

# ***THE HOWLING DAWG***

**AUGUST 2014**



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

*Enemy at the Gates of Macon*



**The 16th Georgia portrays Georgia Militia at Dunlap Farm**

***TO THE CITIZENS OF MACON HEAD QUARTERS - Macon July 30, 1864***

***The enemy is now in sight of your houses. We lack force. I appeal to every man, Citizen or Refugee, who has a gun of any kind, or can get one, to report at the Court House with the least possible delay, that you may be thrown into Companies and aid in the defense of the city. A prompt response is expected from every patriot.***     **- JOSEPH E. BROWN**



**On Saturday, July 26, the 16th Georgia Infantry Regiment, Co., G and Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #2218 of Old Clinton, Georgia were both privileged and honored to be invited to participate in the 150th Anniversary of The Battle of Dunlap Hill. Cannon firing demonstrations, living history programs, cavalry tactics, period camps and activities marked the anniversary staged at the historic location at the Ocmulgee National Monument, in Macon, Georgia. -**

**July 30, 1864 found Union General George H. Stoneman, 2,500 cavalry troopers and two 3-inch ordnance rifles (artillery) positioned at the Dunlap Farm, facing Macon across a swollen Ocmulgee River. It was the first chapter of a saga that would result in the capture of Stoneman (the highest ranking Union captive of the War) and much of his assaulting force by combined Southern forces. In this action, shells from his artillery resulted in damage to the Macon home of Judge Asa Holt (The Cannonball House). Part of the defense of Macon was made by a determined Georgia Militia which the 16th Georgia was honored to portray. Additionally, the talented and diligent efforts of SCV Camp 2218 members and the ladies associated with our organizations gave insight into the daily lives, needs, chores, music, medicine, toys, games and activities of the citizens of that time.**





**Macon, Georgia is an amazing crossroads of history. Some say the first cannon firing and the first baptism in the new world occurred in this immediate area.**

**Recently, the Ocmulgee National Monument hosted a commemoration of the July 1864 Stoneman Raid. When General Stoneman arrayed his forces near the Dunlap Farm, his personal staff included a young Irish-born officer by the name of Myles Keogh. Recruited from the Vatican Guard for the Union Army by Secretary of State William Seward, Myles served on General John Burford's staff at Gettysburg. At the Battle of Sunshine Church, near Round Oak, Georgia, Keogh was captured along with Stoneman and remained a prisoner in Macon's Camp Oglethorpe for 2-1/2 months. After the War he returned to his native Ireland for a visit before returning to America and resuming his soldier life under General George A. Custer. The rest, as they say, is history. Myles Patrick Keogh would fight his last battle on June 26, 1876 at Little Bighorn and rest there until Keogh's remains were interred in Fort Hill Cemetery in Auburn, New York on October 26, 1877.**







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***"I feel better satisfied with myself to be a prisoner of war, much as I hate it, than to be amongst those who owe their escape to considerations of self-preservation."***

***Major General George Stoneman, , U. S. Army, Prisoner of War  
(Macon, GA., August 6, 1864)***

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## **Willie Ray "Swampy" Johnson has Retired!**

**After 40 years of government service at the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Willie "Swampy" Johnson retired on Thursday, July 31, 2014. The 16th Georgia grew to be exceptionally fond of this gentleman while working at Kennesaw Battlefield Park. We were naturally, grateful for one more occasion to be with him on July 26th, at Ocmulgee. We wish him all the very best and hope to still see him around from time to time.**

### **WITH ALL OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY**

**"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." - Romans 12:15**



**Joshua "Josh" David Young, 29, died July 29, 2014. He was a native and lifelong resident of Colbert, GA, son of James David (former GVB Colonel) and Frances Kettle Young of Colbert. The nephew of Reverend Joey Young (GVB Chaplain), Josh was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and will be remembered as a loving husband, father and son. Josh enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, especially at Lake Russell. Funeral services were held on Sunday, August 3, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Mt. Zion Baptist Church with Rev. Douglas Duncan officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery. Lord and Stephens, EAST, was in charge of arrangements. Survivors in addition to his parents include his wife of seven years, Carrie Gillespie Young; two children, Jesse David Young and Lauren Carrie Young; sister, Jennifer Young of Germany; grandmother, Barbara Ann Porter Young of Danielsville; in-laws, Travis and Teresa Gillespie of Lexington and Anna and Walt Thornton of Wheatland, WY. David Young & family can be reached at 375 Mitchell Farm Rd. Colbert Ga. 30628. A contingent of 16th GA members were honored to assist in paying final respects**

