## THE HOWLING DAWG

Covering the events of September 2019



"The greatest curse that can befall a free people is civil war."

Alexander H. Stephens in a speech to the Georgia House of Representatives, November 14, 1860.

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

War is .....



"Fight for the Colors" by Don Troiani. 6th Wisconsin vs. the 2nd Mississippi in the Railroad Cut at Gettysburg, July 1, 1863.

Union General Sherman said "war is hell." He did not know what he was talking about. True, he knew about War, but, apparently not as much about Hell. War has an end point ... Hell does not – it is forever and it is incomprehensively hot.

## War is ....

In his splendid account of the War, Confederate Artillery Major Robert Stiles recalled a regiment of Mississippians in which at least 35 of them were six feet in height and well over 200 lbs. "They liked the noise and smoke and uproar of the guns. They would shove the pieces up almost any hillside, however steep, and would even hold them against the recoil when inclined to roll too far back. On two or three occasions they stirred up a hornet's nest in the shape of Federal batteries which happened to be drilling in the neighborhood, and once were compelled to withdraw with more speed than dignity; but my irrepressible Mississippi artillerymen made fun of it all, actually playing leap frog down the steep Loudoun hillside, under a galling fire, from perhaps eight or ten guns" yelling like Indians."



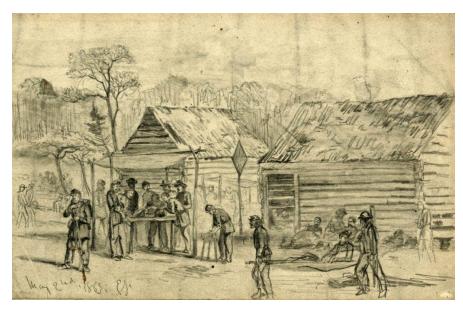
Culp's Hill, Gettysburg by Don Troiani

War is a lot like rolling down a hill. Once you start, it is hard to stop. You are always sure where you are going and you are likely to get hurt. A recent political cartoon depicted the "new" civil war as a conflict between east and west. They may be right. General N.B. Forrest had no illusions about War – it meant fighting and fighting meant killing. General R.E. Lee knew that to be a good soldier, one must love the Army. To be a good commander one must be willing to sacrifice that which he loves.

## War is ....

We enjoy touring battlefields of The War Between the States. We read everything we can get our hands on concerning that subject, watch movies that pertain to it. We hold memorial services to our noble dead and try to make the re-enacted battles, encampments and activities appear

as genuine as possible.



Federal field hospital near Chancellorsville - Edwin Forbes

We obviously enjoy what we do, as re-enactors, because we have spent many years of our lives and countless dollars doing it. We love the people of the re-enactment community, savor the times around the campfires and, well ... we just plain like it. This is good. It is a fine lifestyle and a great environment in which to raise children. In all of this pleasure, however, we may lose sight, or misplace the reality of what Union soldiers, Confederate soldiers and civilians both North and South endured. If War was Hell, those on the firing line, lonely homesteads and in the hospital wards knew it better than anyone. The United States has fought virtually everyone under the sun during the years of its existence. No conflict was more vicious that when we fought each other. At times thousands of dead and wounded fell within only a few square miles.

Conventional warfare has not occurred on American soil since 1865, yet we have not entirely recovered even if the visions of horror have faded. By now, it is hard to envision the human cost. As re-enactors we try to accurately portray that tragic period of American history but there is just no way to fully depict the harsh reality of 1861-1865. Tragically, our beloved Country may be nearer the brink of such an internal clash than it has since Appomattox. May we pause, reflect and pray that it never happens again.

The personal accounts of the War cause us to keep the past in mind. We remember, for example, through the pen of Sam Watkins, the details of the deaths of Billy Webster, Lt. Whittaker, "Apple Jack Hughes and countless others."

