

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2008

March 4, 1862

March 4, 1862, 146 years ago this month, was a busy day at Camp McDonald, near Big Shanty, Georgia. The Confederate States Army mustered in 6,769 officers and soldiers for Confederate service. The men came from the northern counties of Georgia and were organized into five new regiments. The 40th Georgia (1,174); 41st Georgia (1,239); 42nd Georgia (1,492); 43rd Georgia (1,508) and 52nd Georgia (1,356) were to receive their training at Camp McDonald, one of three training encampments in Georgia.

From their beginning in what is now Kennesaw, Georgia, they had no idea that their descendants would gather to honor them 146 years later at the same spot. They had no idea that they would fight in 17 major battles and march over 5,000 miles in six states. They did not want to think about the pain and suffering they would endure over the coming months. They were volunteers that would do their duty, where they were to be assigned. They did.

Their story should be remembered. The men should be remembered as well as the families they left behind. We remember and we honor those men and their service.

Kay Borden Guest Speaker

Kay Borden, 40th Georgia Regimental Historian, was the guest speaker for Friends of Civil War Paulding County on their March 3 meeting. She informed the group about our association, what we do and how we do it. She pointed out that some of the companies of the 40th Georgia and 41st Georgia came from Paulding County. Stovall's brigade was in the middle of the battle at New Hope Church, which was located in Paulding County.

Also in attendance and assisting her were Fran and Louis Wagner from Canton, Georgia; Webmaster Don Bulloch; Jonathan Perryman from Marietta and Janie and Larry Crowe from Sumner, Georgia. Larry and Janie Crowe had to drive about 200 miles, for four hours, one way, in order to attend. They brought with them 24 X 36-inch color posters showing scenes from past Congresses. These were used to illustrate what Kay was talking about.

Thank you all for supporting each other and for making the effort to explain about our members. We will gain some new members from this meeting. We don't know how many, but there will be some to join.

2nd Georgia Infantry Flag

A flag that was sewn in 1860 for the 2nd Georgia Infantry Regiment was auctioned on e-Bay in February. The blood stained flag started at \$50,000. I do not know what the final selling price was for this historic flag.

Corput's Battery Descendant

I was talking with Bob Price on the phone. He will be our guest speaker and a tour guide this year at the upcoming Congress in Marietta. He told me that he was conducting a tour of Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta not long ago. One of the group asked him, "Do you know anything about Corput's Battery?" He said that he did. The man was a descendant of a soldier in Corput's Battery and he wanted to know more about the unit's history. Bob told him that additional details could be learned from our organization as that artillery unit supported Barton and Stovall's brigade. Bob gave him our address and he notified me.

This is an example of networking and how important it is. Bob was alert to make the connection between Corput's Battery and Stovall's brigade and to put the descendant and the organization together.

Corput's Battery was supporting the 52nd Georgia when they were overrun at Champion Hill. Corput's Battery was on Lookout Mountain and later in the valley at Chattanooga and on Missionary Ridge. Corput's Battery was in a key position to the left of Stovall's brigade at Resaca. They were in other battles as well, but their exact position has not been identified in relation to Stovall's brigade.

We know that at Vicksburg the Cherokee Georgia Artillery, commanded by Captain Max Van Den Corput, was attached to Brig. Gen. Alfred Cumming's brigade, which was composed of five Georgia regiments and placed in Major General Carter Stevenson's division. Cumming held the section of the line next to Barton's brigade at Vicksburg. Our members that attended the 2004 Congress in Vicksburg walked those positions and drove by the

section of trenches defended by Cumming's brigade.

Marietta Conference Center and Resort

Fran Wagner of Canton, Georgia spotted an article in the local paper and sent it on to me. The article explained that Hilton Hotels had bought the Marietta Conference Center and Resort. Hilton will use its world wide marketing system to bring more business to the hotel.

There were many steps over a number of years to get to this point. Under the terms of the lease, once gross revenues reach \$14 million, the city of Marietta will receive three percent of all additional revenue. The Hilton name is known for first-class hospitality and the finest in accommodations, service, amenities and value.

The Marietta Conference Center and Resort will be the location for the Seventh Annual Congress in Marietta on August 28-31, 2008.

2008 Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2008 were due on January 1. As I look over the roster, I see that quite a few members who are expected to renew, have not renewed so far. When I see a name that has been a member since 2004, I expect that family will renew. When I see that person missing on the current paid list, I hope that they will renew.

We do need the membership dues to help pay for administration expenses and deposits that must be made. Please send your membership dues to me if you have not done so already. Membership fees are \$40.00 per year, per family.

Jennifer Thomas 41st Georgia Descendant

Jennifer Thomas of Hopewell, VA has renewed her membership and hopes to attend the Congress in Marietta. March will be a busy month for herself and some friends. They will host a one-day Civil War seminar at Longwood University in Farmville, VA. The theme is Jeff Davis and Abe Lincoln. Later in the month they will go to Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA to host a weekend long Civil War seminar. The theme there will be "Reaping the Whirlwind: The Battle of Gettysburg". One evening a Ball will be held in period dress. The 2nd South Carolina String Band will play.

Last year a move prevented Jennifer from attending the Congress in Danville, KY. This is another example of how our members are active in other endeavors and have contacts in all sorts of places.

Corinth, MS Map

This past month I found a color map showing the entrenchments around Corinth, MS. The entrenchments covered 17 miles in a semi-circle around the town. The map was on a USGS contour map base and gave additional details that were not contained in previously found maps. Artillery emplacements and the westernmost trenches across a main road were shown. The 41st Georgia was posted to the 'western end of the trench line'. This map shows where that end is located on a modern map.

While in this position the 41st Georgia was under fire but the Yankee force opposite them never attacked in force.

The next scheduled Newsletter will be posted about mid-April.

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