

# THE HOWLING DAWG

MARCH 2015



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

## AFTER THE 150TH - THEN WHAT ?



51th Pennsylvania line of Battle at Broxton's Bridge

As we near the conclusion of the 150th anniversary, we enter a great unknown - the future. I do not feel that the outlook for historical re-enacting is necessarily dim. For example, our Company is blessed with a promising group of stalwart young people who seem poised to carry the endeavor on without wavering or failing. It is, regrettably, apparent that all units have not similarly endured. The 150th just did not seem to attract the influx of re-enactors and interrelated folks that emerged during the 125th, 130th, 135th and 140th. Some veterans will exit by using Appomattox as the conclusion of their careers - we have seen that fitting finale before. Perhaps I have miscalculated, but the nation-wide ranks seem to have diminished noticeably and a distinctive change is sensed on the wind. Of course, you will have anniversary events, as our Lord tarries His coming, but the next significant milestone will likely be the 160th series. Meanwhile, there will be living histories and the surviving, established events but without major battles once in a while, it is hard to keep the interest peaked. None of us know how many days we will yet see, nor do we have a crystal ball to envision what they will be like but I do have some notions about what lies ahead.....

**We have often heard from the re-enactor corps cry for new events. Well, the 2014 Saturday battle in the streets of Sandersville was the most noteworthy breath of fresh air many of us have seen in a while - but the keen edge of novelty may not be so pronounced when we return in October. Others events have not been as successful. I will not name them but some (even the large traditional ones) will likely die the slow death of**



**dullness. Who can really discern what turns the re-enactor's wheels, but part of it has to be the eternal quest for adventure - something new? Although I've never personally attended Broxton's Bridge, I have listened to those who have and such relatively new events like it and Hurricane Shoals may stand the best chance for maintaining a popular future position. Duke**



**Our members who fought this year at Broxton's Bridge: (Left to right, rear) Corp. Charles Whitehead, Pvt. Brick Nelson, Pvt. Cole Thompson, & Pvt. Jim Thompson. (Left to right, front) Pvt. Ethan Bloodworth, Pvt. Seth McNair & Corp. Earl Colvin**

**"Myself and the guys set off Friday night and drove non-stop till we got into South Carolina. We got to camp and set up, Earl greeted us and helped us set up camp. We fought as Federal both days . The weather was not too bad. It rained Saturday night and a good bit Sunday. We fought Sunday broke camp and left for home. All in all it was a good fight and we'll worth going back to."**

**- Cpl. Charlie Whitehead**

## **Broxton's Bridge**

The Battle that took place on February 1, 1865, at Broxton's Bridge, S.C., holds a special place in my heart as I had three great great grandfathers and eleven uncles who fought in the battle as part of General George Harrison's 32nd Georgia Regiment. In fact the majority of the entire defensive efforts, both at Broxton's Bridge and Rivers Crossing, were fought by Georgians and that would hold true for the 150th Anniversary as well. The greatest majority of troops who showed up for the Feb. 28th/March 1st reenactment were Georgians and all wanted to play the role of Confederate Georgians for the event. The Broxton's Bridge Plantation makes up the land where the original battle took place, and the owner has gone to great length to recreate the original community as it would have been during the War and to remember the sacrifices that were made there. The heavy oak forest along the Salkehatchie River shades the original earth works, which protected the bridge crossing. The river creates a large swamp of standing timber laden heavy with Spanish moss, offering a beautiful and serene area for camping. Re-enactors can enjoy either authentic camping or complete hookups for campers and motor homes are available. One of the nicest amenities is a heated bath house with hot and cold running showers. Arriving on Friday afternoon, Beth and I were able to get set up and still see the sutlers (many of which were at Olustee) before dark. Just after dark we went up to the camp ground building and enjoyed a nice barbeque supper which was provided for all the re-enactors. Mrs. Beth stayed and drew rations of slab bacon and eggs for the entire company before returning to camp while I got back and began building a fire in expectation of arrival of Corporal Whitehead, EB1, Brick, Squirrel, Jim and Cole who were in route. The green post oak took much persuasion to get to burn however by the time they arrived we had a good bed of coals. Having talked to Major Young, earlier in the evening, it was apparent that while the Union forces would have substantial cavalry they were severely short of infantry. Talking with the men in our squad we decided to provide our support to Colonel Bacon and Major Young and fight the weekend as Federal's (Lord, I hope my ancestors will understand that move). We were the only Federal soldiers camped in the Confederate camp, other than Major Young, however, no one dared to question us about such. By Saturday morning at formation we found that we would be severely outnumbered by the Confederates and decided that would be just to our liking, since after all we were the 51th Pennsylvania.

The day was spent stocking up on firewood and in exploring the battlefield. When we formed up for battle, Corporal Whitehead rose to the rank of Captain after our squad had a half dozen strays added in. We marched out to get into battle array and were immediately under Mr. Tommy's guns, which from the muzzle end are a most welcome sight. We were charged with the right wing under command of Major Young and moved to make a flanking movement on the Confederate Sharp Shooters (or as Colonel Bacon says the, "Carhart Squad"). To our surprise we had not seen Federal Cavalry, however, they proved a most welcome sight just as we were becoming engaged with the Confederate line. Calvary helped us turn the Confederate left and we drove them back considerably, fighting side by side with the mounted troops. The spectators were arranged in a column approximately 20 yards wide and 200 yards long straight down the middle of the battle field in front of our company. We fought infantry on the left of the spectators with half the company and infantry and Confederate cavalry down the right side. The battle ebbed and flowed until we reached a standstill that day, just as it did 150 years earlier. The night brought on some cold wind mixed with light rain which forced all but our strong willed Captain under shelter. By day light he Divine Providence took charge of the weather about time for us to form up and the sky began to lighten and the rain stopped. Arriving in the Federal Camp we, surprisingly, saw about the same numbers that we marched out with the day before and were met by another group prior to reaching the battle field. In battle we played out nearly the same role that we had been in the day prior except that the Confederates had too few troops to have infantry on both sides of the spectators so we primarily fought infantry down the left side. Our company charged the "Carhart" troopers in our front and run them back into the primary Confederate line just prior to completely taking the Confederate Army.

