

THE HOWLING DAWG

APRIL 2017



An Old Warrior

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

"Where Have All The Soldiers Gone ...?"

Confederate Memorial Services 2017



Photo Courtesy of: Shannon Bosarge

Confederate Memorial Service at Byron, April 22, 2017

"Where have all the soldiers gone, long time passing? Where have all the soldiers gone, long time ago?"

The tide turned against the South on that fateful Charleston evening of June 17, 1865. Nothing is harder to take than being blamed for something you are not responsible for. Without a syllable of allowed defense the whole Southern Nation, heritage, honor and cherished lifestyle was tried, convicted and sentenced. We are well aware of what has been done to us for nigh on two years. I need not rehearse it here. The cowards and shirkers departed our ranks almost overnight. Those left knew their duty and were prepared to stay on the firing line until the Southern sun set on the last day or the victory was won. It seems to me that three springs ago it was not quite so politically incorrect to take a stand for a God-given heritage – a birthright. Now, folks tremble at the suggestion of being

associated with anything "Confederate." The men in the cover photograph are members and Compatriots of the 16th Georgia Company G, "The Jackson Rifles". They are members of The Lt. James T. Woodward SCV Camp # 1399 of Warner Robins, GA, the Logan E. Bleckley SCV Camp # 1998 of Cochran, GA and The Camp of The Unknown Soldier SCV Camp # 2218 of Old Clinton, Jones County, GA. They stand in the full view of the world in the April sun, unashamed and unbowed. However, their ranks have thinned in the past two years. Oh, yes, precious souls who once stood with us have gone to their heavenly reward but some who could have and should have shown up just did not! You know in your own heart: were you ill, was a family member ill? Did you have to work? Did some calamity befall you or did you just not show up. The conglomerate of these afore mentioned men, on the cover, alone, were involved in as many as nine Confederate Memorial services in two days. How many did you attend? Did you even stop by a lonely roadside Confederate grave long enough to observe a moment of silence or offer a salute or were too busy of just plain afraid someone would see you. Any excuse will do. Some, who have any measure of conscience left, will read this page and confess within their own soul that they could have attended – they could have done something – they could have taken a stand ... but they did not ... they did not.

Photo Courtesy of: Shannon Bosarge



Am I depressed by the reduced turn out? Not really. I know the caliber of men and women who attend these services and I am so very proud to be in such excellent company, that I could burst. Often, quality outranks quantity. The media did not show its scurrilous face and that was such a blessing. No, I am not dismayed – not especially. I talk to a lot of people each week. I also listen to what they say to me and I am here to tell you that there is a revival emerging regarding all things Southern. This resurgence is coming from some of the most unlikely points of heartland America that you can imagine. I am convinced that there is an age old principle at work here - a flourishing in the midst of persecution - and the fight is far from over. I am sorry if you could not or would not make any Confederate Memorial services this year. Some, indeed, had to work, at least one had National Guard drill and we sure understand these good reasons. – Jwd



April is Confederate memorial and history month – a time filled with special programs, heritage celebrations and memorial services. I gladly take the occasion to openly declare to that I am proud, not at all ashamed, of my Confederate ancestry and heritage. I believe the South was right to valiantly resist a Federal government bent on total encroachment into our lives. My stand may be considered against the grain but "politically correct" is never correct and it has rendered the land of the free crushed and dismembered. Those who champion "political correctness" call loudly for tolerance, equality and civil rights to be granted but they seldom, if ever, return the same. A propagandistic world may spin that there is a racist root to these convictions but my God and those who know me best know the truth. My heroes are not among those acclaimed for their political, industrial, athletic or acting endeavors. Mine are enshrined the Bible, memories of my family and many wore the uniform of the Confederate soldier. – Jwd

Lt. James T. Woodward Memorial Service
Photo By: Beth Colvin

SCENES FROM THE 152nd ROSE HILL MEMORIAL SERVICE - April 22, 2017

Courtesy of: John & Billie Trussell



Gary Banks received the National Defense Medal

Ladies of Chapter 25 UDC



Nearly three and one half decades ago, the 16th GA, Co. G, The Jackson Rifles was formed. From the beginning this was not to be just another re-enactment company, because the members were not re-enactors, but soldiers. For this reason, the primary mission was to honor the memory of the Confederate soldier, period. Bylaws stated that no activity would be scheduled by the unit, which would interfere with Confederate Memorial Day services. This regiment has faithfully maintained that HONESTY OF PURPOSE.

