

THE HOWLING DAWG

APRIL 2014



16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company G

"The Jackson Rifles"

Confederate Memorial Day 2014

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



Confederate Square in Rose Hill Cemetery / Macon, Georgia

"Who knows but it may be given to us, after this life, to meet again in the old quarters...to answer the morning roll call, to fall in at the tap of the drum...who knows but again the old flags, ragged and torn, snapping in the wind, may face each other and flutter...while the cries of victory fill a summer day. And after the battle, then the slain and wounded will arise, and all will meet together under the two flags, All sound and well, and there will be talking and laughter and cheers, and all will say: Did it not seem real? Was it not as in the old days?"

- Sgt. Berry Benson, C.S.A.

For the majority of our fellow Americans, the War Between the States is an episode we meet briefly in our history books. It is an isolated procession of proclamations, politicians, generals and battles... To us it is the celebration of the common patriot soldier and the causes of this confrontation which are usually ignored in memorial day speeches. For those we honor during Confederate History Month and on Confederate Memorial Day, the War was all too real and irresistible. The Confederate monument in Arlington reads, that theirs was a Cause,

"not for fame or reward, not for place or for rank; not lured by ambition or goaded by necessity, but, in simple obedience to duty as they understood it. These men suffered all, sacrificed all, dared all and died."

The poet, A. E. Housman tried to give understanding to the death of soldier - perhaps in any war, when he wrote:

*Here dead we lie
Because we did not choose
To live and shame the land
From which we sprung.
Life, to be sure,
Is nothing much to lose,
But young men think it is,
And we were young.*

Our Confederate ancestors need no pardon for the course they took 1861-1865. We are, therefore, pleased with all examples of historical remembrance shown during April, which is Confederate History Month in the State of Georgia. It is our earnest and steadfast hope that we will always be diligent in these observations which remember and honor the gallant men and women of Georgia who served the Confederate Cause with honor and valor.

One of the highlights of this month's celebrations will be the numerous Confederate Memorial Day services held around the State. These include but are by no means limited to:

Saturday, April 19, 2014 - 2pm service at the Hickman Family Cemetery in Gordon, Georgia. Uniforms can be worn by those who wish but for the sake of property concerns, rifles are not to be carried. Specific Location: From the intersection of Hwy 243 and the Gray Hwy (Hwy 18) in Gordon, go north on Hwy 18 for 1.0 mile to CR 42 (Brooks-McNeal Rd) on left. Follow CR 42 (Brooks-McNeal Rd) (bearing right at T-intersection) for 0.8 mile. The cemetery is on a slight rise on the left, about 100' from the road. GPS coordinates: 32dg 53' 45.5" N 83dg 22' 24.5" W or in degrees only form: 32.89597dg N X 83.37347dg W. For more information or to check on any possible changes, call Private Ethan Bloodworth, 16th Georgia, Co. G, Camp 2218 SCV at 478-297-1535 or email at blindblood92@gmail.com

Friday, April 25, 2014 - 6pm at Stevens Street Cemetery - just south of Elberta Rd. in Warner Robins

Friday, April 25, 2014 - 7pm at Cliett Cemetery - 247 Connector across from Peachtree Baptist Church, Byron

Saturday, April 26, 2014 - 8am at Confederate Statue, downtown Macon (Cotton Ave. at 2nd Street)

Saturday, April 26, 2014 -10am at Rose Hill Cemetery, 1091 Riverside Drive, Macon

Saturday, April 26, 2014 - 12noon at Woodward Cemetery, adjacent to The Hartley Bridge Road Church of Christ, 3465 Hartley Bridge Rd, Macon, GA 31216

Saturday, April 26, 2014 - 2pm at Byron City Cemetery, 101 Murdock Lane, Byron

Saturday, April 26, 2014 - 4:30pm at Ft. Valley's Oaklawn Cemetery - southside of Ft. Valley on GA Hwy 49



A Stevens Street Service from Years Past

In 1874, the Georgia General Assembly approved legislation designating the 26th day of April in each year as Memorial Day. It was on this day in 1865 that the surrender of General Joseph E. Johnston (who was in charge of Georgia's defenses) to William T. Sherman became official. We are not exactly certain when Georgians began commemorating April 26 as Memorial Day but the tone of the 1874 legislation clearly indicates that April 26 was already being celebrated as an unofficial holiday. In Macon, as in sister cities, they began as soon as the War was over in 1866. The women of Columbus, Georgia, on 12 April 1866, organized a memorial association and began a campaign to have a special day for "paying honor to those who died defending the life, honor, and happiness of Southern women." Just days later, the Atlanta Ladies' Memorial Association was formed, and on April 26, 1866, as the association held a Confederate Memorial observance at Oakland Cemetery.

