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MAXINE @ Old Clinton

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

WHAT MAKES UP "OLD CLINTON WAR DAYS" ?

Highlights of the 2017 Event



Photo: Heidi Edge

For 36 spring times the roar of cannons and musketry has recalled times gone by in the ancient town of Clinton, Georgia, about 12 miles northeast of Macon. Generations have grown up there as the event has been devotedly kept alive for of the past, present and future. Examining Old Clinton War Days reveals what elements comprise this long-standing celebration and remembrance of our heritage.

There are, of course, the re-enacted battles. On Saturday, the July 1864 Battle of Sunshine Church is recreated:



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And on Sunday, the November 1864 Battle of Griswoldville, GA is portrayed. These were the major conflicts that occurred in the Old Clinton vicinity.



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There were the details of running the event and our re-enactment unit that must be attended to:



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A relatively new feature to the "War Days" events is a KID'S BATTLE held on Saturday and Sunday. This was Earl Colvin's idea and it has been a big hit!



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The annual two-night memorial service at Old Clinton Methodist Church best represents the core values of our existence. No one, absolutely, no one, who claims to be a valid member of the 16th GA will allow anything – anything – to interfere with this duty. This service was initiated by Steve and Ricky Smith near the inception of the War Days event and continues to this day. Photos By: Heidi Edge



Much of the 16th GA is of the Christian faith. We are normally in our home churches on Sunday, thus, it is of great joy to us to be able to attend a first-rate service in the re-enactment camp. The ministry of Rev. and Amanda Young of *Old Paths Re-enactor Missions* started at an Old Clinton War Days event about 21 years ago and many precious souls have found the Lord as a result. Only eternity will rightly measure the fruit and influence.



The years go by – 36 years seems but a blink of the eye. Many of those who started this event and those who have sustained it have gone to their Heavenly reward or can see it just ahead. Who will replenish the ranks – who will come after them – anyone? The 16th GA is proud to be a family-oriented, military organization. As such our ranks include a splendid array of young people. They will soon take our place as guardians of Southern heritage, and it could not be in better hands.



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ON FACEBOOK: “JACKSON RIFLES”. And @ scv2218.com, thanks to Al McGalliard.



SCHEDULE OF 2017 EVENTS

MAY 29 – U.S. MEMORIAL DAY – Due to the passing of Compatriot Ervin Garnto last year, we will not gather for “Old Soldier’s Day.”

JUNE 9 & 10 – 130TH GA SCV REUNION – MACON, GA

JUNE 9 -11 – 16TH GA SUMMER DRILL – SKUNK HOLLOW – (see below)

JUNE 15 - SCV CAMP 2218 MEETING – LTC. EDWARD SHELOR

JULY 20 - SCV CAMP 2218 MEETING – RACHEL HOLLAND

AUGUST 17 - SCV CAMP 2218 MEETING - DONNA FAULKNER BARRON

SEPTEMBER 16-17–HURRICANE SHOALS RE-ENACTMENT(Registration now open)

SEPTEMBER 21 - SCV CAMP 2218 MEETING – JOHNNY MACK NICKLES

OCTOBER 6-8 – ANDERSONVILLE, GA HISTORIC FAIR & BATTLES

OCTOBER 13-15 - BATTLES AT NASH FARM

OCTOBER 19 – SCV CAMP 2218 MEETING – EARL COLVIN

NOVEMBER 18 – GRISWOLDVILLE BATTLEFIELD COMMEMORATION

SPEAKER: GA DIV. SCV COMMNDER SCOTT GILBERT

The address for summer drill is 575 Skunk Hollow Rd., Sautee Nacoochee, GA 30528. North on 85, North on 985. Left onto Ga. 384. Right onto Ga. 255. Left onto Goat Neck Rd. Left onto Skunk Hollow Rd. Go to the end of the road. Bring both uniforms and cleaning supplies to field strip rifle. 1st Lt. Noah Sprague – 706-491-9755

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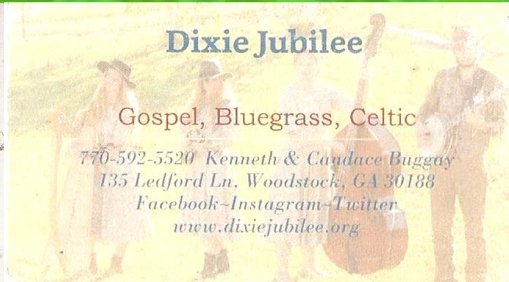
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THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



The Camp met for the second time at the new location of Chevy's Pizza (115 West Clinton Street just up the highway). As we have said before, Chevy's folks have graciously supplied us with a meeting place for almost the entire existence of the Camp.

