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Covering October 2018 and looking ahead ...



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



The 16th Georgia and 12th Georgia Combined at Andersonville 2018

Although the Andersonville is not the event it was 20 or so years ago, it is still a fine laid-back time that usually includes some crisp Fall air – not this year. Like the Hurricane Shoals event some weeks before, It was pretty hot but it went well and we have a good time and hope it will continue for many years to come. We returned home to the news the Hurricane Michael was on the way and sure enough it roared through Florida and Georgia (where most of the re-enactors were from) a few days later. We understand that some of our number sustained property damage but we thank GOD that no lives (that we know of) among our ranks were lost.

Andersonville 2018

By Sheri Williams



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SCHEDULE OF 2018-2019 EVENTS

OCTOBER 6-7 – ANDERSONVILLE, GA RE-ENACTMENT

OCTOBER 18 – SCV CAMP 2218 – REGULAR MEETING – EARL COLVIN

OCTOBER 20 – CANNONBALL HOUSE YARD SALE – MACON, GA

OCTOBER 27 – HAWKINSVILLE, GA LIVING HISTORY & MEMORIAL SERVICE

NOVEMBER 2-4 – IRWINVILLE, GA RE-ENACTMENT

NOVEMBER 10 – “APPARITIONS” PROGRAM @ THE CANNONBALL HOUSE, MACON, GA

NOVEMBER 10 – CEDAR GROVE MEORIAL SERVICE – CONTACT KIM BECK @ 478-290-3885.

NOVEMBER 17 – GRISWOLDVILLE MEMORIAL (NO SCV CAMP 2218 REGULAR MEETING)

NOVEMBER 17 – CHESTER, GA CHRISTMAS PARADE

DECEMBER 1 – DEXTER, GA CHRISTMAS PARADE

DECEMBER 7 – COCHRAN, GA CHRISTMAS PARADE

DECEMBER 7-8 - RICHLAND CHURCH CHRISTMAS, JEFFERSONVILLE, GA

JANUARY 12 – JAMES H. BOUNT MEMORIAL – UDC CHAPTER 25

JANUARY 19 – WINTER DRILL – DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER

“The Nash Farm event will be held April 12-14, 2019. It will be the 155th Anniversary of the battles of Nash Farm and Jonesboro, Georgia. It will be hosted by the 30th Georgia Infantry regiment and the Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.” Tim Knight 30th Georgia June 23, 2018

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Ivis Bradford whose business card appears (above) 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>



ALL PRAYER REQUESTS ARE URGENT

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 - just a moment - and ask God to meet these needs - ALL OF THEM - according to HIS will ...

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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. And, please, do let me know of others that should be on this list ...

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

FROM OUR READERS - ABOUT GRISWOLDVILLE

2nd Lieutenant Absalom Lucius Sims was a Captain in the Coweta County #755 GA Militia. Near the end of the war, Gov. Brown incorporated these units into the State Guards. Thus, he ends up at Griswoldville in November of 1864. He was severely wounded on November 22nd and was taken off the battlefield and to a hospital in Macon where he died 9 days later on December 1st, 1864. He never got to see his youngest son, Absalom Lucis Sims, Jr. The son was born 5 months after his father was killed. (He was my mother's great granddaddy. She was Idaline Sims Grant. This turn of events was not unique. There are lots of stories like ours. What a waste so close to the end of the War. We are honored to have our story told in your newsletter. As I've told you in the past, I read every word of it. Regards, Calvin Grant - Chattanooga, Tennessee

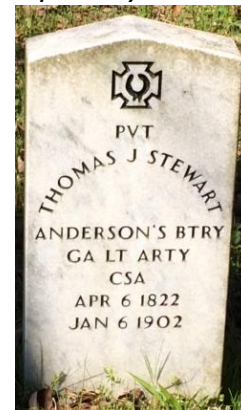
As per an article reprinted by Bill Lynch, for the record, Butts County Progress November 24, 1911 quoting D.J. Thaxton: Sam Johnson was killed at Griswoldville and supposedly also killed were John Price and John Wynn, both belonging to Co H 4th Georgia Militia of Butts Co since neither was ever heard from again. The article was sent to me years ago by my sister Elizabeth.