History deals with things that actually happened and we call them facts. We sometimes discover new details but that does not necessarily mean history changes. If better evidence clarifies some data, it is not revision, and new conclusions should never be drawn to suit our private notions. Jwd

### EARLY WAR UNIFORMS

By Fred Adolphus

On display at The Cannonball House Confederate Museum in Macon, Georgia is the jacket of Francis M. Freeman. Freeman served with the 2nd Battalion, Georgia

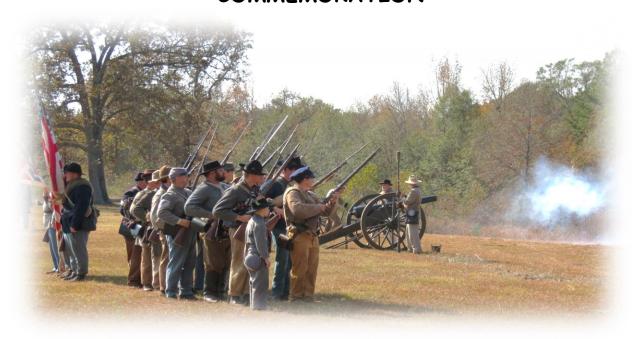


Infantry and was wounded at Gettysburg. The light tan color of the Richmond jacket is typical of that encountered in domestically-dyed, Southern factory cloth. The jacket appears to have been light gray (remaining nap color), but faded in the sunlight.

By contrast, factory dyed fabrics, which generally ended up as army-cut uniforms, had their own distinctive brown shade: a color ranging from oatmeal to light tan to grayish tan or dark tan. This was because the fabric's woolen yarn had been dyed with an unstable vegetable dye and mordant, and had faded after exposure to sunlight. Typically, factories used logwood and indigo as dyes, and copperas and blue vitriol as mordants. The targeted colors were either "steel" gray (the most common domestically produced shade, being a medium gray, midway between white and black), domestic "cadet" grey (produced much less than steel gray, being a light blue-gray), or light to medium brown (rarely

produced). Most such dyed yarns, observed on surviving garments, have faded to a tan or oatmeal color. Some retain traces of the gray nap in protected surface areas, and those that were dyed with especially good mordants retain their steel gray or sometimes brownish gray color. Some even faded to a natural white shade. Chemist and dye specialist Ben Tart of North Carolina has estimated that it took no more than a month of exposure to outdoor sunlight to fade a domesticallydyed steel or cadet gray garment to a tan color. Butternut preceded the use of cadet gray by far. Many have the misquided notion that the high quality, imported British kersey, in cadet "grey" (as the British spelled it), was an early war product, and that as the South was blockaded, its guartermasters were reduced to using inferior "homespun" jeans, dyed with butternut juice. This idea is incorrect. The fact is that domestic fabrics that had been dyed domestically predominated early in the war. As foreign contracts came into play, cadet gray and light blue kerseys increasingly replaced these domestic fabrics in many Confederate armies. As the Confederate industrial base developed towards the end of the War, domestic fabrics were making strong "come-back." By early 1865, however, the average Confederate soldier in the Army of Northern Virginia, the Mobile Garrison or the Trans-Mississippi was more likely to have been clad in imported, cadet gray kersey than in domestic, butternut jeans.

## 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BATTLE OF GRISWOLDVILLE COMMEMORATION



On behalf of The Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Jarrell Plantation Historic Site, The 16<sup>th</sup> Georgia Regiment, Co. G, "The Jackson Rifles" and The Camp of The Unknown Soldier #2218 of Old Clinton, Jones County, Georgia, we invite you to the annual living history, memorial service and 156<sup>th</sup> Battlefield Commemoration. Any heritage organization desiring to lay a wreath during this service should contact Wayne Dobson in advance. We are honored that our guest speaker will be:

## Timothy F. Pilgrim, Commander

Georgia Division Sons of Confederate Veterans

The schedule for the November 23, 2019 event is as follows:

9:30AM - 11:30am - Living History Program

10:30am - Battlefield Tour

NOON - Memorial Service Begins and lasts approximately one hour

(NOTE: This event is at the battlefield, NOT at The Jarrell Plantation)

Please contact Adjutant Wayne Dobson for more information @ waynedobson51@yahoo.com or 478-731-5531 (leave phone or text message).