Our May meeting brought saw the return (4th visit) of our most popular speaker. Sherrie' Raleigh is a past president of the Sidney Lanier 25 Chapter UDC in Macon. She is also a member of the Daughters of American Revolution, Daughters of American Colonists, and Clan Napier of North America, and she's working on her papers for the Jamestown Society. She was recently accepted to the University of Georgia for graduate school this fall. She'll be moving to Athens this August to start her Master's of Science in Historic Preservation.

In June Rachel Holland of the 53rd GA, will be speaking about Civil War Nurses and Ltc. Edward Shelor will speak on the topic of "George Washington" in July. August 17th is a meeting date of great interest. Our speaker on that occasion will be Donna Faulkner Barron, daughter of Roy Faulkner, the man responsible for the completion of Stone Mountain's iconic Confederate Memorial. Looking ahead to September we will enjoy a revisit by artifacts expert



extraordinaire, Johnny Mack Nickles (SCV Camp 18) and on October 19th, Compatriot Earl Colvin will bring what promises to be a vital and mighty interesting program on the 45th GA, Co. F men from our own Jones County area. Our November 2017 Camp meeting will be held on the Griswoldville Battlefield during our annual memorial service. The guest speaker for that date, Saturday, November 18, 2017, will be State SCV Commander Scott Gilbert. We do not meet in December. Our 2017 guest speaker openings for Camp 2218 meeting programs are filled. Please apply to Adjutant Dobson if interested in booking 2018 dates. The picture above shows a team from Camp 2218 which cleaned up the McFerrin Cemetery, near Sparta, GA, last month. Among them are Past Cmdr. J.C. Nobles (2218), current Cmdr. Charles Whitehead, Earl Colvin Past Lt. Cmdr. (2218) as well as new Camp 2218 member, Greg Ruffenbach and his two sons. (Photo By: Beth Colvin)

The Georgia Confederate Youth Camp - June 11th - 16th, 2017 Ages 12 ~ 17 / Scholarships Available / True Southern History Presented / Banquet & Ball, Friday Co-ed: programs for boys and girls / Al Perry, Director 912-585-9144.

PRAYER REQUESTS

You may not recognize many of the names on this page, but does that really matter? They represent real people - genuine needs. Just because you do not know them personally nor the nature of their circumstance does not mean that you cannot bow your heart and head for a moment and ask God to meet their needs according to His will ...

James Boyd

Rev. Joey Young and family Lisa Knight Ethan & Crystal Bloodworth
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You, that we may boldly witness. And, *please*, do let me know of others.
(For privacy, in some cases, I do not publish the details but will share if you contact me.)

As so many know our dear brother - long time 16th GA member - and retired 1st Sgt. has been stricken with cancer. Much-appreciated funds were collected at Old Clinton War Days and sent to him. This is so deeply appreciated. If anyone would still like to contribute, they can send it to him directly at:

**James Boyd 15 Meredith Drive Murrayville, Georgia 30564
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Mr. Edgerton,

*A few years back you said Florida would be the next **ALAMO** and it most surely is. Mitch "Isis" Landrieu has emboldened the Haters in Florida and Orlando mayor Buddy Dyer has said he's taking down the 1911 Downtown Orlando monument, paid for by ice cream festivals and other fundraisers of the Annie Coleman Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and it sits on land donated to Orlando by Confederate Veteran, and "King of the Crackers" Jacob Sumerlin.*

We have started a petition for everyone to sign, but we need your boots on the ground every day in a vigil in Orlando. floridasshe@gmail.com / May 18, 2017

16th GA, 2nd Corp. Nathan Sprague recently has an opportunity to visit The Alamo.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

As many know, Val Elliott has long held a tradition of presenting a painting to a (God-chosen) 16th GA honoree, with inscription at The Old Clinton War Days. In 2017 a couple was prayerfully and deservedly selected:



General Robert E. Lee bid farewell to his Army with the urging that they go home and become as good a citizens as they had been soldiers. Certainly, this charge is passed to us, the descendants of such gallant men. It is our birthright

In the world in which we live, move and have our being there is clear evidence that the Southern way of serving God by serving our fellow man lives on.

