

THE HOWLING DAWG

SEPTEMBER 2014



"Full Howl"

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

WHAT IF ATLANTA HADN'T FALLEN?



Atlanta Cyclorama

I rarely play any game of "what if's." It is a futile exercise and a waste of life. Thus said, I am not sure why I have chosen such a topic in this issue, but I have decided to ask:

COULD THE SOUTH HAVE WON IF SHERMAN HAD BEEN STOPPED?

"WHAT IF"

Let's begin by wondering if General Lee had sent reinforcements to the Chattanooga area a lot earlier (the 16th GA was there briefly with Longstreet in September 1863), or if Nathan Bedford Forrest been sent against Sherman's supply lines, or if Hood had not replaced Johnston; could a Union campaign into Georgia have been delayed until after the election or averted altogether? Even if Atlanta had stood, would Sheridan's Shenandoah campaign have been devastating enough to sway voters? In War, however, politics often has more influence than firepower. McClelland's bid to defeat Lincoln seemed to depend on a divided Republican Party. When Republican presidential hopeful, John Charles Frémont, dropped his challenge to Lincoln, there was a limited chance McClelland could win, with his platform of a negotiated peace with the South, unless the fortunes of War turned greatly against the Union. Looking back, it is hard to imagine that most political observers in the summer of 1864, including Lincoln himself, doubted that he could win a second term. As already mentioned, Frémont decided the issue by exiting the race against Lincoln. Without a



divided Republican Party, McClellan was doomed. If there ever was a solitary death bell to the Confederacy, it was the fall of Atlanta. As such, by the time of Lincoln's 2nd Inaugural, the War was all but over. Even if McClelland had won there would not have been much peace to negotiate.

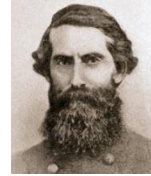
Scanning back even further, some have pondered, what if the Confederacy hadn't attacked Fort Sumter in the first place? Could they have won without fighting at all? What would have happened if they'd simply tolerated the U.S. presence and gone about their secessionist lives, with the populace and State governments just ignoring any orders from the Federal judges in their midst? If the South had not started a shooting war first, would the North have had the political will to do so? I refuse to bring up the subject of slavery or States' Rights, aside from saying the North had to find a "noble" excuse for invading what they steadfastly called their "own country" (the Southern portion of the United States). Northern rhetoric and lies have so skewed those issues over the years that I doubt "those people" even believe half of what they say or if they are just dutifully repeating what they have been told. When we re-examine the issues of the 1860's some call us "neo-Confederates" if the FACTS we present deviate from the history of the victor. Perhaps the only time Lincoln ever lived up to the nickname "Honest Abe"

was when he was asked "Why not let the South go in peace?" Lincoln shot an answer back with fire in his eyes: "I can't let them go. Who would pay for the government?" Maybe there was no chance of a Southern victory after the 1st or maybe 2nd year of the War, but I feel it was better to have fought and lost than never to have fought at all. Modernist historians gloat that the North won with one arm tied behind its back and if the Southerners had achieved more military success, the other arm would have come out. The South did their best and fought a total War or at least 300,000 dead Yankees would likely say they did. What might have helped the Southern Cause? Success in diplomatic efforts in Europe, possibly; getting Britain's support and military supplies? If so, France, still, might have supported the Union - maybe not - hard to say. I will stop here for there's really no end to the "what if's" that could be offered. I am glad, grateful and proud to declare to all the world that I am a descendant of men who dared the might of the tyrant. Deo Vindice (God will vindicate us). jwd

CYCLORAMA & 150th ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE OF ATLANTA