### **Directions**

From Gray: Follow Lite-N-Tie Rd southeast to GA Hwy 49. Cross over Hwy 49 to Henderson Rd. Follow for about 3.5 miles and after crossing railroad tracks, turn left on Old Griswoldville Rd. Follow this road for about 1.5 miles and turn left on Baker Rd. Battlefield will be about 1/2 mile on left.

From Macon: Go east on US Hwy 80 for about 2 miles and turn left onto GA Hwy 57. Follow GA Hwy 57 for 4.5 miles and turn left on Ridge Rd. Follow Ridge Rd for just under 2 miles and turn right on Old Griswoldville Rd. Follow this road for about 1.5 miles and turn left on Baker Rd. Battlefield will be about 1/2 mile on left.

## THE 16<sup>TH</sup> GEORGIA CO. G - "The Jackson Rifles"

Colonel (Ret.)-Steven L."Red Bone"Smith-478-951-4863 or 478-956-3858

Honorary Colonel J. C. Nobles - 478-718-3201

Rev. Joey Young - Honorary Member - 678-978-7213

Captain Wm. "Rebel" Bradberry, Commanding - 404-242-7213

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Noah Sprague - 706-491-9755

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Charles Whitehead - 478-986-8943

Color Sgt. Kevin Sark - 478-731-8796

Adjutant: 5th Corp. "Duke" Dobson 478-731-5531 Treasurer: 6th Corp. Earl Colvin - 478-214-0687

1st. Sgt. (Ret.) James "Barefoot" Boyd - 770-219-8302 or 706-344-7588

1st Sgt. Alan "Cookie" Richards - 478-308-9739

2nd Sgt. Nathan Sprague - 478-320-8748

Corp. (Ret.) Mike "Beezer" Banks - 770-467-8123

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2<sup>nd</sup> Corp. Matthew Whitehead - 478-607-0235

3<sup>rd</sup> Corp. Cody Sprague - 478-542-1802

4<sup>th</sup> Corp. Tommy Shover - 478-230-3483

Lead Chaplain-Joel Whitehead, Jr. - 478-986-8798

Hon. Chaplain Ronnie "Skin" Neal - 478-808 8848

Assistant Chaplain - Charles Hill - 770-845-6878

Musician - Drew Edge - 478-365-1897

Musician - Chance Sprague - 706-491-9755

Musician - Aaron Bradford - 302-668-8029

Musician - Al McGalliard - 478-259-5786

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

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(Courtesy: Val Elliott)

## SCHEDULE OF 2019 EVENTS

OCTOBER 17 - CAMP 2218 SCV MEETING - MATT SIMS (Camp 2218)

OCTOBER 18-20 - ANDERSONVILLE, GA RE-ENACTMENT

**OCTOBER 19** – Syrup Making at The Jarrell Plantation 10:30am – 3:30pm

OCTOBER 25-27 - SANDERSVILLE, GA RE-ENACTMENT

**NOVEMBER 1-2** – IRWINVILLE , GA RE-ENACTMENT

**NOVEMBER 10** - 44th ANNUAL CAPT. WIRZ MEMORIAL SERVICE - 3:00PM ANDERSONVILLE, GA

NOVEMBER 23 - GRISWOLDVILLE COMMEMORATION - TIM PILGRIM - NO 2218 SCV MEETING

**DECEMBER** - NO 2218 SCV MEETING

**DECEMBER** 7- Christmas at the Jarrell Plantation 3pm with lantern light tours after dark.

**DECEMBER** 7 – Victorian Christmas Tea at The Cannonball House – Adult mothers and daughters Noon – 2pm – Price \$15.00 – Reservations required. Limit of 30 people.



"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints..." - Ephesians 6:18

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 pray for them. Bow your heart and head for a moment – just a moment - and ask GOD to meet these needs

- ALL OF THEM - according to HIS will ...