As March ended Georgia lawmaker, Republican Rep. Tommy Benton, of Jefferson, defended his proposal asking House colleagues to recognize "Confederate History Month." Benton said he wasn't proposing anything new. State law still designates April as "Confederate History and Heritage Month." But he said his proposal was simply "recognition of the Southern soldier, his valor and his willingness to go and fight for something that he believed in." Republican Governor Nathan Deal deceitfully renamed Confederate Memorial Day and Robert E. Lee's birthday as vague state holidays in 2015. I suppose he, like Niki Haley, "just had to do something" as a reprisal for Charleston shootings that no Georgians had anything to do with. That heinous act was the sole work of An isolated murdering criminal who in no way represented Southern heritage. His evil work was simply used as an excuse to further persecute those who will not deny their Confederate ancestry. Benton filed several measures last year on Confederate history, seeking recognition of the holidays. -Jwd

Cotton Ave. Memorial Service Macon, GA - Photo: Beth Colvin



After a long day of Confederate memorials, we came upon a lone confederate grave and made sure the soldier was given the remembrance he deserved. - 2nd Corp. Brick Lee Nelson, 16th GA

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pictured are (from left to right) Yonah Johnson, Colton King, Seth McNair, Brick Lee Nelson & Charles Whitehead. This is typical of the caliber of young men who are found within the ranks of the 16th GA, Co. G and The Camp of the Unknown Soldier. - Jwd

One last song

..... *Simple Heritage*



*Brenda, Wayne, Brick and Charlie at Bryon, GA – April 22, 2017
(extreme left and right are Ricky Smith and Steve Smith, respectively)*

4-22-17
Wear Wayne and Simple Heritage,
Sidney Lanier Ch. 25, U.D.C. would
like to thank the group for bringing
the sound of music to the 152nd
Annual Confederate Memorial Day
Observance. The sound of music
gladdens the heart and soothes the
soul. Music whispers of hope,
faith and joy.
For bringing this gift to this
Very special observance we
Thank you.
In UDC Friendship,
Sandra H. Adams
President, Sidney Lanier 25 UDC

Dear J.C. - Thank you so much and the men of Co. G, 16th Georgia, "Jackson Rifles" who helped with the rifle Salute and Confederate Memorial Day at Rose Hill. You positioned yourselves at the right spot for everyone to be able to see. We were blessed with beautiful weather and no interruption by trains. It was a pleasure meeting you and working with you. And I hope that we will meet again at various events during the year. In UDC Friendship, Sandra Adams

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



SCHEDULE OF 2017 EVENTS

MAY 6-7 – OLD CLINTON WAR DAYS

MAY 14 – MOTHER’S DAY

MAY 18 - SCV CAMP 2218 MEETING – *SHERRIE’ RALEIGH*

MAY 29 – U.S. MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE 9 & 10 – 130TH GA SCV REUNION – MACON, GA

JUNE 9 -11 – 16TH GA SUMMER DRILL – SKUNK HOLLOW – (contact Noah or Nathan)

JUNE 15 - SCV CAMP 2218 MEETING – *LTC. EDWARD SHELOR*

JULY 20 - SCV CAMP 2218 MEETING – *RACHEL HOLLAND*

AUGUST 17 - SCV CAMP 2218 MEETING - *DONNA FAULKNER BARRON*

SEPTEMBER 16-17–*HURRICANE SHOALS RE-ENACTMENT* (Registration now open)