Often the most extraordinary people among us are those who seek no glory for themselves. They simply love God and love their neighbor as themselves.

Earl and Beth Colvin are of the land from which they sprung. Of the South, of proud Confederate lineage, of Jones County, Georgia, where they wed, raised their family a have been the good citizens General Lee envisioned.

May 6, 2017 - Old Clinton, Geo.

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16TH GEORGIA SOLDIERS LADIES' RELIEF SOCIETY



Photos By: Beth Colvin

On May 7, 2017 the ladies of the 16th Ga formed the "16th GA Ladies Soldiers Relief Society." The group was founded to aid not only our soldiers in the 16th, but also our brothers and sisters in the reenactment community. Beginning next year at Clinton dues will be \$20. We are also considering T shirts for those in the society. More about that later. ☺ Brenda

Getting Into Character

By Rachel Holland

One part of reenacting is becoming the person we are representing. Some may think this is easy, but it is not always. We are representing people from a completely different time and culture from ours, as well as a nation at war. Friends and relatives were either fighting beside each other, or against each other. Motivations were as varied as the people in the ranks.

To truly reenact the war, we have to have re-enactors in nearly every category: Confederate and Federal from infantry, cavalry, and artillery, medical corps, civilians, merchants, chaplain, and more. Each of these areas requires a different character, and a certain mindset and responses.

There are lots of ways we learn about our characters, and how to portray them. For most of us, we are always reading, whether journals, letters, autobiographies, manuals, or records – any primary document that will help us understand the events, what the participants had, how it impacted them, their thoughts, responses, and more. We look at personal accounts of the role we are playing and try to understand what they went through. My friends who portray soldiers study them, the military, the orders and rule of camp, the command structure, what they would have done, how they lived in camp, what they did between battles, what their duties would be (and are) depending on their rank, how they interacted with civilians, and more.



Those portraying civilians study what it was like whether they were in town or following the army. Were they an army wife, mother, or child? Were they married to an enlisted man or an officer? What point in the war are we portraying? How long would we have been blockaded here in the South, or are they portraying a Union wife with very little affect of the war on their way of living?

Those of us who portray doctors and nurses study the life and journals of those who were there. We study the medical procedures of the time, what they had to work with, what was known and unknown during the war, and what was changing. This could become important depending on whether you are portraying Federal or Confederate, and what part of the war is being lived. Some procedures did not exist at the beginning of the war, but were becoming commonplace by the end.

Everything changes when we get into camp. There we are living out of what we bring and can throw together with other re-enactors. We are affected by the elements, and at times, by lack. We live in tents and have to warm ourselves by the fire. Life in the 21st century ceases to be in many ways. Once we put on the uniform, things change even more. You move differently, you feel different, you respond differently. I have friends who will be Confederates at one event and I'll walk up, hug them, shoot the breeze with them, and at the next event when they

are Federal, they are the enemy! We will call each other names, raid each other's supplies, give them a wide birth, and of course shoot at each other! There was one event in 2016 where we had to split up part of our company, and some of us had to fight for the North. My Colonel, of whom I think very highly, had to galvanize. I was in gray, and as he was pulling his blue coat on, I told him, "I'm going to really not like you for about an hour, Sir." That statement was very true, for I shot him three times on the field! (Thank goodness we are only using black powder).

I have friends who portray some of the best darn Yankees I have met. Trust me, my ire certainly rises seeing them across the field, and I do NOT want to mess with certain ones in camp when they are in Federal blue. There are others I want to rile beyond words! For one of my friends in particular, there is a certain *je ne sais quoi* about him when he takes the field in Blue or in Butternut – and it's different depending on which role he is portraying. I once asked him why he played Yankee, and why he was such an absolute rascalion when he did. I love the answer he



gave, and I will try to do it justice here: "Because I have to represent who they were, and the brutality they brought down here. If I don't, then I do an injustice to my family, and our ancestors who fought them, and I can't do that." He does a very good job at it, almost maniacally at times! When he is in Butternut (Confederate), I have seen him stand tall in the face of a Yankee onslaught. He is not easily moved or impressed by their tactics, always wanting to counter them and take them down, even under fire.