According to an article from The Macon Telegraph April 8, 2000 in reference to the Smith Art Hall (The Round Building) in Central City Parl. The article goes into the details of Bridges Smith, former Mayor, former newspaper man, and former Confederate Militia Man in the 5th Geo Reserves, serving as the time keeper at The Laboratory and fighting in the Battle of Griswoldville. J.C. Nobles - Jeffersonville, GA

Family Taking Care of Family

From one of our readers comes this interesting, and timely, correspondence:

My great, great grandfather along with his brothers and brother-in-law were in Anderson's Light Artillery Battery at the Battle of Griswoldville. My great, great grandfather was Private Thomas J. Stewart, his brothers; Private Joseph Day Stewart, Private Larkin Wilson Stewart, Private McDonald Stewart and Thomas's brother-in-law 1st Lieutenant Henry Shorter Greaves. They were all from Gray & Clinton. My cousin Millie C. Stewart of Macon has a letter from their relative that states that "all the Stewart Brothers survived the battle". I understand that the four 12-pounder Napoleons, led by Captain Ruel W. Anderson, proved to be deadly accurate, immediately destroying a Federal caisson, and taking 2 Union guns and a commanding officer out of action. The headstone shown to the right is the grave of my Great, great grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Stewart n Stewart Cemetery, Jones Co. Georgia.



My Camp likes your newsletter. I live in Mableton, Ga. on the West side of Atlanta, near Johnston's River Line and the Battle of Smyrna, to give you some idea. My great, great, great Grandmother from Jones County had 6 sons that were in the Confederate Army. There are several stories about this family that would make for some interesting articles if you are interested. In William Scaife's book, Joe Brown's Pets I found that 4 of her sons J.D. Stewart, L.W. Stewart, McDonald Stewart, and Thomas Stewart were Privates along with her son-in-law, 1st Lt, Henry Shorter Greaves in Anderson's Light Artillery at the Battle of Griswoldville. Under Greaves name in brackets is a note, (Absent without leave from 21 November 1864, but present at surrender). Then a footnote; Greaves, a native of nearby Clinton, no doubt absented himself to see how his family was faring during the invasion. S. H. Griswold, however, gives him credit (apparently erroneously) for being with his battery during the battle. One can only assume that the Stewart brothers stepped up to cover for their brother-in-law so he could check on their sister Martha's welfare in Clinton. I just like to think of family taking care of family. And I can only assume that the Stewart boys would often remind him about the Federal casualties inflicted by their enfilading fire for as long as their ammunition lasted. Taking out the Federal commander himself, Brigadier General Charles C. Walcutt, who was seriously wounded in the leg by shrapnel and had to be replaced. An Indiana officer reported, one "struck with a piece of shell" and another's "chin shot off." One shell hit the 6th Iowa Regiment, killed the color bearer [possibly Horatio P. Jackson], saturated the colors with blood, and severely wounded eight more men. My Camp is the Gen. Leonidas Polk Camp 1446, SCV. I am the Camp Adjutant, George Wilson Burkett. My great, great, great grandmother was Palatia Harrison Wilson Stewart of Jones Co. Ga., one of the first licensed women doctors in Ga. Her first born son, Thomas Jefferson Stewart was my great, great grandfather. Yes you may use what I wrote in your newsletter. You might want to correct any errors, I'm not a very good author. I thought it was interesting that it was "family first" even in the heat of battle and I wonder how many more stories there are of families who were there to defend their local home from an invasion? Keep the Howling Dog coming. Keep in touch. George W. Burkett

IRWINVILLE CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT



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Sunday – Period Church Service 10 a.m.
Re-enactment Battle 2:30 p.m.
Sutlers, Crafts, Exhibits, Food. 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Admission: \$5.00 Adults, \$2.00 Children

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Jefferson Davis Historic Site is located at :
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Park Ranger John Hughes @ 229-831-2335 or jeffdavis1@windstream.net

Wednesday Thur Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



A NEW MEMBER OF THE TEAM AT THE JARRELL PLANTATION

Earlier this year a new member was added to the fine team of individuals at The Jarrell Plantation that we have long-enjoyed working with.

Born and raised in Conyers, GA, Derek Jackson decided to follow his passion



for history in 2012, moving to Brunswick, GA to attend The College of Coastal Georgia (CCGA). He graduated with a BA in American Studies in 2017 and was recipient of the University System of Georgia's Outstanding Scholar award for academic achievement as well as CCGA's outstanding student awards in American Studies, Arts and humanities, Service Learning, and Student Leadership.

