **16TH GA NCO ELECTIONS 2015** - Elections for 1st Sergeant, 1st Corporal, 2nd Corporal and 3rd Corporal were held at Old Clinton "War Days" at our unit meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2015. THE RESULTS WERE: ALAN RICHARDS- 1ST Sgt.; CHARLES WHITEHEAD- 1ST Corp.; DAN WILLIAMS- 2ND

Corp.; BRICK NELSON - 3RD Corp. Congratulations to all. We know they will serve with great distinction. Elections for Capt., 1st Lt., 2nd Lt. & 2nd Sgt. will be @ War Days 2016. **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. POC: Cpl. Colvin **16TH GA**

**ULTIMATE SOLDIER COMPETITION 2015** - Of the four participants at Old Clinton War Days, TYLER DOLLAR of the 3rd Wis. won the first place plaque and \$100. Second place went to BEN MORRIS of the 51st PVV, netting him the second place plaque and \$50. At our Old Clinton War Days meeting, the 16th GA voted to discontinue this contest and possibly have a children's battle next year. Lt. Sprague.



## The Camp of The Unknown Soldier



Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp # 2218, The Camp of The Unknown Soldier, of Old Clinton, Jones County, Georgia, is currently meeting on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month in the facilities of the Gray 8 Skating Rink, 4151 Gray. Hwy., Gray, GA - (GPS Coordinates: 32.991738, - 83.566926;) 478-986-2111 (just south of the former Fireflies Restaurant - turn in (off south bound Gray Hwy.) between West Clinton Tire and Bug House Pest Control. We enjoy a catered meal (\$10 each) provided by Scott Jackson of Chevy's at 6pm and commence with our meeting at 7pm. At the time of our meetings, this facility will often be closed to the general public.

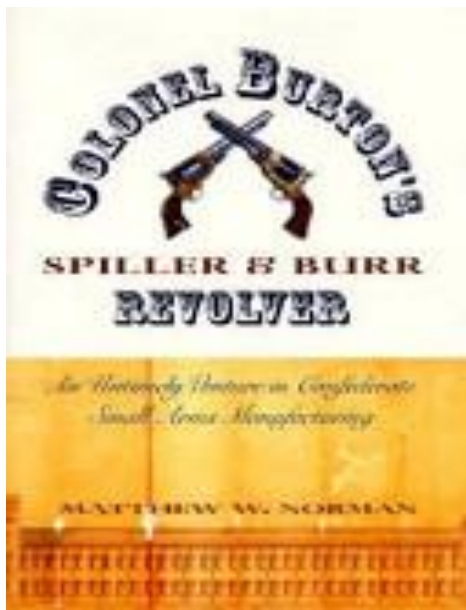
For additional information, contact: Al McGalliard @ 478-318-7266 or Earl Colvin @ 478-214-0687

As is commonly the case, we were honored by a vast array of guests from various other historical organizations and we are humbly grateful. Guests are always more than welcome. This month (May 21, 2015) Camp 2218 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Earl Colvin's program will center around Colonel Burton and the Spiller & Burr Revolver. Cheryl Aultman (Past UDC #25 President) will talk about Twiggs County Veterans in June. If you plan to attend, please notify Camp 2218 Treasurer Al McGalliard to advise of your intentions and/or how many guests may be attending with you, so he can advise our caterer. You can call/text him at 478-318-7266 or email at alsrx@windstream.net

Many thanks to those who made Old Clinton War Days the grand success that it was - especially in the endeavors of recruitment, the memorial service and cross dedication. That is what we exist for - much more than the re-enactments and certainly NOT FOR THE CONTEMPTIBLE POLITICS!