My beloved Captain is a little different. He loves the South, though he does have to galvanize occasionally. He is the constant Southern officer, runs a tight camp, shows respect to his fellow officers and those who outrank him, is a good leader to the rest of us (though to be truthful, Stephanie runs the camp). He loves our history and our heritage, and wants to see it portrayed well. He is calm and level headed at all times, which is good because we have some hot-tempered ones in the bunch! He's very inviting to all, and encourages those who are interested to come to an event and see if this is for them. I would not be a living historian on a battlefield were it not for Stephanie's invitation to come talk to them, and his invitation to join the 53rd GA for an event. Oh how immensely glad I am he offered!!!

Our member, J.R., is a filmmaker and is making a documentary about what it was like for the more than 400 women who disguised their sex and fought as men, and what it is like to portray them. That is her role in our company and on the field. She fights, marches, drills, and performs her role in camp just like the men. She is honoring those women, about whom few people are even aware. (Shout out to Re-enactress Documentary!)

Mindset is everything. For some, the mindset starts before we get to the event. Some watch Civil War films such as "Gettysburg," "Gods and Generals," "Shenandoah," or "Field of Lost Shoes." Some listen to music from the war, performed by some of the historic bands such as "The Unreconstructed," or the "97th Regimental String Band." Many of our men are military veterans. They tell me they go back into military mode mentally. They know we are about to face an enemy and their training, both from the real military and our training as soldiers of the War Between the States, kicks in, just at a lower level than when they were in combat. Others have been reenacting so long that it has become second nature! For these, once they are in uniform and it's time for action, they are in character.

For most of us, things change even more when we go on the battlefield. For those who have been reenacting decades, they think not just about the battle, which by now is like second nature, they are also always thinking about the safety of the men and horses, as well as putting on a good show for our audience. Many of those portraying Federal troops go from relaxed, to cocky, troublemaking good-for-nothings (and I mean this in the nicest way possible, guys), to fierce, aggressive fighters on the battlefield. There are a few in particular I look for when we are opposing them, because I know the most ferocious fight will come from their part of the field. All compassion is gone, only a determined enemy there to wipe out the South. For many of our Georgia reenactments, and depending on the battle we are recreating, some of the Federals decide to fight like they were under W. T. Sherman and his ruthless band of soldiers.

For the Confederates, particularly at the reenactments here in the deep South, we are constantly in mind of the fact that this war was fought on OUR soil against our homes and families. We know when the Federals come through and man-handle the women, and raid the buildings (yes that is part of some of the reenactments- I've experienced it!), those were our women, homes, and lives destroyed. There is the feeling of the home guard, the last stand between victory and annihilation, and the last hope of keeping the Federals at bay. At times, there is desperation, at times anger, and at times, the intensity of "you will only get through over my dead body."

For me, I become a mixture of modern times and the 19th century.

My job as medical corps is to truly monitor our men and make sure everyone is okay, and that is real job in itself! But I also watch and act with those who are "wounded" by the battle, or get wounds of war, such as this last event where a guy "lost his leg" from a cannon shot. I jump in to determine if they are alive, dress the wounds, and see if I can get them back on the line or if they have to be moved toward the rear and medical care. My mindset is always on how to treat their



wound with what I have, and what could have been done on the field, verses having to be performed in an actual hospital.

We act in ways we hope is both accurate and honoring to those who lived it. We set our mindset on the way the person we are portraying, or our ancestor, would have thought and felt. We strive to do our job well, whatever that role may be. We feel a great responsibility to make sure we tell the REAL story to the audience, and give the public some small taste of the real war, in all the unadulterated facts. Most of all, it is our passion that makes us who we are. Our passion for our history, our passion for honoring those who lived it, our passion for reenacting!



