



The Wheeler Dispatch



*The Official Newsletter of the General Joe Wheeler Camp #1245 in Aiken, South Carolina
A Camp built upon Duty, Honor, God and Country July 2022*

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



Commander's Column

Greetings to my Southern brothers,

I just want to say thank you to all those that made our last meeting such a huge success. It was indeed a memorable meeting. SC State Commander Perry Smith's presentation on South Carolina early history was outstanding.

Remember there will be **NO MEETING** in July.

Please remit your **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL STATEMENT** to our Adjutant, Danny Brown as soon as possible. Your membership means a great deal to this Camp, but even more so to your heritage and Confederate Ancestor. So, let's all re-enlist! If anyone fails to receive a Membership Renewal Statement, let us know. And also, please disregard the typo where the printers listed us in the Georgia Division. It'll be corrected and does not alter or affect anything.

I want to wish each of you a Happy Independence Day. Remember the true history of this nation points to the South and its brave warriors of 1776 for bringing freedom and independence to this land. Great sacrifices were made in bringing this nation into existence. John Adams once said to the younger generation of his day. "You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom. I hope you will make a good use of it."

All the South desired 80 years later was that the Constitution and Truth in Government be preserved. General Lee stated the following. "All that the South has ever desired was the Union as established by our forefathers should be preserved and that the government as originally organized should be administered in purity and truth."

Freedom is not free. Our Southern ancestors sacrificed nearly 700,000 brave and gallant young men. These young warriors were the very treasures of a grateful but weeping Southland. They died in the flower of their youth, and we honor them with our membership in the SCV.

I believe the pendulum of history is always correcting itself to return back from where it has swung too far, back to the freedom that our ancestors died for between 1861-1865. I believe this to be each of our prayers today.

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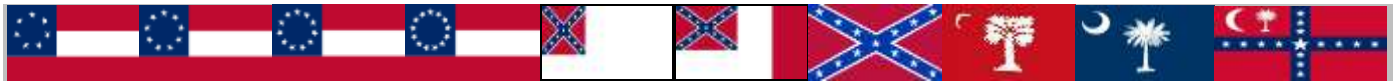
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Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations." May I also say that "May the true history of this troubled nation along with that of our cherished and noble Southland be presented to future generations.

"Remember, Confederate soldiers never die unless they are forgotten."

God Bless you all, Commander Temples

1st Lieutenant Commander

2022 National Reunion

The 127th SCV National Reunion will be held July 19-23, 2022 at Cartersville, GA. This Reunion will be the Atlanta Campaign Battlefield Tour Reunion with tours of battlefields at Chickamauga, Resaca, Ringgold Gap, Dalton, Kennesaw Mountain and Cheatham Hill and also Marietta Confederate Cemetery. We are now less than a few weeks away from the 2022 National Reunion and we're looking forward to welcoming everyone. Please take time now to register and sign up for tours and lunches to help us with our planning.

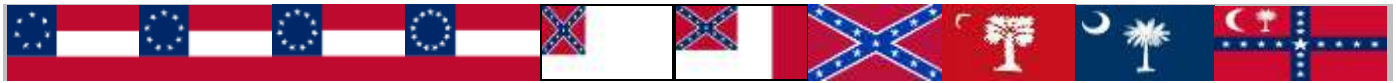
Registration forms, hotel, and full details are available on the reunion webpage: <https://2022reunion.gascv.org/#>

2nd Lieutenant Commander

The **Caddo Parish Confederate Monument** is located on the grounds of the Caddo Parish Courthouse in Shreveport, Caddo Parish, LA. The monument was erected in 1905 by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. At the base are the busts of four Confederate generals – Robert E. Lee, P. G. T. Beauregard, Stonewall Jackson and Henry Watkins Allen – and it is topped by a statue of a Confederate soldier. The monument also includes a statue of the Greek mythological figure Clio, who is pointing to the word "Love" on the monument and holds a scroll with the word "History". The monument was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2014.