This non-traditional student also served as a Supplemental Instructor of history and political science for four years at CCGA as well as Senior Editor for the *Seaswells* journal of art and literature. In 2014, Derek was selected by The Thomas Jefferson Foundation for an eight-week internship in the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Jefferson's Monticello, learning the operations of a large scale historic site. Following this internship, he returned to Brunswick and began putting his experience to work for the community by collaborating closely with two local nonprofits, Oak Grove Cemetery Society Brunswick Georgia Inc. and Genoa Martin Friends of Historic Selden Park, who were both fighting to restore Brunswick's forgotten historic sites. His documentary film work for these sites led to several collaborations with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in Brunswick at the Coastal Resources Division, and starting in August of 2018, Derek joined Georgia State Parks as Interpretive Ranger for Jarrell Plantation State Historic Site.

150 Years Ago

By Larry Upthegrove

October 15, 1868: In yesterday's "Daily Atlanta Intelligencer" this tragic ad is run: *"Two Little Girls Offered for Adoption.—A very respectable lady of Southern birth, the widow of a Confederate soldier, being in destitute circumstances, offers for adoption her two little daughters, one seven and the other eleven years of age. Necessity, 'which knows no law,' induces the widowed mother to make this sacrifice for the good of her children. Any respectable family, able and willing to receive one or the other of these two little ones and provide for them, will please make it known through the office of the 'Intelligencer' when the mother will be made known to them, and the best of references given....Atlanta, October 13, 1868".....*

October 16, 1868: In Atlanta, GA, today's "Constitution" has this about last night's events: *"Last night, October 15'th, some twelve or fifteen Federal soldiers who had been for several hours previously engaged in the innocent pastime of upsetting chicken-coops, pulling down freedmen's fences, unhinging gates and kicking up a mess generally about the premises of peaceful citizens, came to the very natural conclusion that the city belonged to them, and that they had a right to do just what they pleased, the prerogatives of municipal authority to the contrary notwithstanding.....About 2 o'clock they turned up in the neighborhood of Newman's brickyard, in the Fourth ward and performed the wonderful feat of running one Clark's (freedman) wagon with fearful speed, down an adjacent declivity, much to the amusement of that humble individual. The residence of (future Oakland Resident) Captain W. G. Newman next received a friendly visit from these 'peace-makers' of General Grant, but upon that gentleman's appearance, the night birds had followed the example of the Irishman's flea (made themselves elusive).....At this stage of the game, four of the city police arrived on the field, whereupon the stirring notes of 'rally, boys, rally!' were sounded amid the ranks of the 'peace-makers'. The call had the instantaneous effect of bringing these well-disciplined troops together, and in less time than it takes to tell it, they were arrayed in line of battle, and with the cry of 'let us have peace,' commenced firing into the ranks of the four policemen. These latter, surprised by superior numbers, and threatened with the prospect of almost certain defeat, might have taken 'leg bail' without serious damage to their reputation, but, the four policemen stood firm, and, and, as might be expected, returned the fire as rapidly and with as sure aim as possible. The contest lasted but a few minutes, during which time there were perhaps some thirty shots exchanged. To make the story short, the military found it necessary to skedaddle, leaving one man severely wounded upon the battlefield, while two more, who had tasted lead—the one in the leg and one in the hand—escaped with the rest. The individual left on the ground, was shot in the cheek, the ball ranging around to the back of the neck. He was kindly cared for by Captain Newman until assistance could arrive from the camps.".....We can't wait to see what spin the "New York Times" and "Harper's Weekly" prints about this "Massacre" in Fourth Ward.*

2nd ANNUAL EVENT AT BOBBY BROWN STATE PARK

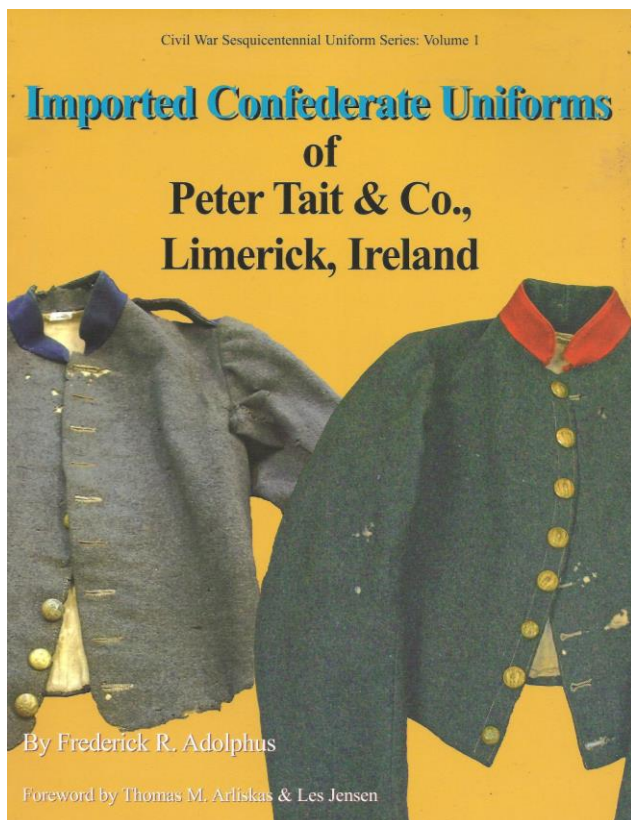
Rachael Holland writes: *"I'm helping with a second year event in Elbert County at Bobby Brown State Park on November 10th and looking for more rifles for this year. Anyone willing to come - even for a day trip - would be a great help! It'll be a living history during the day and a tactical skirmish at 2. Bring both uniforms. Anyone coming will need to register at this address so the park Rangers know who the historians are on site:*