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### GOOD BOOKS



**Colonel Burton's Spiller & Burr Revolver: An Untimely Venture in Confederate Small-Arms Manufacturing**

**By: Matthew W. Norman**

**Mercer University Press, 1996**

**ISBN 0865545316**

In 1861, with very few resources, the Confederacy attempted to arm itself. Several armories and factories were created in the South to help meet these needs. Colonel Burton's Spiller & Burr Revolver is based exclusively on primary sources, and provides a detailed history about one of those manufacturing firms during the Civil War. The book describes how the factory's history applies to Southern industrialism in the mid-nineteenth century.



## A LOOK AT THE REAL DEAL

Henderson Jefferson County N.Y.  
July 31<sup>st</sup> 1851

General

I have in compliance with the wish of the Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, postponed my visit to Europe. As he informed me that the Department, had authorized him to say to me, that I could use my leave of absence as I might prefer. I shall be in Washington by the 10<sup>th</sup> of next month.

I am General,  
Very Respectfully,  
Your Obedt. Servt.  
T. J. Jackson  
1st Lt Bt. Maj. 1st Intry.

Bt. Maj. Genl. R. Jones  
Adj. Genl. U.S. Army

This is a rare photo of a letter to Brevet Major General Roger Jones Adjutant General, U.S. Army, totally written and signed by "Stonewall Jackson" as it appeared on EBAY in early April - bidding starting at \$14,000.00. It reads: Henderson, Jefferson County, N.Y. July 31, 1851 General, I have in compliance with the wish of the Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, postponed my visit to Europe: As he informed me that the Department, had authorized him to say to me, that I could use my leave of absence as I might prefer. I shall be in Washington by the 10th of next month. I am General, Very Respectfully, Your Obdt Servt. T. J. Jackson 1st Lt Bt. Maj. 1st Intry. Bt. Maj. Genl. R. Jones Adj. Genl. U.S. Army (EDITOR'S NOTE: it appears to be written on the blue "blockade paper" with walnut ink.)



## War Commemorated by Brazilian Heirs



Descendants of American Southerners wearing Confederate-era uniforms pose for pictures as they attend a party to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the end of the American Civil War in Santa Barbara d'Oeste, Brazil, Sunday, April 26, 2015. For many of the residents of Santa Barbara d'Oeste and neighboring Americana, in Brazil's southeastern Sao Paulo state, having Confederate ancestry is a point of pride and is celebrated in high style at the annual "Festa dos Confederados,"

or "Confederates Party" in Portuguese. (AP Photo/Andre Penner)

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## IN SYMPATHY

Owen Felmon Redd Sr. (1941 - 2015) Owen Felmon Redd, Sr. November 19, 1941 - May 6, 2015 Forsyth, GA- Owen Felmon Redd, Sr. passed away Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 9, 2015, at High Falls Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Rev. Jeff Giddens officiated. He was owner and operator of L&D RV Park. Mr. Redd was a member and Deacon of High Falls Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Redd of Forsyth; children, Mony Redd of

Lakemont, Georgia, Paige (Keith) Mincey of Rhine, Georgia, Mandi (Joe) Anderson of Pismo Beach, California, Brent (Kim) Hatcher of Douglas, Georgia, brothers, Wayne Redd of Milledgeville, Georgia and Neal Redd of Macon, Georgia; grandchildren, Marlo Bass, Marie Creech, Jared Anderson, Ashely and Easton Hatcher, Jared and Jordan Buchan, Nikki and Jessie Mincey. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to High Falls Baptist Church Building Fund, 4408 High Falls Road, Jackson, GA 30233. Please visit [www.monroecountymemorialchapel.com](http://www.monroecountymemorialchapel.com) to express tributes.

