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ATTENTION TO ORDERS

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

This old seafaring term, given as a farewell salute to sailors transferring ships or duty stations, seems appropriate to open this edition of Mail Call. In that spirit, I will hail out this salute to our own Bill Willis as he relinquishes the helm of the Mail Call Editorial Chair to less seasoned crew members. As editor, Bill did the impossible. He took a very simplistic newsletter and transformed it into a national prize winning publication. That accomplishment will probably have quite a wait to be duplicated. This interim editor will not even embarrass himself by trying. I look forward to continued quality contributions from our Mail Call regulars strongly encourage input by Compatriots at large. With that assistance I will try to keep our membership informed of happenings in Fort Blakeley Camp and the SCV Confederacy.

We'll try to maintain some educational content each month by noting events corresponding to the concurrent Sesquicentennial period. Of course I will maintain the editorial prerogative of commenting on the ignorance and absurdity of those who seem to be constantly undermining this nation's commemoration of the most significant event in our history.

One has to remember that this is a Sesquicentennial for both the North and South. The soldiers and citizens who served their countries honorably, whether North or South, should be appropriately recognized. Needless to say much greater attention will be focused on our southern cause.

Jeff Davis (to paraphrase) said in his memoirs that our nation would again, at sometime in the future, have to face the unresolved question of states rights and individual freedom. It seems he was prophetically insightful. As our nation goes thru its present struggle and crisis, I will try to point out eerie similarities between current events and those our ancestors faced in the period leading up to, during, and after the Great War.

Much attention is given to the Antebellum period, the events leading to the war and the great struggle itself. That is certainly appropriate. Many countries and cultures have lost wars and rebounded to even greater prosperity after their defeat—One only has to look at our enemies from WWI, WWII and even the present day Middle East.

The Northern Radical Congressional “reconstruction” program treated the South as Rome treated Carthage. Our people were decimated, our infrastructure destroyed and the land figuratively sown in salt. As we all know, the South still has not recovered.

I’ve spoken on occasion of my great, great grandmother who was born in 1877, the last year of Federal occupation of Georgia. Her Father was a Southern soldier. She spoke not of the killed and maimed as passionately as she did the suffering of the Southern people after the war. She spoke of lack of food, of no cows, no chickens, no mules, no wagons and no tools to make farm implements and other necessities of agriculture. These horrible life conditions persisted well into her early adulthood. She saw the ruins of Atlanta. More vivid were the stories of her parents not being allowed to display confederate flags, her father not being able to wear his uniform buttons, not being able to have firearms, not being able to vote and the loss of land to northern speculators because taxes couldn’t be paid. In my opinion that’s why we, as Southerners, have such continuing hard feelings towards the nebulous “yankee” (can any of us alive today really point out a “yankee”? Might one live in our neighborhood?). Our strong feelings persist not because we lost a war of attrition but because we, as a people, were humiliated, given no chance to retain our honor as citizens and painted by the victorious writers of history as a culture of traitors, indolent but combative rebels and ignorant racist—not worthy of redemption. As opposed to Forrest Gump’s philosophy..that’s not all I’m going to say about that!

With this, I will now shift to the Commanders message and allow him to restore order to the remainder of the September newsletter. Jim Baggett, interim editor



Message from the Commander’s Tent:





What a horrendously hot summer we have been having!!! We finally started getting some rain which broke our drought but brought in more humidity. Oh well, it is Lower Alabama, what do we expect. LA is still a GREAT place to live. And now we have Tropical Storm Lee.


The July 30, 31, 2011 Gun Show/Recruiting Booth was a great success as far as the Camp is concerned. We received generous donations from the attendees and our camp store sold a nice amount of merchandise. We talked to five or six good prospects for membership and are following up with them to assist them with their applications and other requirements.

As you all know by now, Our Award Winning Newsletter Editor Bill Willis has published his last Mail Call. He felt that it was time for him to step down and let another Editor to take over. During his tenure, he produced outstanding newsletters each month and won multiple awards from the Alabama Division and the International SCV Headquarters. His Mail Calls will be missed and I want to express my sincere gratitude for all his dedicated and diligent work in producing his outstanding Mail Calls.

The Confederate Rest Project had been making good progress. I commend those members that have worked diligently on the project. Special recognition goes to Adjutant David Myers, Sgt-at-Arms Ted Weeks, Quartermaster Larry Johnson, Compatriot Ed Colvin, and Compatriot Robert Sanderson for all their man hours spent beautifying the final resting place for over 400 Confederate Soldiers.