I hope this gives you a small look into the world of re-enactors and all that we do. We are not simply people play-acting and shooting guns and cannons. There are many historians in our midst, and a love and connection to the history and to each other, which runs deeply through all of us. April 4, 2017

<https://thesouthernbelleweb.wordpress.com/2017/04/04/getting-into-character/>

*Please be sure to check out our photographers and the Re-enactress Documentary! You can find them on [Facebook](#), and you can find Re-enactress Documentary here: <https://www.facebook.com/reenactress/app/216201571807288/>

Rachel Holland is a native of Athens, GA. She has a Bachelors of Science from Piedmont College and a Masters of Science in Nursing from the Medical College of Georgia. She has two simultaneous careers: one as a Nurse Practitioner with a background in cardiology, cardiac surgery, nephrology, and primary care; the other as a music instructor and member of the Athens Music Teacher's Association. She is a current member of the 53rd Georgia Infantry Company K within the Georgia Volunteer Battalion, and reenacts the War Between the States (WBTS) across Georgia. Rachel's interest in the WBTS began when she saw her first reenactment in elementary school. She has spent a decade-and-a-half studying the war, particularly the advancements in medicine brought about because of the war, and nursing. Rachel combines her love for medicine, her Confederate ancestry, and her love for the history of the war in her studies, reenactments, and talks. She particularly loves studying how the war changed the face of medicine, tying the medical advancements during the war to techniques, skills, and procedures used in medicine today. She also uses her research on the war, battles, people, and medical advancements as an author and currently has two manuscripts in the editing stages, each set in distinct border states beginning in 1865 and going through the early days of reconstruction. She currently writes a blog about reenacting and the WBTS, and is a regular contributing author for The Citizens' Companion, The Civil War Courier, and the Camp Chase Gazette.

Rachel Holland will be the guest speaker at the June 15, 2017 meeting on The Camp of The Unknown Soldier, SCV Camp #2218 of Old Clinton, Jones County, GA.

Public Statement from the Board of Friends of Nash Farm Battlefield, Inc.
May 23, 2017

The Board of the Friends of Nash Farm Battlefield, Inc. is sad to announce that the museum, located on Nash Farm Battlefield, which was funded and maintained by our group, will close effective June 1, 2017. The main reason is that the current District 2 Commissioner, Dee Clemons, has requested that ALL Confederate flags be removed from the museum, in addition to the gift shop, in an effort not to offend anyone. For anyone who studies the American Civil War, or War Between the States, they realize there were two parties that fought in this war. We have always prided ourselves with being an unbiased museum that told the entire story of the battles that took place on this property, as well as being a voice of the people in Henry County and Georgia during this time. These stories were told mainly through primary sources, sometimes secondary, but never tertiary sources. To exclude any Confederate flag would mean the historical value has been taken from our exhibits, and a fair interpretation could not be presented to each guest. Confederate flags were on this hallowed ground, as were the Union flags. To remove either of them would be a dishonor.



Additionally, Commissioner Clemons stated that this property, which the county spent in excess of \$8 million dollars, has no historical significance per the current board. Interestingly, the Department of Interior has recognized this property as core battlefield and there is a primary source where a request is made that the government pay retribution for the damage to the property during the battle. This is clear proof of the historical basis of this property; yet, more could be provided if necessary. This property has the blood of Union and Confederate soldiers in the soil and needs to be preserved as the battlefield that it is.

The Board of the Friends of Nash Farm Battlefield, Inc. complied when Commissioner Clemmons requested, soon after her taking office, that the entrenchments be removed from the property. When she had the Second National Confederate Flag removed from the flag pole where it has been flying since Henry County purchased the property, again we complied and did not create a disturbance in hopes that the museum would be left alone. The final order from Commissioner Clemmons is one that we cannot and will not comply with. We were told that we are at the “pleasure of the (Henry County) Commission”. Her directive is something we cannot comply with in good consciences.

To date, the museum, in its seven years of operation, has seen visitors from all 50 states and 15 foreign countries. Heritage tourism dollars have added money to the tax base in Henry and Clayton Counties, helping to fund many projects, including roads and schools. Prior to the recession, it was not uncommon to see over 2,000 students in a year; however, the yearly school day now has just shy of 500 students who visit not only the museum, but many different hands on stations to help to engage every student. Never have we had a teacher or student complain about the variety of flags or uniforms being presented in these educational settings. In fact, most teachers applaud our efforts to help them in the classroom.