As most determined Southern women are, there was one female gun crew (run by Mrs. Elaine) that were determined to give the Federal Commander a hard time. Given the order to silence the gun crew, younger members of our company took off to carry out the command. Fact of the matter was, that was the most fun anyone had that weekend, in watching those boys try to handle those Southern women.

Corporal Whitehead performed a magnificent job as Captain and even found himself a completely new look in that of a slouch hat. Sergeant Kilrain would be most proud of his performance, I know I was. As is every case when we are with our brothers and sisters, it was a most enjoyable weekend and everyone had a good time. Broxton's Bridge is certainly worth a visit if you have never been. Between it and the Rivers' Bridge State Park you can understand how a small hand full of Georgians held Sherman's army back for a few precious days, providing the only defensive efforts that took place in South Carolina prior to his reaching Columbia. - Corp. Earl Colvin 16th GA/51th PVV

On Sunday, March 1, 2015 members of the 16th Georgia, Co. G attended a memorial service for Kenneth William O'Neill (June 2, 1970 - February 23, 2015) who died tragically in Macon. He was the father of Kennesa O'Neill who has been part of our ranks on several occasions. Ironically, it was near that same hour that:



Elizabeth Nobles Mays (October 20, 1946 - March 1, 2015) passed away at her residence. Elizabeth was born on October 20, 1946 in Dooly County, Georgia to the late Joseph Edward and Delma Wright Nobles. She was a longtime resident of Jackson, Georgia and retired from World Finance Corporation after 25 dedicated years. Elizabeth

was also an avid Elvis fan. She had a sweet smile and caring demeanor toward everyone and will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Her husband, Bobby J. Mays; daughter, Peggy Marie Mays; and parents, preceded her in death. Elizabeth's memory will forever be treasured by her loving son, Robert Edward Mays of Jackson, Georgia; grandson, Joseph Mays (Sabrina) of Stockbridge, Georgia; siblings, Rick Nobles (Dianne) of Irvington, Alabama, Jim Nobles (Linda) of Black Hawk, South Dakota, J.C. Nobles (Cathy) of Jeffersonville, Georgia, Randy Nobles (Linda) of Semmes, Alabama and Jolene Nobles Barfield of Fort Valley, Georgia; aunt, Mary Jo Wright of Southaven, Mississippi; her beloved bird, "Bobo;" and many other loving family members. A large contingent of SCV and 16th Georgia friends and family were in attendance at her memorial service which was held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, at McCullough Funeral Home. Burial was private. J.C. writes: *"On behalf of myself and the entire Family, we would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support over the last few weeks. She had a smile on her face as she took her last breath, knowing of the Heavenly Reward awaiting."*



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#### PRAYER NEEDS:

\* Tommy & Elaine Wallace  
\* The Peace of Jerusalem  
\* John & Linda Tucker

\* America  
\*The Lonely & Bereaved  
\*Financial Needs - Unity

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#### WE "SAY SO" ...

*"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy..."* - Psalms 107:2  
The 16th Georgia, Co. G, "The Jackson Rifles", is a re-enactment organization, a fellowship and a family overwhelmingly blessed by God and we publicly say so without fear or reservation. Many hold joint membership in The Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp #2218, The Camp of The Unknown Soldier of Old Clinton, Jones County, GA. This is not in the least to boast of us, but on HIM, Almighty God, who has blessed us so richly with each other and most of all with the abiding presence of HIMSELF. He has not done good unto us because we are good, nor has He given to us because we deserved it - only because He loves us and has chosen to show us favor. Therefore, we do openly acknowledge ("In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." - Proverbs 3:6), thank and praise God the Father, the Son and His Holy Spirit with the full assurance in His promise to direct our paths and *"... let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to HIS NAME"* - Hebrews 13:15





Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp # 2218, The Camp of The Unknown Soldier, of Old Clinton, Jones County, Georgia, is currently meeting on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month in the facilities of the Gray 8 Skating Rink, 4151 Gray. Hwy., Gray, GA - (GPS Coordinates: 32.991738, -83.566926;) 478-986-2111 (just south of the former Fireflies Restaurant - turn in (off south bound Gray Hwy.) between West Clinton Tire and Bug House Pest Control. We enjoy a catered meal (\$10 each)

provided by Scott Jackson of Chevy's at 6pm and commenced with our meeting at 7pm. At the time of our meetings, this facility will often be closed to the general public. Any further questions: contact Al McGalliard @ 478-318-7266 or Earl Colvin @ 478-214-0687

At our March 19th meeting, we so enjoyed Ms. Sherrie' Raleigh's portrayal from Mary Ann Harris Gay's "*Life in Dixie During the War*". Miss Gay witnessed the destruction and devastation wrought by Sherman's Army, and will told of her experiences during the War - including her actions to help the Confederate Army, the Federal occupation of Decatur, and the hardships suffered by those on the home front. Sherrie' is the current President of The Sidney Lanier Chapter (#25) of The United Daughters of the Confederacy, a graduate of Mercer University, and was asked by Mercer's Tarver Library to present this same program as part of the library's 150th Anniversary of the Civil War Exhibit in October 2014. As is commonly the case, we were honored by a vast array of guests from various other historical organizations and we are grateful. Guests are always more than welcome.



Our Thursday, April 16th meeting will feature Shea Blalock Hicks and husband who are both U.S. Air Force officers. 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Earl Colvin's May program will center around Colonel Burton and the Spiller & Burr revolver. Cheryl Aultman (Past UDC President) will talk about Twiggs County Veterans in June.

