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New Members

Judge Ben Smith Jr. of Waycross, Georgia has joined our ranks. His great grandfather was one of five brothers who served in Georgia regiments. Two were in the 43rd Georgia Infantry. His grandfather served in the 26th Georgia Infantry. Judge Smith proudly flew with the 8th Air Force based in England and was wounded twice and survived two crash landings. He is the Editor (Emeritus) of *Georgia Confederate*.

Joining us from Huntland, Tennessee is Fred G. Bauer who is a direct descendant of Brigadier General Stovall. He is retired from the Nursery business.

Mike and Marilyn Mozley from Itasca, Texas have deep roots in the 41st Georgia Infantry. Five Mozley ancestors were in Company K, 41st Georgia and another was in Co. C, 41st Georgia. In addition, the husband of a Mozley daughter was in Co. K, 41st Georgia. Edward L. Mozley was killed at Perryville ; Charles Mozley was wounded in left arm and thigh at Jonesboro ; Samuel Mozley died of smallpox while a POW ; James was captured near Atlanta ; William was wounded at Kinston, NC and was the last combat casualty suffered by Co. K, 41st.

Doctor John A. Attaway Sr. is a citrus consultant in Winter Haven, Florida. His ancestor Joseph Attaway, Co D, 41st Georgia died at Corinth, Mississippi. His great grandfather was killed near Chattanooga. Two other relatives in the 30th Georgia survived.

Paul Benefield is a high school teacher in Fyffe, Alabama. His ancestor John B. Long, Co. G, 41st Georgia was killed at Perryville, Kentucky on October 8, 1862. Recall that the 41st Georgia was in the main attack in that battle, charging cannons on a hill supported by infantry.

Jack Bolen is a retired manager in heavy industrial sales and lives in Brandon, Florida. He descends from Private Wylie Floyd Dennard, Co. F, 42nd Georgia Infantry. He has made presentations to SCV and UDC gatherings.

Jerry T. Fitzgerald is a retired history teacher in Tyler, Texas. His ancestor, Archibald Whitney Rice, served in the 15th Texas Infantry and in August, 1863 joined Co. B, 41st Georgia Infantry. We know the 41st was reforming in August, 1863 after Vicksburg. There must be an interesting story there.

From St. Simons Island, Georgia we have a new member Donald McWaters. His great grandfather Francis McWaters , Co. E, 41st Georgia was wounded at Jonesboro and died of wounds in Macon in October, 1864. He has searched for his grave for 33 years and so far is unsuccessful in finding it. Donald has been a reenactor for 19 years and carries the colors for the 26th Georgia Infantry.

Paul R. Wilkerson Jr. of Greensboro, NC has joined. He has ancestors in both the 41st and 42nd Georgia. He is an executive recruiter and is a Life Member of both the SCV and MOSNB.

On behalf of the Association I welcome all of you into our group and look forward to meeting you all in person. Each of you bring a rich history and heritage . I feel it is more fun and more rewarding to walk the battlefields of our ancestors together, rather than alone.

Coker House Nomination

Last month I noticed an article in the magazine *This Old House*. The magazine wanted nominations of historical houses that should be restored. I wrote them a letter nominating the Coker House that was part of the battle of Baker's Creek near Raymond, Mississippi. The letter explained the historical significance, current condition and the plans for it to be included in U.S.National Park Service management in an expansion of The Vicksburg Battlefield. Copies were sent to Rebecca Drake of Friends of Raymond Battlefield and Terry Winschel , Historian, Vicksburg National Military Park and Kurt Foote, Natural Resources Program Manager, Vicksburg National Military Park.

If selected, the old house is fully restored by the magazine company and the before and after shown in their pages. Because of the historical ties to the battle and the dilapidated condition , I thought it would be a worthy candidate. It also has a network of local experts who are already in place, they just don't have the funds for restoration. So far, I have not heard anything one way or the other.

Booth Western Art Museum

During a Griggs Reunion in June I was able to visit the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, Georgia. This new museum has a Civil War wing that has all original paintings from famous artists whose works are found in books, calendars and museums. There are 14 Don Troiani originals, three from Mort Kunstler, and two each by Don Stivers, Bradley Schmehl and Rick Reeves and one by David Wright.

These paintings are displayed in a large gallery with spotlights and a description of each painting, arranged in order by year of the scene or event of the painting. In the center of the gallery are bronze figures by J.N. Muir.

For those of you in the Atlanta area, I recommend that you stop by on the way to or coming back from the Franklin Congress. Spend at least an hour. From I-75 take Exit 288 and go west into town, about two miles. Turn right just before the railroad tracks on Museum Street and the museum parking lot will be on the right after about a block. Admission fee is \$6.00.