Nash Farm Battlefield (concluded) The Friends of Nash Farm Battlefield, Inc. has not only been active on an educational aspect, but has helped Henry County in many ways to manage this beautiful battlefield. We have worked with the Boy Scouts, Eagles Scouts, the Audubon Society, Master Gardeners, Civil War Trust, and other community groups. Our volunteers have put up split rail fencing, painted, cleared barbed wire, mowed, graded roads, picked up debris, fixed many “broken” things around the property, and so much more. Our mission was to assist Henry County, not only with the historical aspect of the property, but to make this a property the entire community could be proud of. To be honest, majority of the people in District 2 are proud of Nash Farm Battlefield.

There will be many who will think the Friends of Nash Farm Battlefield, Inc. should have stood up to this censorship. Currently, the museum operates out of the old Nash farmhouse, which is owned by Henry County, and all utilities are paid by the county. The relics that were displayed, with the exception of a small amount that Henry County owns, were on loan to our group. When our key volunteer and donor made the decision to pull his relics, the Board had no other decision than to close the museum. We could have kept the doors open sporadically and showed beautiful display cases that were empty. When you engage in a conflict, your goal is to gain ground. The Board felt the only decision we had was to close the museum. This has not been an easy decision as many of our volunteers have donated much time, money, sweat, and tears to this property. The Friends of Nash Farm Battlefield was created after the Steering Committee was dissolved by the Henry County Board of Commissioners over 10 years ago. That is over a decade of work that some of our volunteers have contributed to this property.

As a Board, we ask that you contact not only Commissioner Clemmons, but also all the other Henry County Board of Commissioners, to let them know how you feel about the current political climate that affected the closing of Nash Farm Battlefield Museum. It is important that you voice your opinion to these politicians so they know there is public support for the historical aspect of this property.

Thank you to all the groups and individuals who have supported Friends of Nash Farm Battlefield, Inc. over the years. Our volunteers have been honored to work to preserve history and work diligently to improve the community. We can only hope that this property and its history will be sustained for future generations.

Respectfully Submitted by the Board of Friends of Nash Farm Battlefield, Inc.

QUOTES

Technology seems to get in the way of work ... *Duke*

“Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good...
For even Christ pleased not HIMSELF...” - Romans 15:2-3

Our Confederate Dead.

Messrs. Editors :—I am sure I express the sentiment of every true woman in Macon, when I beg to respond to the suggestion coming from various portions of the State, to appoint a day for the visitation and decoration of the graves of our soldiers who lie in the cemeteries near us.

At Rose Hill, the burial-ground of our Confederate dead is a barren hill side, thickly studded with irregular mounds, where neglect and the general appearance of desolation add to the gloom of the thought of wasted lives and useless sacrifices. There, no unkind stranger hand has planted a shrub. Not even a blade of grass springs spontaneously from the sterile soil, and the wild-wood flower refuses there to lift its head in bloom and beauty. The birds that revel in the shade and fragrance of the other portions of the beautiful grounds find here no resting place in which to warble their wood-land songs.—Only the low murmur of the encircling river chants a requiem to the beloved sleepers.

We wept warm tears of sympathy as an aged father who was disinterring the precious ashes of a son to take to a heart-broken mother, sadly said, "Oh! this is a neglected spot, but I am thankful that a head-board has left me in no doubt about the identity of my boy." We could not dissent, and felt an inward remorse that at least the simple tribute of flowers had been withheld.

Surely these heroes deserve to be embalmed in our memories; to have their graves watered with tears of hopeless sorrow! It is the last that the living can do to show their appreciation of the services that cost them their lives.

Then let the ladies of the city repair to the hallowed spot early on the morning of Thursday the 26th inst., and bear with them offerings of the Spring.

"Bring flowers, pale flowers—they are love's last gift. Bring flowers."

We would suggest also that the ladies bring with them servants, whose services will be required in separating, re-erecting and cleaning off the mounds. The additional and needed labor of replacing the head-boards with others lettered with uniformity and neatness, and of otherwise improving the appearance of the grounds, may be discussed and agreed upon for a subsequent time.

