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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

How Y'all doing?

With the recent change in political winds I can would like to share one of my favorite sayings: An optimist believes that this is the best of **all** possible worlds; the *pessimist* is convinced the optimist is correct.

This is my last issue for this year. I was only able to make this a Quarterly newsletter this year; I challenge next year's Editor to make it a Bi-monthly undergoing. To do this he will need your support in articles and encouragement. I hope you have enjoyed my newsletters and I'll see you at the meetings.

GARY W. SHELTON

A Mr. T.C. Pepper of the Jefferson Davis Camp #635 has recently sent us a photograph of a portrait of Gen. HUMPHREYS. A vote of thanks goes out to him for taking an interest in us. Our next meetings are set for:
NOVEMBER 17, 1994 and;

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DECEMBER 15, 1994.

In November we will open up nominations for next years officers. And in December we will open up nomination again and have our elections. December we will also have our annual Christmas party. Remember.....If your not thereyou may be elected.

BACK IN TIME

17 November 1864; President Davis writes a letter to several Georgia state senators denouncing all plans involving individual state's negotiating for peace with the North.

15 December 1864; In the western theater the Franklin and Nashville Campaign continues. A dark day for the Confederacy.

Adjutant's Report

I am happy to report to you that our Camp is still growing steadily and we are now up to 45 members. We want to welcome our newest members: Mr. Mitch Costillow from Carrollton, Mr. Hiram Prophet, Sr. from Greenwood, and Mr. Sid Aust

from Yazoo City.

I would like to thank everyone who came out and made our October meeting a success. We had 18 members and guests in attendance. If you weren't there, you missed an excellent presentation by one of our own members, Brig. Gen. Jack Ditto of Greenwood. We were also honored to have with us Mrs. Sara Kelsh from Greenwood and her two daughters, Mrs. Shinbach and Mrs. Woolf. Mrs. Kelsh is the great-granddaughter of General HUMPHREYS, for whom our Camp is named. Mrs. Kelsh has been a kind and generous supporter of our Camp since its inception. We certainly look forward to her being with us again.

As we mentioned at our last meeting, we will be taking nominations at the November 17 meeting for 1995 officers. Please give this some thought and come prepared to take part in our nominations. It is important to the life of our Camp that we elect good, capable men to lead us through the next year. Besides, all those not in attendance will surely be nominated for something. Hope to see you there!!

Deo Vindice,
David Williford

PROVISIONAL INAUGURAL

Friends and fellow citizens: Our present political position has been achieved in a manner unprecedented in the history of nations. It illustrates the American idea that government rests on the consent of the governed, and that it is the right of the people to alter or abolish them at will whenever they become

destructive of the ends for which they were established. The declared purpose of the compact of the Union from which we have withdrawn was to "establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity"; and when, in the judgement of the sovereign States composing this Confederacy, it has been perverted from the purposes for which it was ordained, and ceased to answer the ends for which it was established, a peaceful appeal to the ballot-box declared that, so far as they are concerned, the Government created by that compact should cease to exist.

In this they merely asserted the right which the Declaration of Independence of July 4, 1776 defined to be "inalienable." Of the time and occasion of its exercise they as sovereigns were the final judges, each for itself. The impartial and enlightened verdict of mankind will vindicate the rectitude of our conduct; and He who knows the hearts of men will judge of the sincerity with which we have labored to preserve the Government of our fathers in its spirit.

As agricultural people, whose chief interest is the export of commodities required in every manufacturing country, our true policy is peace, and the freest trade which our necessities will permit. It is alike our interest and that of all those to whom we would sell, and from whom we would buy, that there should be the fewest practicable restrictions upon the interchange of these commodities. There can, however, be but little rivalry

between ours and any manufacturing or navigating community, such as the Northeastern States of the American Union. It must follow, therefore, that mutual interest will invite to goodwill and kind offices on both parts. If, however, passion or lust of domination should cloud the judgement or inflame the ambition of those States, we must prepare to meet the emergency and maintain, by the final arbitrament of the sword, the position which we have assumed among the nations of the earth.

We have entered upon the career of independence, and it must be inflexibly pursued. Through many years of controversy with our late associates of the Northern States, We have vainly endeavored to secure tranquillity and obtain respect for the rights to which we were entitled. As a necessity, not a choice, we have resorted to the remedy of separation, and henceforth our energies must be directed to the conduct of our own affairs, and the perpetuity of the Confederacy which we have formed. If a just perception of mutual interest shall permit us peaceably to pursue our separate political career, my most earnest desire will have been fulfilled. But if this be denied to us, and the integrity of our territory and jurisdiction be assailed, it will but remain for us with firm resolve to appeal to arms and invoke the blessing of Providence on a just cause.