Atlanta's Grant Park is where Fort Walker once stood; named for Confederate Major General William H.T. Walker who was killed during the Battle of Atlanta. An upturned cannon way mark in the Glenwood Triangle of Atlanta currently marks the place where Walker was killed. Its front description plate reads: "In memory of Maj. Gen. William H.T. Walker, C.S.A." and the rear plate reads: "Born November 26, 1816; killed on this spot July 22, 1864." The Battle of Atlanta was fought during July and August of 1864. Atlanta Georgia's Cyclorama, a painting which depicts the Battle, is moving across town to the Atlanta History Center where it is to be restored and displayed along with the locomotive "Texas" and other artifacts from the War. Construction of the new home for the Cyclorama is scheduled to begin in mid 2015. The Cyclorama has been housed since 1921 in Atlanta's Grant Park. The story about the Cyclorama would not be complete without going back forty years ago when some folks felt the Cyclorama might not make it through the 1970's, much less the coming 21st Century. Mrs. Elizabeth "Francis L." Edmondson, the Cyclorama's Historian, was active in Atlanta's Cyclorama Restoration, Inc., a group that helped save the massive painting. Deterioration of the painting and water damage led to the \$11 million restoration in 1979-81. At one time, the Cyclorama was narrated by volunteers, some of whom were veterans or widows of veterans of the War Between the States and in the 60's and 70's by Victor Jory who appeared in the movie Gone with the Wind as Jonas Wilkerson, the overseer.





CHARLES WHITEHEAD - kidney stone recovery
KEITH BECK - recent gall bladder surgery
JOHN TUCKER (Olustee) - beginning chemo therapy
DAVID YOUNG & family - recent loss of son
CRAIG COLEMAN & family - recent loss of wife
PRAY FOR THOSE WHO LEAD "THE JACKSON RIFLES" & CAMP 2218
PRAY FOR PASTORS AND PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS
PRAY FOR THOSE WITH FAMILY FAR AWAY
PRAY FOR THE AMERICAN MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
PRAY FOR THE LONELY

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee" -Psalm 122:6



Our Deepest Sympathy

Mary Sue Coleman

06/25/1948

08/22/2014

June 25, 1948 - August 22, 2014



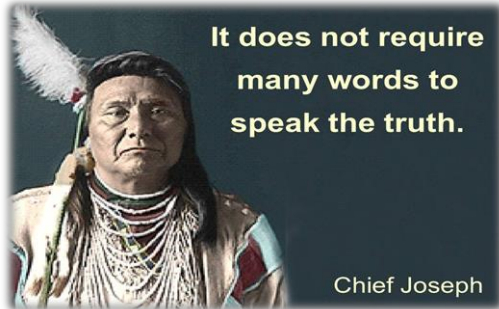
Mrs. Mary Sue Vaughn Coleman passed away on August, 22, 2014. Graveside Funeral Services were conducted at Mt. Nebo Cemetery in Wilkinson County on Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 4:30PM. Mrs. Coleman was a native of Milledgeville and grew up in Wilkinson County. She was the daughter of the late James H. and Mary Frances Deason Vaughn. She Graduated from Wilkinson Co. High School and then received her Bachelor's and Master's degree from Georgia College and State University. She then earned a Specialist Education Degree from Georgia College in 1987. Mrs. Coleman had 30 years teaching experience in the Baldwin County Public School System where she was teacher of the year for Carver Elementary School, Boddie Middle School as

well as for Baldwin County before being a finalist for Georgia Teacher of the Year. She worked in Blandy Hills Elementary School and the Central Office for the School Board where she was the Elementary Curriculum Director, K-12 Gifted Program Director. She also taught Elementary Education courses at Georgia College and State University. She was involved with the Middle Georgia Art Association, Friends of Macon-Bibb County Libraries, Baldwin Co. Retired Educators Association, Georgia Retired Educators Association, Wilkinson County Historical Society, The United Daughters of Confederacy with 10 Descendants all from Wilkinson County, The Daughters of the American Revolution with 3 descendants all from Wilkinson County, The Order of the Confederate Rose, the National Ladies Auxiliary Sons of the American Revolution, and the Point Lookout Prison of War Descendants Organization with 1 descendant from Wilkinson County. She was a former member of the Milledgeville/Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce, former Board Member of the Milledgeville Main Street, and Board member of the Cox Woodland Children's Home in Baldwin County. She is Survived by her husband Craig Coleman (former commander of The Old Capitol Camp, SCV) of Milledgeville, Children- Wendy (Allen) Martin of Milledgeville and their children Taylor and Jamie, and Susan (William) Parham of Sanford, N.C. and their children Will, Ryan, Cason, and Anna. Craig Coleman may be contacted at: 118 Rosewood Drive, Milledgeville, GA 31061, 478-453-9772.