We are aware that not all agree that the legacy of the Confederate soldier should be honored and we respect the right to that opinion. However, we never applaud it and are totally justified in expecting the same respect for our heritage as we show for the heritage of others.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. - Mark 8:35



THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER # 2218

Camp # 2218 of Clinton, Jones County, Georgia, held their March 2014 meeting at their new home, FIREFLYS Restaurant, on the Gray Hwy. Featured was well-known collector and artifact expert, Johnny Mack Nickles, who presented a portion of his collection for our membership. It was certainly one of the most interesting programs we have had to date. Compatriot Lee Murdock will speak on General Phillips at our April 28th gathering, Larry Smallwood will make a presentation about the "Ramah Guards" of the 14th Georgia Infantry in May and Mr. M.L. Clark plans to address us in June. Slots are filling up fast, so if you would like an opportunity, let the Adjutant know. As already discussed in another section of this newsletter, there is a full slate of Confederate Memorial Day services. Attend at least one near you and during Confederate History Month in April, do all you can to promote our beloved heritage.

Believing firmly in the power of
Prayer

- * Remember Ricky Wilkes niece who had premature twins in April.
- * Those who have recently lost loved ones and the lonely.
 - * Newly-weds Matt and Katy Whitehead.
- * Those who preach the gospel without compromise.
Those with physical and financial needs.

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

- Max Lucado

A WEDDING IN THE REGIMENT



We spend and share so much of our lives together. The years roll by and we rejoice at weddings and births and weep our sad farewells at graveside. On the warm Georgia Saturday of April 13, 2014, we celebrated the union of our own, Matt and Katy Whitehead. The couple departed immediately for California where Matt is assigned for duty in the U.S. Navy. We wish them a long and happy, Godly life together. Pray earnestly for them and stay in touch with as much as you can. In the lower left photo, Matt gets advice from a well-known marriage expert.





The McCarthy-Pope House, circa 1809, the oldest house existing house in Clinton, will be open for tour. Ladies of the Confederacy will have the house furnished and decorated in the era of the War Between the States. Miss Annie's Store, which will be set up as an 1800's mercantile establishment, will also house a display of a wide variety of war relics, a prize winning exhibit of Griswold pistol parts, a beautiful example of a finished Griswold pistol, a Burnside carbine, other war weapons, and authentic Confederate currency. The 16th Georgia will again sponsor rapid fire as well as ultimate soldier/U.S. & C.S. authenticity contests and unit drill competition this year. Representatives of The Camp of the Unknown Soldier, Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #2218 of Old Clinton, Jones County, Georgia will be on hand all weekend, if anyone is interested in joining this recently-formed, organization. The entire event takes place in the Old Clinton Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Self-guided walking tour information will be available.

Crafts of the era will be demonstrated; "modern" arts and crafts will also be available for purchase; and "modern" as well as food of the period will be served. Saturday's program will conclude at 8:05 P.M. with the 16th Georgia, Company G, Jackson Rifles, CSA conducting a memorial service in the Old Clinton Cemetery to honor Clinton's Confederate dead. Gates open at 9:00 A.M. Battle at 2:05 each day. Admission/Contribution each day: Adults - \$5; Students 18 and under \$3; Children under 6 - Free. Memorial service - Free. Clinton is located 12 miles NE of Macon, 1-1/2 miles SE of Gray, one block west off US Hwy 129. For more information contact J.C. Nobles (16th GA & Camp # 2218) at 478-718-3201 Earlene Hamilton at 478-986-6383 or the Jones County-Gray Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Center at 478-986-1123.



ATTENTION 16TH GEORGIA !!!

Annual dues are payable as of Saturday, May 3rd at War Days and will be collected by Treasurer, Earl Colvin. We all know how much they are so get them to Earl AT THE MEETING on Saturday. Please do not try to pay them at any other time if at all possible. Thanks,

The Adjutant

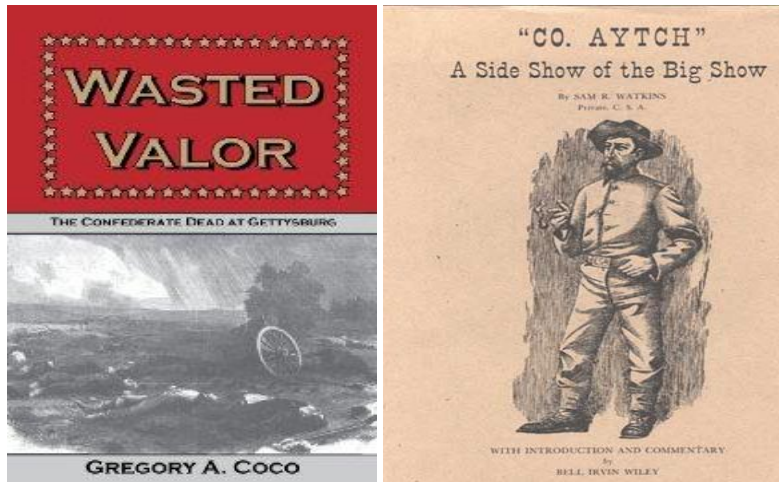
OLD JAIL IN CLINTON



This is a picture (Georgia Department of Archives and History) of the Jones County Jail in Clinton, Georgia, was taken in the late 19th century, which would certainly mean after the War. The image appears in The History of Jones County by Carolyn White Williams. This structure survived a burning of the interior wooden components and the roof by Stoneman's Raiders (July 1864) only to be dismantled in the early 1900s and its granite blocks used to build a retaining wall around

the new courthouse in Gray, Georgia. So it must be assumed that this image depicts the jail as it was rebuilt after the War. Examples of the stone blocks, apparently, remain in Clinton near the jail site between the McCarthy-Pope House and the Red Barn. It may have been near 35' wide, 20' high and 20' deep.