The Stancil Family (Kenny, Cathy & Evie) - Billy Stancil - Earl Colvin - Bruce Whitehead - - Rev. Joey Young and family - Steve Smith & family - Gary Banks - Steve Adkins - Brenda Dobson - Avery & Landon Allen- James & Kellie Morgan and Maddy - Savannah Sprague - Ben (Cooter) Jones - Mark "Watch Dog" Thompson - Serena Welch - J.C. Nobles - Rev. Gary Berrier - Cathy Wheeler - Reba Aultman - Kasey Larson - - Val & Ed Elliott - Tommy Wright - Gale Red - Ethan & Crystal Bloodworth - Crystal Jump - Gary Banks Bill Cameron - Tom Stevens - Ty Burnsed - Harold Buchanan - Dale & Becky Rankin - Kay Busbee - Voncille Sark - Roy and Dana Myers - Rev. Alan Farley - Ed Bearss - Mrs. & Mrs. Burns - Richard Durham as well as, those who preach & teach The WORD, UDC, C.S.A., U.S.A., Israel, Law Enforcement, Paramedics & Firefighters, Judges Political Leaders, Missionaries, Our Compatriots, Ministers, Travelers, The lonely, bereaved families, The Cannonball House Staff, Our enemies ... And for Me & You, that we witness boldly, risking awkwardness and seeming to be foolish.

Please, let me know of others that should be on this list.

(For privacy, I do not publish the details but will share if you contact me)

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE**

I am sorry this issue is so very late – no excuse, just got behind. I also regret that this issue did not include any photographs of the Hurricane Shoals event which was held last month in Jackson, County, GA. I was not able to attend this year. I did ask for some pictures, if any were available, but none came my way.

This leads me to wonder if the "Dawg" has outlived its usefulness, to some degree. For instance, photos like I mentioned are typically circulated all over social media before they ever get to me – thus, what I am publishing is really nothing new to many readers.

I am not fishing for "atta boys" – I have often said that I would publish this newsletter to myself alone each month if only for the sake of my own learning experience. Many of you have been very kind and encouraging by your comments and other gracious considerations.

From time to time I wonder if there is a purpose, a place or a use for this newsletter any more. I am not really soliciting your comments, so I kindly ask that you not send them. Any decision will be mine, prayerfully, alone. Duke

#### CHUCK JOHNSON 678-576-0475







Ivis Bradford

whose business card appears (left) in this newsletter writes: "I finally updated my Etsy store with new sleeping caps. A few other things are in the works to be added in the near future. Perhaps there are some in need of a cap for the upcoming cooler events, or I would appreciate everyone's assistance in spreading the word about my business. The best kind of advertising is through people you know and trust!!! I would be indebted to you and the other members for any help with advertisement. I continue to welcome custom sewing projects at this time. Here is the link to the store:" https://www.etsy.com/shop/ BarnLucky



## THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER #2218 Of Old Clinton, Jones County, Georgia

At our September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting we enjoyed the return of Johnny Mack Nichols (Adjutant of Camp 18) who shared fascinating information about Confederate swords that he had

collected. On that same

occasion Steven Mark Smith was inducted into Camp 2218.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> we look forward to Matt Sims (Camp 2218) bringing a program on long rifles. We are honored to announce that our guest speaker for our 2019 Griswoldville commemoration will be Tim Pilgrim, current Commander of the Georgia Division SCV. Please apply to Adjutant Dobson if interested in speaking engagements in 2020 – slots are already filling up rapidly.