Felmon Redd or "Redd Man" as I heard him called several times dates back to the early days of the 16th GA re-enactment group. I met him around 1989 or 1990 during my first year as a member. He was not very active with the unit then, in fact, he and I never took the field together. Skins, Bones, Beezer, Steve, Ricky, J.C. and so on knew him better. Steve Smith would often show the beautiful carving on his ol' Enfield, remarking that Felmon had painted it. The regimental drum that Steven Smith (and others) played for so many year had its design painted by the same man. Another gallant son of the South has departed. jwd

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## IN NEED OF PRAYER

**John R Tucker & Linda Tucker- (FL)**  
**Tom and Ruth Stevens (Macon)**  
**Roy and Dana Myers (Augusta)**



### **Pioneers in Space Award**



On April 25, 2015, the Sidney Lanier Chapter #25 United Daughters of the Confederacy awarded David Dunning the Pioneers in Space Certificate during their Confederate Memorial Day program in Macon. Certificate reads:

**WHEREAS**, Our venture into Outer Space would have been impossible without the knowledge and expertise of those in the field of Astronautics and

**WHEREAS**, David Roger Dunning of Macon, State of Georgia has contributed

significantly to the success of our Nation's exploration of Outer Space and **WHEREAS**, these accomplishments have reflected honorably upon the recipient's Confederate ancestor Andrew Jackson Dunning who served in Co. C, 3rd Regt., North Carolina Artillery in the War Between the States.

**NOW BE IT KNOWN** that the United Daughters of the Confederacy®, in grateful recognition of these contributions to the Space Program of the United States of America, hereby bestows upon David Roger Dunning The Pioneers in Space Award for Technical Achievements.

David started his career working for an architect in Baltimore, Maryland. However, he decided to go back to school for his aeronautical engineering degree and graduated from Parks College in St. Louis, MO. Over the course of his career, he has worked for several companies and in several different states. He has worked on helicopters and planes as well as space related jobs. While working for Teledyne-Brown, he worked on a material sciences glove box for the Space Station. He worked on the external tank for the space shuttle while working for Martin-Marietta. He also worked on Space Station structure while working for Boeing. In 2006, he moved to Georgia and was working for Gulfstream in Savannah until medical problems forced an early retirement. He lives in Macon.

David is a direct descendant of Andrew Jackson Dunning of Bertie County, North Carolina. Andrew was a descendant of Samuel Dunning who had a land grant from George II. In 1853, Andrew married Sarah Harmon in 1853 which brought together much of the land that would become Aulander, NC. Andrew Dunning, as the most prominent man of the area, was asked to choose the name for the town and wanted to name it Orlando after the city of the same name in Florida but the post office rejected that name so it was changed to Aulander. Mr. Dunning laid out the town into streets and plots and gave the railroad a 5 mile right-of-way in each direction as well as land for a depot site. However, all of this was after his service in CSA. The 3rd Battn. was organized near Raleigh, NC in 1862. The unit served in the area of Richmond, Virginia and then returned to North Carolina where it was stationed at Wilmington and Fort Fisher. Most members were captured at the fall of Fort Fisher. Andrew Dunning and his wife, Sarah Harmon, were the parents of 7 children, including Robert Jackson Dunning (David's great-grandfather) who married Lizzie Lee Tayloe. Lizzie is related to the Tayloes of Virginia who in turn are related to the family of Robert E. Lee. David and his wife, Peggy (UDC #25), have been married 36 years and have two children and 6 grandchildren. The Camp of The Unknown Soldier #2218 of Old Clinton, Jones County, GA is extremely pleased and proud to have David as a member.





"The Sidney Lanier #25 United Daughters of the Confederacy, Macon, Georgia, awarded four posthumous Crosses of Military Service awards and one Pioneer in Space certificate at their Confederate Memorial Day service on April 25, 2015. Pictured left to right are: David Dunning of SCV Camp 2218 (Pioneer in Space certificate), Devon Raleigh (accepted a WWI Cross of Military Service on behalf of his Great-Grandfather, James M. Hatcher), Jett Smith of SCV Camp 18 (accepted a WWII Cross of Military Service on

behalf of his father, Carl Lynwood Smith), James M. Cranford (accepted a WWII Cross of Military Service on behalf of his father Kasier James Cranford, Jr.), Kim Beck of Camp 2039 (accepted a Korean War Cross of Military Service on behalf of his father, Melvin Kennon Beck)."