BOOKS YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST READ, AND READ AGAIN



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THE REAL "war" of WAR DAYS **WORK DAY APRIL 12**

The difference in going to a re-enactment and sponsoring one is similar to the variation between throwing a party or just attending the festivities. If you are the party host, a good one, there is much to be done to prepare for your guests. We try to make sure everything is in good order for those who do us the honor of attending War Days each year. Fortunately, the 16th Georgia is now of sufficient size (including 6 new recruits this year, alone) that it makes getting things done more potentially possible. On Saturday, April 12, most of the work needed for the actual grounds was accomplished by about a third of the regiment in three hours time. I could not help but think that if we could get up there for about 3-4 Saturdays a year, instead of just the one, or two (and a few more people) what a difference we could make. As I said, we had about third of our active members to show up. Naturally, some had to work and could not come, others were sick or had vehicle trouble. These absences are unavoidable. However, if you were not present and did not have a good reason, then you have got to ask yourself, "why." Why am I just a re-enactor, when I could be a soldier - a DAWG soldier. Here's some pictures of the day.

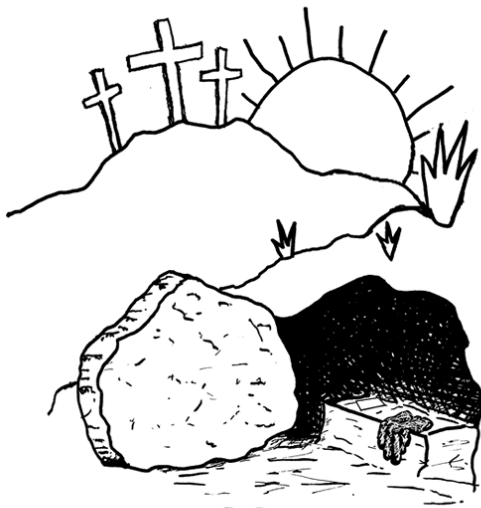




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EASTER 2014

***"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?
The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord
Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast,
unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as
ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 15:55-58***



**He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6**

As we are heading into Easter let us be mindful of why it is a celebration. Why celebrate Easter? Why indeed - it surely has nothing to do with bunnies, chickens, colorful eggs, or candy. It has everything to do with the certainty that our Savior rose from the grave the very fact that Jesus Lives. He Lives! That is reason to praise! Yes, He was Crucified, Yes, He died. However in the tomb he

did not stay. He Arose and conquered the grave. that is why we celebrate Easter. It is why we who believe in our lord can say " O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Do You Have Victory thru Christ Jesus our Lord?

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



MACON *E* CHURCH

5399 Hartley Bridge Rd.

is hosting a community wide

Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 19, 2014

Time: 2:00 pm promptly

Fun and prizes for the kids!

Everyone welcome!

For more info: 478-781-3413

APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY - "HE IS RISEN !!!"

APRIL 26 - CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY - attend a service near you.

MAY 2-4 - WAR DAYS- 150TH BATTLES OF SUNSHINE CHURCH & GRISWOLDVILLE

MAY 16-18 - 150TH BATTLE OF RESACA, GA (see page 19)

MAY 24 - OLD SOLDIER'S DAY AT ERVIN GARNTON'S

JUNE - BATTLES AT ALMA - POC Is Lee Murdock @ 478-986-5290.

JULY 26 - OCMULGEE NATIONAL MONUMENT-Living History - *By invitation of the Park ONLY !* 16th GA Point of contact is Wayne Dobson 478-731-5531

SEPTEMBER - SCV SALUTE TO VETERANS IN DUBLIN,GA

SEPTEMBER 19-21- BATTLE OF ATLANTA AT NASH FARM

OCTOBER 3-5 - ANDERSONVILLE

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

NOVEMBER 7-9 - SHERMAN'S OCCUPATION OF SANDERSVILLE (see page 18)

NOVEMBER 22- 150TH GRISWOLDVILLE MEMORIAL - (see page 12)