A LADY OF MACON.

A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING



In the 1980s – 1990s the 16th Georgia did a 13-14 mile march from ol' "Rough & Ready" (today it is Forrest Park) towards Jonesboro. This was to commemorate a similar march made by Confederate troops around the time of the 1864 battle. I will not say that everyone who was on the roster of the 16th made the march or even attempted it. Each had their reasons and I do not know of anyone who openly questioned

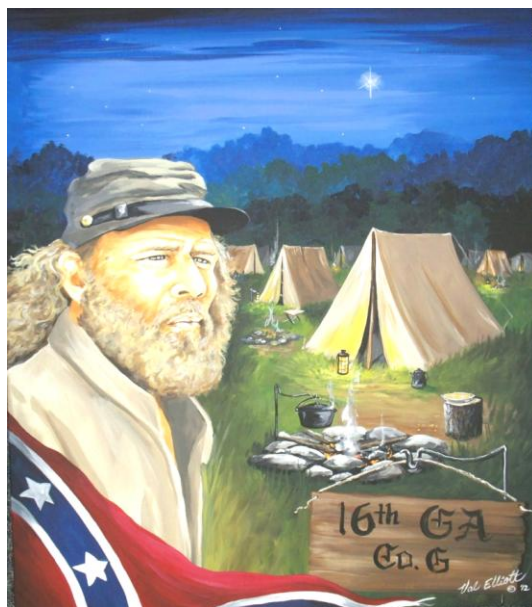
their lack of participation. However, they were not held with the same high regard of their peers as other marching members. Largely, those making the march were the ones we referred to as "Dawg Soldiers".

I clearly mean to say that you could be a 16th GA member and not make the march but your standing was not the same, especially in the hearts and eyes of those who made the grueling march year after year.

We no longer have the opportunity to do the Jonesboro March, but the same principle of dedication applies to all we do and especially memorial services which have always been THE priority of the 16th. An aspiring member, can submit an application, have it approved, pay dues, complete their probation, have their name on a roster, wear brass numbers on their hat and still not be a bona fide member of the 16th GA, Co. G, "The Jackson Rifles" – not a "Dawg Soldier" – not unless you have enough personal integrity to pay the proper honor that is due to the private Confederate soldier at every opportunity that arises. Believe me, EVERYONE notices who is there, IN UNIFORM, and who is not.

In every organization there are members and then there are members. 1st Sgt. (Ret.) James Boyd was, AND IS, without question the epitome of the "Dawg Soldier" and a true member in good standing. No one has ever been more beloved, given more love nor served more faithfully. God bless and heal him and may all heed the example and high standard he has set.

- John Wayne "Duke" Dobson



(painting by Val Elliott)

OUR 16TH GA GRADUATES



Ethan Charles Bockholt

May 26, 2017

Georgia Military College

Associate in Science History

Cum Laude

Ethan plans to continue his academic career at Middle Georgia State College. He is interested in a career with the National Park Service as a Park Ranger. In the photo on the right, he is flanked by Compatriots Lt. Charles Whitehead and Corp. Brick Lee Nelson of the 16th GA. On the right Ethan savors the moment of graduation with his parents, Cara and Dan.
(Editor's Note: Last month we spotlighted another graduate member, Drew Edge)

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150 YEARS AGO TODAY

May 25, 1867: In Atlanta, GA, the "Intelligencer" comments on the unusual weather: "The present cool weather, so unseasonable for May, seems to prevail throughout the South. The Florida papers say; 'Never in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, has such cool weather been know at this season,' and attributes it to radical influence in the territory.

WHO DO WE PLEASE?



"We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not HIMSELF ..." – Romans 15:1-3

We like to please ourselves – it is human nature. Most folks generally select the foods they want at a restaurant, often drive the car they choose and some even live in their dream home in the exact neighborhood, city, state, and country that they prefer. These are our rights, we contend, at least under the law of the land. Yes, it is the natural thing for people to please themselves *"but the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."* (I Corinthians 2:14) – "natural man" here means, the unsaved, the non-Christian or one who has not been born again. Before we were saved, that was the way we lived, doing what we pleased as much as possible. There was a saying some years back, *"if it feels good, do it."* That is the way we lived and the way much of the world still lives.