In 2017, the Caddo Parish Commission voted to remove the monument. In August 2019, the commission asked the United Daughters of the Confederacy to remove it within 90 days. In July 2020, with the monument still not removed, the Caddo Parish Commission voted to build a box around the monument. On July 21, 2020, the United Daughters of the Confederacy agreed to let the Caddo Parish move the ornate 30-foot-high Confederate monument from the courthouse grounds to private land. "We are saddened that our monument will be moved from the parish courthouse, but it will be going to a place of honor on private land along side graves of Confederate heroes to fulfill its purpose as a tombstone for soldiers from Caddo Parish who died on distant battlefields." The parish will pay all costs of disassembling and moving the 40-ton monument and will take out a \$2 million insurance policy in case the monument is damaged, according to the Daughters of the Confederacy.





TWO TIME CAPSULES FOUND AS CADDO'S CONFEDERATE MONUMENT ARE BEING REMOVED

One of the capsules is made of copper and will go to the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the other capsule is made of galvanized steel and will go to the Sons of Confederate Veterans



Two time capsules — one made of copper, the other of galvanized steel — were found in the Confederate monument as it was being dismantled on the Caddo Courthouse lawn in early June 2022. (Source: Twin Blends Photography)

By [Tayler Davis](#), Published: Jun. 7, 2022 at 12:03 AM EDT

SHREVEPORT, La. (KSLA) — Photographer twins Mike and Mark Mangham happened to be in the right place at the right time over the weekend.

“It looked like they were taking a break, so we went to sit down and a guy came running up and the random guy that was here said they found something and we got the drone up to capture it.”

The two were at the Caddo Parish Courthouse in downtown Shreveport to capture the removal of the Confederate monument when workers stumbled upon two time capsules.

“When I went back and looked at the video, you can see them taking it out. After they moved the part, you can see the time capsule right there. So that was pretty cool”

LSU Shreveport history and social science chairman Dr. Gary Joiner said the time capsules are boxes. One is made of copper, the other of galvanized steel.

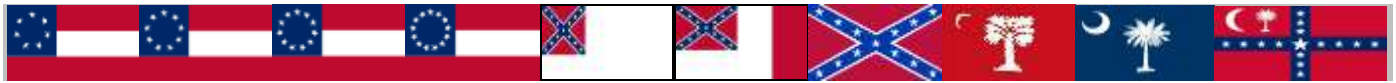
They were placed there decades ago.

“When the monument was designed and built, there was a time capsule placed in the base,” Joiner explained. “And later on, this is the first decade of the 1900s, and later on in 1930 at the last Confederate reunion year, another time capsule was put in.”

Joiner said the process to open them is not a simple one.

“You have to figure out how to open it. You don’t want to destroy the contents. And you don’t want to cause any damage to the capsule itself.”

The copper capsule will go to the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and the other capsule will go to the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Joiner said.



Adjutant's Report

You should have received your 2022-2023 Membership Renewal Statement (MRS) in the mail. If you are not a Life Member, most are paying dues for 3 memberships: National \$35, SC \$10 and the General Joe Wheeler Camp \$20. The bill should be a total of \$65 plus any donations that you might like to make. Make the check payable to General Joe Wheeler #1245. The checks will be gathered from all of our members, deposited, and the camp will pay both National and SC dues. You should mail your MRS with dues to Adjutant Danny Brown, 601 Foreman St., Jackson, SC 29831, no later than July 29th or bring them to the August 1st camp meeting. It is very important to pay your dues on time; there is no leeway for being late.

We had an excellent presentation given by Commander Perry Smith on the "Early History of South Carolina" and very good attendance at the June meeting. I learned many facts about South Carolina that I didn't previously know. We had 11 members and 9 visitors. **Remember, there will be no July meeting.**

PHOTOS FROM THE CAMP MEETING



General Jubal Early Writing of the Confederate Soldier

A Memoir of the Last Year of the War for Independence in the Confederate States of America

"I believe that the world has never produced a body of men superior, in courage, patriotism, and endurance, to the private soldiers of the Confederate armies. I have repeatedly seen those soldiers submit, with cheerfulness, to privations and hardships which would appear to be almost incredible; and the wild cheers of our brave men, (which were so different from the studied hurrahs of the Yankees,) when their thin lines sent back opposing hosts of Federal troops, staggering, reeling, and flying, have often thrilled every fibre in my heart. I have seen, with my own eyes, ragged, barefooted, and hungry Confederate soldiers perform deeds, which, if performed in days of yore by mailed warriors in glittering armor, would have inspired the harp of the minstrel and the pen of the poet."