SPEAKER: PASTOR JOHN WEAVER

NOVEMBER 15 - CANNONBALL HOUSE APPARITIONS

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS @ RICHLAND CHURCH

DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS AT THE CANNONBALL HOUSE

150th MARCH TO THE SEA

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

16th Regiment Georgia Volunteer Infantry

The 16th Infantry Regiment [also called Sallie Twiggs Regiment] was organized during the early summer of 1861. Its companies were raised in the counties of Madison, Elbert, Gwinnett, Habersham, Jackson, and Hart. Sent to Virginia the regiment was assigned to General H. Cobb's, T.R.R. Cobb's, Wofford's, and DuBose's Brigade. It fought with the Army of Northern Virginia from the Seven Days' Battles to Gettysburg, then moved with Longstreet but was not engaged in the fight at Chickamauga. After serving at Knoxville, it returned to Virginia and participated in the conflicts at The Wilderness, Spotsylvania, and Cold Harbor. Later the unit was part of Early's operations in the Shenandoah Valley and the Appomattox Campaign. The regiment had a force of 488 effectives in April, 1862, lost 11 killed and 50 wounded at Malvern Hill, and of the 368 engaged at South Mountain, fifty-two percent were disabled. It sustained 70 casualties at Fredericksburg, 133 at Chancellorsville, and twenty-six percent of the 303 at Gettysburg. The 16th lost many at Saylor's Creek and surrendered 2 officers and 51 men. Its commanders were Colonels Goode Bryan, Howell Cobb, James S. Gholston, and Henry P. Thomas; Lieutenant Colonel B. Edward Stiles; and Major John H. Skelton.

16TH GA Co. G. "Jackson Rifles"

Brig. Gen. Herbert Burns - 478-668-3598
Capt. Wm. "Rebel" Bradberry - 404-242-7213
1 Lt. Noah Sprague - 706-491-9755
1st Sgt. Kevin Sark - 478-731-8796
2nd Sgt. Nathan Sprague - 478-320-8748
Adjutant John Wayne "Duke" Dobson 478-731-5531
1st Corp. Alan "Cookie" Richards 478-308-9739
2nd Corp. Chas. "Goodtime" Whitehead 478-986-8943
3rd Corp. Lee "Pappy" Curtis - 478-365-6785
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
Honorary Colonel J. C. Nobles - 478-718-3201
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



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

UNIT ELECTIONS



The 16th Georgia Infantry, Co. G, "The Jackson Rifles" will hold elections at Old Clinton War Days 2014 for the positions of Captain, 1st Lt. and 2nd Sgt. All candidates including those currently holding these positions are required to announce their intentions, in writing, to the Adjutant. As of the April 1 deadline Captain Bradberry, 1st Lt. Noah Sprague and 2nd Sgt. Nathan Sprague have announced that they will run again for the offices they now hold.

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.



Ultimate Soldier Competition Clinton 2014

May 3rd, 2014 @ 1105 hrs. behind the McCarthy-Pope House

Each participant will be evaluated in 3 separate areas. Loading and firing from different positions, authenticity, and drill. Each soldier will start out with 50 points. Points will be deducted at each stage of the competition. Winner is awarded the following: \$100.00 cash, 2 pounds of powder, Plaque. Cartridges will be provided for the competition. **If you are participating, please let Adj. J.W. Dobson (waynedobson51@yahoo.com) or 478-731-5531 know prior to April 1st, 2014 so we can roll an accurate number of cartridges.** You may enter either as Federal or Confederate. Questions about the competition itself: **Lt. Noah Sprague 706-491-9755.**

Moving, loading and firing:

- (1) Participant will draw three pre-rolled cartridges and **must have a 3 band rifle or musket.**
- (2) Participant will then be timed for the following:
 - (a) Move to a specific location, load and fire from the standing position using and returning ramrod.
 - (b) Move to another location, load and fire from a kneeling position behind cover.
 - (c) Move to a third location, load and fire from a prone position.

*Whoever has the fastest time will not lose any points. Second place will lose 1 point, third place will lose 2 points etc. Points will also be deducted for improper loading techniques. 1 point will be deducted for each loading and firing mistake such as dropping ramrod, firing cap only, dropping cartridge(s), dropping cap(s), not returning ramrod, not taking an **AIMED** shot etc. (An aimed shot should be an attempt to find an actual moving target down range looking through the sights).

Authenticity:

- (1) Participant will be judged for overall authenticity guidelines either Federal or Confederate. Have a first person impression ready because there will be some first person questions. Points will be deducted for un-authentic items and also incorrect first person answers.