<https://petersburgrendezvo.wixsite.com/petersburgrendezvous/register>.

For more information contact."

Rachel Holland @ juiceplusholland@gmail.com or (706-255-9391).

BOOK OF INTEREST



In the library of War Between the States material culture references, this book stands out for its excellent organization and spectacular color photography. It is packed with detailed photos of Peter Tait & Co. clothing in every pattern, both well known artifacts and obscure examples from private collections. The text includes clear descriptions of the details of each example as well as information from the Tait contracts. It is a must-have for anyone interested in the cargo carried by the late-War blockade runners.



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November 10 2018

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THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER #2218

Our October meeting featured an eloquent presentation on the 14th Amendment by Commander Colvin, which greatly clarified the subject.

We will have no regular meeting in November due to being at the Griswoldville Commemoration (see page 13) and no meeting at all in December.

Please apply to Adjutant Dobson if interested in a February – October 2019 speaking engagement.

"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 guardianship 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."

THE GHOST OF GEN. JOHN B. GORDON



Supposedly, if you are in Oakland early in the morning, with the fog thicker than pea soup as my father used to say, you can hear John B. Gordon, on his horse, riding the grounds of Oakland looking for his next battle. General Gordon starts rapidly, gets to the end of the east wall, peers over it, looking for those Yankees and then slowly striding back to his grave. When we find ourselves fading into shadows and unrealities, it seems hardly worthwhile to be sad, but rather to laugh as gaily as we may, and ask little reason wherefore. Nathaniel Hawthorne Page 3 ISSUE 148

Allen Myers, former Sexton of Oakland Cemetery, tells a funny story about being at Oakland one of those early mornings when the fog was thick as pea soup. He heard the clomp, clomp of General Gordon's horse. He thought this was it— he finally was going to meet the General. The clomp, clomp got closer and closer. Then he realized that it was one of Atlanta's mounted horse policemen. Reprinted by the kind permission of: Richard Waterhouse



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

We are honored to announce that our guest speaker at our annual commemoration Griswoldville will be Colonel (Ret.) Steven L. Smith of Camp 2218 who is the former Commander of the Lt. James T. Woodward SCV Camp #1399 in Warner Robins, the GA Vol. Battalion and the 16th GA, Co. G.

Briefly, the schedule for the **November 17, 2018** event is as follows:

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

10:30am – Battlefield Tour

NOON – Memorial Service Begins

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

Please contact Adjutant Wayne Dobson for more information @ waynedobson51@yahoo.com or 478-7315531 (leave phone or text message)



Colonel Steven L. Smith

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CATHY'S CLOWN *The Humor of Kenny Stancil*



A country preacher decided to skip services one Sunday to spend the day hiking in the wilderness. Rounding a sharp bend in the trail, he collided with a bear and was sent tumbling down a steep grade. He landed on a rock and broke both legs. With the ferocious bear charging at him from a distance, the preacher prayed, "O Lord, I'm so sorry for skipping services today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish--make a Christian out of that bear that's coming at me!" At that very instant, the bear skidded to a halt, fell to his knees, clasped his paws together, and began to pray aloud at the preacher's feet: "Dear God, please bless this food I am about to receive."

A ten-year-old was watching TV with her Grandma. The newscaster interrupted the program to announce the outcome of a political election. "More on candidates at 11PM," he said. The child exclaimed, "I didn't know they could call politicians 'morons' on national television!"

At any given time, the urge to sing "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" is just a whim away,
a whim away, a whim away, a whim away...