 **Monthly Quotes:** *"The dead lay around us on every side, singly and in groups and piles; men and horses, in some cases, apparently inextricably mingled. Some lay as if peacefully sleeping; others, with open eyes, seemed to glare at any who bent above them. Two men lay as they had died, the 'Blue' and the 'Grey,' clasped in fierce embrace...one shot in the head, the throat of the other was partly torn away."* Mrs. Fanny Beers, Buckner Hospital, Newnan, GA.


 **True Slave Quote from the Slave Narratives:** Henry Warfield of Warren Co. Miss. "Negroes were used by the Confederates long before they were used by the Union forces.and a large number of these fought by the side of their masters or made it possible for the master to fight."

 **True Slave Quote from the Slave Narratives:** Eugenia Weatherall of Monroe Co. Miss. "Sure I members bout the Ku Kluxers but we never had no trouble with them. Why one of my cousins used to make de robes and masks they wore and I have watched them dress up in them many a time."

 **WBTS Trivia:** At Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia, May 12, 1864, approximately how many casualties were counted within one square mile? Answer: *Twelve thousand.*

 **Confederate Tidbit Question:** Answer to last month's question: The nickname for Major General Henry Lewis Benning, C.S.A. was "Old Rock".

 **Confederate Tidbit Question:** What is the nickname of Brig. Gen. Tyree Harris, C.S.A.?

 **C.S.A Personality:** Major Jedediah Hotchkiss, C.S.A. A self taught map maker for the Confederacy. They said his talent enabled Stonewall Jackson to march with accuracy and aided him in stunning victories. After Stonewall's untimely death, he continued to help others with map making, offering advice on land features and reconnoitering.

 **Trivia:** The English-born entertainer Harry McCarthy wrote the popular southern song "The Bonnie Blue Flag" in the spring of 1861 and performed it for the first time in Jackson, Mississippi.

Please remember to join us **Tuesday, September 13, 2011** at the Gift Horse Restaurant, 209 W. Laurel Ave, (US Hwy 98 W), Foley, Alabama. Our program will be presented by Wayne Sirmon, Professor of History at the University of Mobile. He will speak on Confederate Mines and Torpedoes developed in the Mobile area and their uses in the Battles of Mobile Bay and Blakeley. We hope you can make plans to join us. The buffet is excellent!

Don't forget our men and women serving in the armed services. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

Deo Vindice,

Thomas B. Rhodes, III, LTC USAR (Ret)
Commander

P.S. A U.S. Veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to: The United States of America for an amount of "up to and including my life." -- Author Unknown





August 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes (Submitted by Heritage Guard Lt. Judy Johnson)

Commander Rhodes welcomed members and guests at 6:00 p.m. and Chaplain David Kralik gave the Invocation. We all moved to the buffet and enjoyed a wonderful meal.

This meeting was called to order at 6:45 with Sergeant-at-Arms Ted Weeks leading the Flag pledges and Salutes.

HG Lt. Judy Johnson introduced the guests. We were pleased to have Judy Dove, Ron and Carol Myers, Joe Adler, Charles Thompson, Kirk Barrett, Joanna Hardin, Carol Haas, Jeremy Cox, and Randy Shell visit with us tonight.

Our special guest Commander Kevin McKinley, William Carney Camp 2088, was our speaker for the evening. His presentation was "The movement of Yankees from Pensacola up the Florida Panhandle into Alabama near Canoe and Atmore." It was especially enjoyable because it dealt with our local area. Cdr. McKinley was extremely knowledgeable and made it all come alive for us. You missed a wonderful program if you were not in attendance. The Camp bought a copy of his book, "Shadows and Dust, Vol. II: More Stories from the Confederate South. It is available for check-out from the Library.

Chaplain Kralik gave the illness report. Please put Compatriots' Tom Ball and Doug Hardin on your prayer list. We were very happy to have Doug with us tonight.

There were no inductions, but we have several applications in varying stages, so look forward to having them in the next couple of months.

The minutes of last meeting were referred to the "Mail Call. Commander Rhodes reported that "Mail Call" editor Bill Willis has stepped down from that position. 1st Lt. Com. Jim Baggett has graciously accepted the post in the interim while a new editor is found. If you are interested in this, please contact Commander Rhodes. We send a big hand out to Bill for all his hard work on the newsletter and wish him only the best.

Adjutant David Myers gave the Treasurer's report. Dues have been coming in steadily, but if you haven't sent yours, please do so as soon as possible. We have 75 Full members, 5 Cadet Members, 8 Associate Members, and 15 Heritage Guard for a total of 103.