Many thanks to those who helped with the work on the Red Barn at Old Clinton, on Saturday, March 7 and the March 14th Iron Cross dedication for Lt. Col. William W. Carnes at Rose Hill Iron Cross installations at Old Clinton Methodist Church Cemetery, which was also on March 14th

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### A NOTE OF THANKS

*"I can't express my gratitude for the support that the men of the camp have shown me during this time. God bless, Ray"*

### AN INVITATION

Compatriots, April is right around the corner and we are all about to get very busy. I'd like to add one more to your list if you are available. Liberty Baptist Church, 1100 Chester Highway, Eastman, Georgia will be hosting an 1860's church service on Sunday April 26, 2015. We would like to ask that all available uniforms and/or period dress come join us. We plan to have an encampment on the spacious Church grounds. Musket and artillery as well as living history style camp set ups are needed. I would much appreciate contact from someone to coordinate the encampment. Camp 2039 member Reverend Brian Martin will bring a sermon during the 11 AM hour. Food and fellowship will follow infantry and artillery fire. Contact me at [pinebarrensvolunteers@yahoo.com](mailto:pinebarrensvolunteers@yahoo.com) or 478-290-3885. Please spread the word. We would love to see a big turnout.

- Kim M. Beck, Adjutant - Pine Barrens Volunteers #2039 - Eastman, GA.

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### Southern Heritage News & Views on Facebook

For those of you not yet on my Southern Heritage News & Views Face Book Page, you're missing out on many of the articles and other items. I am also able to post pictures and videos there. It is so much easier to post there that I have really cut back on what goes into the email newsletter and am concentrating more on the Face Book page. If you're concerned about privacy, all the info you have to give them is an email address. It doesn't have to be your main address, just use a Yahoo or Gmail secondary address. You can make up a name. Please like my Southern Heritage News & Views Face Book page and share it with friends: <http://www.facebook.com/SouthernHeritageNewsandViews>

Thanks, Chuck Demastus

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**APRIL 11 - BEARDS, BOURBON AND BACON FUNDRAISER - See Page 18 - @ The Cannonball House - 7-9PM \$20.00 PER PERSON. No beards required (includes women).**

**APRIL 11 - WORK DAY @ OLD CLINTON (GA)**

**APRIL 12 - TWIGGS CO. (GA) MONUMENT DEDICATION SERVICE @ 3 PM**

**APRIL 18 - WORK DAY @ OLD CLINTON (GA)**

**APRIL 23-25 - 150TH ANNIVERSARY BATTLE OF SELMA (AL)**

**APRIL 25 - CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY- attend services near you**

**APRIL 26 - REV. JOEY YOUNG PREACHING @ REV. STACY WILLIFORD'S CHURCH GIBSON, GA**

**MAY 1-3 - WAR DAYS - BATTLES OF SUNSHINE CHURCH & GRISWOLDVILLE (GA)**

**MAY 15-17 - BATTLE OF RESACA (GA)**

**MAY 23 - OLD SOLDIER'S DAY AT ERVIN GARNTO'S NEAR SCOTT (GA)**

**JUNE 5 - BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL @ ALMA, GA - SATURDAY BATTLE @ 11AM**

**JUNE 12-13 - 118TH GA. DIV. SCV CONVENTION/REUNION @ NASH FARM**

**SEPTEMBER 18-20 - HURRICANE SHOALS (GA)**

**SEPTEMBER 19 - SCV SALUTE TO VETERANS IN DUBLIN (GA)**

**OCTOBER 2-4 - ANDERSONVILLE (GA)**

**OCTOBER 23-25 - SANDERSVILLE (GA)**

**NOVEMBER 14-15 NASH FARMS (GA) - Battles of Jonesboro and Nash Farm**

**NOVEMBER 14-15 SECESSIONVILLE (SC)**

**NOVEMBER 21- GRISWOLDVILLE MEMORIAL (GA) POC Wayne Dobson 478-731-5531.**

**NOVEMBER - CANNONBALL HOUSE APPARITIONS - Macon (GA)**

**DECEMBER - RICHLAND CHURCH (GA)**

**DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS AT THE CANNONBALL HOUSE - Macon (GA)**

## **16TH GA Co. G. "Jackson Rifles"**

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

Capt. Wm. "Rebel" Bradberry-404-242-7213

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2nd Lt. Kevin Sark - 478-731-8796

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Treasurer: 6th Corp. Earl Colvin - 478-214-0687

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

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

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2nd Corp. Lee "Pappy" Curtis -478-365-6785

3rd Corp. Dan Williams - 478-230-7189

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

Honorary Chaplain Ronnie "Skin" Neal - 478-808-8848

Assistant Chaplain - Charles Hill - 770-845-6878

Musician - Landon Allen - 478-294-9870

Musician - Aaron Bradford - 302-668-8029

Musician - Oliver Lummus - 302-668-8029

Musician - Al McGalliard - 478-318-7266

Rev. Joey Young - Honorary Life Member

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





## 16TH GEORGIA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ABOUT THE PICTURE:** Jackson Hilliard Randolph - 16th Georgia Co. G - captured at Saylor's Creek. He was born 15 Nov 1843 in Jackson County, Georgia, and died August 29th, 1914 in Tadmore District, Hall County, Georgia. He married Mary Maxine Hancock on January 17th, 1878 in Jackson County, Georgia, daughter of William Richard Hancock and Lucy Davis. She was born August 18th, 1860 in Jackson County, Georgia, and died July 12, 1936 in Tadmore District, Hall County, Georgia.