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### **PECAN BLOSSOM TEA -**

Then as now, coffee was an extremely popular drink, but the blockade soon dried up Southern supplies of Java, Mocha, Rio (yes, those were period names) - hence, folks in Dixie had to learn to make do with substitutions like okra seeds, corn, peas, sweet potatoes, chicory and even pecan blooms. Pecan trees bloom in the spring, usually in late April or early May, although the exact time depends on the cultivar. The trees produce separate male and female flowers on the same tree. The flowers rarely bloom at the same time, however; one tree must pollinate with another cultivar to produce a crop of nuts. I have been gathering these spring blossoms for years and boiling them in a poke bag to render a smoky-flavored tea. It works great for your Confederate haversack impression.

Try some!!! jwd



## FAITHFUL MEN



***"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." - 2 Timothy 2:2***

It was the ebbing spring, as I recall, in Byron, Georgia about 22 years ago. The occasion, at the home of 16th Georgia commander Steve Smith, was the anticipated arrival of two recruits who wanted to meet with some current members to discuss joining the Company. Presently, some respectable-looking adults arrived with two young boys. Could these be the recruits? Already, I could hear Coon Possum telling them - as he did so many of us - "you know there are other units besides the 16th" - gently hinting that this might not be the bunch the youngsters really wanted to fall in with. But, they did stay - they did join and devotedly served with the 16th Georgia, Company G, "The Jackson Rifles" for many years, learning their craft from the ol' founding Dawgs. These recruits matured into solid veterans through the wintry nights, during the scorching days and on the long marches. They force marched from Rough and Ready, fought in the tangled Jonesboro woods, raided Fort Jackson by night, probed the dense fog of Resaca ... Later there remained but one of these two men who had begun, as our campaigns ranged into Olustee, Gettysburg, Antietam, Shiloh and every uncharted nook and cranny that is our beloved Georgia. We all grow in the plot of ground in which we are planted. As they say, there was a whole lot about being part of the 16th Georgia that they just do not tell you when you join up and what don't kill you just makes you stronger. One of those recruits endured unto this present day, serving faithfully in the ranks and rising through them to lay down the musket and pick up the sword. He continues this priceless legacy, nourishing his young son with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ the and precious way of life that we have among the 16th Georgia. It is with honor, remembrance, appreciation, and love that we commit these words and painting to our brother, First Lieutenant Noah Sprague.

jwd / May 2015

***Artist: Val Elliott, Jones Co., GA - Presented to Lt. Noah Sprague at War Days 2015***

## **READING HISTORY BETWEEN THE LINES**

**THE MEXICAN WAR -** The month of May marks the anniversary of the conflict between the United States and Mexico that set in motion the War Between the States —and led to California, Texas, and eight other states joining the Union. On May 13, 1846, the United States Congress declared war on Mexico after a request from President James K. Polk. Then, on May 26, 1848, both sides ratified the peace treaty that ended the conflict. In between those dates was enough drama to last for generations and the appearance of some familiar names that would dominate the Civil War, from President Abraham Lincoln to General Robert E. Lee. The conflict centered on the independent Republic of Texas, which opted to join the



United States after establishing its independence from Mexico a decade earlier. Mexico considered the annexation of Texas as an act of war, and after border skirmishes, President Polk asked for the war declaration. In the fighting that followed, the mostly volunteer United States military secured control of Mexico after a series of battles, and the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo was signed on February 2, 1848. On the surface, the war's outcome seemed like a bonanza for the United States. But the acquisition of so much territory with the issue of slavery unresolved lit the fuse that set off the Civil War in 1861.