Steven Mark Smith (center) Photo by Ethan Bockholt)

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the quardianship of his history, the

emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

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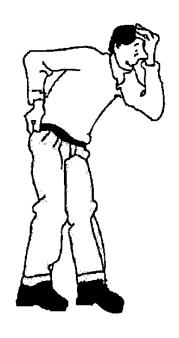
## CATHY'S CLOWN

## - The Humor of Kenny Stancil

A three-year-old had been told several times to get ready for bed. The last time his mom told him, she was very insistent. His response was, "Yes, sir!" Correcting him, she said, "You would say, 'yes, sir,' to a man. I am a lady, and you would say 'yes, ma'am,' to a lady." To quiz him on this lesson, she then asked him, "What would you say to Daddy?" "Yes, sir!" came the reply. "Then what would you say to Mama?" "Yes, ma'am!" he proudly answered. "Good job! Now, what would you say to Grandma?" He lit up and said, "Can I have a cookie?"

While visiting his son on his Army base, a friend chatted with a colleague of his. "What rank are you?" he asked. "I'm relieved to say that I've just been promoted from captain to major." "Relieved? Why?" "Because," he replied, "my last name is Hook."

Have you heard of the dyslexic cow who attained enlightenment? It kept on repeating OOOOMMM!



## Aches and Pains

For consider HIM that endured such contradiction of sinners against HIMSELF, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." - Hebrews 12:3

When we were younger our physical ability and energy were much higher; and we had more confidence. Activities helped us maintain a healthier weight, and serve the LORD in more ways. As the years went by, these same actions began to take a physical toll. Our joints ached, arthritis may have set in, and our backs hurt. Maybe these ailments came at

a relatively early age. These days some of us hurt more often and more intensely. Our bodies won't cooperate with <u>our</u> expectations and we just don't heal as quickly as we used to. Maybe the expectations are <u>ours</u>, *not GOD's*.

"All the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died" (Genesis 5:27). THE BIBLE does not record any details of his health but it must have been pretty good. Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died; his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated" (Deuteronomy 34:7).

Joshua was one of the spies that Moses sent into the Promised Land. Yet, in his later years he testified "... I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in" (Joshua 14:11).

After JESUS arose from the tomb and HE was eating with the disciples by the sea of Tiberias, HE told Peter: "When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. (John 21:18). We do not know how old Peter was at the time of his death – maybe his 60's. No doubt, the rigors of being a fisherman, persecutions, imprisonment, and beatings took a toll on his body, yet he rejoiced that he could suffer for CHRIST'S sake.

We, too, are called to "glory in our sufferings," (Romans 5:3) which might mean stepping on our pride. GOD challenges our personal idols by threatening what we cling to most. Our mind possibly recalls a fit, slender, strong body that was once ours. Now it is slowly widening and it creaks when we walk. Today, instead running a 10K race, we might settle for a leisurely walk. Instead of playing racquetball we might be trying to stretch out the pain of a sciatic nerve. Instead of swimming twenty laps we may be in a hot tub.

Time marches on but our bodies our just do not seem to keep up. GOD remembers "we are dust" (Psalm 103:14). Despite any aches, pains or disabilities we now have, HE still has work for us to do. That is confirmed by every breath we take. If we dwell on the fact of continued usefulness, it will bring us peace. GOD does not take excuses.

Aches and Pains "Doing GOD's work may have become painful and difficult for us due to a slower body. Some days, we want to pass the baton to the younger

generation. How can we remain useful if our bodies aren't what they once were? Consider offering yourself to the LORD's service in new ways. Tithe and sacrifice your time and wisdom. For instance, senior Christians can guide the younger ones (1 Peter 5:5).

JESUS thought about us on the cross and HE thinks about us now. One day this life will end, and although we do not know all the details, by faith we trust that we will be presented faultless before HIS throne. It is an "expected end" (Jeremiah 29:11). "GOD will not give us new and improved bodies until we enter eternity. However, if we are breathing, something about our lives will testify to the grace, power, mercy, and love of JESUS because HE will be glorified through us - perhaps in spite of us. If the LORD wants you to do something, HE will make sure that you are capable, even if HE has to carry you over HIS shoulder."

Tell someone close to you that 'it hurts,' but pick one who will keep you focused on JESUS by whose "stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). Avoid playing the childish game of saying "I'm alright, considering..." in the hope that someone will "drag" the truth out of you. Constantly covering up pain is prideful. Wonder Woman and Superman are unrealistic standards. GOD strengthens us in our weakness by drawing our attention more to HIM.