**16TH GA NCO ELECTIONS 2015** - Elections for 1st Sergeant, 1st Corporal, 2nd Corporal and 3rd Corporal will be held at Old Clinton "War Days" at our unit meeting on Saturday, May 2,

2015, by written ballot. In order to be a candidate for any of these positions and have your name included on the ballot you must indicate such by saying so in writing (email or postal) to the Adjutant no later than mid-night **April 1, 2015**. Those currently holding a rank **are not** automatically entered in this year's election. Write-in candidates will be allowed **only** if nominations are made from the floor on the day of election, and **only if approved, by a majority vote of overall consent by present unit members in good standing**. THE FOLLOWING ARE

CANDIDATES, THUS FAR: ALAN RICHARDS- 1ST Sgt.; CHARLES WHITEHEAD- 1ST Corp.; DAN WILLIAMS- 2ND Corp.; BRICK NELSON - 3RD Corp.

Elections for Capt., 1st Lt., 2nd Lt. & 2nd Sgt. will be @ War Days 2016. POC: Adj. Dobson

**16TH GA SYMPATHY AND BEREAVMENT POLICY** - It was decided by those members present at the Olustee 2015 event that all unit sanctioned expressions of sympathy will consist of a letter to the family of the deceased advising that a \$25.00 donation has been made in honor of their loved one to the Old Methodist Church Fund. This will be in lieu of unit-purchased flowers. POC: Cpl. Colvin

**16TH GA ULTIMATE SOLDIER COMPETITION 2015 GUIDELINES** - Each participant will take three shots - one standing, one kneeling, and one prone. These aimed shots will be judged for correct form, and also timed. The best five, will advance to the authentic part of the competition where first and second place will be decided. First place will receive a plaque and \$100. Second place will receive a plaque and \$50. Each participant will start out with 50 points if you are first in the rapid fire competition, you will be deducted no points, second place will be deducted 2, third-place 3 etc. Points will also be deducted for improper loading and non-aimed shots as well as non-authentic items and incorrect answers. This year, we will be making the public part of this competition and we will be announcing on the loudspeaker what is going on in each event. POC: Lt. Sprague



## OUR DUTY DONE ... TOGETHER



On the foggy morning of Saturday, March 14, 2015, members of The Sons of Confederate Veterans Camps #2218, "The Camp of The Unknown Soldier" of Old Clinton, Jones County, GA, "The Logan E. Bleckley" Camp #1998 of Cochran, GA and "The Sidney Lanier" Chapter #25 of The United Daughters of the Confederacy of Macon, GA assembled at Rose Hill Cemetery near the Ocmulgee River to dedicate a Confederate Cross of Honor placed upon the grave of Lt. Colonel William W. Carnes. Mrs. Cheryl Aultman (Upper Left) of UDC Chapter #25 places a wreath at the grave of Lt. Col. Carnes. (Upper Right) Honor guard composed of members of SCV Camps 2218 and 1998. (Lower Left) The President and the Commander; J.C. Nobles, Commander of SCV Camp 2218 and Ms. Sherrie' Raleigh, President of UDC Chapter #25. (Lower right) Memorabilia related to Lt. Col. Carnes.





## A PROMISE KEPT



**Later that same day (March 14) members of Camp 2218 and Camp 1998 assembled at the Old Clinton Methodist Church to install Confederate Crosses of Honor on all Confederate graves therein.**



**At work at Cross installation at Old Clinton Methodist Church are 1st Lt. Comdr. Charles Whitehead and Compatriot Brick Lee Nelson/Camp # 2218.**



## THE 16TH ANNUAL BATTLES AT MANASSAS - MARCH 20-22, 2015











**51th Pennsylvania, Co. F @ Manassas, GA - March 22, 2015**





**PART OF OUR PAST ...**



**16th Georgia, Co. G at the 135th Anniversary of Sharpsburg (Antietam) September 1997**

**AND A PART OF OUR FUTURE**

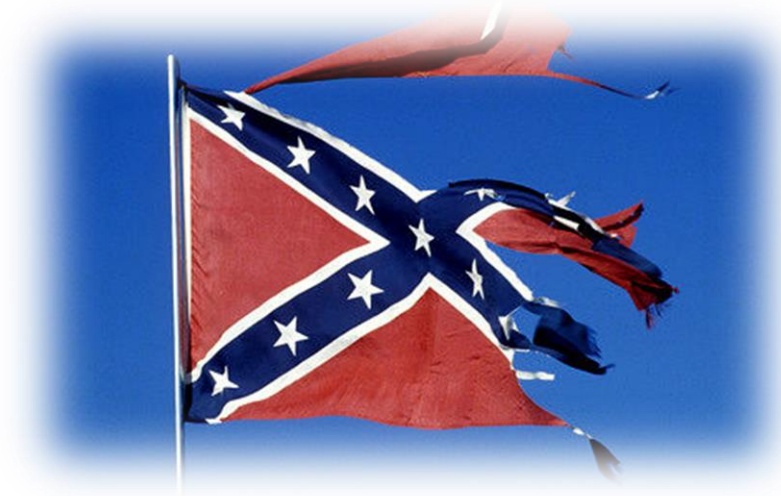


**Miss Evie Stancil - part of our 16th GA/ 51th PVV family - won 1st place in Region for National History Day at Ft. Valley State. Her project is entitled "A Soldier's Legacy" and is about Sara Emma E. Edmonds, a Union soldier, nurse & spy with the Flint Union Greys. She will be in the State competition at Mercer University on April 25th.**