### **PRAYERS AND PRAISES**

*"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow,  
it empties today of its strength."*

*~Corrie ten Boom*



**I know many of you have been keeping John Tucker (our friend from the Lake City Battle) in prayer. John writes on August 14: "Well, it is interesting how things are going. Waiting to have a "port" installed so that IV's are easier. But now, well they think that the cancer may NOT be as bad as first thought. More tests will be required. But I kind of knew this was the way it was going to be. GOD told me that all I needed to do was "trust me". It is not plausible that the cancer is in the thyroid which is easily treatable and while the spots are in the lungs they still think that it is cancer but now are weighing the option of a biopsy of this also. Yesterday on the 700 Club,**

**Pat and Windy both had a word of knowledge of a healing for someone with a LUMP in their neck and trouble swallowing. I claimed that healing. Plus the next story was about the following days show in which a man had lung cancer and was healed. Monday I with two Pastors from this area had a luncheon in which we discussed what I felt was a calling from God ... a men's gathering from time to time for me to talk about cancer, issues they have found and their fears. God has a plan for me and for us. God Bless"**



### **"We just want to be left alone..." - AN EARNEST DESIRE FOR PEACE**

As many as six peace initiatives occurred before and during the war, nearly all emanating from the South and ending in failure due to Northern Republican intransigence. "[Lincoln] offered us nothing but unconditional surrender," said Vice President Alexander Stephens on his return from the Hampton Roads Peace Conference of 3 February 1865, calling the meeting "fruitless and inadequate. In an earlier attempt, two travelers, with a personal note from Lincoln, had crossed the battle lines at City Point, Virginia and entered Richmond . . . On Sunday evening, July 17, 1864, Jaquess and Gilmore encountered President [Jefferson] Davis ... "Our people want peace," Jaquess told Davis. "We have come to ask how it can be brought about." In a very simple way," responded Davis. "Withdraw your armies from our territory, and peace will come of itself. We do not seek to subjugate you. We are not waging an offensive war . . . Let us alone and peace will come at once."

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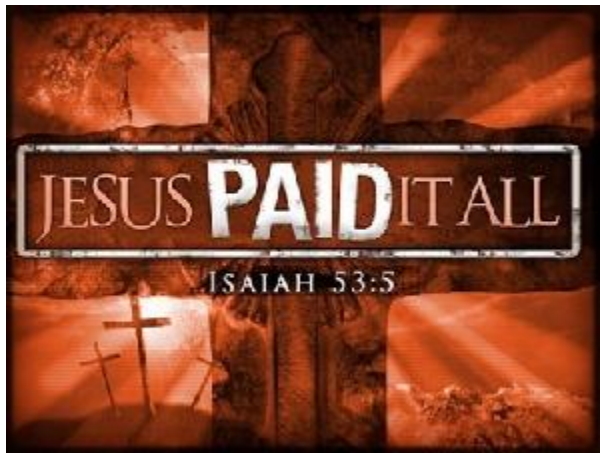
### **EVER SEEN ONE OF THESE?**

**It seems to be somewhat of a counterpart of our Southern Cross of Honor.**

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## **Cyclorama Moving to Atlanta History Center**

On July 23, Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed announced plans to move Atlanta's Cyclorama. Atlanta Cyclorama and Civil War Museum has been located in Grant Park, near the entrance to Zoo Atlanta, for decades. The painting inside the museum has been in Grant Park since 1893. The Diorama was added years later in 1936. It has been housed in its current building since 1921. The painting had a huge restoration 35 years ago but since then, it's been showing a lot of wear and tear. Reed announced the Cyclorama will be moving to the Atlanta History Center in Buckhead. The move still needs to be approved by the City Council; will cost the History Center \$32 million, but will cost taxpayers nothing. The History Center has already raised \$32.2 million for the move. That amount is sufficient to move the painting, construct a 23,000-square-foot building accessible from its main entrance, conduct an extensive restoration and create an endowment to maintain it. The painting, officially titled "The Battle of Atlanta," weighs nine tons and measures 42 feet tall and 365 feet in circumference. It is among the world's largest paintings. Experts have worried that its condition has deteriorated considerably in its current building. Under the plan, the History Center would restore the painting, including putting back huge sections removed in the 1920s so it would fit in the building. The History Center also plans to add a building to its Buckhead campus built specifically for the painting. Construction is set to begin next summer and is expected to take a year.