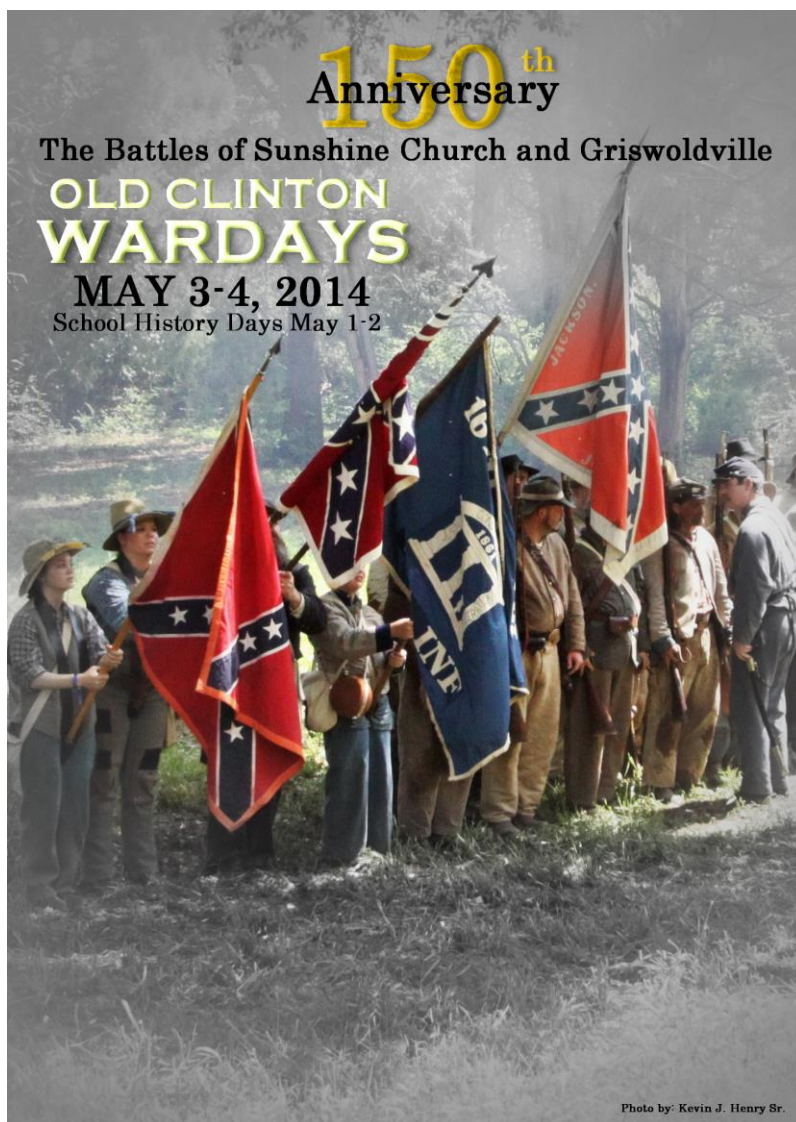
Drill:

- (1) Participant will be judged on the Manual of Arms and questions on basic drill maneuvers. Points will be deducted for improper Manual of Arms and wrong drill maneuver questions.

The 1st place winner will receive \$75.00 and a plaque.

2nd place, \$50.00 and a plaque.

3rd place, \$25.00 and a plaque.



ATTENTION !!!!!!!!!!!

To All 16th Georgia Members: J.C. Nobles (478-718-3201) and others will be on site from Wednesday, April 30 for the duration of the event. We need all available hands there. Uniformed troops are especially needed on Thursday, May 1 and Friday, May 2 to help with school programs. This is OUR event.

150th Anniversary

The Battles of Sunshine Church and Griswoldville

33rd
Annual

**OLD CLINTON
WARDAYS**

MAY 3-4, 2014

South of Gary Ga. On HWY 129

School History Days May 1-2

Sponsored by:

Old Clinton Historical Society

Camp of the Unknown Soldier SCV 2218

16th GVI

\$5.00 - \$3.00 - FREE
Adults Ages 6 to 18 Under Age 6

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

9:05am Morning Colors Formation

10:05am Camps are Open

2:05pm Reenactment Battle

On Saturday and Sunday

8:05pm Saturday

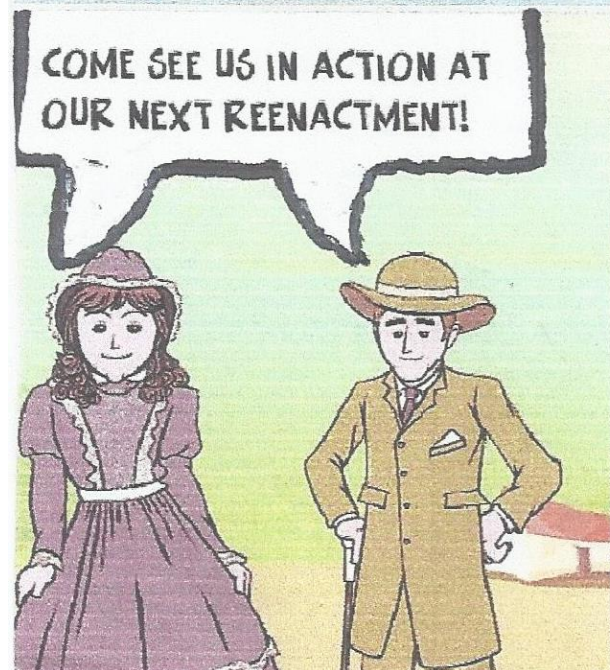
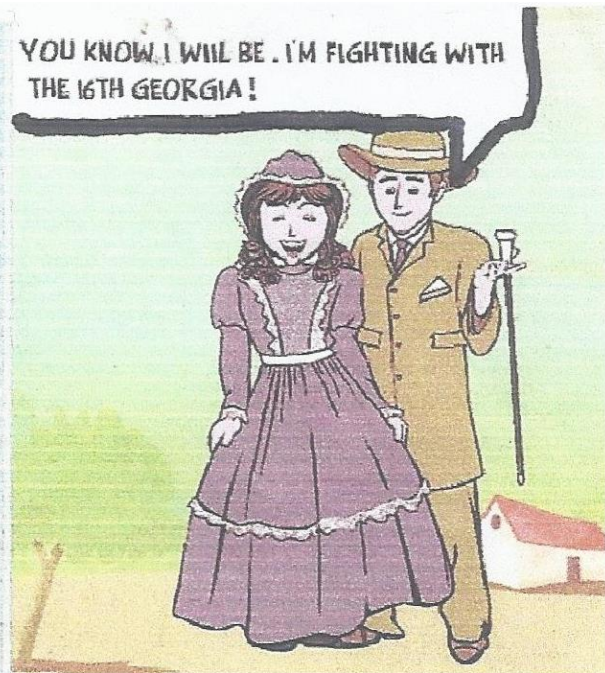
Memorial Service at the Old Clinton Cemetery