The hardest part about dealing with aches and pains is saying "I can't." Pride will not let others receive their blessing from serving GOD by ministering to you. Asking for help without feeling ashamed is sensible because we invite GOD to work in our affliction. GOD always cares about our spiritual fitness more than our physical ability. (Quotes from Candice Lucey /Scriptures KJV)

Jwd 10/6/19

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. - 1 Timothy 4:8

# You are invited to attend the 28th Annual Confederate Ghost Walk

October 11th & 12th, 2019

Scenarios will be presented by candlelight in the beautiful and historic

## Magnolia Cemetery

70 Cunnington Ave. Charleston, SC 29405

Tours begin at 7:00 PM each evening
Last tour will be at 9:30 PM
Each tour lasts approximately 1 to 1 ½ Hours

Cost: \$20.00 per ticket - Go to http://www.csatrust.net to

purchase tickets. \* (Advance tickets only)\*

Sponsored by the Confederate Heritage Trust, Inc.

RAIN OR SHINE, THE SHOW WILL GO ON...

No Cameras or video equipment allowed.

Tours are not recommended for children under (12) years of age and individuals dependent on (wheelchairs) or (walkers) are not encouraged to attend due to un-even terrain.

Any questions please contact: William Sharbrough at 843-709-7615 or Gene Patrick at 843-814-4974

## 150 Years Ago

By Larry Upthegrove

**September 10, 1869**: Today's "Rome Tri-Weekly" has this brief statement with monumental news: "Gen. Wade Hampton has consented to open the Macon Fair with an address." The "Macon Fair" referred to is, of course, the Georgia State Fair which will alternate years between Atlanta and Macon with Macon's first time being this year. Atlanta is just now acquiring property that will develop into fairgrounds next year. That Hampton will agree to come is a major deal for Macon; he will be a crowd draw for the opening. Since the war, he has kept a low profile, believing that the Confederate leaders should not give the impression that the South is trying to rise again. When he returned home after the War, he found his plantation in ruins, the house burned, and the fields overgrown.

September 11, 1869: We strolled into the National Cemetery at Marietta. The whole number of Federal officers and soldiers interred there is 10,067. Of these, about 320 died in prison in Augusta, and about 840 are from Montgomery Ala. The rest are victims of 'this cruel war,' between Resaca and Atlanta. We had the pleasure of meeting with Miss Mary J. Green, the accomplished and patriotic young lady, to whose exertions the existence of the State Confederate Cemetery at Marietta is mainly indebted. We learn from her that the whole number of Interments is 2,279. The grounds are receiving appropriate ornament and are tastefully chosen in a forest, shaded by gigantic trees of oak and hickory. But more melancholy than all was the department wherein are interred those whose very names are lost. On the head-boards of those, the single word 'Unknown' strikes the eye and the heart with a painfulness our readers can readily appreciate." Mary Jane Green is responsible for the Confederate Cemetery in Resaca, on her Fathers land. September 13, 1869: Today is Monday, the day devoid of most newspapers because of the papers not working on Sunday. However, the "Savannah Morning News" does offer Monday papers although it is mostly reprinting from other papers during the week before. This morning's paper has this from the "Columbus Sun:" "Destructive Drought.—The rains have not been sufficient about this city and the surrounding country for miles around, since the 1'st of August, to enable our people to put their turnip crops in the ground. Those who sowed when light showers fell, lost their seed, the hot sun having parched the life out before or shortly after the plant showed itself on top of mother earth. The nights are now cool, but in the sun, the days are hot and the earth dry. If copious rains do not descend shortly, the potato crop will be almost a failure and the turnip crop a total failure."



## RED FLANNEL HASH

6 slices salt pork 1 cup beets, cooked and chopped

3 cups cooked potatoes, chopped 1 ½ chopped cooked corned beef

1 onion chopped ¼ cup milk Salt and Pepper

Fry salt pork until crisp. Remove pieces and retain as a garnish. Combine beets, potatoes, corned beef, onion and milk. Spread mixture smoothly over the bottom of a skillet in which the salt pork was fried. Brown slowly. When a crust forms, turn and brown other side. Serve with chopped salt port on top.