***".....He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with His stripes we are healed. " - Isaiah 53:5***

***"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled,***

***reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. - 1 Peter 2:21-24***

**We are so bombarded with the daily trials in this life that we forget what we suffer is minimal compared to what our lord suffered. He Who walked the earth - God in flesh who sinned not, but showed us how to live free and blameless before God and men. His mission was to come and take the punishment that was meant for us. He was mocked, beaten, scourged; His blood flowed freely like a river that cleans us to this day. It is His blood that paid our debt in full. He did not just give a pint of blood and say " it is done." "He Gave All !!! We can't repay Him for what he did on our behalf.**

**When you are His child and you start to feel crushed by the world, remember that Jesus is with you always. He will not depart from you. You are blood bought at the highest expense imaginable. Even if you don't believe, this gift is for all who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior.**

**The way to do this is to admit that you are a sinner, Repent of the sins you are in, and believe that Jesus lived, died, and lives forever. He will save you. He is the only one who can. He has a plan for your life that He laid out before you were born. Will you trust Him today?**

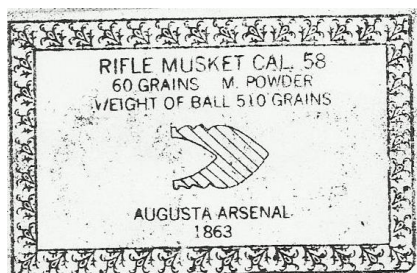
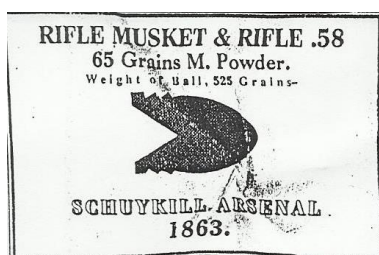
***Chaplain Joel B. Whitehead, Jr. / 16th Georgia, Co. G***



### **AUTHENTICITY TIP**

*Little things can make a difference in an authenticity contest or a living history program. Wrapping your cartridges in a period way (the way they would have been issued to soldiers) is fairly simple and inexpensive to do. All you will need are the (10 per pack) cartridges you normally use, some brown paper, string and a period wrapper. It should look like the picture above when done. Labels are easy to come by. I have a supply and you can locate and print them for free on line. Here are some suggestions in the correct size. Note,*

*the SCHUYKILL ARSENAL is Federal and correct for a 51st PVV impression. ST. LOUIS also is Federal. The ones from the AUGUSTA and COLUMBUS ARSENALS are good, of course, for most any Confederate usage. These are Enfield wrappers. If you have another rifle, make sure the wrapper matches. Questions? Call Duke.*



The Nancy Harts militia, formed in LaGrange during the first weeks of the War, was a female military unit organized by the wives of Confederate soldiers to protect the home front.

Inexperienced with firearms and unfamiliar with military matters, the women turned to A. C. Ware, a physician who remained in town due to a physical disability, for assistance in their training. The members initially elected Ware as captain but soon thereafter chose Nancy Morgan as captain and Mary Heard as first lieutenant. The regiment leaders were assisted

by elected sergeants, corporals, and a treasurer. The group called themselves the "Nancy Harts," or "Nancies," in honor of Nancy Hart, a Patriot spy who outwitted and killed a group of Tories at her northeast Georgia cabin during the Revolutionary War (1775-83). Nancy Hill Morgan, the unit commander, is pictured.



## GEORGIA SCV LICENSE PLATE SUCCESS LEADS TO TEXAS PLATE

**Honor your Southern Heritage!**

ANY Georgian can get this specialty tag for your automobile!



(Atlanta - July 23, 2014) The 5th Circuit US Court of Appeals ruled recently that the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles must approve a specialty plate for the Texas Sons of Confederate Veterans. The huge success that has resulted from sale of the SCV specialty plate in Georgia for more than a decade, among other things, led the Texas SCV to apply for their own plate; but when the Texas DMV denied the request on the grounds that the image of the Confederate battle flag was offensive to some, the Texas SCV decided to take on the state in the courts. Like the new Georgia SCV

license plate which received national news attention in February this year, the current design proposed for the Texas SCV plate prominently features the SCV logo with the Confederate battle flag, plus the name "Sons of Confederate Veterans" across the bottom of the plate, and a faint image of the battle flag across the entire background of the plate.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**AUGUST 22-24 - KILPATRICK'S SABRE CHARGE AT NASH FARM**

