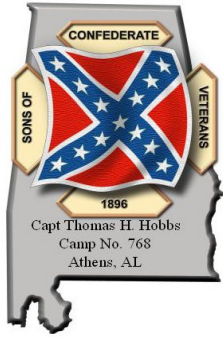


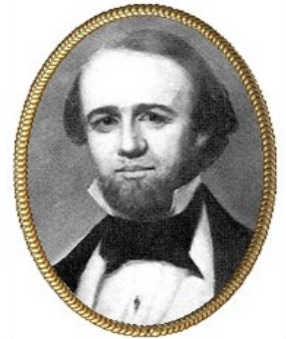
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Camp (and other) Events

12 Nov 16
Cemetery work day
Old Gin BBQ
Elkmont
8a

17 Nov 16
Hobbs Camp meeting
6p
Athens, AL

15 Dec 16
Christmas party
Veterans Museum
6p

See the list on the last page
for other events.

Commander's Corner

It is Halloween and my favorite month, October, is all but finished. It was a good month for the Hobbs camp. Many things happened, not all as we planned, but all in all, the camp had a good month. Now my problem is to list all the activities and hopefully, the people involved. We had been "uninvited" to participate as a food vendor for the Fiddler's Contest at Athens College so some of us spent a good bit of time trying to plan a "traditional black powder muzzle loading Turkey shoot" as an alternative fund-raiser. Of course, we found there is much more to that than meets the eye. We were making progress and contacts toward that goal when the college notified us that we were now re-invited. We re-directed our efforts and had a respectable showing and presentation at the college and made enough money to squeeze through another year. Of course, it helps to keep our name and flags in front of the public. It was great to see how many of the camp and the O.C. R. participated. Thank you once again, ladies of the O.C. R. We may have the Turkey Shoot next year. That also would give us more time to advertise it.

The next week-end was too busy. (1) the memorial service at the Cunningham Cemetery (off of Dupree Hollow Rd. across the river), (2) Militaria at the Limestone County Event Center, and (3) the TVCWRT (Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table) bus tour of Gen N.B. Forrest Railroad Raid of 1864 with Gen. John Scales as the tour guide. We were unable to furnish anyone to staff the table for the Militaria and I must confess I went on the bus tour instead. I looked on the tour with Gen. Scales as the tour guide as a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Gen. John has finished writing his two-volume book on Forrest and we are all waiting for it to be published. I contributed a TINY amount of information about the raid through Athens and Elkmont but that was also my opportunity to get some preview of how thorough his research was (is?). The tour was great and answered a lot of questions we didn't even know to ask. Thank goodness we had some new blood that stepped up the plate and filled in at the Cunningham Cemetery. The names I got were Will Weir and Mike Shores. If I leave someone out, I apologize.

Saturday, October 29th was a great day for me. Donny Stanford had designated that day to finish painting the wrought iron fence at the New

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Editor's Notes:

I know some of Buzz's Corner is a bit outdated, and I apologize for that. Nonetheless, I hope you find the Journal informative and helpful.

The weather last Saturday, November 5, couldn't have been more beautiful for the annual Athens Veterans Day parade. Very warm for November, that's for sure. Many hands came together to make our parade float a reality. Thanks to Sammy Keyes, Jac Hayden, John Witt, Chuck Kilpatrick, David Griggs, Buzz Estes, and Charles Christensen for coming out last week to bring it all together, and to John Witt, William Pepper, Chuck Kilpatrick, Buzz Estes, Ms. Patsy Parmer, and Jerry Barksdale, our parson for the day, for your participation on Saturday. We couldn't do it without your support.

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas dinner and awards ceremony to be held December 15th this year. We moved it to the regular third Thursday because there have been conflicts with our 'normal' Saturday event in the past... so, come out and enjoy the food and fun on the night you'd normally be out anyway.

Note the location change to the Veterans Museum. We weren't able to get the Rogers Center that night.

Remember, if you want to nominate someone for one of our Camp's two awards, nominations are being taken now, or at any time up to the November meeting

Nothing more right now. See you soon. Lee

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to the Hobbs Camp. Bookmark a link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/58-1916032> and support the Hobbs Camp every time you shop.