My two favorite seasons of the year are fall and spring because fall deals with death and spring deals with new life. A symbol of fall, found on some old tombstones, is a leaf which conveys happiness, and people coming and going in their earthly existence. A dead leaf conveys sadness and death. A green leaf conveys nobility and sound judgment. A yellow leaf conveys old age. An oak leaf conveys bravery and a branch with green leaves conveys friendship, protection and a sometimes a tavern.



SIMPLE WORDS FROM BROKEN GENERATIONS



It does not require
many words to
speak the truth.

Chief Joseph

With age comes the increasing tendency to step well away from all things historic and religious and await a sure end. (Jeremiah 29:11 KJV ONLY)

From the obscene amount of boastings regarding lineage, I have determined that I am possibly the only human on this planet not descended from Robert E. Lee. His line must have populated most of the known world.

With not a hint of apology I acknowledge no other English language writings besides the A.V. 1611 (King James Version) as being the Holy scriptures and the infallible, inspired, Word of God Almighty. Period.

Success is getting up just one more time than you fall down.

My interest is in the past because I have spent most of my life there.

ONLY ONE PAGE

I can't go on vacation, there are cartridges to roll,
And all those registrations will surely take their toll.
There's gear to sort, repack and repair,
For soon the time will come that we all must arrive there.
No time to play the tourist, son,
There's rifles to clean and that's loads of fun.
So count your good memories, name them one by one,
And marvel at what the rest of the world calls fun.
Such are the ramblin's of age for the world is a book,
And those who do not travel, read only a page.

STUPID PHRASES

Have you ever noticed the plethora of stupid phrases that have invaded the English language? Does no one have mind enough to form one original thought on their own, anymore? These endless repetitions are, no doubt, born in Hollywood or by rock ilk and spread like disease.

Gross - (actually means 144) do they mean grotesque?

You Deserve - what righteous deed did I do?

I got this - Good, I didn't want it anyway

Mother Nature - who is she?

Score - Cha-ching

Wait For It - No, I am too impatient

Move Forward - Even if it is the wrong direction?

Closure - oh, brother...

Really? - Yes, REALLY, dummy

Giving Back - Maybe you should not have taken it in the first place

Literally - Do you know the difference between literal and figurative - didn't think so

So ... What Happened Was - Does every sentence have to start this way?

ANNIVERSARY OF A HYPOCRISY



Depiction by Francis Bicknell Carpenter of Abraham Lincoln's 1st reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, in July 1862. Naturally, it hangs in the U.S. Capitol

September 22 marks the anniversary of Lincoln's preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, in which he declared all slaves in states in rebellion against the Union "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free."

However, Lincoln wasn't an abolitionist. He believed slavery was morally wrong, but sanctioned by the Constitution. Only by a feigned emancipation, could Lincoln win the re-election votes of abolitionists.

Lincoln didn't believe African Americans should have the same rights as whites. He argued that the phrase "all men are created equal" applied to both races but not to the extent of having equal social and political rights.

Lincoln favored colonization or the idea that African-Americans should leave America and suggested sending them to Liberia.

Emancipation was essentially a military policy. Lincoln didn't see the War as a struggle to free anyone. Emancipation was merely to undermine the Confederacy. When a Union officer in Kentucky freed local slaves after a major victory, Union soldiers threw down their arms and disbanded. Lincoln intervened and "un-freed" those slaves to prevent a military backlash. Upon hearing the proclamation, Robert Gould Shaw remarked: "I can't see what practical good it can do now. Wherever our army has been, there remain no slaves and the Proclamation won't free them where we don't go.... "

Lincoln's Proclamation didn't apply to Northern slaves nor border States like Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky and Missouri, which remained loyal to the Union. Hypocritically, Emancipation didn't free slaves until War's end since it applied only where the Federal government had no control.