## CORNMEAL MUSH

1# sausage 3 cups water 1 cup cornmeal

Brown sausage in a large skillet; pour off fat. Add 2 cups of water; heat to boiling. Combine cornmeal, salt, pepper and remaining water. Add to boiling liquid, stirring constantly. Place on low heat and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Pour into a greased loaf pan and chill. Cut into ½ inch slices and fry slowly in hot fat until brown.

#### SCRAPPLE

3 # pork 2 ½ quarts water 4 cups buckwheat flour 2 cups cornmeal ¼ tsp. sage Salt and pepper

Cover pork with water and boil until tender. Remove meat. Cool broth and skim fat from surface. Grind meat and return to broth. Add salt, pepper and sage and bring to a boil. Slowly add the mixture of buckwheat flour and cornmeal. Stir. Boil for about one hour, stirring frequently. Pour into small loaf pans. When cold, slice and fry until light brown and crisp on both sides.



September 21, 2019

Annual Carl Vinson Medical Center in Dublin, GA

The Lt. James T. Woodward Camp 1399 in conjunction with the Capt. Hardy B. Smith



Mechanized Cavalry are pleased to have celebrated 16 years of feeding and donating items to the Veterans at the Carl Vinson

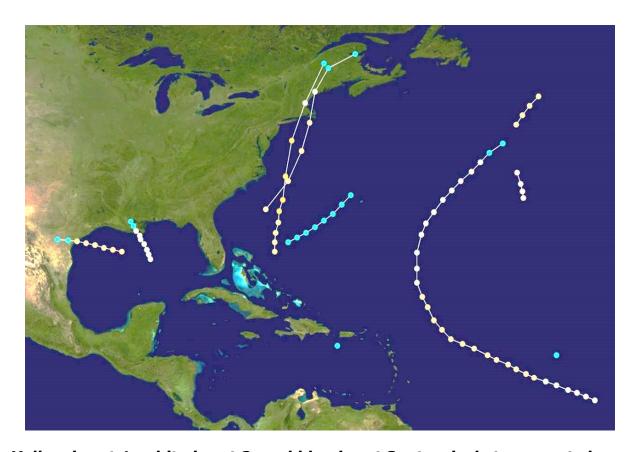


Camp 104 and

VA Medical Center in Dublin. Camp 1399 hosted Compatriots from across the state in to hold this event which brought food to the patients, a bike show and live entertainment.

(Photos courtesy of: Renee Sullivan)

#### THE HURRICANES OF 1869



Yellow is cat 1, white is cat 2, and blue is cat 3 -- tropical storms not shown

In New England, on September 8, 1869, the unnamed Hurricane, the sixth of the season, that will become known as the "September Gale" has traveled all the way from initial sightings as a tropical storm in the Bahamas northward well off the coast of the coastal states, gaining strength every day, so that today, when it slams into New England, it has reached category three in force. It is only 60 miles wide but the 140 mph winds are doing extensive damage to Rhode Island, southern Massachusetts, and Maine. Cape Cod, Buzzards Bay and New Bedford are also damaged extensively, losing boats and bridges. There are 12 people killed in this storm, mostly in Maine.......1869 is the earliest hurricane season in the Atlantic hurricane database in which there have been at least ten tropical cyclones. All the activity will occur between middle of August and early October. Of the ten tropical storms, seven of them will reach hurricane intensity and are shown on the map below. The last storm of the season will prove to be the most damaging and deadly of the season, killing 37 in Maine, New Brunswick and New York. - Larry Upthegrove

## Sumac

**September 25, 1869**: In Atlanta, GA, the drought has lasted for nine weeks.

There is dismal news from all over the state, that Fall crops are failing and wells and ponds drying up. past twenty-



four hours has experienced a most extraordinary change—a change from comparative summer to positive winter. Early this morning it was cold enough for frost. Fires in doors, and heavy clothing out are things indispensable to health and comfort.'... 'The question is asking—if September comes in in this mood, what sort of a winter will we have by November or December?'......We have had a cold snap also in this meridian. It began on the night of the 31'st ultimo, and has continued up to the present writing, but has not been quite as cold in Atlanta as in New York.