## **Rebel Flag: History -v- Hysteria**

### **By Steve Quick**



For the average non-Southerner the continued affection residents of Dixie display toward the controversial Battle Flag can be baffling. If African-Americans are so incensed by the banner, why not just fold it up and put it away? Greta Van Susteren of Fox News called for just that and defined the issue a "no-brainer". Why indeed? The war has been over for 143 years. Certain unsavory groups of a racist stripe seem unduly attached to the symbol as well. No one in the print or electronic media seems willing to come forward and offer a counterpoint. Is there another point of view after all? Newspapers however, have developed the habit of concluding all flag related stories the same way. The throwaway line for the other point of view is usually something like "flag defenders say the banner stands for heritage". But what does that mean? If such an understanding can be developed is it still not overshadowed by prevailing negative opinions? Can a symbol so emotionally charged ever be mutually understood? Therein lies the problem. The very same symbol means completely different things to different people. Perhaps the best place to start is there. Many hate groups have gravitated toward the historical flag. But it is also true these very same groups also use other symbols that are loved and cherished by millions of people. The pinnacle of the Ku Klux Klan was in the 1920s. They boasted over a million members with national leadership in Ohio and Illinois. Yet the most careful photographic scrutiny of the era will fail to reveal a single Confederate flag. One will however find the American flag and the Christian cross in profusion. These symbols are mainstays even today for hate groups. The difference is that patriotic Americans and Christians already have a context for these symbols. The icons cannot be co-opted because they already mean something else. This is also precisely why Southerners continue to love the Battle flag in the face of so much bad publicity. The flag already has meaning and context. In fact, what the shamrock is to the Irish or the Star of David is to Jews, the Battle Flag is to most Southerners. There is enough historical baggage to encumber any of these symbols, but there is more to admire. The Confederate flag embodies religion, ethnic heritage, early-American revolutionary ideology and ultimately familial sacrifice on the battlefield. The circumstances that gave it birth are the touchstone of the regions identity, no different than the potato famine for the Irish or the holocaust for the Jew. To examine the flag, in historical and ethnic context should permit all but the most rabid flag-haters an opportunity to understand what is behind the vague explanation of "heritage". While the Battle flag did not make its appearance in its recognizable form until 1862, some of the design elements date to antiquity. The X is the cross of St. Andrew. It was the fisherman Andrew who introduced his brother Simon Peter to Jesus in Galilee 2000 years ago. When the disciple Andrew was himself martyred years later he asked not to be crucified on the same type of cross Christ died upon. His last request was honored and he was put to death on a cross on the shape of the X. Andrew later became the patron saint of Scotland and the Scottish flag today is the white St. Andrews cross on a blue field. When Scottish immigrants settled in Northern Ireland in the 1600s the cross was retained on their new flag, albeit a red St. Andrews cross on a white field. When the New World opened up landless Scots and Ulster-Scots left their homes and most of them settled in the South, preserving their old culture in the isolated rural and frontier environment Grady McWhiney explains in his book *Cracker Culture*, that fully 75% of the early South was populated by these Celts. Most sold themselves into indentured servitude (the earliest form of American slavery) because they could not afford the cost of passage. This explains why only 6% of the African slaves brought to the New World ended up in the American colonies. The lowland English of Saxon descent by contrast settled the

Northeastern colonies. This imbued those colonies with such an English character they are still known as New England. Urban, commercial and materialistic by nature these Yankee descendants could not have been more different than their Southern countrymen. Many historians believe the longstanding historical animosities between Saxon and Celt did not bode well for the new country. With this historical perspective the St. Andrews cross seems almost destined to be raised again as ancient rivals clashed on new battlefields. From this Celtic stock, the ingredients that made the unique Southern stew were gradually introduced. The American Revolution unleashed Celtic hatred of the redcoat. Southerners penned the Declaration of Independence, chased the British through the Carolina's and defeated them at Yorktown. But they were dismayed when New England immediately sought renewed trade with England and failed to support the French in their own revolution. Another Virginian later crafted the Constitution, a document as sacred to Southerners as their Bibles. Tyranny, they believed, had finally been checkmated by law. The red, white and blue 13-starred banner was their new cherished flag. These same features would later become a permanent part of the Battle flag. But all was not well with the new republic. Mistrust between the regions manifested even before the revolution was over. The unwieldy Articles of Confederation preceded the constitution. Two of the former colonies (NC and R.I.) had to be coerced into approving the latter document after wrangling that included northern insistence they be allowed to continue the slave trade another 20 years. Virginia and Kentucky passed resolutions in 1796 asserting their belief that political divorce was an explicit right. Massachusetts threatened on three separate occasions to secede, a right affirmed by all the New England states at the 1818 Hartford convention. The abolitionists were champions of secession and would burn copies of the constitution at their rallies. Their vicious attacks upon all things Southern occurring as it did in the midst of Northern political and economic ascendancy animated Southern secessionists years before the average Southerner could consider such a possibility. Meanwhile Low Church Protestantism had taken root in the South in the early 1800's and like kudzu has flourished until the present day. Sociological studies conducted by John Shelton Reed of the University of North Carolina scientifically prove that the South is still the Nation's most religious region. Southerners are more likely to belong, attend and contribute to their churches than Americans from any other section. Calvinism is the main strain of religious thought and this connection to Scotland and the St. Andrews cross is no coincidence. The religious revivals that swept the Confederate armies during the war further ingrained faith as a fixture of Southern character. During the same era north of the Mason-Dixon line transcendentalism, as expounded by Thoreau and Emerson, the taproot of modern secular humanism, was displacing puritanical religion as the dominant philosophical belief. The nation was also fracturing along spiritual lines. By 1860 the United States was in reality two countries living miserably under one flag. When war broke out, Dixie's original banner so resembled the old American forebear that a new flag was needed to prevent confusion on the field of battle. The blue St. Andrews cross, trimmed in white on a red field appeared above the defending Confederate army. Thirteen stars appeared on those bars representing the eleven seceding states and revolutionary precedent. These fighting units were all recruited from the same communities, with lifelong friends and close relatives among the casualties of every battle. As they buried their dead friends and relatives the names of those battles were painted or stitched on their flags. At Appomattox a Union observer wrote, they were stoic as they stacked their arms but wept bitterly when they had to furl their flags. Then, as now the flag symbolizes for Southerners not hate but love, love of heritage, love of faith, love of constitutional protections, love of family and community. If the 1860 census is to be believed 95% of the slaves were owned by just 5% of the population. The modern insistence that the conflict was to resolve the issue of slavery is at best overstated and at worst revisionist. But the current argument does deserve one more look. The vitriolic, almost irrational antipathy toward the flag is a recent phenomenon. Credible research reveals its origins to be in the 1980's revived by a financially strained and scandal plagued NAACP. Past President, Kwaile Mfume turned the issue into a fundraising juggernaut. Egged on by a liberal media irritated at the lingering conservatism in the South, the flag fight has generated much heat but little light. South Carolina relocated the flag from its capital dome to a place of historical significance after they decided it flew in a position of false sovereignty. Former Governor Barnes of Georgia finessed a backroom flag deal that changed the flag but derailed his own reelection bid. Sonny Perdue became the first Republican since Reconstruction elected to the governor's mansion by voter outrage over the flag change and the promise of a referendum, a promise that turned out to be a lie. But in Mississippi the thing was put to an old fashioned democratic vote. By a 2 to 1 margin and outspent 10 to 1 they voted to keep the state flag, which features the Battle flag. In fact, three times more African-Americans voted to keep the flag than voted for President Bush. Mississippians speak for all Southerners when they say "It's our symbol, it's our heritage and therefore our choice". In the end what people choose to believe about the flag is just that, a choice. One can accept the interpretation of entire states, Southern rock and country bands, NASCAR fans, Kappa Alpha fraternities, thousands of re-enactors and a century of thoughtful historians. People can also embrace the interpretation of a few pathetic racists and the opportunistic civil rights lobby, well amplified by a sympathetic media. Like all choices it says less about the object than it does about the person. Perhaps only the Irishman can define the shamrock, or a Jew explain the