Guest Speaker

Vice President Harris Griggs has announced the second guest speaker at the upcoming Franklin/Nashville Congress. Tom Cartwright, Curator, Carter House Museum , has agreed to speak to us on Friday night, September 1. Tom Cartwright provided many

materials and documents to Wiley Sword, the author of *The Confederacy's Last Hurrah Spring Hill , Franklin, and Nashville*. We are indeed fortunate to have him with us on a Friday night of a three day holiday.

Congress Donations

Rick Tucker, owner of the Battery Hill Flag Company and descendant of 41st Georgia and 42nd Georgia soldiers, has again agreed to donate flags, door prizes and guest gifts for the Franklin Congress. We will help him by paying some of the costs associated with these items, but not all. Thank you Rick. If you need flags for your other activities, please consult with Rick at 866-311-FLAG and batteryhillflagco@hotmail.com. He is very knowledgeable about flags, prices, material and different sizes. He is a retired police officer and active reenactor.

No Rehearsal

Every major event such as a football game, a class play, a wedding, or the landing on Normandy on D-Day June 6, 1944 has a rehearsal associated with it. Of course the idea is to work out the problem areas before the real event. We do not have that luxury in conducting our Congress each year. Please keep that in mind as we try to do the best we can on a number of details.

Charles Griggs and his wife Robbie will go over our route in Nashville and will locate the best places to park, the exact street to turn and the driving times to each spot plus other details. Other local guides will be used where needed. Efforts have been made all year to arrange the best tours we possibly can so that your experience will be enjoyable. They may not be perfect but I assure you that they were not thrown together at the last minute.

For example, the tour of the museum and the lunch at Traveller's Rest in Nashville was reserved in June, 2005, some 15 months before our event, so that we would be sure to enjoy this popular historical site. We do not want to get there and find out the museum or dining hall is too filled to allow more people in. The Carnton Plantation was contacted by Vice President Harris Griggs and he arranged for them to open on Sunday morning to accommodate our preferred schedule in seeing the sites in order, as they occurred, rather than in a jumbled fashion.

No matter how much planning is done, I know that something usually happens that is unexpected. Please remember that we did not have a chance to rehearse. I do write an After Action Report on every Congress so that future visits will benefit from our experiences.

Colonel Phillips 52nd Georgia

Future member David Smithweck of Mobile, Alabama is writing a book about 27 year old Colonel Phillips , Commanding Officer of the 52nd Georgia Infantry at Baker's Creek, Mississippi. The 52nd Georgia was overrun while protecting the left flank of the CSA line. The attack of four Union regiments overwhelmed the brave Georgians. Colonel Phillips was shot in the cheek, left arm, right leg, and knee and captured as his

regiment retreated.

If any of you have information about Colonel Phillips from other sources, please contact David. I can put you in touch with him. David's ancestor was Private David Smithweck of Co. H, 52nd Georgia Infantry. Colonel Phillips had a brother who was a general commanding Phillip's Legion, another Georgia formation.

Congress Costs

At this point it appears that we will have enough money to cover the cost of the bus we will use. This may change if we need to hire a larger bus or a second bus. I will not know for sure until I learn how many will attend. Please let me know by email, wmikegriggs@comcast.net, the number of your party that will be on the tours. Some of you have already responded to this request. If you plan to attend, please let me know. Should extra funds be required, we will prorate the added cost by the number of people who actually rode the bus or busses.

Other costs will be encountered. The more something is preserved and desirable to see, the more likely that an admission fee will be charged. This is not new. Where possible we will ask for group rates. Be advised that some do not take Visa and Master Charge, but most will.

Some of these fees have been identified. Expect these fees : Saturday Evening Banquet - \$30 each ; The Carter House - \$7; over 64, \$6 ; Carnton Plantation and McGavock Confederate Cemetery - \$8 ; over 65, \$7 ; Traveller's Rest Plantation and Museum - \$8, over 65, \$7 ; Rippavilla Plantation - \$8 ; over 62 , \$6. These costs just can't be avoided.

Although it is not on our tour schedule, because Stovall's brigade was not involved with the fighting there, the Belle Meade Plantation is a historic site that has guides in period costumes conducting tours. The 1853 Greek Revival mansion has bullet holes on the front porch that occurred during a cavalry fight during the battle of Nashville. They charge \$10; over 64, \$8.50.

The sites that have been selected to tour all have some connection to Stovall's brigade in some way or to the battles they were in. We are not going there, just because they are tourist attractions or historical places.