The Sons of Confederate Veterans will return to Memphis, Tennessee, for their 2017 Reunion Convention. This will be July 18-23, 2017, at the Cook Convention Center. It's not too early to make hotel reservations and register for the event. Visit www.scvmemphis2017.org for details.



The Tennessee Valley Civil War Round Table (www.tvcwrt.org) meets at 6:30 on the second Thursday every month, except December, at the Elks Lodge at 725 Franklin Street in Huntsville, Alabama (exceptions made for special events).

November 10— John Allen, "The Unraveling of a Confederate State: The Last Year of Civil War Alabama"

If you are interested in joining the TVCWRT and their mission, contact:
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**Our November speaker,
Mr. Tim Morrison**



"Parson" Tim is no stranger to the Hobbs Camp, having helped us on several occasions. He is a fixture at SCV and UDC events throughout our region, and can most often be found at the Nathan B Forrest boyhood home in Chapel Hill, Tenn.,

where he is a volunteer docent. Tim will be with us next week talking about "Civil War Firsts", a list of often over-looked events and items that occurred for the first time during the War.



The Hobbs Camp supported the dedication of a historical marker at the Confederate Circle in Athens City Cemetery on Sunday, October 30th. The UDC Joseph E Johnston Chapter 198 in Athens requested our assistance and, as you can see, we turned out in force. The Camp provided a color guard, audio/visual equipment, a pop-up tent, and helped with set up and tear down. In attendance, from left to right (back row) William Pepper, David Griggs, Tom Strain, Zack Magnusson, Will Weir, Ronny Magnusson, Stan Williams (trying to hide behind Ronny), Gil White, John Witt, Donnie Stanford, (front row) Lee Hattabaugh, Charles Christensen, and Commander Buzz Estes. If you look real hard, you can see Jimmy Hill in the back left (he was talking with someone and was unavailable for the photo).



As previously mentioned, the annual Athens Veterans Day parade was last Saturday, November 5th. Our entry was a Confederate soldier's funeral, complete with battle flag-draped coffin, a parson (Jerry Barksdale) and mourners.

The photo on the left is what is probably my favorite photo I've taken this year... Compatriot Chuck Kilpatrick standing guard as a Sergeant of Company F, 9th Alabama Infantry. At right, Ms. Patsy Parmer, patiently waiting on the start of the parade.



Flag of the Month

26th Alabama Infantry

This flag is an Army of Northern Virginia, 3rd wool bunting issue. Flags of this issue were manufactured at the Richmond Depot between July 1862 and May 1864. On April 20, 1863, Colonel Edward Asbury O'Neal, 26th Alabama Infantry forwarded the regiment's old battle flag to the Governor of Alabama stating "The Government having issued to this Regiment a new flag, we respectfully ask that the old one may be deposited in the Archives of the State." Their new flag was captured on July 1, 1863 at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. This flag was issued to the regiment after the Gettysburg campaign and carried by them for the remainder of the war.



Following the surrender of the 26th Alabama Infantry at Greensboro, North Carolina in April 1865 the servant of Dr. Hayes, Brigade Surgeon wrapped the flag around his body and slipped through the Federal lines, thus saving the flag. How long the flag remained with Dr. Hayes is unknown, however, by September 21, 1900, it was in the possession of O'Neal's wife.

In November 1903, Dr. Thomas Owen, Director, Alabama Department of Archives and History, requested the donation of the flag from Mr. A.M. O'Neal. The date of donation is unknown, however, Owen's successor, Director Marie Bankhead Owen stated in an August 1943 letter that she had accepted the donation of the flag from Mrs. Syden O'Neal Dudley. The date of donation must post date Dr. Owen's death on March 25, 1920 since Mrs. Owen became director following his demise.

*Flag: 26th Alabama Infantry
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Garden (East) Cemetery. I assume that fence was erected long before the invention of the lawnmower so placing the gate immediately in front of the largest headstone would not cause a problem. The solution since the use of lawnmowers has been to leave one section (about ten feet) of the fence laying down in the grass. Last year the Cemetery work crew took all of the fence down and re-installed it with the gate on the side away from the large headstone. Afterward, I spent part of a couple of days painting it, but only got less than one quarter of it done. I had good intentions to come back and finish the job but..... WE met at the Gin House for Breakfast and were at the graveyard by 9:00. The weather was so warm and dry that the paint was drying almost as fast as we put it on. That is helpful for painter like me. I tend to get more paint on me than whatever is being painted. At home Doris only allows me to paint outside over fast-growing grass or Jackson Vine.

