

## NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2007

### **Membership Dues**

During January 19 members have renewed and sent in their 2007 Membership dues. Additionally, two more members have renewed in February. Please send in your yearly dues if you have not done so already.

### **Camp Van Dorn Marker**

The estimated shipping date of the Camp Van Dorn marker was February 9. Founder Gary Goodson Sr. is in contact with the Knoxville area Regional Sign Supervisor and is coordinating the date and place of the actual installation. It is expected to be sooner rather than later, but I do not have a firm date.

Please contact Gary if you would like to participate or help out in some way. He will have the latest information. He can be reached at (303) 838-1357

### **Polk Pattern Flag**

Greg Biggs has contacted us because he is an author and is writing a book about color bearers. He is interested in any information our members may have on the 41st Georgia Polk pattern flag that was used at Perryville, and the color bearers that carried it.

If you have any information please contact Greg Biggs at Biggsk@aol.com I have responded that two color bearers were killed and four were wounded during the attack on the Union left flank at Perryville. I did not have their names, nor did I know their exact company assignment.

His book will discuss the role of the color bearers in communications as well as regimental morale.

### **Knoxville Article on Camp Van Dorn**

Fred Brown, History Writer for the *Knoxville News Sentinel* has written an article on January 17 titled "A Civil War site discovered". You can read it by going to [www.KnoxNews.com](http://www.KnoxNews.com) Go to the News Column and select "A Civil War site discovered". This did not just fall out of the sky. Gary Goodson has been working closely with various local history experts on the Camp Van Dorn history and details that he has found.

### **Resaca Battlefield**

Kay Borden of Marietta, Georgia reports that Governor Sonny Perdue has submitted a 2007-2008 Proposed Budget which includes \$5 million to be set aside for development of a tourist plan and to restore and revitalize historic sites such as Resaca Battlefield Park in north Georgia's Gordon County, in advance of the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War in 2011.

### **Another Perryville Book**

Member Harry Dellinger is reading a book on Perryville titled *Perryville This Grand Havoc of Battle* by Dr. Kenneth E. Noe. Dr. Noe is a history professor at Auburn

University.

I can recall in 1963 when I learned that my great grandfather was wounded at Perryville, there were few books on the battle. Now, there are several. For many years it seemed that the focus was on battles in Virginia and elsewhere in the East. Another book is **Perryville: Battle for Kentucky** by Ken Hafendorfer. It took him 14 years to complete the book.

## **Officer Descriptions**

The Bylaws contain a fairly detailed description of the duties of our officers and historians. Since the duties are somewhat different than those in some organizations, I am describing the duties here as you prepare to vote later this year.

### Duties of President

The President is the chief executive officer and shall preside at all historian meetings and general meetings of the Association. He shall enforce order and shall appoint all committees and transact such business as may be set forth herein or as usually pertains to his office. He shall exercise general supervision over the affairs and govern the Association, subject to any direction he may receive from the Board of Historians. He shall be, ex-officio, a member of all standing and special committees. He shall direct the management of the Association and be responsible to the Board of Historians. He shall organize and arrange the Annual Congress. He shall prepare an After Action Report of each Congress to assist future Presidents with helpful details.

### Duties of the Vice President

The Vice President shall assist the President; and in the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.

### Duties of Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be in charge of the finances of the Association and shall have kept a strict account of all monies received and disbursed. He shall present at every Annual Meeting, or whenever required by the Board of Historians, a detailed statement of finances. He shall have a yearly audit conducted and report its findings to the Board of Historians. In addition, the Secretary/Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and perform such other duties as may from time to time be enjoined upon him by the Board of Historians. He shall see that there is maintained at the offices of the Association original minutes of reports from committees, and a copy of all contracts entered into by the Association. In addition, this officer will maintain and distribute the current membership roster with contact information. The President will perform these duties until the workload requires the position to be filled.

### Duties of Board of Historians

The Board of Historians of this Association shall have control and management of the Association. The Board shall attend to all matters referred to it by the Association's officers and members. It shall make reports at such time as ordered to do so or as may become necessary on research and new information found concerning the regiments. It shall formulate measures for immediate and permanent benefits to the members of this Association. It shall coordinate with the website master. It shall fix the annual dues of all members, submit to the members at the Annual Congress the budget for the new fiscal year, and act in the name of the Association in all public matters.

#### Duties of the Emeritus Historian

The Emeritus historian shall provide advice and counsel to the officers and Historian Board. This is a non-voting office.

#### Duties of the Website Master

The Website Master shall be in charge of the Association website and shall perform such duties as the Board of Historians may designate. The Website Master shall be responsible to the Board of Historians. Volunteers from those in the membership with the necessary skills fill this position. This position informs both our membership and the public.

So, that is what they are to do. What are the qualifications of candidates?

#### Qualification for Election to Board of Historians

Nominations to the Board of Historians shall be made on the basis of meritorious service rendered to the Association as a member of any committee, detailed and dedicated research into the actions of the five regiments, or detailed and dedicated research into the activities of the officers and men of the five regiments and brigade headquarters.

#### General Qualifications for Election of All Officers

Be willing to organize and share information.

No person shall be qualified for election to offices of President, Vice President or Secretary/Treasurer or to membership on the Board of Historians, or to continuation in any of the said offices or membership on the Board of Historians, unless he/she is willing to contribute to and support the Association and its intended purpose.

#### **Franklin Expenses Donations**

I am happy to report that donations to defray the extra expenses incurred at Franklin have been received from various members. Their generous and timely donations make the situation manageable. I have personally thanked each person making a donation in writing. Thank you all. I will not forget your help.

That is it until about this time next month.

Mike Griggs  
President