Should reason guide the action of the Government from which we have separated, a policy so detrimental to the civilized world, the Northern States included, could not be dictated by even the strongest desire to inflict injury upon

us; but, if the contrary should prove true, a terrible responsibility will rest upon it, and the suffering of millions will bear testimony to the folly and wickedness of our aggressors.

It is joyous in the midst of perilous times to look around upon a people united in heart, where one purpose of high resolve animates and actuates the whole; where the sacrifices to be made are not weighed in the balance against honor and liberty and equality. Obstacles may retard, but they cannot long prevent, the progress of a movement sanctified by its justice and sustained by a virtuous people. Reverently let us invoke the God of our Fathers to guide and protect us in our efforts to perpetuate the principles which by His blessing they were able to vindicate, establish, and transmit to their posterity. With the continuance of His favor ever gratefully acknowledged, we may hopefully look forward to success, to peace, and to prosperity.

JEFFERSON DAVIS

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 18, 1861

North Georgia battlefields put onto endangered list

On its way to becoming the business and cultural mecca of the new South, Atlanta lost its Civil War past.

"The entire Battle of Atlanta would have been significant to us and worthy of preservation, but it's almost completely gone," said Karen Easter, manager of planning for Georgia's Office

of Historic Preservation.

Her job is to keep other historic sites from becoming lost among restaurants, shopping malls and highways.

The battle between Civil War preservationists and real estate developers has created a multibillion-dollar fight in the Manassas, Va., area, where the Disney Co. wants to build a theme park that some fear may damage valuable Civil War sites.

To help preserve its relics from the war, Georgia created a preservation office last year after a congressional commission warned about the growing danger to historic sites. After studying 300 places, the commission put four in North Georgia (Chickamauga, Dug Gap, Resaca and Kennesaw) on its most endangered list.

In Tennessee, several sites in and around Nashville were also listed.

"I get calls and letters all the time from people wanting to donate stuff if we had a museum," said Resaca Mayor Joe Don Griffith. One woman offered her grandfather's letters written in Resaca during the 1864 battle.

The small town near the Whitfield County line is about to become Georgia's first protected Civil War district. The priorities, Griffith said, are to keep the sites as authentic as possible and to buy and convert an antebellum house into a museum.

Resaca is on the priority list, said Ms. Easter, "because it's role was highly important, and there are no plans to protect it. It is all in private ownership, and that's fine but there are no plans for its protection.

The town recently formed a steering committee to meet

with Ms. Easter. It will get some of the money set aside by the congressional study committee for local planning.

Dug Gap in Dalton is on the list for the same reasons, Ms. Easter said.

Kennesaw's battle sites are endangered, she said, because "there's so much development going on in Cobb County.. One of the big challenges is how to make the sites available without killing the goose that laid the golden egg, so to speak; by having people enjoying them to death."

It's the same reason Chickamauga is on the endangered list.

"Primarily because of the rapid urbanization of Chattanooga and northwest Georgia," said Pat Reed, superintendent of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, the oldest military park in the nation.

"A primary reason for relocating Highway 27 outside the park was to preserve the historic setting," he said. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the first of a three-phase construction program to build the bypass is expected to be held in July.

To look at its own preservation, Chickamauga has begun what Reed calls a site value assessment. Representatives from state agencies in both Tennessee and Georgia as well as planners from Chattanooga and Hamilton County are looking at sites significant to local battles. The sites may be inside or outside the park's existing boundaries.

So far, 50 sites have been identified outside the park.

The historic importance of each site will be studied. The idea is to find ways to

protect them short of acquisition. That could include, Reed said, zoning, landscaping, setbacks, conservation easements and tax breaks to landowners for entering into stewardship agreements.

The study group is expected to be finished in 12 to 18 months. Then there will be a series of workshops for public comments.

A side benefit of all this, Reed said, will be that historic sites can be entered into new computerized maps that already show such things as utility lines and boundaries for zoning ordinances. Future developers can consider history too, Reed said.

"We don't want knee-jerk reactions to development proposals," Reed said. "We want these things to be considered in advance."

Georgia likewise is compiling a map of historic sites; this one to be published as a guidebook for tourists.

"What we expect is when the Olympics comes in 1996 there will be a lot of interest in our history around the world," said Ms. Easter. "People will be wanting to see the historic Civil War sites. People already get off the planes here and want to know where Tara is."

With our camp elections almost here I would like share the following information from our by-laws with you.