**THE BATTLE OF PALMITO RANCH - May 13, 1865:** ".....In Atlanta, the Federal Commandant, Colonel Eggleston, issued an order to the effect that all Negroes found without passes with the limits of the city, will be arrested and placed in confinement, and that owners or employers are required to furnish them with proper passes.....At

Rockbridge, Georgia, near Lithonia, Plantation Master, Thomas Maguire is pretty discouraged. From his farm journal, "I have no mind to do anything. A few Yanks passed today. Wish they were all in Heaven.".....In Texas, beside the Rio Grande River at Palmito Ranch Union Col. David Branson has been



reinforced with another 200 men and is having another go at Reb Col. "Rip" Ford who is holding his own in spite of being heavily outnumbered. In the afternoon, Ford is reinforced with another four big guns and about 200 men. He advances his artillery and fires on the northern end of the Federal line while his cavalry charges. At the same time the Rebel infantry charges the southern end of the Union line forcing rapid withdrawal and many to surrender. In the entire action, the Confederates lose about a half dozen wounded and no killed, while the Yankees lose four officer and 111 men killed, wounded, or missing. The last land engagement of the Civil War, fought after the South has lost the War, is a resounding Confederate victory.



## The Freedmen's Bureau



**May 17, 1865: General Sherman Writes to his friend, General Oliver Howard, about his new job as administrator of the Freedmen's Bureau, expressing his concerns: "I hardly know whether to congratulate you or not, but of one thing you may rest assured, that you possess my entire confidence, and I cannot imagine that matters that may involve the future of 4,000,000 of souls could be put in more charitable and more conscientious hands. So far as man can do, I believe you will, but I fear you have Hercules' task.... I fear that parties will agitate for the negro's right of suffrage and equal political status, not that he asks it or wants it, but merely to manufacture that number of available votes for politicians to work on. If that be attempted we arouse a new and dangerous element, prejudice, which, right or wrong, does exist, and should be consulted. There is law of race which over our whole country exists. The negro is denied a vote in all the Northern States save two or three, and then qualified by conditions not attached to the white race and by the Constitution of the United States. To States is left the right to fix the qualification of voters. The United States cannot make negroes vote in the South any more than they can in the North without revolution, and as we have just emerged from one attempted revolution it would be wrong to begin another. I believe the negro is free constitutionally, and if the United States will simply guarantee that freedom and allow the negro to hire his own labor, the transition will be comparatively easy, but if we attempt to force the negro on the South as a voter, "a loyal citizen," we begin a new revolution in which the Northwest may take a different side from what we did when we were fighting to vindicate our Constitution. I am more than usually sensitive on this point because I have realized in our country that one class of men makes war and leaves another to fight it out. I am tired of fighting, and if the "theorists" of New England impose this new condition on us I dread the result."**

## **GRISWOLDVILLE: DO WE TELL THE TRUTH?**

By John Wayne Dobson



*"Old, gray haired, weakly looking men and little boys, not over fifteen years old, lay dead or writhing in pain ... They knew nothing at all about fighting and I think their officers knew as little..."* That is probably one of the most familiar quotes you will ever find regarding the November 22, 1864 Battle of Griswoldville, Georgia. Almost anyone who has read much about that battle recognizes those words - we almost know them by heart. But, are they entirely true.? You could have found that same array of *"old men and young boys"*, to some extent, in both armies of the late War period. The famous quoted words by Lt. Charles Wills, came from an eyewitness, but still a Union soldier expressing a personal opinion - a snapshot in the fading light of a moment, if you will. Yet, few other words have come to so exemplify the battle more than the image that Wills' words convey of Southern men who were less than able-bodied, and not as experienced as veteran front line troops; which is just not the whole story ... With each repetition of the words that Charles Wills left, I feel as though I am making an excuse for men who do not need me to validate anything they did, or who, as the song says, *"need no pardon for anything they've done."* It is almost as if **we** are trying to excuse the loss of that battle by saying, in essence, that the South did not send their best to the field that day but the North did. I readily agree that the Northern soldiers our ancestors challenged that day were nothing less than the best the Union Army had to offer. Those who led them said there never was a better brigade - hardy, battle-hardened Midwestern men of the 15th Corps, mostly veterans who had served from Shiloh through the Atlanta campaign - some companies armed with repeating rifles, defending the high ground. If that was not a dreadful foe, what was? But OUR Confederates ancestors took them on anyway... Too often we have had to settle for letting those who won the War write their version of OUR history. Enough is enough!