SEPTEMBER 21 - SCV CAMP 2218 MEETING – *JOHNNY MACK NICKLES*

OCTOBER 6-8 – *ANDERSONVILLE, GA HISTORIC FAIR & BATTLES*

OCTOBER 13-15 - *BATTLES AT NASH FARM*

OCTOBER 19 – SCV CAMP 2218 MEETING – *EARL COLVIN*

NOVEMBER 18 – *GRISWOLDVILLE BATTLEFIELD COMMEMORATION*

SPEAKER: GA DIV. SCV COMMNDER SCOTT GILBERT

IN FLORIDA

Bellevue Will Fly Confederate Flag To Honor Community History

Apr 24, 2017 at 4:27 PM - By Katie Pohlman

A third flag will join the U.S. and Florida ones on Wednesday at Bellevue's City Hall to honor Confederate History Day. The third national Confederate flag, also known as the "blood-stained banner," will be raised to half-staff around 7:30 a.m. to honor Confederate veterans. The local Sons of Confederate Veterans unit has performed this tribute ceremony for more than 10 years. Sons of Confederate Veterans 8th Brigade Commander Chuck Kadel said it is important to recognize all American veterans. "(Confederate veterans) were veterans just as American veterans are," he said. April is recognized by the state of Florida as Confederate History Month. A Bellevue city proclamation passed April 4, which will be read at the flag raising ceremony, states that Florida supplied the greatest percentage of its population as soldiers compared to all other Confederate states. Further, one-third of the Floridian soldiers did not return from War. Being the least populous state, Florida provided 15,000 soldiers to fight in the war, 5,000 of which were killed, according to a website called "Exploring Florida," curated by the Florida Center for Instructional Technology at the University of South Florida. Florida also became the breadbasket of the Confederacy. Farmers sent beef, pork, fish, fruit and salt to keep the meat from spoiling to Confederate soldiers throughout the war, according to the website. The 8th Brigade also hosts memorial services at a couple of local cemeteries during Confederate History Month, Kadel said. "We're just a historical preservation group," he said. "We try to preserve the history too, not just raising the flag. Today they just want to erase all this history." Bellevue's decision to fly the flag seems to be unaffected by the recent controversy over flying the Confederate flag in Marion County.

IN ALABAMA

Alabama Honors Southern Soldiers on Confederate Memorial Day

By ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE - Associated Press - Monday, April 24, 2017
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - The only black man clad in the gray woolen uniform of a Confederate soldier, H.K. Edgerton stood up Monday and told the crowd at the Alabama Capitol building to never forget his fellow African-Americans who died fighting for the South in the Civil War. The nearly 150 people who gathered there for Confederate Memorial Day - a state holiday commemorating Southern soldiers killed in the war with the North - cheered. "I'm very proud that Alabama still has this as a state holiday to celebrate the men and women who gave their lives after they were invaded," said Edgerton, 69, a Confederate flag slung over his shoulder. Alabama is one of the last states in the country that still celebrates Confederate Memorial Day as an official holiday. The day brings controversy and confusion, with critics arguing about the appropriateness of the anniversary, supporters saying they want to honor their dead and some people just upset that their errands are upended by the closure of government offices. "It's about time that we stop having any official memorial days for the Confederacy," said Heidi Beirich, director of the hate-watching Intelligence Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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150 Years Ago Today

April 26, 1867: In Rome, Georgia, next week's "Weekly Courier" has this: *"Friday, April the 26'th, the first anniversary day for decorating the soldiers' graves, was observed by nearly all the ladies of Rome. In consideration of the present 'situation', it was deemed inadvisable to have any formal public demonstrations, in the way of processions, speeches, &c., but each individual, who felt disposed to pay a floral tribute to the memory of those who gave their lives to the 'lost cause', went, independently, to the cemetery, and arranged such flowers as she had upon the soldiers' graves...Flowers are not abundant here at this season...It is the month before the month of May, and spring comes slowly up this way. But, yet we were glad to notice that not a single one of these lowly beds was left entirely unadorned by some fair hands."* (In Atlanta, the tribute is postponed until May 10th, due to the scarcity of flowers in bloom. May 10 is the date of the anniversary of the death of Stonewall Jackson.) The Rome article goes on: *"So far as we have seen notices, the military nowhere interfered, except at Memphis, where the commander of the post prohibited any procession or public speeches, but, yet allowed the ladies in an ostentatious way, to decorate the soldiers' graves."*

Courtesy of: Larry Upthegrove

THE CAMP OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



The Camp met for the first time at the new location of Chevy's Pizza (115 West Clinton Street just up the highway). As we have said before, Chevy's folks have graciously supplied us with a meeting place for almost the entire existence of the Camp.