The Confederate Rest Project is coming along fine. Adjutant Myers has a full update in his column.

National SCV Reunion was held in Montgomery on July 13-16, 2011. Commander Rhodes and Adjutant Myers attended.

The gun show at Robertsdale Coliseum had an outstanding turnout. We appreciate all of you that manned the booth and helped set up. Many thanks to Commander Rhodes, Adjutant Myers, Quartermaster Johnson, Tony Shoemaker, Price Legg and HG Lt. Judy Johnson. 1st Lt. Cdr. Jim Baggett and HG Anita Cox came by and brought Jim's grandsons who are camp members. HG Sara Myers brought Cadet Devin Myers by to visit and Compatriot Bob Ridle stopped by with his brother Richard who was visiting from Eufaula, AL. We made some money with the Camp Store and received several donations. There will be another one in November. Please put that on your calendar and we will send out dates at a later time.

Chaplain Kralik gave the report on monuments and graves. He is still trying to work through the changes that the Veterans Administration has made on getting the monuments. If the grave is unmarked, there is no problem getting one. It is just with the ones that already have a private stone.

1st Lt. Cdr. Baggett gave the report on upcoming programs. Our guest speaker for September will be Wayne Sirmon, Prof. of History at the University of Mobile. He will be speaking on Confederate Mines and Torpedoes developed in the Mobile area. In October, we will have our own SW Brigade Cdr. Terry "Beetle" Bailey telling us about Federal raids in Tennessee and Mississippi.

The door prize table was very well received and I want to thank everyone for their donations. It makes it so much more fun when everyone is participating.

Former Camp Chaplain Ron Dove gave the Benediction.

Commander Rhodes announced the next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 and read General Stephen Dill Lee's Charge. He then recited the SCV closing and called on HG Shirli Kralik to lead us in "Dixie"



**Chaplain's
Corner**

Fort Blakeley Camp 1864 Chaplin David Kralik

Bearing The Standard

Amid a storm of shot and shell at Waterloo the ensign who carried the British banner was shot. The Captain called, "Another man!" But he too was shot down the moment he took his stand by the banner, the enemy directing his aim especially at the standard-bearer. And so it went, the captain calling and the men volunteering, until at the close of the battle, although that banner was riddled with shot and shell, it still stood firm, uncaptured, because there had not been wanting those who, in the thickest of the conflict, were willing to defend it at the cost of their lives.¹

1] Excerpt from "ANOTHER MAN!" Thoughts For The King's Soldiers

War, any war, is a costly event ... the greatest cost not measured by monetary increments but by the dead and wounded, by the lasting physical and emotional scars scribed on bodies and in minds by bullets and bombs. It is a sad reality that, after all these centuries of warring, the world has not yet concluded the wisdom of beating our *swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks*. Until it does, we will ever be sending young men off to war, we will ever live with a sense of needing to stand guard against opposing threats.

.I make no apology in thinking and saying that our greatest opposing threats are not far off in a foreign land. There is no denying their existence. They are very real and to be contended with. Our greatest opposing threats, at least in my mind, are rather immediate and within. Denying them, or pretending they don't exist, does nothing to diminish their power and potential. Their eroding effects, the wearing away a little at a time over time, are as devastating as an outright military invasion and occupation.

It is the age-old question asked by the psalmist that still begs an answer. *If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?* (Psalm 11:3)

There is a multi-leveled pervading sense of urgency in these modern times. It is, on the one hand, with all its uncertainties, a little frightening. On the other hand the urgency issues forth a challenge and a calling to standard-bearing ... to holding high and modeling the historical ideals delivered and entrusted to us by our ancestors who paid such a dear price for what they believed and lived.

ADJUTANT'S CORNER

Our hard working Adjutant, David Myers has been on a well earned vacation during this new sletter cycle. I have attached his status report on the Point Clear Confederate Rest Project. In his absence, I will take the opportunity to point out what a valuable asset David has been to Camp 1864. After moving his membership from Fighting Joe Wheeler in Birmingham to our Fort Blakeley Camp, he became a veritable dynamo in the growth of our Camp to its present status. David possesses a unique set of personality traits and people skills, coupled with organizational and financial experience, that uniquely qualify him for the job at hand. Since assuming the office of Adjutant, our Camp has tripled in size and has won Adjutant Myers State recognition as a top recruiter. He has encouraged and facilitated our Camp presence at almost all historical and heritage events in the area. Our Camp Store has become a major source of income for the Camp. The SCV War Service Medal, Camp 1864's Heritage Guard and Cadet program and the numerous photo ops from certificate of appreciation presentations have all been successful thanks to David Myers energy, drive and devotion. Time and space limit further enumeration of his contributions to our Camp and the SCV in General. THANKS DAVID—YOUR CAMP AND THE SCV APPRECIATE YOU!