In the early stages of the Battle of Griswoldville the two-gun Union Battery of the 1st Michigan Battery, H, was effectively silenced by Ruel Anderson's Confederate guns. The Georgia Militia at Griswoldville had been eager to charge these Union artillery pieces but Anderson's Napoleons made it unnecessary. Clearly, the Georgia Militia men were not cowards. Occasionally, you will read (on the Internet, so it MUST be true!) about the Confederates charging uphill facing the fearsome Union artillery fire of grapeshot canister. Forlornly daring as that sounds, there is little, if any, truth to it. The two, comparatively (3" Ordnance Rifles) small Union artillery pieces, were observed by overall Confederate Commander Pleasant Philips, to be *"firing weakly"* even as the battle started and were silenced, early on, (as we said) by Southern guns; thus Yankee artillery was not really a factor at all..... We must always be careful not to settle for myths when facts are available. Speaking of the four Confederate cannons, we often hear that they were submerged in the swamp to evade capture. I can see no reason for this move unless all artillery horses were dead and the guns could not be removed - then, it is entirely reasonable. Maybe this tale is true, but where did it come from? I have combed the Official Records and any vestige of a Griswoldville source since 1995 - I have yet to find this incident



even mentioned in print. If anyone out there knows where I can find it, please help me out!

Again, popular myth often creeps in the back door of history when it is commonly said that the Confederate lines went forward against overwhelming numbers (another Internet fallacy). Actually, there were about 4,300 Southern men and four pieces of artillery opposing some 1,500 Yankees, counting all infantry, artillery and cavalry. I will qualify that by saying that there was another, entire, Federal infantry brigade only a mile behind the point of attack on Duncan's Ridge.

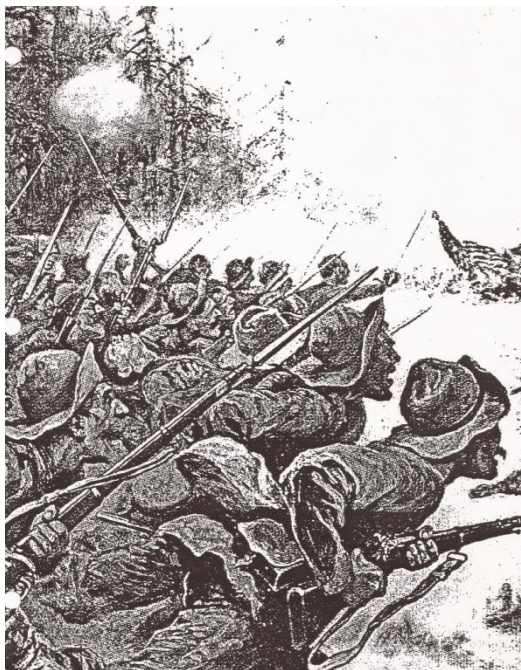
We have read, with good authority, that the Federals found a "14 year old boy with a broken arm and leg" - not dead, but wounded and later carried to the Union campfires for care. A Union soldier wrote (Theodore Upson /103rd Illinois), that "next to him (the 14-year old boy), cold in death, lay his father, two brothers and an uncle; (that is 1 wounded boy and 4 dead relatives). No doubt they were not especially old nor very young men. Among the dead and wounded were black Confederate soldiers about whom little is known.

I really tire of hearing how these Georgians were armed with only squirrel rifles, shotguns and smooth bore muskets - the men of the Athens battalion made the excellent Enfield-pattern rifles they carried - that was their trade. The 1,000 Militia-owned rifles that Hood threatened to confiscate from the Macon Arsenal were the Austrian Lorenz - about as good a muzzle-loader as anyone had at the time. We hear about the Spencer rifles of the Federal brigade. In truth only a few selected companies were armed in this manner - effective as they were, it is not like every Union soldier at Griswoldville had one.