ARTICLE VII - Officers

The officers of the Camp are Commander, First Lieutenant Commander, Second Lieutenant Commander, Adjutant,

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Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Quartermaster, Surgeon, Chaplain, Color Sergeant, and Historian. All officers are elected by a majority vote by members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the Camp. Officers elected at the annual meeting take office on the first day of January following their election.

The Commander presides at all meetings of the Camp and of the Executive Committee.

The First Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander in his absence or at his request. He shall serve as program chairman, securing guest speakers and presentations for Camp functions.

The Second Lieutenant Commander shall perform the duties of the Commander in the absence of the Commander and First Lieutenant Commander. He shall be responsible for the enlistment of new members. He shall maintain an adequate supply of SCV brochures and applications to accomplish recruitment of new members. He shall monitor membership as to dues payment and meeting attendance. He shall constantly strive for an active, growing membership. He shall prepare and distribute to the membership in good standing a roster of members, their addresses, and telephone numbers.

The Adjutant shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the Camp to SCV Headquarters. He shall notify all members of special meetings. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Camp and have custody of the books and papers of the Camp, except the Treasurer's books of account.

He shall be keeper of the Camp seal. All applications for membership, initiation fees, and first-year dues shall be made to the Adjutant. He shall be responsible for the ordering of all items necessary for operation of the Camp. He shall maintain adequate stock of SCV membership pins, decals, and applications.

The treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Camp and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer. He shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report to the membership at any meeting when requested. He shall present a detailed report, in writing, of income and expenditures at the annual meeting. Bills paid by the Treasurer shall have received approval of the Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for collection of dues and fees, taking proper note of the paying member, his address, and other information necessary in the maintenance of Camp records and posting such information with the Adjutant.

The Judge Advocate shall advise the officers and Executive Committee of all legal matters, including the construction and interpretation of the SCV General Constitution and Camp By-Laws. He shall serve as parliamentarian at both regular and special meetings. Upon direction of the Commander, he shall conduct investigations into charges or challenges brought against Camp members. He shall perform such other duties as are usually incident to his

office.

The Quartermaster shall be responsible for the procurement of meeting sites and arrangements incident to preparation for regular, special, or social meetings of the Camp, such sites and arrangements subject to approval of the Executive Committee. He shall be responsible for the operation of Camp stores, maintaining adequate stocks and other items necessary for efficient operation. He shall account to the Commander as to expenditures. He shall maintain a cash fund up to \$50. Any moneys in excess of \$50 shall be remitted to the Treasurer.

The Surgeon shall be responsible for the establishment and observance of ceremonial forms and courtesies of the Camp. Upon direction of the Commander or Executive Committee, he shall issue announcements to the public concerning the Camp, its' members and activities. He shall be familiar with basic techniques of first aid and shall stand ready to administer basic medical assistance when called upon at meetings and functions of the Camp.

The Chaplain provides spiritual guidance for the Camp. He shall represent the Camp in times of bereavement. He shall periodically report to the Commander of the well-being of members confined by illness. In event of member death, he shall immediately notify the membership. He shall be responsible for the procurement of flowers, wreaths, or such other items incidental to the accomplishment of his duties.

The Color Sergeant shall maintain and safeguard the Camp colors. He shall insure

the proper display of colors at all functions of the Camp and will lead members in salutes to the colors. He shall appoint assistants to aid in the performance of his duties.

The historian shall keep and maintain a written record of the Camp, its' officers and members, and its' accomplishments during his tenure of office. He shall be responsible for the collection of photographs, newspaper clippings, and such other items as necessary in proper recording of Camp history. All items will be affixed in a bound volume so as to insure preservation.

Editor. The Commander shall, upon taking office, appoint an editor and such other staff as necessary in the preparation and distribution of the official Camp bulletin. The Commander shall periodically review operation of the bulletin to ascertain if operation is in the best interest of the Camp. The Editor shall, at the end of the fiscal year, prepare a written report concerning number of copies produced, number distributed, and associated costs, this report to be submitted to the Commander at the annual meeting



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Deo Vindice
Holidays (Day Observed)

General Robert E. Lee's
Birthday, January 19, 1807
(3d Monday in January)

Lieutenant General Thomas J.
"Stonewall" Jackson's
Birthday, January 21, 1824
(3d Monday in January)

General (President) George
Washington's Birthday,
February 22, 1732 (3d Monday
in February)

Founding of the Confederate
States of America, February
22, 1862

President Thomas Jefferson's
Birthday, April 13, 1743

Confederate Memorial Day,
April 26 (last Monday in
April) (April 25, 1993 at
Beauvoir)

President Jefferson F. Davis'
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