For more information

Earlene Hamilton OCHS - (478)-968-6383

J.C. Nobles 16th GVI - (478)-945-2261

Photo By: Kevin J. Henry Sr.



Date:

Time:

Place:

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the War Between the States

Old Clinton

Come Share the History WAR DAYS

MAR 3 - MAR 4 2014

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, MAR 27, 2014

7:00 - Old Clinton Reenactment Society Assembly

8:00 - Arrival at Camp Green & the 16th

1:00 - Presentation of Battle Orders

2:00 - Arrival at Camp Green Church

3:00 - Camp Green to the Public

4:00 - Departure of the 16th

Thursday, MAR 28, 2014

9:00 - Old Clinton Reenactment Society Assembly

10:00 - Battle of Camp Green to the Public

11:00 - Departure of the 16th

12:00 - Presentation of Battle Orders

1:00 - Arrival at Camp Green Church

2:00 - Camp Green to the Public

3:00 - Departure of the 16th

4:00 - Departure of the 16th

Friday, MAR 29, 2014

9:00 - Old Clinton Reenactment Society Assembly

10:00 - Battle of Camp Green to the Public

11:00 - Departure of the 16th

12:00 - Presentation of Battle Orders

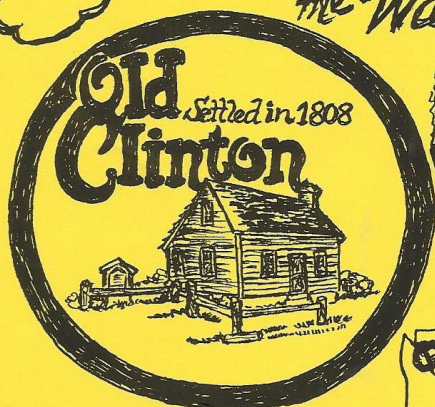
1:00 - Arrival at Camp Green Church

2:00 - Camp Green to the Public

3:00 - Departure of the 16th

4:00 - Departure of the 16th

*Celebrating the 150th Anniversary for
the War Between the States*



Clinton, Ga.
Located 12 miles NE of
Macon, Ga. and 1 1/2 miles
SW of Gray just off
of Highway 129.

For more information:
Call Earlene Hamilton
(478-986-6383)
Old Clinton Historical Society
154 Randolph Street
Gray Georgia
31032

Come Share the History
WABDAVS
MAY 3 & MAY 4 of 2014

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2014

- 9:05... Call to Colors (Mandatory Troop Assembly)
- 10:05... Authentic Camps Open to the Public
- 1:35... Narration of Battle History Begins
- 2:05... Battle of Sunshine Church
- 5:05... Camp Closes to the Public
- 8:05... Memorial Service at Old Clinton Cemetery

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014

- 9:05... Call to Colors (Mandatory Troop Assembly)
- 10:05... Authentic Camps Open to the Public
- 11:05... Church Service at the Macarthy Pope House
- 1:35... Narration of Battle History Begins
- 2:05... Battle of Griswoldville
- 4:05... Camp Closes

ADMISSION & CONTRIBUTIONS

Adults...\$5.00 Children (Age 18 & Younger...\$3.00
(Under Age 6 - Free)

FEATURING: Crafts, Foods and
Entertainment for Everyone



SHERMAN'S OCCUPATION OF SANDERSVILLE

COME EXPERIENCE THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT IN HISTORIC
SANDERSVILLE, GA

NOVEMBER 7 – 9, 2014

COME WALK THE PATHS THAT SHERMAN'S ARMY WALKED 150 YEARS AGO AS THEY INVADED SANDERSVILLE WHERE THEY ENCOUNTERED CONFEDERATE RESISTANCE. THIS BATTLE WILL BE RE-ENACTED ON THE TOWN SQUARE IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SANDERSVILLE ON SATURDAY MORNING. THERE WILL ALSO BE A BATTLE AT ANOTHER CLOSE BY LOCATION ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

THE 97TH REGIMENTAL STRING BAND WILL BE HERE ALSO TO PROVIDE MUSIC BEFORE EACH BATTLE AND A BALL ON SATURDAY NIGHT. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.