WHO-O-O-O- ARE YOU? In funeral art, the owl conveys watchfulness, wisdom or contemplative solitude. In some cultures, the owl was part of the burial process. For instance, in prehistoric Europe, owl bones were buried with the dead and with the Northwestern Native American (INDIAN) Culture, the imagery of the owl was one of a protector and a guide in the underworld. It seems odd to him that the 5th Ohio Regiment would adopt the owl to mark its Gettysburg dead. As far as we know, the owl is not used in any other War Between the States memorials. (Photo: Gettysburg National cemetery)

Upcoming EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 7 - VAL ELLIOT PLAY - "Grandparents Day" (see page 13)
SEPTEMBER 13 - RE-DEDICATION-FT.WALKER MONUMENT-ATLANTA
SEPTEMBER 20 - SCV SALUTE TO VETERANS IN DUBLIN,GA
SEPTEMBER 19-21 - BATTLE OF ATLANTA @ NASH FARM. WALK-ONS \$25
OCTOBER 3-5 - ANDERSONVILLE - POC LEE MURDOCK 478-986-5290.
OCTOBER - BATTLE @ IRWINVILLE - POC LEE MURDOCK 478-986-5290.
NOVEMBER 7-9 - SHERMAN'S OCCUPATION OF SANDERSVILLE (see page 12)
NOVEMBER 15 - KILPATRICK AT THE TOWLIGA - POC Is Lee Murdock @ 478-986-5290.
NOVEMBER 22 - 150TH GRISWOLDVILLE MEMORIAL -
SPEAKER: PASTOR JOHN WEAVER (page 7, below)
NOVEMBER 15 - CANNONBALL HOUSE APPARITIONS - 478-745-5982
DECEMBER 12-14 - FT.MCALLISTER (CONFEDERATE REGISTRATION CLOSED)
DECEMBER 12- CHRISTMAS AT THE CANNONBALL HOUSE - 478-745-5982
DECEMBER 5 & 6 - CHRISTMAS AT RICHLAND CHURCH.7PM. POC -FRANK HENDRIX

150th MARCH TO THE SEA - CANCELED

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

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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.



16TH GA Co. G. "Jackson Rifles"

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Capt. Wm. "Rebel" Bradberry - 404-242-7213
1 Lt. Noah Sprague - 706-491-9755
2nd Lt. Kevin Sark - 478-731-8796
Adjutant John Wayne "Duke" Dobson 478-731-5531
1st Sgt. Alan "Cookie" Richards - 478-308-9739
2nd Sgt. Nathan Sprague - 478-320-8748
1st Corp. Chas. "Goodtime" Whitehead 478-986-8943
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 - 478-994-0958
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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
Rev. Joey Young - Honorary Life Member

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.



THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER # 2218 of Clinton, Jones County, Georgia, held their August 25, 2014 meeting at FIREFLYS Restaurant, on the Gray Hwy. Our featured speaker was Val Elliott who brought her historic art collection and spoke about it. James Thompson (#2218) will speak in September about the 44th Georgia and the Dole-Cook Brigade. In October, newest member, Nick Reonas will talk about the wheat field on the 2nd Day of Gettysburg. The

November meeting will be held in conjunction with the Griswoldville Memorial Service with Pastor John Weaver speaking, and we will have no December meeting. In February 2015 Chris Faulkner will talk about how Confederates are portrayed in movies and television shows. In March 2015 UDC Sidney Lanier Chapter #25 President Sherrie`Raleigh will be our guest speaker, Shea Blalock Hicks will come in April and in July 2015 we look forward to hearing from Cheryl Aultman. Please note that our meetings are on the 4th Monday of each month, not necessarily the last - that can be confusing. We eat at 6PM and meet at 7PM. For more information call Commander J.C. Nobles (478-718-3201) or Adjutant Wayne Dobson (478-731-5531).

DUES NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED - CAMP 2218 DEADLINE *OCTOBER 1ST*

MEMBERSHIP INCREASES FOR SCV CAMP # 2218



On Monday, August 25th, 2014, The Camp of the Unknown Soldier #2218, of Old Clinton, Jones County, Georgia inducted Ethan Bockholt (also a 16TH GA member). Left to right: John Wayne Dobson, Adjutant, Chaplain Joel B. Whitehead, Jr., Ethan Bockholt and Commander J. C. Nobles. At the same meeting artist, Val Elliott of Jones County,

presented a sampling of her historical paintings. For over a decade, Val has amassed a collection of over 30 selections depicting historical re-enactments such as Old Clinton War Days and other similar current events .