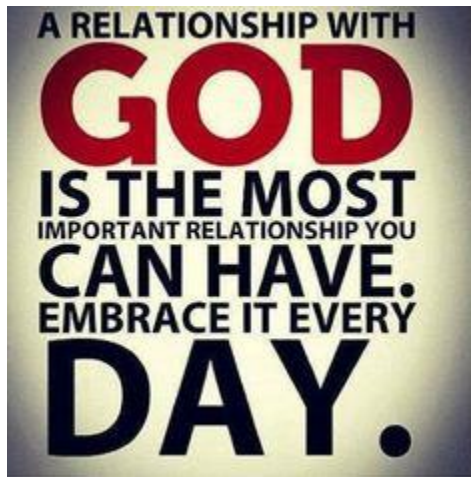
I am a bit weary of hearing how the Southern commanding Officers had little battle experience - I am not sure how you would get much more experience than General C.D. Anderson gained during his pre-Militia time with the 6th Georgia Infantry and still live ... there are others, like Lt. Colonel Evans (State Line) who had first served in regular front line Confederate units then with Georgia's Militia and State Line. I do acknowledge that both the aged and the young stood in the Southern ranks that day - the middle-aged, too. The short, the tall the thin, the heavy, the good, the bad and the ugly... Generalizations are nearly always ridiculous. I simply refuse to concede that the Southern defeat was due to any ineptitude or cowardice of the men or the officers. I will not agree they attacked foolishly and I cannot find it in me to detract from their incredible bravery and heroism. Most of all, I will not cheapen their sacrifice by saying they died in vain, or possessed "more courage than discretion", nor will I ever be content with any Northern version of OUR history.

In closing, I ask you to examine the contents of the Georgia Militia units that fought at Griswoldville. The Militia Reserve was comprised of men between the ages of 16-17 and 50-60. It was called out and combined with the Militia Proper whose ages ranged from 18 to 45. These ages do not seem particularly young nor old. Later, the consolidated (Reserve & Proper) Militia units were reassigned to occupy two miles of trenches on the eastern edge of Atlanta as part of John Bell Hood's Corps. Governor Brown had organized the Militia forces of the State into southern and northern sections by an east-west line drawn through Macon. Those Militia men north of the line had, of course, been sent to Atlanta on July 20th, 1864. Those south of Brown's line manned the trenches east of Macon, commanded by Howell Cobb.

This same Militia distinguished themselves beyond all reproach at Atlanta, at Jonesboro, Macon, Honey Hill and as much as anywhere on the frozen ground of Griswoldville! These gallant Southern soldiers received the public acknowledgement of their devotion to duty from Generals Johnston and Hood. At Griswoldville, they defended our beloved Georgia, and did all they could to take a stand against Sherman's March. As Adjutant General Henry C. Wayne said of these men, "they have done their duty and deserve the thanks of their County." God rest them, all.



## NOT RELIGION - A RELATIONSHIP !



***Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me..." - Exodus 20:5***

There are people who don't understand why God is jealous. In their reasoning they can't believe in a all powerful god that could be jealous. He is jealous for us not of us.