From the Chaplain's Desk



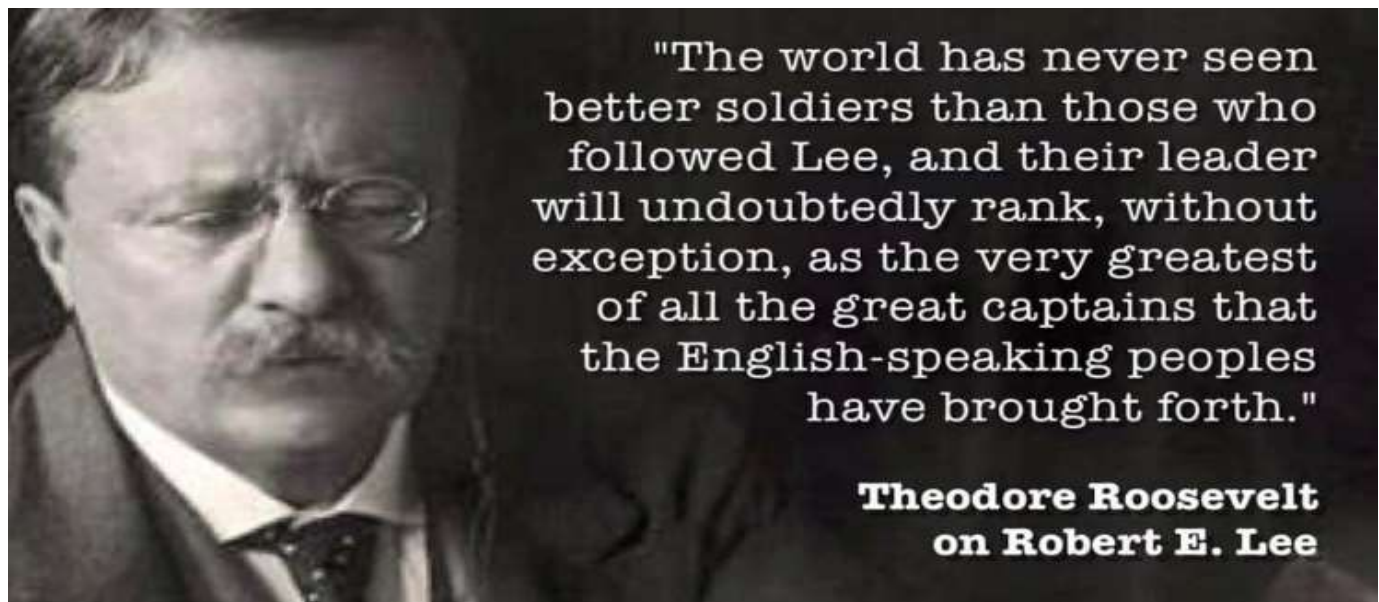
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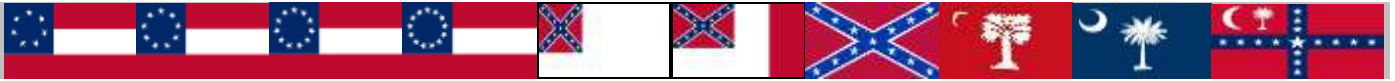
There are times speak violates the moment, when silence represents the highest respect. The word for such times is reverence, and the prayer for such times is **“Hallowed be thy name.”** Do not worry about having the right words; worry more about having the right heart. It’s not eloquence God seeks, just honesty. This was a lesson Job learned. If he had a fault, it was his tongue. He talked too much. He defines God, explains God and reviews God. We’re thirty-seven chapters into the book of Job before God clears his throat to speak, and Job cannot help but get the point: only God defines God.

Job replies, **“I am not worthy...so I will put my hand over my mouth” (Job 40:4 NCV).** Before he heard God, Job couldn’t speak enough. But after he heard God, he couldn’t speak at all. Many of us will spend time with extended family during the July 4th celebration. Let us remember our ancestors and their commitment to their faith during the trying times of 1770’s and 1860’s. Many were away from family for years, and many did not make it back to their earthly homes.