Our April meeting brought saw the return (our 2016 Lee-Jackson speaker) of Mark Pollard. He is the Henry County, Historian Past Commander of Gen. Patrick R. Cleburne Camp 1361 of Jonesboro, Ga. Past Commander of the Col. Charles T. Zachary Camp 108 of Henry County and Past N.E. Brigade Commander; as well as the Historian for Nash Farm Battlefield and has been a member of the SCV for 35 years. Long-time 16th GA members will fondly recall

serving with Mark when he was in the 30th GA Infantry. Mark currently serves as the Ga. Division Historian. His program on this occasion was entitled *"The History of the SCV"*.

In May we look forward to hearing from GA Sherrie' Raleigh (UDC Chapter #25) and Lt. Col. Ed Shelor (Georgia Military College) will return in June. On July 20th, Rachel Holland of the 53rd GA, will be speaking about Civil War Nurses. August 17th is a meeting date of great interest. Our speaker on that occasion will be Donna Faulkner Barron, daughter of Roy Faulkner, the man responsible for the completion of Stone Mountain's iconic Confederate Memorial. Looking ahead to September we will enjoy a revisit by artifacts expert extraordinaire, Johnny Mack Nickles (SCV Camp 18) and on October 19th, Compatriot Earl Colvin will bring what promises to be a vital and mighty interesting program on the 45th GA, Co. F men from our own Jones County area. Our November 2017 Camp meeting will be held on the Griswoldville Battlefield during our annual memorial service. The guest speaker for that date, Saturday, November 18, 2017, will be State SCV Commander Scott Gilbert. We do not meet in December. Our 2017 guest speaker openings for Camp 2218 meeting programs are filled. Please apply to Adjutant Dobson if interested in booking 2018 dates. **The Georgia Confederates Youth Camp** - June 11th - 16th, 2017 Ages 12 ~ 17 / Scholarships Available / True Southern History Presented / Banquet & Ball, Friday Co-ed: programs for boys and girls / Al Perry, Director 912-585-9144.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 and ask God to meet their needs according to His will ...

Rev. Joey Young and family Ethan & Crystal Bloodworth
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You, that we may boldly witness. And, *please*, do let me know of others.

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

2017, 120th GEORGIA DIVISION REUNION

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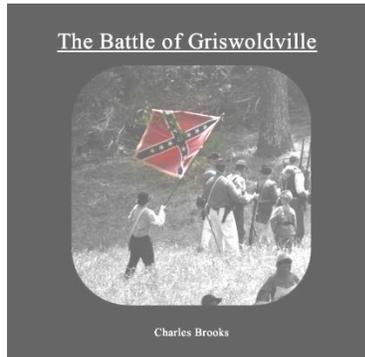
DO NOT SEND THIS BACK IN THE MAIL. Please present this to the credentials committee at the reunion registration table. It will then be checked against paid membership on the roster. This Form MUST be certified by either the Camp Commander or Adjutant on record with the Georgia Division Adjutant. I certify that the above delegates are authorized to represent and vote for this camp.

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BOOKS



The Battle of Griswoldville by Charles Brooks

It is so refreshing to find out there is a new book out concerning the events of the War of Northern Aggression that our forefathers fought so gallantly in. As I opened Mr. Brooks' book and begin to read the prologue I quickly realized that my feelings changed from refreshing to deep concern.