Sgt. Andrew Martin Chandler of the 44th Mississippi Regiment, left, and Silas Chandler pose in this tintype, circa 1861. The tintype was recently donated to the Library of Congress

It is 1861 and the two men are going off to war. They sit side-by-side before the camera, their elbows and knees touching. They wear the uniform of the Confederacy and are armed with pistols, knives and a shotgun. One is white, the other black; one the master, the other his slave. Both stare at the photographer, as if told to be still. The striking 150-year old tintype has just been donated to the Library of Congress by a collector who bought it to give to the Library. The photograph shows Sgt. Andrew Martin Chandler of the 44th Mississippi Regiment and his "servant," Silas Chandler, who was one of 36 slaves owned by the soldier's mother. Andrew is about 17 in the picture and Silas is in his mid-20s.

JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. (John 8:12) This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)

Before we were saved we dwelt in the dark; in the sin of the natural. When you are saved by the Lord our God you are removed from darkness into light. In His light you shine like the moon that reflects the sun. We reflect light into this dark world that is hurting and lost in sin.

When you are saved you are transformed into a new creation. You are not the same as you were, you are an heir with Christ Jesus. As children of God it is our responsibility to show and tell the world that Jesus is the only way to be forever saved. People will reject this hope that is extended to them. Extend it anyway - for there is no sin that was not forgiven when Jesus went to the cross for us all.

John 3:16- 17 tells us "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.¹⁷ For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

Whosoever means everyone who believes. God loves us so much that he died so we could be with Him forever. If you believe in Jesus, don't hide your light for you will never know who you need to be the beacon of hope from the Lord to. Have you shined your light today?

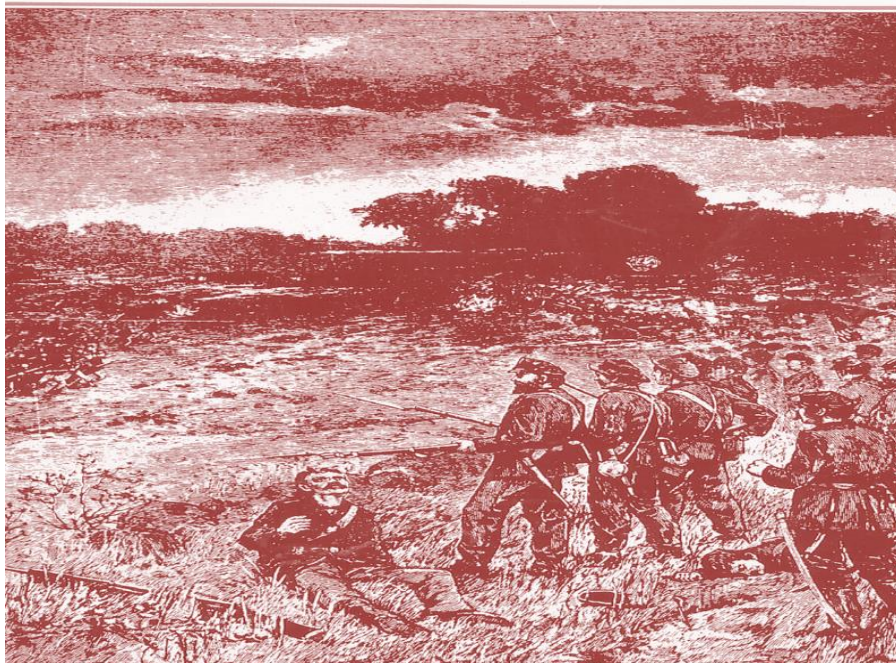
- Chaplain Joel B. Whitehead, Jr. (16th GA / Camp 2218)

FORT HAWKINS OPENS VISTOR'S CENTER



Considered the birthplace of Macon, Fort Hawkins has a rich history On August 29th, the Fort Hawkins Commission officially opened the doors to its new visitors center in a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Battle of Griswoldville November 22, 1864



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:

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"Grandparent's Day"



A Christian Comedy by Val & Ed Elliott
Performed by Daily Bread Drama Team a ministry of Macon Evangelistic Church

Where: Macon "E" Church

5399 Hartley Bridge Road , Macon, Ga. 31216

When: Sunday, September 7, 2014

Time: 6 p.m.

Cost: Free

Come early and browse crafts.
in our gift shop. 4:30 - 5:50

Stay for fellowship and refreshments
following the play.

For More Info: Call 478-731-5538