From the Adjutant:

Things are moving right along with the Confederate Rest Project. The first photo is of Compatriot Ted Weeks removing the brass CONFEDERATE DEAD letters from the arch. I brought them home with me to polish and we will place them back after painting the arch. The next photo shows the replacement of all the cannon balls that have been stolen and they are painted and fixed together. ALL of the chain link and metal posts are painted. The wooden landscape borders that were in a bad state of rot have been picked up and hauled away. These borders marked the areas that in 1999 ground penetrating equipment mapped off areas of mass graves. We will be replacing the wood borders with cement that will be ground level as to make way for mowing equipment and not be a tripping hazard. The paint for the archway has been purchased from Lowes's and at a discount that is much appreciated. After the Gun Show this weekend we will more than likely start on the arch. The wooden crosses are being replaced by concrete crosses and are being made at this time.



If you would like to be apart of this project please let me know. I will give you plenty of notice as to the day and time we will meet again at Confederate Rest. So far we have been getting there about 0900hrs and just working about two hours.

Many thanks go out to Ted Weeks, Ed Colvin, Robert Sanderson, and Larry Johnson for the physical labor done so far.

Deo Vindice
David 301162
Special Projects Chairman
Fort Blakeley Camp 1864



BELOW ARE SOME SNA PSHOTS OF DAVID'S POINT CLEAR CONFEDERATE RST CREW AT WORK



Compatriot Ted Weeks working on the arch

Stand of cannonballs completely rebuilt



PARTHIAN SHOTS by the Interim Editor(IE)

This month's educational session will be brief by design. To set the stage for future articles it would be helpful to see just what was happening in the Confederacy in September 1861. It's helpful to remember that 150 years ago this month our Confederacy was scarcely 8 months old. President Jefferson Davis had been inaugurated in Montgomery on February 18, 1861. Shortly thereafter the capitol moved from Montgomery to Richmond. The permanent Army of the Confederate States was in the process of being created by the assimilation of the Provisional Army, State militias, privately created cavalry and artillery units and individual volunteers. The North would

always have a 2:1 or greater advantage in manpower.

Spirits were high following the Southern Victory at First Manassas in July. Southern Nationalism was reaching a fever pitch. The concern of Northern invasion was foremost on the minds of the average citizen. Many Southerners had never seen a Federal employee other than the postmaster or mailman, yet even the most rural counties were investing heavily to prevent the invasion of their country by the "Lincolmites". Weapons for volunteers were not sufficient to supply those coming to the aid of their country. Units often trained with broomsticks. Those lucky enough to have been issued firearms were often supplied with flintlock weapons whose technology remained relatively unchanged for 200 years. The North was not much better off. Soon the North's almost unlimited industrial potential would give them lasting superiority in arms and material. Southern volunteers often supplied their own private hunting and sporting firearms as well as their homemade clothing and equipment. Cottage industries sprung up across the south to manufacture materials of war from socks and uniforms to firearms and horseshoes. (By the spring of 1861 Northern automated horseshoe machine turned out, in 1 day, more horseshoes than the entire South could manufacture in a year!)

Slavery was not a topic of conversation for the average Southerner. The issue of slavery had not yet been inserted as a cause of the war. Some Southerners, especially in the rural mountain areas, had never seen a black man. For some, there was a reason for alarm on the topic of the "peculiar institution". The Southern planters and agriculturists were concerned because they knew the majority of southern wealth was invested in its land and slave laborers. Inability to expand the cotton kingdom beyond the soil depleted fields of southern farmland would eventually cause economic disaster for the South. Even though the industrial revolution was rapidly making human labor obsolete, its arrival was slow. Agricultural mechanization would not arrive in time to allow transition from the millennia old use of human labor to satisfy the needs of the Southern Agricultural complex.

I would ask everyone to go back and watch the first 30 minutes of *Gone With the Wind*. Rhett Butler very articulately explains to Scarlett why the South will lose the war. That piece of literature and a DVD copy of the original movie should be mainstay of every individual library and required reading for every Southerner prior to the age of 18.