**SEPTEMBER 20 - SCV SALUTE TO VETERANS IN DUBLIN, GA**

**SEPTEMBER 13 - RE-DEDICATION-FT. WALKER MONUMENT-ATLANTA** (see page 18)

**SEPTEMBER 19-21 - BATTLE OF ATLANTA AT NASH FARM**

**OCTOBER 3-5 - ANDERSONVILLE - POC LEE MURDOCK 478-986-5290.**

**OCTOBER - BATTLE @ IRWINVILLE - POC LEE MURDOCK 478-986-5290.**

**NOVEMBER 7-9 - SHERMAN'S OCCUPATION OF SANDERSVILLE** (see page 19)

**NOVEMBER 15 - KILPATRICK AT THE TOWLIGA - POC Is Lee Murdock @ 478-986-5290.**

**NOVEMBER 22 - 150TH GRISWOLDVILLE MEMORIAL -**

***SPEAKER: PASTOR JOHN WEAVER***

**NOVEMBER 15 - CANNONBALL HOUSE APPARITIONS - 478-745-5982**

**DECEMBER 12-14 - FT. MCALLISTER (16th & 39th GA are the Confederate Garrison)**  
\$15 to register by August (POC Jim Boone 912-552-4901)

**DECEMBER 12- CHRISTMAS AT THE CANNONBALL HOUSE - 478-745-5982**

**DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS AT RICHLAND CHURCH (to be announced)**

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINES**

**WARNING:**

**DEADLINE**



**APPROACHING**

**KILPATRICK'S SABRE CHARGE - AUGUST 22 - 24 -**  
(770-910-0307. Tim Knight)

**BATTLE OF ATLANTA - SEPTEMBER 19-21** - The early registration fee is \$20.00 per re-enactor over age 12. After **September 1st** there is a Walk-on fee of \$25.00. You must pre-register to receive the Medallion.

**SANDERSVILLE 150th - NOVEMBER 7-9** - No charge.  
Register on line. Mel Daniel 478-232-8494

**FORT MCALLISTER - DECEMBER 12-14** - Registration \$15.00 from all participants. No walk-ons. Confederate Participation will be by invitation. Contact: Larry Bacon. Confederate registrations must be received by **August 29, 2014** to hold your slot. Substitutions will be allowed at the discretion of commander(s).

## **150th MARCH TO THE SEA - CANCELED**

Dear Collaborators: It is with a heavy heart that I must terminate my efforts to make the recognition of Sherman's March a reality. I'm afraid I have neglected other responsibilities by devoting too much time to the project. So I must reluctantly, but necessarily, withdraw. I hope someone finds the time and effort to continue. If I could be of any service in this regard, I would give support where I could. I thank you all for your time and consideration and wish you much success in your future endeavors. Sincerely, Dick Watson  
richardalanwatson@yahoo.com

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## **150th Anniversary of the Battle of Griswoldville**

The Jarrell Plantation Historic Site, the 16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Co. G, "The Jackson Rifles", and The Camp of the Unknown Soldier, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp # 2218, of Clinton, Jones County, Georgia, cordially invite one and all to the Commemorative Service of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Griswoldville on Saturday, November 22, 2014. A living history program will begin at 9:30am with the commemoration starting promptly at 12:00 noon, honoring all who served at the battle of Griswoldville and environs in November of 1864. Our guest speaker will be Pastor John Weaver of Fitzgerald, Georgia. Although this event is sponsored by the Jarrell Plantation, it will not be held on that site but on the actual Griswoldville Battlefield - GPS: 32°52'00"N 83°28'10"W, regardless of weather conditions. For more information, please call 478-986-5172, 478-396-4838 or 478-731-5531.



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## **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 John Wayne "Duke" Dobson 478-731-5531  
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. Lee "Pappy" Curtis - 478-365-6785  
3rd Corp. Dan Williams - 478-230-7189  
Lead Chaplain - Joel Whitehead, Jr. - 478-986-8798  
Hon. Chaplain Ronnie "Skin" Neal - 478-994-0958  
Assistant Chaplain - Charles Hill - 770-845-6878  
Treasurer - Pvt. Earl Colvin - 478-214-0687  
Musician - Landon Allen - 478-294-9870  
Musician - Jacob Thompson - 478-214-0687  
Musician - Aaron Bradford - 302-668-8029  
Musician - Oliver Lummus - 302-668-8029  
Musician - Al McGalliard - 478-986-4827  
Rev. Joey Young - Honorary Member for Life



**ON FACEBOOK: "JACKSON RIFLES".** All 2011-14 issues of The Howling Dawg are available @ [scvcamp1399.org](http://scvcamp1399.org) & some @ [scv2218.com](http://scv2218.com), thanks to Steve Scroggins and Al McGalliard.





**THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER # 2218**  
of Clinton, Jones County, Georgia, held their July 28, 2014 meeting at **FIREFLYS** Restaurant, on the Gray Hwy. Our featured speaker was Compatriot Ricky Smith of the Lt. James T. Woodward Camp #1399, whose topic was the 6th Georgia Co. C of Houston County. On August 25th, Val Elliott will bring her historic art, James Thompson (#2218) will speak in September about the 44th Georgia and the Dole-Cook Brigade. In October Nick Reonas will talk about the wheat field on the 2nd Day of Gettysburg. Our November meeting will be held in conjunction with the Griswoldville Memorial Service with Pastor John Weaver speaking, and we will have no December meeting. In February 2015 Chris Faulkner will speak on the subject of how Confederates are portrayed in movies and television shows. In March 2015 UDC Sidney Lanier Chapter #25 President Sherrie`Raleigh will be our guest speaker and in July we look forward to hearing from Cheryl Aultman. Please note that our meetings are on the 4th Monday of each month, not necessarily the last - that can be confusing. We eat at 6PM and meet at 7PM. For more information call Commander J.C. Nobles (478-718-3201) or Adjutant Wayne Dobson (478-731-5531).  
***DUES NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED FROM SCV HQ - PLEASE RESPOND PROMPTLY***

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### ***Terms Used in Civilian and Soldier Life***

CABBAGING - a slang term for stealing.  
CHIN MUSIC - slang term for conversation.  
FIRE AND FALL BACK - a slang term meaning "to vomit."  
FORLORN HOPE - a slang term for a party selected to begin an attack.  
FRESH FISH - a slang term for a new recruit.  
GOOBER PEAS - peanuts.  
HARD CASE - a slang term for someone who is rough or tough.  
HORSE COLLAR - slang term for a soldier's blanket roll.  
HUNKEY DOREY - a slang term meaning "great" or "terrific".  
IRISH SHANTEE - an outhouse.  
OLD SCRATCH - a slang term for the devil.  
OPEN THE BALL - a slang term meaning to begin a battle.  
POSSUM - a slang term for a buddy.  
RAG OUT - a slang term meaning to dress well.  
SHEBANG - a slang term for a shelter tent. Also known as a PUP TENT.  
SHEET IRON CRACKER - a slang term for HARD TACK.  
SHIN PLASTERS - a slang term for paper money.  
SOW BELLY - a slang term for bacon.  
TEETH DULLER - a slang term for HARD TACK.  
TOAD STICKER - a slang expression for a knife, bayonet, or sword.  
TRAPS - a slang term for a soldier's belongings or equipment.  
VANGUARD - in the front row of advancing troops.  
WORM CASTLE - a slang term for HARD TACK.  
ZU-ZU - a slang term for a Zouave.

Minie Ball with Blue Cloth Still on Interesting Old Relic Received by Reun

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HIGHLIGHTS: ☐ "Fort Mackall"

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"An old Confederate "minie" ball was received Wednesday afternoon at the office of the publicity campaign committee of the Confederate reunion to be held in Macon May 7-9, which was found in the heart of a tree in the pine woods belonging to W. B. Sparks, of North Macon, on the Masonic Home road.

The bullet was found by Rev. Malcolm W. Lockhart, of this city. Old decayed fringes of blue cloth still clinging to the bullet testify that the ball pierced the uniform of some federal soldier engaged in a battle near Macon. The woods are located near Fort Mackall, which was the site of several spirited engagements during the civil war. Fort Mackall was erected in 1864.

Contributed by: Ashley Clark, Camp 2218

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### **WELCOMING A NEW MEMBER**

At our Ocmulgee event in July the unit voted to accept the application of Bernard "Bud" Taggart of Warner Robins. He is a veteran re-enactor who will no doubt bring a wealth of skill and experience with him. We certainly welcome him to our ranks.