First of all, I disagree with the fact that our entire southern culture was built on the institution of slavery. I had Confederate ancestors who owned slaves and those that didn't. Those that didn't own slaves certainly weren't fighting strictly

for the preservation of slavery and those that did own slaves would not have liberally sacrificed the lives of their sons for that right. We will always remember slavery in America, how could we ever possibly forget.

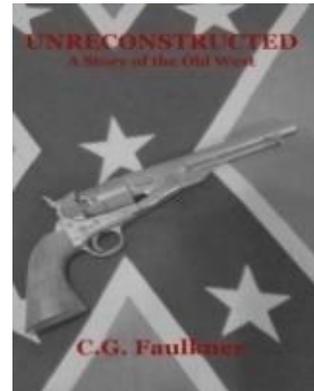
Secondly, I will always, to my dyeing breath, remember the sacrifices that were made by our ancestors who lived during that horrible war, a war unwarranted but by a dictator, the National president. Though they sneak through the night, like a thief, destroying monuments and any vestige of recognition given to the Southern Cause, I will never forget my ancestry. Neither will I ever associate my ancestry with that of Nazi German or the Empire of Japan. To do so represents a complete misunderstanding of world history.

Thirdly, the victors are typically the authors of our war histories and much of what has been written and placed in public domain does not always provide factual information and should be properly researched rather than reprinted verbatim.

On a positive note the pictures that the book contains were of most importance to my wife as our young grandson was seen in several shots. However, being proud members of the 16th Georgia Regiment, Company G (re-enactors) my family and I have issues with our group being so closely associated with this publication. - Earl Colvin

UNRECONSTRUCTED: A STORY OF THE OLD WEST

By Local Author C.G. Faulkner, (member of SCV Camp 2218) now available at amazon.com 'Unreconstructed' is the story of an unapologetic former Confederate Cavalry Officer, Captain Thomas Jefferson Fortner. Tom comes home to Georgia after the surrender at Appomattox to a land of devastation. His family had been murdered at the hands of a Union Colonel during Sherman's march to the sea. His fiancée killed outside Richmond. His farm burned to the ground. Despite all of this tragedy, he tries to rebuild and start anew. Then comes Reconstruction, the punishment of the South by Yankee radicals, adding insult to the injury of the war. By 1868 he can tolerate no more and leaves the home of his forefathers and goes west to the Colorado territory. But the war is not ready to be left behind. What follows is a story of revenge, adventure, romance and friendship in the old west of America. Tom must face one more battle before his war will truly end. amazon.com/author/cgfaulkner



Greetings Friends, I send this as an invitation for you to 'follow' my blog, in which I write about my books, the War Between the States, the Old West and so on; hopefully things you may find interesting. If you choose to sign up, you'll just receive an email with the latest blog entries. Just click 'Follow' in the bottom right corner of my page. Here's the link:<https://wordpress21537.wordpress.com> Pass this on to anyone else you think might like it. I appreciate it! Thank You, Chris Faulkner (Writing as C.G. Faulkner)

BEING STILL



"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." - Psalm 46:10

What seems to be the hallmark of modern life? Fast paced life is the speed in which the world is set and it does not slow down. We are constantly doing something, going somewhere and are running all the time. This is an effort on the Devil's part to weaken God's children. When we are too busy to stop and spend time with God it robs us of our strength that comes from God.

When we are still and focused on God we get not only rest but a better understanding of who our God is. He is then exalted by His children. The heathen is told about God by His children and it opens the heathen's eyes and they exalt God. As a result of these happenings, earth exalts God.

Being still before the Lord does not always mean to be quiet and still. It can be praising His Holy Name as when Peter and John were in prison (Acts 4). As they prayed and worshiped through song God released them to go preach in the temple. The stillness of Christians is a time to focus and concentrate on the Lord. When His children focus on God, HE is there. No place on earth is as still as in the presence of Almighty God.

God never leaves us nor forsakes us (Hebrews 13:5). He waits for us to be still. When Israel was trapped between the Red Sea and Pharaoh's army, (Exodus 14) Moses told them to be still and see the Lord's deliverance, was the sea opening for them to cross to safety. If you are seeking God, be still and He will come to you. Have you been still before the Lord lately?