Nor was slavery on the mind of most Northerners in September of 1861. The average Northern recruit sincerely believed in the inviolate nature of the union. Many were just answering the duty call of their State militias. The Federal Government was concerned only with the stability of their Revenue source, of which the South bore a disproportionate burden. Both North and South anticipated a short conflict and only a few could envision the carnage to follow in the next 4 years. It was in this context that we begin September 1861.

The war in September 1861:

- President Lincoln revokes General John Fremont's previous emancipation declaration for the slaves owned by Southern sympathizers in Missouri. Fremont had also ordered the confiscation of property and land of Southern sympathizers. Lincoln warns General Fremont that his command is in jeopardy. General Fremont's wife travels to Washington, awakens the President in the middle of the night and has an uncivil confrontation over her husband's actions. In October President Lincoln replaces Fremont with General David Hunter.
- Under the Command of Confederate General Gideon Pillow, Southern troops are sent into Kentucky. It was anticipated that Kentucky would form a pro-Southern government and join the Confederacy.
- General U.S. Grant assumes Command of a consolidated Union Force and establishes his headquarters in Cairo, Illinois.
- General Robert E. Lee and his Confederate forces are defeated at Cheat Mountain, Western Virginia thereby effectively setting the stage for Union domination of West Virginia.
- Ship Island, Mississippi is vacated by Confederate Forces and the Union quickly begins establishing an operating base.



Long Distance Compatriots and the Robertsdale Gun Show



Pictured at left are visiting from Beaufort, South Carolina are Hunter Pylant and Jacob Pylant, Grandson's of 1st Lt. Cdr Jim Baggett. Both young men are Compatriots of Camp 1864. Hunter is continuing the 225 year family tradition of military service by completing JROTC boot Camp this summer at The Citadel Military Academy in Charleston, South Carolina. The new Compatriots paid a courtesy call on the Camp Commander who was minding the Camp store for the Gun show . Hopefully they will be able to visit for a regularly scheduled Camp meeting in the future.

As usual, the Camp enjoyed a very successful recruiting and P.R. event as well as having substantial Camp store sales and making educational literature available. Thanks to all who assisted Cdr. Rhodes in operating the booth

during this event. We always need at least 6 volunteers per event.

Pictured above from Left to right are:

Cdr. Rhodes, Jim Baggett, Hunter Pylant and Jacob Pylant

(Cdr. Rhodes chose to remain seated for this photo op :=)



As noted in the Minutes, our program consisted of a very informative power point presentation by Cdr. Kevin McKinley of Carney Camp 2088 in Atmore. Cdr. McKinley talked extensively of the little known activity of

“galvanized Yankees” in the Escambia and Baldwin County area and the march of the Federals from Pensacola to support the Battle of Fort Blakeley. McKinley is a noted authority on local history and has published several books on the WTBS in the area. He is also noted as being the founder of Carney Camp 2088 in Atmore. In his spare time, McKinley maintains a very active law practice in Atmore serving the surrounding area.



Pictured is Kevin McKinley of CARNEY Camp 2088 following his presentation at the August meeting.





ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REMEMBER OUR MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13

PLACE: Gift Horse Restaurant, Foley, Alabama

**SPEAKER: Mr. Wayne Sirman
Professor of History, Mobile University**

TOPIC: Confederate Torpedoes and Mines

**TIME: FELLOWSHIP AND BUFFET---6 PM
PROGRAM—7 PM**

Speaker for October:

- October meeting will be held on Tuesday of the 11th at the Gift Horse Restaurant. Speaker will be Southwest Division Commander Terry Bailey. His topic will be "Union Col. Benjamin Grierson's Cavalry raid during the Vicksburg Campaign".

A REMINDER FROM THE ADJUTANT:

Check your calendar. Remember the [Delta Boat Tour](#) scheduled for Saturday, 10 September. The luxurious pontoon tour vessel will depart from the dock at Blakeley Park. We will assemble at the Boat Dock at 0900hrs. There is a restroom on the covered deck as well as refreshments and other comforts. The cost is \$22.00 per adult with a special rate for children. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT DAVID MYERS AT 251-948-3066.
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SOUTHERN PATRIOT PICTURE OF THE MONTH



NO... THIS ISN'T A HOME GUARD RECRUITING POSTER!!!

It's our own Compatriot Quartermaster Larry Johnson with his Shenandoah 50 cal. Flintlock complete with powder horn and possible bag.

Larry was blessed with the good fortune of winning the door prize at the September 28 re-enactment of the Fort Mims massacre.

He's ready if the home guard needs him!



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