## **CONGRATULATIONS**



**Lt. Noah Sprague and his wife, Amy, announced the birth of their daughter Isabelle Marie Sprague, 6lbs 6 oz, 20.5 inches, born August 7, 2014 at 10 pm. She is pictured here with big brother Chance.**

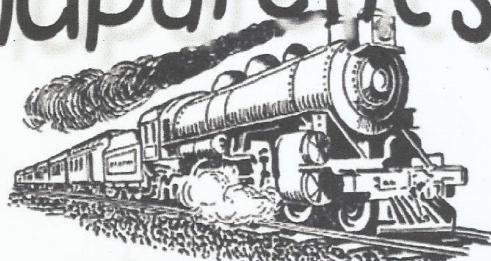
**16TH GA, CO. G - Captain Thompson was born in Georgia in 1828 and when War broke out, he would be elected Captain of Company G on July 20, 1861. He would command his company during the grueling**



**marches and battles during the Summer of 1862. Entering Maryland in September, Thompson would find himself in Howell Cobb's brigade of Lafayette McLaws' division. On September 14, the 16th Georgia was positioned at Brownsville in the rear of McLaw's division as they worked to capture Maryland Heights during the operation against Harper's Ferry. When fighting broke out at Crampton's Gap, Cobb's brigade was ordered to the immediate support of the small Confederate force holding the gap. Arriving at the Gap, Thompson would lead his company down to the Burkittsville Road to support the Confederate right. As the regiment was going into position, the Confederate center broke under the weight of the Union assault. Seeing a golden opportunity, the 16th Georgia and Cobb's Infantry Legion, under Jefferson M. Lamar, go into line of battle and begin pouring a murderous flanking fire into the, now,**

**unorganized Union lines. Unknown to these two Confederate regiments, Alfred Torbert's New Jersey Brigade was advancing up the Burkittsville Road and slammed into the flank of Cobb's Legion. The two regiments would be mauled and during the fighting Captain Thompson would be wounded. Following the battle, Thompson would recover from his wound and remain in the Confederate service until he resigned in August 1863.**

# "Grandparent's Day"



A Christian Comedy by Val & Ed Elliott  
Performed by Daily Bread Drama Team a ministry of Macon Evangelistic Church

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**Where:** Macon "E" Church

5399 Hartley Bridge Road , Macon, Ga. 31216

**When:** Sunday, September 7, 2014

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Cost:** Free

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Come early and browse crafts.  
in our gift shop. 4:30 - 5:50

Stay for fellowship and refreshments  
following the play.

For More Info: Call 478-731-5538

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## VETERAN GRAVE MARKERS



CLEVELAND, Ohio – The recent introduction of a bipartisan bill by U.S. Senators Rob Portman (R-Ohio) and Jon Tester (D-Montana) to provide headstones for historic unmarked veterans graves came as welcome news to state and local historians. The "Honor Those Who Served Act of 2014" would enable veterans service agencies, military researchers, historians or genealogists to request a free headstone or marker from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for a veteran's grave. Until 2012 the VA provided headstones for unmarked veterans' graves based on documentation of that vet's identity and service provided by these groups or individuals. That policy was then changed, limiting headstone requests to a veteran's next-of-kin or authorized family representative – a difficult requirement when dealing with graves dating back 100 years or more, and unknown family