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## **Finding The Tree Where The Confederacy Took Root**

December 26, 2012 | By Mike Conklin, Special to Tribune Newspapers



(Courtesy of the convention and visitors bureau)

**BLUFFTON, S.C. —** In this sesquicentennial period of the Civil War, it's the 150th anniversaries of significant battles that are getting the attention, such as with opening shots heard in Charleston. But some historians say the fiery, public rhetoric leading to the conflict started almost 20 years earlier under the limbs of a giant oak tree that today stands unmarked and mostly unnoticed. The Secession Tree is this Low Country city's most enduring historic symbol, a magnificent oak under whose spreading branches on July 31, 1844, a crowd heard U.S. Rep. Robert Barnwell Rhett proclaim it was time to consider separation from the Union. The site is regarded here as the birthplace for a movement that grew into South Carolina's being the first state to secede. The 75-foot tree, with hanging Spanish moss, is an estimated to be 350 to 400 years old. It is found at the end of a long, narrow road in a forest of oaks just off State Route 46 that cuts through town. It is in a private development known as Stock Farm. Emmett McCracken is a lifelong resident and owner of Stock Farm Antiques. "About once a week I get someone in the store asking how to find it," McCracken says. "I'm happy to do so. We consider it a real landmark, but people routinely go by it." Bluffton itself is easy to miss. Most tourists blow by on U.S. Highway 278 to visit better-known neighbors Hilton Head Island or Savannah, Ga. "We call it the 'hidden gem,' " said Maureen Richards, executive director of the Bluffton Historical Preservation Society. She's not wrong. Bluffton is a tidewater community surrounded by marshes, rich with plant life and loaded with reasons to stop. Del Webb arrived with a Sun City development in 1993, and the town steadily annexed its way from several hundred residents to 12,000 without losing a grip on Southern lifestyle and hospitality. The Bluffton Historical District, a square mile of shops, landmarked buildings and a terrific farmer's market, anchors everything. The Heyward House Historic Center is a logical first stop. There, visitors can learn complete offerings and get a docent-led tour.

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## FEAR AND DOUBT



*"And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" - Mark 4:35-41*

How can someone be so near the truth and miss the message entirely? This question is not an easy one to answer. To answer it we must look to the disciple's faith. When Jesus was with them, so close, it was easy to have strong faith. But when the master was asleep and things looked out of control faith, belief was replaced with fear and doubt. Fear and doubt. These two words have stopped many people from having faith and belief. Because fear and doubt put questions in people's heads. These questions build walls that keep the message from the people who need to hear it. However, the pain caused by these walls can be overcome. When a person who hurts will try belief and try faith, God will bring the walls down like Jericho. People come to faith and belief in Jesus as Lord is by His

**Word. John 1:1 tells us, "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" Romans 10:17 says "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" Belief comes from being chosen to be God's. 2nd Thessalonians 2:13 states that "*we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.*" We must believe that Jesus is "the way the truth and the life" (John 14:16). The only path to get to Heaven is Jesus Christ our Lord. This message has not changed in 2000 years. Thank You, God, for Your Son Jesus! We just have to ask ourselves a couple of questions, "Will I believe and have faith to trust the truth, or will I miss the message?"**

**- Chaplain Joel B. Whitehead, Jr. 16th GA / Camp 2218**

## About Us

**Old Paths Re-Enactors Missions** is a ministry reaching Civil War re-enactors with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At each re-enactment or living history event, we are able to distribute reproductions of the same Gospel tracts given to soldiers during the Civil War period.

Even though God's plan of salvation has never changed, the time in which we bring it to the soldier has. The same message of hope through Jesus which was taken to the soldier on the battlefield long ago is now being brought to their proud descendants, as well as to the many spectators that come to watch the events. Many of these events are held in locations that would otherwise be unreached with the Gospel.

While portraying a Confederate Army Chaplain, we are able to preach the Gospel to many re-enactors on Sunday mornings, just as the chaplains during the Civil War would have done. Most of those re-enactors would not otherwise hear the Gospel in a regular church service.

Many re-enactors and spectators have come to know Christ as their personal Savior because of the clear Gospel presentation given during each preaching opportunity.