The Griswoldville Battlefield



Photo: Ed Jackson

THE CAPTAIN



Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel... There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. (Joshua 1:1, 2 & 5)

The leadership of the people of Israel was changing hands and the military campaigns to conquer the inhabitants of the Promised Land would soon begin. Moses had been a great military leader but he was gone and Joshua was now the commanding general and armed with the best assurance anyone in his position ever had. GOD, who "cannot lie" (Titus 1:2), had promised "there shall no man be able to stand before thee." (Joshua 1:5)

The people of Israel were filled with the excitement and motivation of having miraculously crossed the Jordan River on dry ground (Joshua 3:1-4:24). They judged that the enemy was in disarray and of low morale (Joshua 5:1). Now was the time to strike. However, GOD's ways are not the ways of man (Isaiah 55:8). GOD's plans are based on spiritual values, priorities, and principles that are far more vital than a military victory against any force against HIM (2 Cor. 10:4-5). GOD is always teaching, guiding and protecting HIS people in order for them to enjoy HIS very best for them. We, on the other hand, only see ourselves from our perspective of deadlines, pressure to perform, our own egos, and a blind hurry to get the show on the road. To be victorious or successful from GOD's standpoint, certain things are essential if we are to attack the fortresses of life in His strength and principles.

Before Israel was ready to face the enemy, they needed a preparation of heart with a willingness to submit to GOD's directions and experience HIS power. Most of all GOD had to prepare their new leader, Joshua. Remember GOD had told Joshua that HE would be with him just as HE had with Moses (Joshua 1:5). Yet, Joshua is a careful man that goes out to check the walled city of Jericho, the target of the coming attack. We cannot find fault with Joshua for surveying the situation? Another great leader, Nehemiah, did the same when faced with the fallen condition of the walls of Jerusalem. Joshua was not doubting GOD but just being a good soldier and an able leader. Perhaps GOD used this time alone with Joshua to remind him of who was really in control of the situation. That is an important truth for us as well. Suddenly, Joshua was confronted by a man standing opposite him with his sword drawn (Joshua 5:13). Joshua's mind was on the task before him, feeling the weight of the responsibility and probably startled to see this man standing as if ready to fight.

The question on Joshua's mind was, whether this man was here to fight for or against Israel. So he asked ... Joshua 5:14 tells us that this man declared HIMSELF to be on neither side but to be the "captain of the hosts of the LORD," or the commander of GOD's army. At these words, Joshua "fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my LORD unto his servant?" (Joshua 5:14) Many people assume that this man was an angel of the LORD. If this were a man or an angel would he have received Joshua's

worshipful response? Joshua seemed sure of who the swordsman was ... *"in the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with GOD, and the WORD was GOD. The same was in the beginning with GOD."* (John 1:1-2) Some may believe that the LORD JESUS CHRIST only appears in the New Testament of The HOLY BIBLE but others would call the image that stood before Joshua a "Christophany" or a manifestation of the pre-incarnate CHRIST, who is the one who reveals GOD.



Ancient Jericho

We can compare Joshua's worship to the response of Paul in [Acts 14:8-20](#) when men wanted to elevate him to the level of a god and also to the response of the angel who would not allow John to worship him in [Revelation 19:10](#). Here before Joshua was CHRIST, before he ever was "lying in a manger" (Luke 2:12) and Joshua was asking *"art thou for us, or for our adversaries?"* (Joshua 5:13). Again, we see the mindset of typical Christians that hinders effective service to our SAVIOR. We tend to see the battles we face as our own battles and the forces we face as being forces against us personally and our individual causes, concerns, agendas, and even our beliefs. In a sense, that is true, if we are truly standing in the cause of CHRIST, but in a larger sense this is simply not true, and that is the issue here. The man with the sword said HE was not on either side but HE was the, *"captain of the host of the Lord."* (Joshua 5:14) In other words, HE did not work for anyone, HE was the boss! HE had not come to take sides, but to take over and take charge as Commander of the LORD's army.

We tend to approach our daily battles and causes backwards; we turn things all around and try to get GOD to support us rather than to submit and follow HIM. Joshua's story lays down two principles that are foundational for our lives and our warfare against the forces of the world and Satan. There is no question that the LORD GOD was there, at Jericho, with the armies of Heaven to secure the inheritance of the Land. However, it was not for Joshua to claim GOD's allegiance for his own cause no matter how right and Holy it might be. The need was for an acknowledgment of GOD's claim over Joshua for HIS purposes. Certainly, the battle was a joint venture of GOD and the people of Israel under Joshua's leadership (Joshua 1:1-9). But Joshua, as with all of us in the army of the KING, must be a follower, submitting to HIS authority, taking orders from HIM, and resting the battle in HIS hands because we realize it is really HIS battle anyway.

Jwd

Yahweh-Sabbaoth - The Lord of Hosts