\$150 WILL BE GIVEN FOR EACH ARTILLERY PIECE
(ARTILLERY WILL BE LIMITED)

\$150 WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE LARGEST INFANTRY UNIT

\$150 WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE LARGEST CALVARY UNIT

THIS IS A ONE TIME EVENT

THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION FEE FOR RE-ENACTORS AND NO CHARGE TO SPECTATORS. THIS EVENT SPONSORED BY WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND THE 39TH GA VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING AT A LATER DATE
SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THIS HISTORICAL
EVENT

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

MEL DANIEL (478) 232-8494

STACY WILLIFORD (478) 357-1120



- Civil War Reenactment -

150th Anniversary

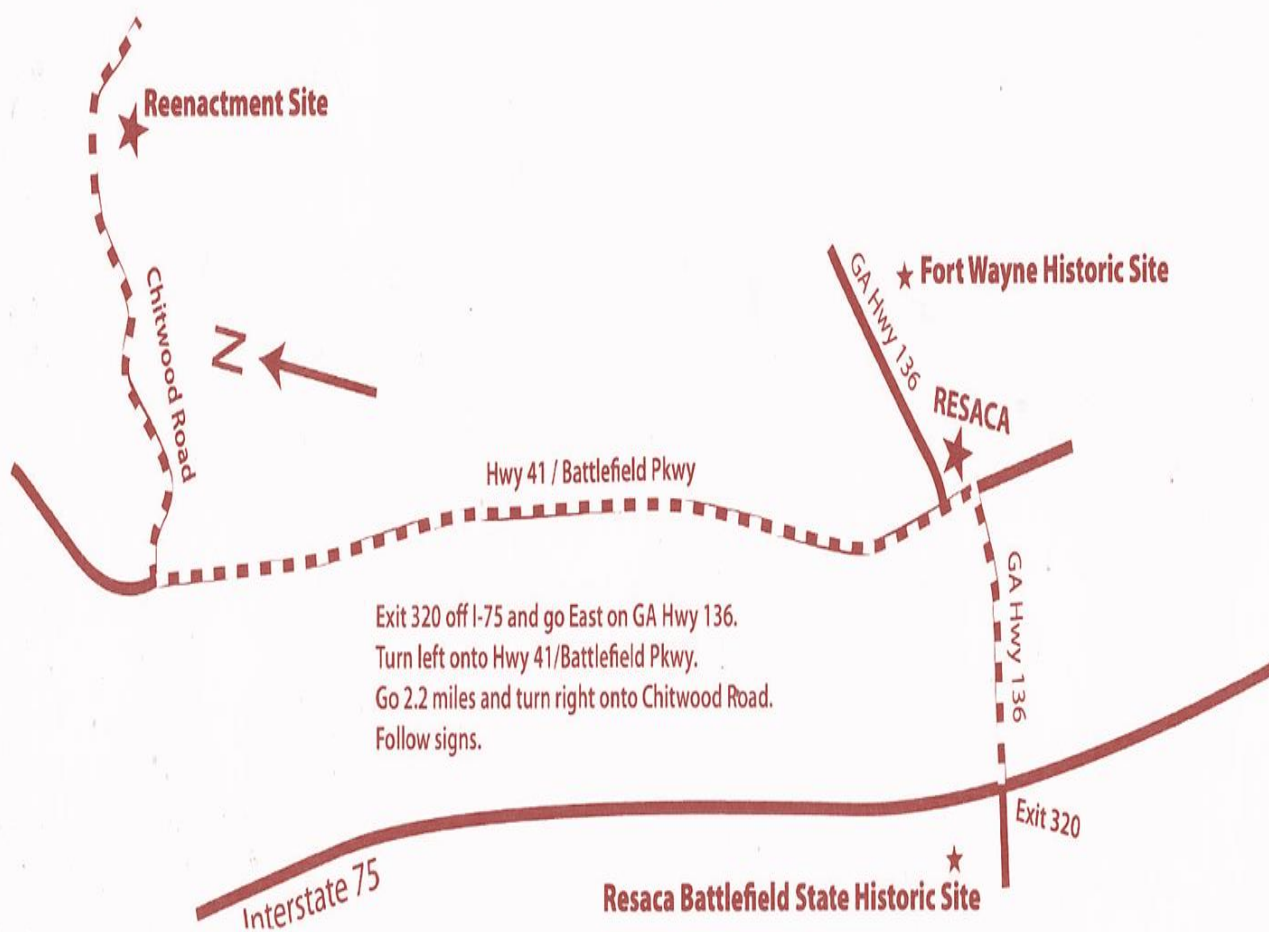
May 16 - 18, 2014

BATTLE OF RESACA



First major battle of the Atlanta Campaign held on a portion of the original battlefield.
While in the area, also visit

- **Resaca Battlefield State Historic Site:** Opening in 2014 - Just a few miles from the reenactment site.
 - **Fort Wayne Historic Site:** Just yards from downtown Resaca. Historic fort was part of the Confederate defensive works and, after the battle, was occupied by Federal troops.
- The event will be held rain or shine! For more information, go to: georgiadiivision.org



DID GENERAL LEE REGRET THE APPOMATTOX SURRENDER?