In **Macon, Georgia**, today's "Macon Telegraph" has this article that will surprise many: "Gathering Sumac.— We have copied from the 'New York Mercantile Journal' an article upon Sumac, which might be of some value to the people of this State. We observed, in the course of our recent rambles in Northern Georgia, that sumac grows very abundantly in those fertile and mountainous regions. Last year, sumac gathering was a very brisk business in Virginia, and almost and hand could make at it from two to three dollars a day. The profits, indeed, were so great that farmers found it a great temptation it presented to their hands to abandon the fields and the crops. Very large amounts were shipped from Virginia to New York. We see no reason why Upper Georgia could not realize a handsome contribution to wealth and comfort in gathering and curing the sumac which abounds in that region. Information should be obtained of the best mode of gathering and curing, and the proper season, and then we would have no doubt there are many, white and black, who cannot or do not labor in the field, who might make a very handsome sum out of sumac."......(In addition to making several Indian teas, sumac is used commercially as leather tanning and dyeing. It being a powerful antioxidant, it is used in some Oriental medicines for reducing blood pressure and as a culinary spice.)..... Larry Upthegrove

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brenda and I have made a summer drink out of the reddish pods. Tastes like lemonade.



## ★ Georgia Division ★ Sons of Confederate Veterans



## Annual General Robert E. Lee Birthday Celebration Saturday, January 18, 2020 at 11:00 am

## Jefferson Davis Memorial Park

338 Jeff Davis Park Rd, Fitzgerald, GA 31750

Robert Edward Lee ~ b. January 19, 1807 ~ d. October 12, 1870 Event Agenda:

### **After the Event:**

- ~ BBQ Dinner provided by Ga. Division ...... Pit Master Ken Arvin
  - \$5 per BBQ plate including sides and drink. (all proceeds fund the following year BBQ) Children 12 and under plates are free.
- ~ Executive Council Meeting



## **SCV** Telegraph

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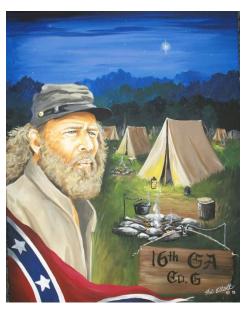
Compatriots,

This is to advise of the passing of the last known "Real Son" of a Confederate veteran.

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Compatriot Calvin Robertson Crane
Real Son of James Antony Crane
Ringgold Battery, Company B, Virginia Light Artillery

Calvin R. Crane died Sunday, September 15, 2019, at the age of 102. He was the son of James Antony Crane and was living at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Salem, Virginia. Calvin's father fought in the War Between the States. He was only a year old when his father died. Because he really never got to know his dad, Calvin Crane said most of his memory of his dad was just what he had been told by other family members. He recalled they mostly talked about how he loved to hunt. Calvin was very pleased that he inherited his daddy's shotgun.



## MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED

A memorial service is being planned in honored remembrance 16<sup>th</sup> GA 1<sup>st</sup>. Sgt. James Boyd who passed away June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The service will be on the same Saturday - November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 - of our Griswoldville Battlefield Commemoration. The service for James will likely begin in old Clinton, Georgia around 4pm. If anyone has a black ladies mourning dress they will lend, please contact Duke. (Art Work Courtesy of: Val Elliott)

## FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY



We have a Veterans Day Tribute every year on November 11th at 4 p.m. at Fort Hawkins in Macon. This will be our 10th. Also we retire Flags, Tired Flag, worn Flags, etc.

I will also have New Flags for Sale. Thanks.

Judy A. W. Smith