Sunday, 30 October, the local UDC chapter had a ceremony unveiling a new historical marker for the Confederate Circle. The Hobbs camp we provided a color guard for the ceremony – no rifle volley, just posting and retrieving the colors. The bright sun, October sky, and the flags made for some beautiful images, Again, we had some new blood from our camp participating. It may have been the first time we had both Ronny and Zach Magnusson in the color guard, but I doubt if it will be the last.

I need to fuss a little at those that came up at the last camp meeting to complain that they came to the militaria, but we had no one there. We had NO ONE to volunteer to staff the table, so we called off our participation. Lee tried hard to get some response, but had NONE. Let us know if you want to participate, we do not read minds. Lee works very hard to fill in for me when my health prevented me from fulfilling my duties as camp commander and he is doing an excellent job, but he does not read minds and more than I did. COMMUNICATE WITH US! The Athens Veteran's parade is SATURDAY, 05 NOVEMBER and we will be working the evening of 03 November to put our float in order. We will start @ 6:00 p.m. at my old shop building on Green Street. Let us know if you want to ride the float. We want people in uniforms or period mourning clothes. The theme will be a confederate funeral again complete with my coffin and Mason Ruf's confederate battle flag

We had planned to have the Christmas Party Thursday evening, December 15 this year but I find out the Roger's center is reserved the First and Third Thursday for the girl scouts. We now have it reserved for Saturday December 17. My apologies to anyone this may inconvenience. It was not a plan on my part, but the church had, and has, a commitment to the Girl Scouts.

I think our next program is a repeat of "Parson" Tim Morrison's story about the ambush at Anthony Hill and the response by the local people to and for the wounded and killed Confederate soldiers.



On October 15th, Compatriots William Pepper and Will Weir participated in the dedication of a new historical marker and recognition of the several Confederate soldiers buried at Cunningham Cemetery on Dupree Hollow Rd near the Salem community. Also in attendance from the Hobbs Camp were Donnie Stanford, Lee Hattabaugh, and (future) Cadet Logan Hattabaugh. The event was sponsored by the United Daughters of the Confederacy Joe Wheeler Chapter 291 and the local cemetery association.

Confederate Flag flies at Wrigley Field



Major League Baseball teams have a roster of 40 players, 25 of which will be active at any given time.

When you eliminate the 8 foreign-born players on the Cubs 40-man roster you have 32 American-born players and 16 of them are good ol' Southern boys.

Here is the breakdown:

From Florida:

Albert Almora
Addison Russell
Javier Báez
David Ross (raised)
Anthony Rizzo

From South Carolina:

Jason Hammel
Carl Edwards

From North Carolina:

Jake Buchanan

From Arkansas:

Travis Wood

From Texas

John Lackey

From Georgia:

Dexter Fowler
David Ross (born)

From Missouri:

Pierce Johnson
Jake Arrieta

From Bristol, Tennessee/Virginia

Justin Grimm

From Maryland / Mississippi:

Chris Coghlan

From Oklahoma:

Dallas Beeler

All 8 of the foreign-born players are from countries south of the Mason Dixon Line. So the 2016 World Champion Chicago Cubs are an overwhelmingly Southern team.

After the World Series Win, 1st Baseman Anthony Rizzo told reporters, "Rizzo said. "Everyone back home in Florida... it's just, it's what dreams are made of."

The Cubs 2nd Baseman told stories of playing High School ball in Jacksonville, Florida. All of the Florida players turned huge plays during the game which was kicked off by a Georgia boy who hit a

Wrigley Field, continued: lead-off Home Run on the game's 4th pitch.

The picture (above) dates back to the 1960's. It was taken at Wrigley Field. Back then, the Cubs had a star catcher named Randy Hundley. When the Virginian came up to bat, a Battle Flag would be waved in the bleachers.

In one of our early weekly newsletters (editor's note: this article is courtesy of the *Dixie Heritage* newsletter) we began a conversation about baseball during the War Between the States. Early forms of baseball had already become High Society's pastime years before the first shots of The War were fired at Fort Sumter, but it was the mass participation of everyday soldiers that helped spread the game's popularity across the nation.