Chaplain Joel B. Whitehead, Jr.

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IN HONORED MEMORY



This is the inscription :

In memory of

2nd Lieutenant

Absalom Lucius Sims (1824-1864

Co. H. 7th Reg't GA State Guards

Georgia Militia Coweta County

Donated by Calvin and Paulette Grant

Family

"We had found that he was a Captain in the Coweta County #755 GA Militia. Near the end of the War, Governor Brown incorporated these units into the State Guards. Thus, 2nd Lieutenant Absalom Lucius Sims ended up at Griswoldville in 1864. He was severely wounded on that 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 Lucius Sims, Jr., 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. Here's wishing you and your family the very best. Keep up the good work.
Regards, Calvin Grant

NOTE: Special thanks was expressed to Compatriot Johnny Mac Nickles (SCV Camp 18) for his kind and able assistance in getting this memorial placed.



The Prayer List



"...unto HIM that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think"

- Ephesians 3:20

Most all Christians keep a list of prayers. It may not be written down – although some do it that way; there is a mental list, at least tucked away in the heart and head of the believer. I will emphasize the word, *believer*, because the scripture clearly says that *"he that cometh to GOD must believe that HE is, and that HE is a rewarder of them that diligently seek HIM."* (Hebrews 11:16) In other words, if you do not believe GOD exists, who can you to pray to and expect help.?

I have seen the phrase, *"God answers prayer"*, monogrammed on pillows, displayed on bill boards, on plaques hanging in homes, in church bulletins and many other places. Certainly, that is a true phrase. However, as our mouths may testify to this truth, our mind scrolls down the list of those petitions that – well - GOD just has not gotten back to us on. We may sit and reason that the answer is coming or we may conclude that GOD just said *"no"*. We can turn a little bitter about it, especially if we dwell on those prayers that were seemingly not answered or not answered in the way we thought they should be. There was a story recently circulated about a little girl who prayed earnestly for her sick kitten. When the poor animal died the girl's mother tried to console her child by using the worn out phrase, *"well, I guess God just needed another kitten in Heaven."* The tearful little girl shot back, *"yeah, well what would God need with a dead cat – I needed her here with me, alive!"* We may snicker a little at that story but the truth is many of us are that way. We may try hard to portray the mature Christian but often as not we just want our prayers answered our way. Think about it: how many things have you asked GOD for that just did not happen the way you asked for them to? For a related example, nearly one-fifth of the Gospel accounts are about Jesus' healing ministry. We can read 30-40 Bible accounts of individuals who were healed by Jesus – they did not start to get better, and grow into health. In most cases the healing was instantaneous! How many sick or injured people have you known who



just did not get better, even when much earnest prayer was made for them? Do not EVER think that I am doubting nor accusing GOD, here ... but how many lost people, who we prayed long and hard for, just continued on the road to Hell? I mean you did your best to pray according to God's will. (Luke 22:42) He is not willing, after all, that any should perish (2 Peter 3:9). Therefore, when a sick or injured loved one dies, we, like the mother of the little girl with the kitten – in "blind faith" accept that