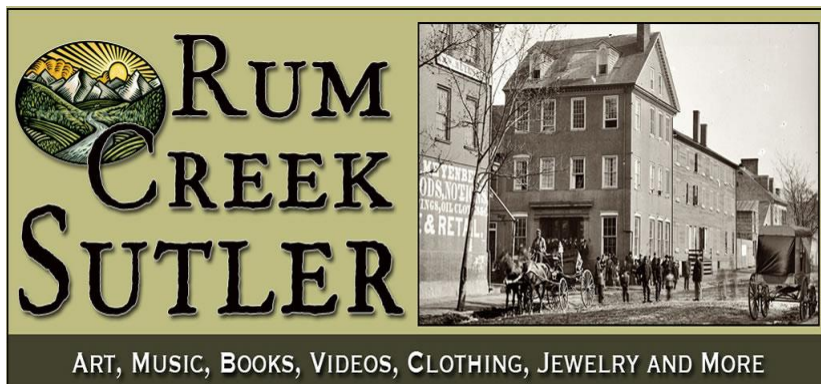
As His children we who are His need to spend our time getting to know our father. How do we get to know God? Read your Bible it is the mind of God. Pray and talk to God just don't

forget to listen. Spend this time with God it is special to Him.

How often do we let things get in the way and become idols in our lives? For some work, family, TV, cell phones, etc., have become idols that have replaced God? These distractions can't love you like God can. His love for us is why He is jealous for us. Parents want to stay current with their children, so God is and wants to be current with His children in a close relationship. Give God the relationship He yearns for not just your spare time. How is your relationship with the Lord today?

**- Chaplain Joel B. Whitehead, Jr./16th Geo., Co. G**

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## LATE - BREAKING - NEWS



1st Corporal Charles Whitehead was our lone 16th GA representative at Resaca this year. He noted that it was not as dusty as some times past and they had one heavy rain. Saturday's battle was unusually short but no one seemed to know why. He said he got to spend some time with Brother Joey talking about the Hurricane Shoals event in September. We will have a long summer of downtime, (except for drill) it appears until then. *Duke*





# 118<sup>th</sup> 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 name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Spouse & Guests do not have to pay Registration Fee)*

Registration Fee each (only Georgia Division members)..... \$17 \_\_\_\_\_

[Late Registration Fee after May 15, 2015] (only Georgia Division members)..... \$27 \_\_\_\_\_

## Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

Pre-registration at the Host Hotel from 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<sup>th</sup>

Convention Starts at 9:30, Nash Farm Battlefield (Large Barn) Registration 6-9am Battlefield Museum

Saturday Lunch ..... Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed – Make 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](mailto:rebelson1974@yahoo.com) or Call (770)-296-5139

Please provide your contact # \_\_\_\_\_ & Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## Host Hotel Reservation contact info:

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

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Nash Farm Battlefield, Hampton, Georgia

## Delegates Form

Camp name and number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Brigade: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Commander's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Adjutant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### DELEGATES:

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**DO NOT SEND THIS BACK IN THE MAIL.** Please present this to the credentials committee at the reunion registration at Nash Farm. It will then be checked against paid membership on the roster.

This Form **MUST** be certified by either the Camp Commander or Adjutant on record with the Georgia Division Adjutant.

I certify that the above delegates are authorized to represent and vote for this camp.

_____	_____
Commander	Adjutant

Please Print or Type the top information and have each approved listed in readable format on the form.

The form must be signed by either the Camp Commander or Adjutant of record in the records of the Georgia Division Adjutant. If the form is improperly filled out, your camp may not be allowed your camp's votes.

Delegates allowed for Reunion Strength.

0 Delegates – Less than 7 Paid Members,	2 Delegates – 7 to 24 Paid Members
3 Delegates – 25 to 34 Paid Members,	4 Delegates – 35 to 44 Paid Members
5 Delegates – 45 to 54 Paid Members,	6 Delegates – 55 to 64 Paid Members
7 Delegates – 65 to 74 Paid Members	

Delegates will be adjusted for all above these numbers by rounding off to the nearest multiple of 10 members.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR OWN !**



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The First Battle Flags by Don Troiani

After confusing sight of United States Flags and Confederate First National Flags on the battlefields of Manassas, General Beauregard requested a new Battle Flag be designed for use in the field. This print depicts the issuing of the First Battle Flags to Generals P.G. T. Beauregard, Earl Van Dorn, Joseph Johnston and Leonidas Polk.