During the War Between the States, countless baseball games were organized in Army Camps and prisons on both sides of the Mason Dixon Line. Very little documentation exists on these games and most information has been derived from letters written by both officers and enlisted men to their families on the home front.

For the hundreds of pictures taken during The War there is only one photo in the National Archives that clearly captured a baseball game underway. Several newspaper artists also depicted primitive ballgames and other forms of recreation devised to help boost troop morale and maintain physical fitness. Regardless of the lack of "media coverage", military historians have proved that baseball was a common ground in a country divided, and helped both Union and Confederate soldiers temporarily escape the horror of war.

Some soldiers, both Northern and Southern, actually took baseball equipment to war with them. When proper equipment was not available the soldiers often improvised with fence posts, barrel staves or tree branches for bats & yarn or rag-wrapped walnuts or lumps of cork for balls.

In 1863 the 24th Alabama records playing daily baseball games while awaiting the advancing Federal Army led by General William Tecumseh Sherman.

In 1864, as the war was winding down, POW's from the 11th Mississippi played a game against their guards at the Union Prison Camp in Sandusky, Ohio. They played 9 innings and beat their captors 19-11.

On the same day Yankee POW's played their guards at the Confederate Prison Camp in Salisbury, North Carolina. The Yankees won.

Following Lee's surrender at Appomattox Courthouse, soldiers from both sides played a series of baseball games. Was the first "World Series," or at least the first national championship series, a contest between The Army of the Potomac "Invaders" and The Army of Northern Virginia "Defenders"? The "Invaders" won the war. But the "Defenders" went home with baseball's first pennant.

Did you know? Baseball Cards are a Southern Invention

Baseball cards, a favorite of children of all ages, which, as we all know, are purchased in packages with chewing gum, were first sold by Southern tobacco companies and packaged with pouches of chewing tobacco.



Hobbs Camp #768 Meeting Schedule

Date	Scheduled Speaker	Topic
17 Nov 16	"Parson" Tim Morrison	Civil War Firsts
15 Dec 16	Hobbs Camp	Christmas Social
19 Jan 17	Gene Andrews	Game night! Trivia!
16 Feb 17	Dr. Brandon Beck	General Forrest (actual story TBD)

Events Calendar

10-13 Nov 2016—Tallassee reenactment, Tallassee, AL
 11-13 Nov 2016—Southern Heritage Festival, Elm Springs, Columbia, TN, 9a-5p
 12 Nov 2016—Cemetery work day, 8a
 17 Nov 2016—Hobbs Camp meeting, Alabama Veterans Museum, Athens, AL, 6p
 19 Nov 2016—Alabama Division DEC meeting, Confederate Memorial Park, 10a

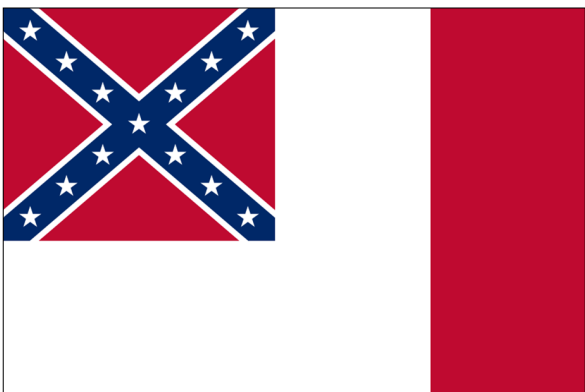
 1 Dec 2016—Athens Christmas parade, Athens, AL, details coming soon
 3-4 Dec 2016—Middle Tennessee Civil War Show, Franklin, TN (\$10 admission)
 15 Dec 2016—Christmas social/awards ceremony, Rogers Center, Athens, AL, 6p

 19 Jan 2017—Hobbs Camp meeting
 19 Jan 2017—Robert E Lee birthday (210)
 21 Jan 2017—Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson birthday (193)

 3-5 Feb 2017—Chickamauga/North Georgia Civil War Show, Dalton, GA
 16 Feb 2017—Hobbs Camp meeting

Salute to the Confederate Flag

I Salute the Confederate Flag with affection, reverence, and undying devotion to the Cause for which it stands.



General Stephen D. Lee's Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the Cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."