

NEWSLETTER OCTOBER, 2005

Since the Fourth Congress at Dalton, there has been a number of developments. The intent of this letter is to bring you up to date on the various activities that will help our association.

Highlights include :

- (1) A six page After Action Report has been written. The idea is to record and repeat what worked well and to identify and work on what did not go so well. All of this is to assist future planners in the planning and conduct of another Congress in Dalton.
- (2) Ten personalized Thank You letters were sent to the people who helped us in the Dalton area. We will want to return and some of them will be there in the future. Each letter was designed to thank them for their specific contributions and to not look like a form letter.
- (3) Founder Gary Goodson Sr. has located the location of Camp Van Dorn in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Tennessee Department of Archaeology has been notified of the location and they will insert into their records. Gary has contacted various local historians and newspapers. Mike Beck, Morristown SCV Commander who tried to help us find it in 2003, has been notified too.
- (4) A manuscript for the Dalton tours has been submitted to Kay Borden for editing, additions, formatting and ultimate publication. This will join the Vicksburg tour book which is also in the pipeline. For those who could not attend or for those who wonder, "What did he say ?" and "How do I get there again ?" , these books should be helpful. Too much work has gone into the tours to just let the words, maps, directions, quotes and references reside in a file.
- (5) A general information flyer is in the process of being developed. It will be able to be downloaded from the website so you can use it at some event that you may attend.
- (6) A block of hotel rooms has been contracted for with Marriott - Cool Springs, Franklin, TN for next year's Congress. Details and explanation will follow in a future Newsletter edition. A jazz festival is planned for the time we will be in Franklin so I wanted to be sure we have a place to "camp", eat and meet.
- (7) There have been about four new contacts per month since January. Of those, ten have joined and one attended in Dalton. The Roster contains the names and contact information of all members and contacts. If you want a copy, have David Richardson send you one by e-mail. Pick out one who lives near you and give them a call. Each has already received a letter and agenda and we know they have an interest at some level. Maybe they need a friendly personal contact.
- (8) David Richardson attended the Battle of Perryville Re-enactment on October 8. While there he checked out locations to eat, museums, cemeteries, statues, battle and camping locations in four different towns in the battle area. This kind of effort and planning is what makes a tour come together some day in the future. Thank you for the time and effort David.
- (9) A package of information has been sent to a descendent of Dea's brigade. He wants to form an organization like ours. Dea's brigade was made up of five Alabama regiments and they fought in many of the same battles as Barton's and Stovall's brigade. They were just on a different part of the battlefield. The package included a copy of our Bylaws, Articles, maps, IRS information, our new member form, a sample page of roster, and some discussion on what we do and how. The package also included an invitation to join us in Franklin/Nashville next year, as he lives just east of Nashville.
- (10) We are in contact with Daniel Crone (Co.E, 40th Georgia) from Dayton, OH. He is interested in necrology and has a deep understanding of computer systems. He may help us in designing a spreadsheet to include information on all the soldiers of Barton's and Stovall's brigade. This would include information Don Bulloch has recorded and expand it in certain areas. With helpful hands we can get more done and make a searchable data base by unit, by name, by location.

