

March 15, 2007

## NEWSLETTER - MARCH, 2007

### **Membership**

James and Doris Baggett of Magnolia Springs, AL has renewed their membership. They had joined in 2004. We are glad you renewed. James is a 41st Georgia descendant.

Since the last newsletter we have obtained new contacts from Alabama, Virginia and Georgia and I hope they will decide to join too.

For those of you who have not renewed for 2007, and I know there are some of you who intend to, please do so soon. We need those funds in our account.

### **Archives**

Please start sending copies of items in your files to Chip Barron. In order to protect and preserve our research and family information, we have to get it to him. One of the main ideas was to gather up what we have so it does not have to be found again. Some of you have extensive files and the task could seem to be too much. You need to do like Texans who have to eat a Longhorn-- do it one bite at a time.

If you are looking up something or working on new research, just remember to send Chip a copy of your find. At this point, probably anything in your file is not in his archive file. You can mail it to : Chip Barron, 8 Featherson Drive, Newnan, Georgia 30263

### **41st Georgia Color Bearers at Perryville**

In an earlier Newsletter I announced that Greg Biggs was looking for information on 41st Georgia color bearers at Perryville. I sent him some of what I knew and I think David Richardson responded too. The other day I was working on Perryville and I came across more information that I couldn't find earlier. I was able to forward to Gregg the names have six of the color bearers and that a total of four were killed and 12 wounded in carrying the colors. I also had the name of the last wounded color bearer and the name of the soldier who carried the flag off the field of battle. An additional detail was that the flag had six holes in it.

### **Perryville Details**

Chris Kolokowski, Executive Director of Perryville Preservation Association, had a news release that told readers that 16,000 CSA soldiers and 58,000 Union soldiers were engaged at Perryville on October 8, 1862. In five hours, killed and wounded were at the rate of 1,500 per hour. "That is like a 747 crashing every 17 minutes for 5 hours" is how he put it into perspective.

Each year 5,000 re-enactors and 25,000 spectators converge on Perryville to see the battle reenacted on the same ground that the actual battle was fought on. We will see this ground during the Sixth Annual Congress this year. We will also have Chris as a guest speaker and a guide on the retreat route out of Kentucky.

### ***Remembering Georgia's Confederates Georgia Confederate Monuments and Cemeteries***

Our new member, Dr. David Wiggins, whom some of you met at the Franklin Congress in 2006, has two new books in print. The Sons of Confederate Veterans publication *Confederate Veteran* ran a book review of each in the November/December, 2006 issue. I fully intended to make this notice in the January Newsletter, but I let it slip and then I didn't find the book review until after the February Newsletter was published. I'm sorry that it happened that way Dr Wiggins.

The books are each in paperback and cost \$19.99. Arcadia Publishing of Charleston, SC publishes them. I have a copy of each and they are enjoyable to read and to use as a reference.

### ***History of Georgia Militia 1783-1861 Vol. 1-4***

David Richardson of Haworth, Oklahoma brings to our attention a new book on the Georgia Militia. Volume I is Campaigns and Generals. Volume 2 is Counties and Commanders. Volume 3 covers Counties and Commanders.

Volume 4 is The Campaigns. The series has an in depth reference guide for genealogists and historians.

If you want more information I have this contact information: FactorsWalk@Earthlink.net  
Gordon Burns Smith and Anna Habersham Wright Smith  
P.O. Box 10041  
Savannah, GA 31412 (912) 233-8003 FAX (912) 233-2543

### **Lodging at Danville, KY**

It is not too early to get reservations for your lodging if you are going to attend the Sixth Annual Congress at Danville, KY. Our Webmaster Don Bulloch has posted information on the website about hotel, motel and bed and breakfast choices in Danville. The list has phone numbers and some information on the accommodations. Rather than retype the information here, please see the pages on the website.

The Hampton Inn in Danville will be our headquarters and meeting location. I have a block of rooms that are being held for us. There are 18 rooms plus 2 smoking rooms. The room rate is \$79.00 for 1 to 4 guests in a room. These rooms will be held until July 30, 2007. Please tell them you are with General Barton and Stovall History group if you make reservations there.

By a map study I notice that most of the motels in Danville are close to the Hampton Inn. Many of the Bed and Breakfasts only have 3 or 4 rooms. If that is what you want, those rooms could fill fast on a three-day holiday weekend, so it is not too early to make reservations.

When we depart The Hampton Inn either in a bus or by car convoy, we expect to leave at the stated time. So, please take that into consideration when finding a place to stay. Frankfort is probably too far away when you consider the driving time to get to Danville.

The phone number at Hampton Inn is (859) 235-6200.

### **Museum of the Confederacy**

New Member Jennifer Thomas, living near Richmond, VA and Founder Gary Goodson report that the Museum of the Confederacy may have to move. Also, the move may require a name change depending on where it is moved.

A consultant did a study and advised that the Confederate White House should remain in place but the artifacts of the museum should be moved. A university hospital complex surrounds the White House and the museum, making parking difficult and the museum hard to find and get to. Attendance has dropped recently.

No decision has been made yet. If you want to read more on this developing situation please go to [www.moc.org](http://www.moc.org). An original 41st Georgia battle flag is stored in this museum.

### **Camp Van Dorn**

The metal sign has been completed. It has to be installed and that should occur in the near future. Without the generous contributions by our members, the sign would not have been cast.

The Ground Penetrating Radar test results couldn't prove conclusively much of anything. The soil types in the area had a high clay content and as a result the radar could not penetrate very deep. Charlie Monday has another card to play. He wants to get permission to use a backhoe when the wet weather improves and see what he can dig up.

### **Call for Nominations Deadline**

The Bylaws state that , " The President shall announce, no less than 45 days prior to the Annual Congress in an election year, a call for volunteers and nominations for officers and regimental historians".

Further: Nominations From Membership

Volunteer: Nominations may be made from the membership to the President by phone , mail or e-mail.

Membership nominations:

Current or past members of GBSHHA can place name into nomination to the President by phone, mail or e-mail."

The Requirements to Submit Names in Nomination are as follows, “ No person shall be nominated for any office by the Nominating Committee unless such person has been advised (1) of the intention to nominate him for a specific office, and (2) of the Requirements of the Article, and (3) has signified his willingness to accept the office, if elected, and the responsibilities incident thereto. Nominations must be received by the President not later than seven days prior to Labor Day weekend of an election year.”

Therefore, on March 12, 2007 I formally declare and announce a call for volunteers and nominations for officers and regimental historians for a three year term starting January 1, 2008.

### **New Members**

Please give thought to bringing a friend, relative, grandchild, child or your local history teacher to the Congress at Danville to experience what we do first hand. Descendants of course are great but our membership can include **interested parties**. We need to introduce younger potential members to the joys of retracing where our ancestors fought, camped, marched and sacrificed. What better way to do it than to go with their grandmother or grandfather.

In my case, I have a teacher daughter who is interested but she has a conflict with the start of her school year and the dates of the Congress. Her school starts before Labor Day and it is critical for teachers to be at school at the start of the year. So, unless she goes to another school with a different schedule, we won't be able to go together.

\*\*\*\*

That is all for now. Will report back about April 15.

Mike Griggs  
President