Do Christians have the same rights as the rest of the world or do they have less? Christian liberty does not mean fewer rights and privileges, but different ones, by virtue of being held to a higher standard. As a Christian, I typically do what I want to do but my "want to" has changed from what it was before I was *"washed in the blood of the Lamb."* (Elisha A. Hoffman/1878). Now, as the Apostle Paul wrote I must *"reckon myself to be dead, indeed*

unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 6:11) The old man, the old flesh still cries out for his rights but he is dead. My old flesh whines: *"I want this – no, you're dead. I need those – no you're dead. I'd like to go to – no, you're dead, dead, dead and buried with the Lord Jesus Christ!"* *"We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."* (Romans 6:4) Tell me, again, who are we trying to please? *"...Even Christ pleased not HIMSELF..."* (Romans 15:3), so who are we to demand our rights – remember, we are dead? Clearly, HIS prayer in Gethsemane emphasized that HE had not left Heaven to please HIMSELF – this was no walk in the park. *"FATHER, if THOU be willing, remove this cup from ME: nevertheless not MY will, but THINE, be done."* (Luke 22:42) *"Consider HIM that endured such contradiction of sinners against HIMSELF, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin."* (Hebrews 12:3-4) Just think about who HE was and what HE put up with and at the hands of a bunch pin-headed little sinners, just like us, who were all about their rights and what pleased them! It is hard for me to wrap my limited mind around the fact that "God sent HIS own SON in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, to condemn sin in the flesh." (Romans 8:3) Our text teaches that since *"Christ pleased not HIMSELF"* we should not be so concerned with pleasing ourselves – *"Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good..."* (Romans 15:2-3) *"...Who is my neighbor?"* (Luke 10:29) Let's not play games, especially with our GOD who knows all and sees all about us all. It takes no genius to figure out who your neighbor is. They are the ones we see face to face each day or perhaps the ones we avoid eye contact with because we know we have not done unto them (Matthew 7:12) as GOD expects us to. It is easy enough to see who needs clothing, food, even a cold drink of water (Matthew 10:42 & 25:36-40). Maybe it is someone who just needs a card, a phone call, a visit, handshake or hug – just a kind word, prayer or a ride to the grocery store. Maybe they just need you to watch after a pet while they are away, repair something or mow their lawn. God expects us to be faithful over the small tasks that we can do (Matthew 25:23). These deeds may sometimes interrupt our day and on occasion we may be called upon to do something that is downright unpleasant or uncomfortable, but we are not talking about what pleases us – it is ALL about what pleases your neighbor and GOD (Romans 15:2-3) *"Let each esteem other better than themselves."* (Philippians 2:3)

Love YOUR
neighbor
as yourself.
MATTHEW 22:39

"Little deeds done are better than big deeds planned..."

– Bernard Harris (1930-2009)

CALLED TO FREEDOM IN CHRIST



For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that

ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another. - Galatians 5:13-26

We speak of slavery as a great wrong. It is, however true that every great nation on God's green earth has at one time or another been or kept slaves. This is not a excuse for what happened. It is a fact that we cannot afford to ignore. God's chosen people were in bondage in Egypt. Passover is for the Jewish people's remembrance of God freeing them of their bondage. "Where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty", (2 Corinthians 3:17) which is freedom. Freedom from chains and snares is physical bondage, but it also frees the mind and Spirit from the sin that the great adversary the Devil. The one that comes to kill, destroy (John 10:10) and drag as many people to Hell with him as he can. Make no mistake, friends, Satan is not in hell he is a roaring lion seeking to devour (1 Peter 5:8) whom he can. Hell is hot and dark because it is away from God. How do we avoid that hot, dark, torturous pit? Believe in the only begotten son of God, Jesus Christ of Nazareth. He hung on a cross to keep us from the gate to Hell. Wide is the way to destruction, and narrow is the way to salvation. The narrow way is our Lord Jesus Christ. (Matthew 7:14)

All you have to do is confess that you are a sinner, repent and ask Jesus to forgive you, and obey God's commands. (Romans 10:9).

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