God just took them on home. For sure, *"to absent from the body is to be present with the Lord."* (2 Corinthians 5:8) That may be one of the scriptures we quote in such times but sometimes, secretly, there is the lingering question – *"GOD why did you not do what I asked? I know you may have your reason, GOD, but the details are hidden from this mortal man. Did I not pray hard enough? Is there hidden, un-confessed sin in my life that prevented the outcome I desired? Was my request selfish or not best for me? What were you trying to teach me, LORD? Maybe if you explained yourself better, LORD, I would understand and accept your decision better – show me a scripture. Did YOU even hear me? What good does it do to pray, anyway?"* Have you ever thought that way? In Alcoholics Anonymous they have a saying when someone is pondering going back their old ways and taking a drink – they call it *"stinkin' thinkin'."* Christians sometimes have a little of that kind of thinking, too; especially when GOD does not do things our way. *"Our way"* is what we prayed for isn't it – in most cases – for GOD to do exactly as we asked? Do we really want HIM to do things HIS way or ours? Maybe you asked GOD for money for what seemed to be a reasonable purpose or need – food, clothing, shelter, medical bills...a better car or just car repair. If the money did not come, you may have just quit asking and disgustedly wondered, *"what's the deal?"* I mean it is not like the relatively little sum I wanted would break GOD'S bank. Psalm 50:10 says HE owns *"the cattle on a thousand hills."* It is not like going to a friend and asking for money only to get the reply that they are a little short this week and can't spare it. *"What's more, GOD, I tithed"*. (Malachi 3:10) I did my part. I did what YOU required of me. What went wrong, where did the train get off the track? Did YOU not hear me GODdo YOU even love me....really? And one more thing, GOD. My loved one died...and my pets (Psalm 36:6), too. They died. After all of my pleading prayers, they just ... died. YOU could have healed them GOD – I mean YOU brought folks back from the dead – this request was not too big for YOU, but YOU just said *NO!* Do these words seem hard to you or do they sound like some private thoughts you may have had? Maybe they have crossed your mind before and perhaps they have crossed mine. We may as well be honest before GOD. HE knows all and sees all anyway. GOD is typically silent as we rant and rave in the hidden places of heart and mind. GOD lets us have our say. HE just sits there, with more patience than we deserve, and watches you as HE watches over you. When you are finished HE wraps HIS everlasting arms around you and simply says, *"I love you."* You know HE is right. HE knows what is best and is always, always, always faithful to do what is best for you. Yes, even when you don't agree or understand. HE always answers your prayer list. Don't ever turn and walk away from the truest LOVE in your life. - Jwd

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2:05 p.m. Reenactment Battle

8:05 p.m. Saturday Night Memorial Service at Clinton Methodist Church (Free to All)

In Camp 11:05 a.m. Sunday Church Service (All Welcome)

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RISIN' OF THE MOON

And come tell me Sean O'Farrell, tell me why you hurry so
Hush a bhuachaill, hush and listen and his cheeks were all aglow
I bear orders from the captain, get you ready quick and soon
For the pikes must be together at the rising of the moon
At the rising of the moon, at the rising of the moon
For the pikes must be together at the rising of the moon

And come tell me Sean O'Farrell, where the gathering is to be
At the old spot by the river quite well known to you and me
One more word for signal token, whistle out the marching tune
With your pike upon your shoulder at the rising of the moon
At the rising of the moon, at the rising of the moon
With your pike upon your shoulder at the rising of the moon

Out from many a mud walled cabin eyes were watching through the night
Many a manly heart was beating for the blessed morning's light
Murmurs ran along the valley to the banshee's lonely croon
And a thousand pikes were flashing by the rising of the moon
By the rising of the moon, by the rising of the moon
And a thousand pikes were flashing by the rising of the moon

(Spoken) Then the moon rose over the valley and the cheering died away. And the women went within their doors at the heel of the summer day. And no men came in at midnight and no men came in at dawn. And the women keened by their ashy fires 'til their faces were haggard and wan. For they knew they had gone to the tristate with pike and musketoon. To fight for their hearths and alters at the rising of the moon.....

All along that singing river, that black mass of men was seen
High' above their shining weapons flew their own beloved green
Death to every foe and traitor, whistle out the marching tune
And hoorah me boys for freedom 'tis the rising of the moon
'Tis the rising of the moon, 'tis the rising of the moon
And hoorah me boys for freedom 'tis the rising of the moon



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- 12:35 PM... Youth Wooden Rifle Mock Battle
- 1:35 PM... Narrative of Battle History
- 2:05 PM... Battle of Sunshine Church
- 5:05 PM... Camp Closes to Public
- 8:05 PM... Memorial Service at Old Clinton Cemetery

SUNDAY May 7, 2017

- 9:05 AM... Call to Colors (Mandatory Assembly)
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- 11:05 AM... Church Service at Macarthy Pope House
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