*The Youngs appreciate your prayers and support as they share the Gospel with the people God sends in their path. Please join us*

*in prayer that many doors will be open at each event to tell people about Jesus Christ.*

*Old Paths Re-Enactors Missions is a fundamental, independent, Bible-believing ministry that stands firmly behind the King James Version as the inerrant, infallible, perfect Word of God.*

Visit us on the web at  
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*If you would like to make a donation in support of the work God is doing through this ministry, please make checks payable to Joey Young.*

## God's Simple Plan of Salvation

**1. Realize you need to be saved because you are a sinner.**

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

**2. Realize you cannot save yourself.**

"For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9

**3. Believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross to forgive you of your sin.**

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16

**4. Turn from your sins and ask Jesus to come into your heart and save you.**

"God, be merciful to me a sinner."

Luke 10:13

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13

As best as you know how, you can pray something like this right now:

"Lord, I know I'm a sinner and cannot save myself. I believe You died on the cross and rose again from the dead the third day. Please forgive me of my sin, come into my heart, and save me. Thank you, Jesus, for saving me! In Jesus' name, Amen."

### To Grow as a Christian, you should:

-Read the Bible.

-Follow Jesus' example and be baptized.

-Attend a Bible-believing, Christ-honoring church regularly.



## What Should You Do After You Are Saved?

To grow spiritually (which means getting to know God better) once you are saved, you need to do several things.

First, you need to find a Bible-believing church that preaches the Gospel. Once you find a church, you should attend faithfully and regularly and be involved in the activities the church provides. If you need help finding a church, please contact me, and I will help you!

Second, you ought to read your Bible every day. The Bible is God's Word to us as believers. In it, He tells us things that will encourage us in Him, things we ought to do for Him, and things we ought not to do. Reading the Bible helps us get to know God. A good place to start reading the Bible is in Psalms and Proverbs in the Old Testament, and Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John in the New Testament. You don't have to read huge portions of Scripture when you first start out. Aim for at least several verses a day, then, as you learn more and get into the Bible reading habit, you'll be able to read more of His Word. To get into the Bible reading habit, think of this acrostic to help you:

H-have a time set aside each day to read the Bible.

A-ask God to teach you from His Word.

B-be still and give your attention to what you are reading.

I-investigate the Scripture by asking yourself questions about it.

T-take time to look up words and ideas you don't understand.

Third, praying every day is essential to becoming closer to God. Praying doesn't require special prayers or certain words. All you do is talk to God like you would talk to your friends or family. You might like to keep a little tablet with people and things you are praying for. When God answers a request, make note of it in your tablet. Remember, God always answers our prayers, but not always with a "yes." Sometimes He says "no" or "wait." Don't get discouraged though! He is always listening to us!

If you should have any other questions for me, please feel free to call, email, or write, and I will do my best to help you find answers for your questions.

I trust the Lord will help you as you learn more about Him!

In Christ's Service,  
Chaplain Joey M. Young  
Georgia Volunteer Battalion

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***~Romans 10:13***

## *Old Paths Reenactors Missions*

THUS SAITH THE  
LORD, STAND YE IN  
THE WAYS AND SEE,  
AND ASK FOR THE OLD  
PATHS, WHERE IS THE  
GOOD WAY, AND WALK  
THEREIN, AND YE  
SHALL FIND REST FOR  
YOUR SOULS.

JEREMIAH 6:16a





## THE PHOTOGRAPHERS

The majority of the photographs used in this issue were taken by Beth Colvin, Kenny Stancil and Kellie Banks. Without their devoted efforts this newsletter would be just words... We appreciate what they do for us all. - The Editor

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### Local Confederate Memorial Services for 2015

Friday, April 24, 2015, 6:00pm at Stevens Street Cemetery - just south of Elberta Rd. in Warner Robins

Friday, April 24, 2015, 7pm @ Cliett Cemetery, 247 Connector across from Peachtree Baptist/ Byron

Saturday, April 25, 2015, 8am at Confederate Statue, downtown Macon (Cotton Ave. at 2nd Street)

Saturday, April 25, 2015, 10:00am at Rose Hill Cemetery, 1091 Riverside Drive, Macon, GA

Saturday, April 25, 2015, 12noon at Woodward Cemetery, Hartley Bridge Road, Bibb County

Saturday, April 25, 2015, 2pm at Byron City Cemetery, 101 Murdock Lane, Byron, GA

Saturday, April 25, 2015, 4:30pm at Ft. Valley's Oaklawn Cemetery, southside of Ft. Valley/ GA Hwy 49

Sunday, April 26, 2015, 11:00 am at Liberty Baptist Church, 1100 Chester Highway, Eastman

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April 11th  
7 - 9pm  
Limited Seating  
Tickets  
\$20  
The Cannonball House  
BEARDS  
BOURBON  
and BACON  
A Gentleman's Night at the Cannonball House  
Learn how to maintain or grow a beard, taste all things bacon, then go on a bourbon sampling journey.  
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**150<sup>th</sup> Annual Confederate  
Memorial Day Service  
Saturday, April 25  
10:00 am  
Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon, GA**



Rose Hill Cemetery is the final resting place for approximately 1,500 Confederate soldiers and veterans. Soldier's Square (above) contains 862 Confederate soldiers who died during the War, only 600 of whom have headstones. These graves represent sons of every Confederate state, plus Missouri and Kentucky. Since April 1866, Maconites have gathered to remember and reflect.

At this sesquicentennial time, please join the Sidney Lanier Chapter #25, United Daughters of the Confederacy® in paying our respects to those who gave their all for their homeland. We will also honor those who continue to answer the call of duty by awarding Crosses of Military Service to modern-day veterans who descend from Southern soldiers.