“Governor, if I had foreseen the use those people designed to make of their victory, there would have been no surrender at Appomattox Courthouse; no sir, not by me. Had I foreseen these results of subjugation, I would have preferred to die at Appomattox with my brave men, my sword in this right hand.”

- General Robert E. Lee, August 1870 to Governor Stockdale of Texas

By laying down its arms, the Southern States were led to believe they would return to a restored and peaceful Union under the Constitution. A vindictive Radical Republican Congress passed its Reconstruction Act on 2 March 1867; this and the North's Union League and Loyal League ushered in a predictable reaction called the Ku Klux Klan. When General Robert E. Lee was called to testify before Congress in February 1866 by Radical Republicans to show that the South was unready for self-government . . . he seemed to feel, as the Klan soon began to



proclaim, that the Constitution of the United States was being subverted by Radical Republicans for their political ends. On January 27, 1866, Lee wrote a friendly U.S. senator that pursuit of “a policy which will continue the prostration of one-half the country, alienate the affections of its inhabitants from the Government, and . . . eventually result in

injury to the country and to the American people, appears to me so manifestly injudicious that I do not see how those responsible can tolerate it.” To men of Lee’s political views, to say nothing of Nathan Bedford Forrest’s, opposing the Radical revolutionary subversion of the old Constitution would have been patriotism. Dividing the remaining ex-Confederate States into five military districts and declaring their governments provisional and subject to orders from Union soldiers stationed within them, the Reconstruction Act was enacted by a Radical-leaning Congress over the veto of [President] Andrew Johnson. The Act’s overtones and reverberations led Klan leaders to arm for battle; the entire South, they understandably felt, now could look forward to the woes ex-Confederate Tennesseans were suffering under Governor Brownlow. In the spring of 1867, the governor vowed that he would enforce his Disenfranchisement Law - and that “If to do so it becomes necessary that there shall be violence and bloodshed, so be it.” To the recent Confederates, Brownlow’s domain had become a frightening place where the Union League and the Loyal Leagues were armed, militant and seemingly winning their long-published and much-feared demands that plantations of once wealthy ex-Confederates be carved into farms of “forty acres and a mule” for freed blacks. Even ex-Confederates who owned no land apparently thought they faced a future in which the possibility of obtaining any

was declining rapidly; the financial outlook was ruinous. Those supporting the Klan explained that. . . ignorant ex-slaves, elected to City Councils and State Legislatures, and dominated by carpetbaggers who had come from the North to plunder the South, voted millions of dollars of bonds for which little or no value was received" – and then the "federal courts ordered mayors of cities to levy taxes big enough to pay 100 cents on the dollar." By: Bernhard Thuersam / Cited Source: "Unsurpassed Valor, Courage and Devotion to Liberty" Nathan Bedford Forrest, A Biography, Jack Hurst, Vintage Books, 1993, pp. 286; 289-290)

DID GENERAL LEE SURRENDER HIS SWORD?

The story of General Robert E. Lee offering his sword to Grant at Appomattox on 9 April 1865 has been discounted even by Northern sources. A postwar letter from Grant to Mr. T.D. Jeffries, in reply to the question, was: "There was no demand made for Gen. Lee's sword, and no tender of it offered." J.F.J. Caldwell writes from Greenwood, S.C.:

"I wish to call attention to the story of Gen. Grant's refusal to accept the surrender of Gen. Lee's sword at Appomattox, a story without a particle of foundation in fact, and utterly unreasonable, yet widely circulated by Northern writers and speakers, and credited by a good many people in the South. Colonel Charles Marshall, who was, I believe, the only officer accompanying General Lee on that occasion, has declared that nothing of that kind occurred. Dr. J. William Jones, in "Personal



Reminiscences of General Robert E. Lee," at page 303, reports General Lee as making a similar statement during a conversation with a company of friends as follows: "*General Grant returned you your sword, did he not General? . . . The old hero . . . replied, "No sir; he did not. He had no opportunity of doing so. I was determined that the side arms of officers should be exempt from the terms of surrender, and of course I did not offer mine. All that was said about swords was that General Grant apologized to me for not wearing his own sword, saying it had been taken off in his baggage, and he had been unable to get it in time."* But we need not depend solely on the testimony of those men. The well-ascertained circumstances of the situation flatly and irreconcilably contradict the story. The two generals met to consider the question of surrender. It would have been contemptibly nonsensical and pusillanimous of General Lee to tender his sword before the terms were agreed upon. By the terms they did agree upon all Confederate officers were to retain their side arms and other private property. There was less reason than ever for the surrender of the sword. No one except a scared coward or the most truckling toadeater would have dreamed of committing voluntarily such an act of self-humiliation."

(Farce of Lee's Offer of Sword to Grant, J.F.J. Caldwell, Confederate Veteran, May, 1900, pg. 204)