Chaplain’s Prayer List: Please remember our fellow compatriots and their family members who need prayers:
Michael Allen, Jacob Cook, Lee Duvall and his daughter Melanie, Clair Henkes, Tom Huckabee, & Ken Temples





A SOUTH CAROLINA CAUTION FOR OUTSIDERS, ESPECIALLY YANKEES

In regards to all the people wanting to move here from New York and California as well as many others heavily populated states and cities across the country, as well as those wanting to visit...

Before you come to SC to visit you must be aware of what is happening here. There's a housing shortage, rent has tripled, and folks are vacationing here in record numbers...

So, if you plan on moving here, or just plan on vacationing on our beaches, river bottoms, or lakes this summer, I think you should know that wolf spiders, fire ants and bedbugs have infested hotels and motels across the area due to dryer than usual weather. The woods will eat you alive with ticks and chiggers.

Our lakes are full of gators, fresh water sharks, and creepy old guys wearing Speedos.

Our rivers are full of drunks in tubes peeing themselves while the banjo players lay waiting in the bushes.

Panthers have eaten many domesticated animals and possibly some small children.

The local bear and coyote population are all 'in heat' and think your wife/girlfriend is hot.

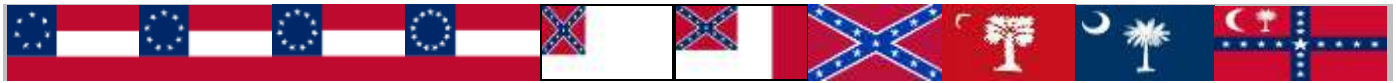
Snakes... don't even get me started on the water headed copper moccasins here, and the diamond back rattlers.

The poison ivy has overtaken all other vegetation.

We have had bear sightings at every park and town they are after your picnic baskets....and some cougars have been spotted in motel rooms and bars.

Watch out for the jackalopes, they have been extremely aggressive this season.

We have the Skunk Ape invading our parks and it's their mating season. Porcupines are "stabbing" small children should they dare to utilize the local playground equipment.



Skunks have made their way over and multiplied at unprecedented rates and wander the local campgrounds in packs looking for beer.

Murder hornets!?! We've got great black clouds of murder hornets, and swarms of giant crickets and even some Alabama grasshoppers.

Scorpions have been congregating in massive quantities under rocks, logs, wooden steps, automobiles, and tarantulas are now stealing people's food and biting like crazy.

I'm pretty sure all private tiger owners (we had a jump in them after Tiger King) have released their cats into the streets of our cities and towns.

Head lice now fly and we have vampire bats.

Oh, and no one is vaccinated.

I hear Idaho and Utah are really nice though."

Happy Birthday!

Camp Compatriots for July

Cliff Tennant – July 3

Jacob Cook – July 16

Nathan Oxner – July 27

Nicholas Ward – July 30

Carson Umbarger – July 30

Camp Officers

Ken Temples – Commander

Lee Duvall – 1st Lt. Commander

Blake Moore – 2nd Lt. Commander

Danny Brown - Adjutant

Bob Ritter - Treasurer

Mark LeGrand – Chaplain

Nathan Oxner – Color Sergeant



The General Joe Wheeler Camp is named after Major General Joseph Wheeler of Augusta, Ga. It was Wheeler's troops who turned back Sherman's Cavalry led by Gen. Kilpatrick in February of 1865. Wheeler is known as the Savior of Aiken.

2022 Camp Activities

- Jan. – The Western Carolina SC Division Prayer Breakfast scheduled on Jan. 22, 2022 at the Aiken County Historical Museum was cancelled due to Covid.
- April – The Wheeler Camp Annual Ladies' Night was held on April 8, 2022 at the Outing Club.
- May – The Wheeler Camp hosted the Aiken County Confederate Memorial Day Service on May 1, 2022 in Bethany Cemetery.
- Dec. – The Wheeler Camp will host the Wreaths Across America Service on Saturday Dec. 17, 2022 in Bethany Cemetery honoring all Veterans, especially Confederate Veterans.
- The Camp has adopted and cares for 54 Confederate graves located in Bethany Cemetery, the city of Aiken's largest cemetery where the only Unknown Confederate grave is located in the city.

MEETING TIME: First Monday of the month starting at 6:45pm with no regular camp meeting in January, February or July. Second Monday in September due to Labor Day.

MEETING PLACE: Aiken County Historical Museum, 433 Newberry St. SW, Aiken, SC 29801

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