**Speaker - Mr. Conie Mac Darnell**

"The Glory, Tragedy, Fall, and Redemption" - Program based on Sidney Lanier

Conie Mac Darnell began his career as a history teacher and counselor. For the past 30 years, he has been involved in commercial real estate development now headquartered in Macon, Georgia. In his books, newspaper and magazine articles, and as a featured speaker, Conie Mac uses the words, habits, and manners of the people from the past in telling their stories. Conie Mac is the author of the *Macon Sketchbook*, *Walking on Cotton: A Civil War and Emancipation Era Guide to Macon, Georgia*, and *Old Pike Road: Where Only Birds Tweet*.

**In the event of active rain we will move to First Baptist Church of Christ,  
511 High Place, next door to St. Joseph's Catholic Church.**





## 118<sup>th</sup> GEORGIA DIVISION CONVENTION/REUNION REGISTRATION FORM



JUNE 12th & 13th, 2015 at Nash Farm Battlefield

100 Babbs Mill Rd. Hampton, Georgia 30228

Host Camp: Col. Charles T. Zachry #108

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ & Camp # \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse and/or Guest name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Spouse & Guests do not have to pay Registration Fee)*

**Registration Fee** each (only Georgia Division members)..... \$17 \_\_\_\_\_

**[Late Registration Fee after May 15, 2015]** (only Georgia Division members)..... \$27 \_\_\_\_\_

### Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

Pre-registration at the Host Hotel from 1 – 6 pm.

Walking Guided Tour of the Nash Farm Battlefield Site and Museum 5-7pm ..... Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

Meet & Greet Social at the Nash Farm Battlefield (Large Barn) 6 - 9 pm

Supper and Live Entertainment at the Nash Farm Battlefield (Large Barn) 6 - 9pm Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 = \_\_\_\_\_

### Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

Convention Starts at 9:30, Nash Farm Battlefield (Large Barn) Registration 6-9am Battlefield Museum

Saturday Lunch ..... Qty. \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed – Make Checks Payable to Georgia Division ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form with Payment to:

Division Adjutant Tim Pilgrim, 20 Old Fuller Mill Rd NE, Marietta, Ga. 30067

Any Questions or Additional Information Contact:

Commander Tony Pilgrim, E-mail at [rebelson1974@yahoo.com](mailto:rebelson1974@yahoo.com) or Call (770)-296-5139

Please provide your contact # \_\_\_\_\_ & Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### Host Hotel Reservation contact info:

Fairfield Inn & Suites 30 Mill Rd, McDonough GA, 30253, (770)-305-0180

# 2015, 118<sup>th</sup> GEORGIA DIVISION REUNION

Nash Farm Battlefield, Hampton, Georgia

## Delegates Form

Camp name and number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Brigade: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Commander's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Adjutant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### DELEGATES:

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**DO NOT SEND THIS BACK IN THE MAIL.** Please present this to the credentials committee at the reunion registration at Nash Farm. It will then be checked against paid membership on the roster.

**This Form MUST be certified by either the Camp Commander or Adjutant on record with the Georgia Division Adjutant.**

**I certify that the above delegates are authorized to represent and vote for this camp.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Commander**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Adjutant**

Please Print or Type the top information and have each approved listed in readable format on the form.

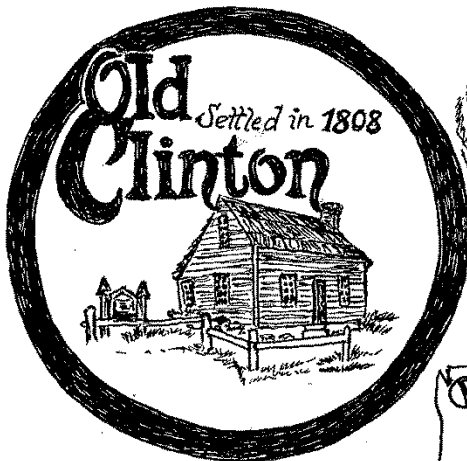
The form must be signed by either the Camp Commander or Adjutant of record in the records of the Georgia Division Adjutant. If the form is improperly filled out, your camp may not be allowed your camp's votes.

Delegates allowed for Reunion Strength.

0 Delegates – Less than 7 Paid Members,	2 Delegates – 7 to 24 Paid Members
3 Delegates – 25 to 34 Paid Members,	4 Delegates – 35 to 44 Paid Members
5 Delegates – 45 to 54 Paid Members,	6 Delegates – 55 to 64 Paid Members
7 Delegates – 65 to 74 Paid Members	

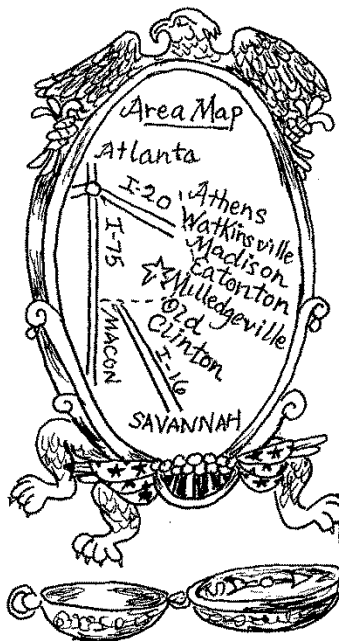
Delegates will be adjusted for all above these numbers by rounding off to the nearest multiple of 10 members.





**Clinton, Ga.**  
 Located 12 miles N.E. of  
 Macon, Ga. and 1 1/2 miles  
 S.W. 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

## WARDAYS

### MAY 2 & MAY 3, 2015

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015

- 9:05... Call to Colors (Mandatory Troop Assembly)
- 10:05... Authentic Camps Open to the Public
- 11:35... Narration of Battle History Begins
- 12:05... Battle of Sunshine Church
- 5:05... Camp Closes to the Public
- 8:05... Memorial Service at Old Clinton Cemetery

#### SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015

- 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

**Ladies Tea at  
 11:05 AM**