Welcome / Orientation August 31, 2006

Two hours have been set aside on the evening of August 31 to welcome and orient everyone. The purpose of this time is to get everyone acquainted with who we will be with for the next 2 1/2 days. We will also go over administrative details and describe what will take place. The idea here is to cover as many subjects as we can so that on Saturday morning, everyone will be on time in the right place with the right gear to begin the day's tour. Attendance is not required, but it will be helpful to new members in particular and to the group as a whole. Bring your questions and we will try to answer them. If you need an Agenda, this will be the time to obtain one.

Recruiting Update

The *SCV Directory 2006* has allowed us to make substantial contact with potential new members. Some have already joined (See above). I am pleased to report that **220 contacts** have been made in writing. The breakdown by regiments is as follows : 40th Georgia - 22 ; 41st Georgia - 47 ; 42nd Georgia - 48 ; 43rd Georgia - 60 ; 52nd Georgia - 41 and General Barton and General Stovall - 2, for a total of 220. Some of these contacts had ancestors in more than one regiment of the five. It was an extensive effort to get these results but I am pleased with the results so far. As these contacts read the Website, some will join at a later time.

Bob Lotridge has been recruiting a woman who works for him. She has ties to the 40th Georgia and will soon join. We need that type of face to face recruiting too. Tell them what a good time you are having and how we help each other. Way to go Bob.

Reduced Rate Reservations

As of this date, the Marriott Hotel - Cool Springs in Franklin, Tennessee and you members have reported that we have filled 28 of the required 50 room nights. For those of you that have not made reservations there, please do so by August 9 in order to be assured of getting the special \$99 per night rate. Please call 888-403-6772 or 615-261-6100. Tell them you are with **General Barton and Stovall Reunion to get the group rate**. Do this before August 9. Once you make reservations, please let me know by e-mail at wmikegriggs@comcast.com, the number of nights reserved.

As explained earlier, we are committed to 50 room nights and must pay for them if they are filed or not. By your response I can compare who has reserved with those that may yet reserve and can take steps to give an individual reminder - and plea- to stay at the Marriott. This situation is both tense and exciting, but I would rather have excitement in other forms.

Communications

For you new members, we are mainly tied together by the Website and by e-mails, supported by phone calls and regular mail. Please consult the Website at www.generalbartonandstovall.com for the latest information and details on coming events. The Newsletter is being sent to those with e-mail. The Website had a disruption in posting and our Webmaster Don Bulloch has been able to repost the Website. All of the pages have not been restored because of the work involved. Most, if not all, will reappear soon. If you have not seen the new Website version, take a look. Some of the pages have been improved.

For those with no e-mail, it appears that they may be reached with a twice a year mailing of a printed postcard. They might get one in January and then another in June or July which explains the upcoming Congress. The 217 new SCV contacts have quite a few with no e-mail listed. We used to have 12 or so but that number has been expanded and they should be reached

If you have a specific request for help or a question, please contact me and I will get it to someone who can best help or know the answer.

“Everything is Relative”

In looking through the latest issue of *The Confederate Veteran*, I noticed that the upcoming National Convention of the SCV in New Orleans has an \$80 registration fee, the Grand Banquet is \$65 each and a tour to the Nottaway Plantation and Oak Alley Plantation is \$55 for the two. That does include a lunch of Shrimp Creole or Chicken Iberville. I'm sure it will be a grand event and a good time will be had by all, but I can't help but compare those fees to our Congress.

The Confederate Ninth Tennessee Infantry

A new book is out titled, *The Confederate Ninth Tennessee Infantry* by James R. Fleming. The 9th Tennessee Infantry was in Maney's Brigade at Perryville and fought alongside the 41st Georgia Infantry which was in the same brigade. That is why I highlight it in this Newsletter. The book contains obituaries of officers and men, chronological outline of the regiment and rosters, maps and photos. The cover shows the regiment fighting under the Carter Cotton Gin during the Battle of Franklin. This book can be obtained from Pelican Publishing Company, 1000 Burnmanster Street, Gretna, LA 70053-2246 for \$29.99 in hardcover. Both the 9th Tennessee and the 41st Georgia were in the main attack at Perryville on October 8, 1862.

Comments

When starting this Newsletter in October, 2005, I wondered if I would have enough to report each month. I can report that there is plenty, so far, and I do have to edit and cut back on remarks and reports. There seems to be plenty to report on or to communicate about relating to the Barton/Stovall brigade. Of course I hope you find it helpful and somewhere close to what you want in a monthly newsletter.

I'm looking forward to seeing you again in September. Show time is nearly here.

Mike Griggs
President