descendants. (The policy does not apply to replacement of worn, illegible or damaged markers.) The Portman-Tester bill matches a similar measure introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives last year by Rep. Steve Stivers, a Columbus Republican. Portman said in a news release, "This bipartisan legislation is a common-sense way to honor the men and women who have worn the uniform throughout our nation's history with the official recognition they have earned and deserve." Todd Kleismit, director of community and government relations at the Ohio History Connection, also commented in the release, "Prior to the VA's policy change, organizations like ours had been working diligently to research and recognize military veterans buried in unmarked graves. "We hope that this legislation can help us get back to that important work that has been postponed now for the past couple of years," he added. Last year the VA said the policy is intended to discourage someone from marking a veteran's grave in a way that the descendants may not want or even know about. A spokesperson added that the VA was reviewing that policy. But Bill Stark, a volunteer archivist with the Cleveland Grays and member of the Woodland Cemetery Foundation who has documented and obtained nearly 200 headstones for veterans' graves in area cemeteries, said the next-of-kin requirement still stands. "The VA hasn't moved on this at all," he said. There are dozens of unmarked veterans graves in the area that he could request headstones for, but "I haven't tried because I know it (the request) would be rejected," he said. Stark noted that in a section of Cleveland's Woodland Cemetery containing the graves of black Civil War veterans, there are a number of unmarked graves. "There's nothing we can do about it unless a descendant wants to sign a form, but we don't know who they are, if there are any at all," he added. He was encouraged by introduction of the Portman-Tester bill. "It's an excellent sign. I'm glad now because it's covered in the Senate," Stark said. "Both of these legislators seem to be very interested in getting this done. At this point, I'm optimistic." However, being a self-described "pessimist by nature," Stark added, "If we're still talking about this next year, it wouldn't surprise me." He told a story illustrating how seriously this matter can still be viewed by some veterans' families. He was contacted last year by a man in South Dakota whose great-great grandfather had fought in the Civil War, then came to Cleveland where he died and was buried in the Monroe Street Cemetery. Stark said the man was a serious genealogist – "as tenacious as a pit bull" -- and was able to provide the VA with documentation showing his family relationship, and obtain a VA headstone for the grave. He drove to Cleveland to see the grave marker installed. Stark said the man stood there, then addressed his distant relative by his first name, saying, "John, you couldn't hide from me." It's that important. "Oh, definitely," Stark said.

## A Presidential Proclamation



The years 1961 to 1965 will mark the one-hundredth anniversary of the American Civil War.

That war was America's most tragic experience. But like most truly great tragedies, it carries with it an enduring lesson and a profound inspiration. It was a demonstration of heroism and sacrifice by men and women of both sides who valued principle above life itself and whose devotion to duty is a part of our Nation's noblest tradition. Both sections of our now magnificently reunited country sent into their armies men who became soldiers as good as any who ever fought under any flag. Military history records nothing finer than the courage and spirit displayed at such battles as Chickamauga, Antietam, Kenesaw Mountain, and Gettysburg. That America could produce men so valiant and so enduring is a matter for deep and abiding pride. The same spirit on the part of the people at home supported and strengthened those soldiers through four years of great trial. That a Nation which contained hardly more than thirty

million people, North and South together, could sustain six hundred thousand deaths without faltering is a lasting testimonial to something unconquerable in the American spirit. And that a transcending sense of unity and larger common purpose could, in the end, cause the men and women who had suffered so greatly to close ranks once the contest ended and to go on together to build a greater, freer, and happier America must be a source of inspiration as long as our country may last.

By a joint resolution approved on September 7, 1957 (71 Stat. 626), the Congress established the Civil War Centennial Commission to prepare plans and programs for the nationwide observances of the one-hundredth anniversary of the Civil War, and requested the President to issue proclamations inviting the people of the United States to participate in those observances. *Now, Therefore, I, Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of the United States of America, do hereby invite all of the people of our country to take a direct and active part in the Centennial of the Civil War.*

I request all units and agencies of government--Federal, State, and local--and their officials to encourage, foster, and participate in Centennial observances. And I especially urge our Nation's schools and colleges, its libraries and museums, its churches and religious bodies, its civic, service, and patriotic organizations, its learned and professional societies, its arts, sciences, and industries, and its informational media, to plan and carry out their own appropriate Centennial observances during the years 1961 to 1965; all to the end of enriching our knowledge and appreciation of this momentous chapter in our Nation's history and of making this memorable period truly a Centennial for all Americans.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and sixty, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and eighty-fifth.

A handwritten signature of Dwight D. Eisenhower in dark ink. The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name 'Dwight' being more prominent and the last name 'Eisenhower' following in a similar script.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, 34th President (October 14, 1890 – March 28, 1969)



# SIMPLE HERITAGE

*"The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage."*  
- Psalm 16:6

It could have floated from the lofts of the Appalachians, cascaded down a rushing stream or have been nestled in the depths of virgin forests, but Simple Heritage began as a concept of the heart long before the spring of 2002 when it was founded. The repertoire spans more than 200 years of melodies which have woven the fabric of American traditional music. It is the music of the great American experiment of "one nation under God." The group has had two successful CD's during its existence and has hopes of beginning work on another in 2014. The ensuing years have brought winds of change and the group has performed in public on a very selective basis during that time. Two original members, Brenda and Wayne Dobson are very pleased and honored to continue the group's legacy with Tom Adkins, Ethan Bloodworth and Charles Whitehead.



Ocmulgee National Monument

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August 9, 2014 - Gray, GA





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## November 22, 1864

