

Sons of Confederate Veterans

Roswell Mills Camp No. 1547

MILL TALK

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Commander's Comments

All compatriots in the Roswell Mills Camp should take pride in the fact that our camp received both the Outstanding Camp Award and the Outstanding Newsletter award at the Georgia Division Reunion in Fayetteville June 12 and 13. Much credit goes to our immediate Past Commander Jerry Maddox and our Adjutant Ross Glover, respectively, who led these activities in 2008.

Don't forget our July meeting which will be at the Dreamland Bar-B-Que on Tuesday evening, July 7. We are departing from our usual schedule just this one time to avoid conflict with a long Fourth of July week-end. The meeting subject will be Show and Tell of Confederate artifacts.

Howard Bryant
Commander

Old Soldiers Day Parade August First

Our Camp has agreed to participate in the Old Soldiers Parade in Alpharetta on Saturday, August First. Doug Allen's grandson will drive his truck in the parade so our old soldiers won't have to walk.

We will assemble at 8 am in front of Alpharetta's American Legion Post, 201 Wills Road in Alpharetta. Parade starts at 10 o'clock.

We have room for three more SCV members in the truck. To volunteer, call Howard Bryant or Ross Glover. Their phone numbers are in the 2009 Camp Roster.

Roswell Mills Camp Receives Awards

Our Camp received the Georgia Division Outstanding Camp Award and Outstanding Newsletter Award at the Division Reunion in Fayetteville, Georgia June 12th and 13th.



Brigade Commander Tim Pilgrim (center) congratulates Camp Adjutant Ross Glover and Past Commander Jerry Maddox on receiving awards at the Division Reunion.

Fayetteville Division Reunion Dispatches

SCV Camp Gen. Lafayette McLaws hosted the 112th Georgia Division Reunion with featured Speaker Dr. David Evans at the luncheon on Saturday, June 13.

Dr. Evans told about underrated Gen. Joe Wheeler with his cavalry fighting Sherman's cavalry in and around Fayetteville and at Browns Mill.

Sherman, wanting to capture Atlanta without a long drawn out siege, sent his cavalry to cut railroads and supply lines into the city

Wheeler's 5th Georgia Cavalry came up against a superior Yankee force Commanded by Gen. Edward McCook between Fayette County and Newnan.

The outcome was the Confederate forces captured or killed more than half of McCook's 2,500 men and forced Sherman delay by months his march to the sea with the siege of Atlanta.



Dr. David Evans, author of *Sherman's Cavalry*, said Gen. "Fighting" Joe Wheeler was underrated and there are no statues or markers honoring the General.

After the War Joe Wheeler served in the U.S. Senate from Alabama and as a U.S. General with Roosevelt's Rough Riders during the Spanish-American war.

Dr. Evans thinks Gen. Wheeler has been shortchanged for service in the U.S. Cavalry and that's why there are no statues or memorials honoring him.

Wheeler is buried in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington.

Stephens and Toombs Speeches Performed

At the Friday night Reunion reception Mitchell Crabb and Scot Gilbert gave a moving performance of speeches by Alexander H. Stephens and Robert Toombs given prior to the outbreak of WBTS.

Toombs advocated war while Stephens wanted to holdout for peace.



Scot Gilbert, Commander of Lafayette McLaws Camp, and Camp Member Mitchell Crabbe entertained Reunion attendees with Stephens and Toombs speeches.

Division Projects Approved

Four out of five Division projects were approved by Reunion delegates. The projects were:

Bronze Confederate Soldier Monument to be erected in Jefferson, Georgia sponsored by the Jackson County Volunteers Camp 94.

Confederate Monument at Allatoona Pass on the battlefield in Bartow County sponsored by McDonald Camp 1552, Chattahoochee Guards Camp 1639 and Robert E. Lee Camp 2005.

150th Anniversary Brochures to commemorate the 150th year of the WBTS. Project was submitted by the 150th Anniversary Committee.

Restoration of Confederate Powder Works Chimney in Augusta. Brigadier General E. Porter Alexander Camp 158 sponsors this project.

Future Reunion Locations Named

In 2010 reunion will be in Milledgeville, 2011 in Rome, 2012 in Bainbridge and 2013 in Chickamauga.

On To Hot Springs For the 114th Reunion

The SCV 2009 Reunion is scheduled July 22nd - July 25 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Past Commander Jerry Maddox and Adjutant Ross Glover will be Roswell Mills Camp delegates to the Reunion.

Several Constitutional and Standing Order amendments will be voted on by delegates. One proposed amendment would extend the terms of the Commander-in-Chief and Lt. Commander-in-Chief, to three years but preserve the two-year terms of Department Commanders and Councilmen. *(This amendment will be an interest to our camp since a term limit amendment was proposed at the Georgia Division*

Reunion but failed to pass.)

Proposed Confederate POW Flag

Several Camps are calling for Confederate POW flag to be adopted. The design below has be put forward.



This symbol is to honor those POW's who suffered or died in Northern prison camps.

Notes From Roswell Mills June Meeting

Ray McBerry spoke about States Rights to our members in June.



Ray McBerry with Doug Allen at June meeting.

States Rights, the right of any state to separate from the United States, guaranteed by the Constitution was one of two causes of the WBTS. The other being slavery. According to Maj. Gen. John B. Gordon, CSA, the undeniable fact that at any period of the war from its beginning to near its close the

South could have saved slavery by simply laying down its arms and returning to the Union.

General Gordon wrote that “during the entire life of the Republic the respective rights and powers of the States and general government had furnished a question for endless controversy. In the process of time this controversy assumed a somewhat sectional phase. The dominating thought of the North and the South may be summarized in a few sentences.

The South maintained with the depth of religious conviction that the Union formed under the Constitution was a Union of consent and not of force; that the original States were not the creatures but creators of the Union; that these States had gained their independence, their freedom, and their sovereignty from the mother country, and had not surrendered these on entering the Union; that by the express terms of the Constitution all rights and powers not delegated were reserved to the States; and the South challenged the North to find one trace of authority in that Constitution for invading and coercing a sovereign State.”

“The North, on the other hand, maintained with the utmost confidence in the correctness of her position that the Union formed under the Constitution was intended to be perpetual; that sovereignty was a unit and could not be divided; that whether or not there was any express power granted in the Constitution for invading a State, the right of self-preservation was inherent in all governments; that the life of the Union was essential to the life and liberty; or, in the words of Webster, ‘liberty and union are one and inseparable.’”

“In vindication of her right to secede she (the South) appealed to the essential doctrine, ‘the right to govern rests on the consent of the governed,’ and to the right of independent action as among those reserved by the States.”

General Gordon said, “that if all living Union soldiers were summoned to the witness stand, every

one of them would testify that it was preservation of the American Union and not the destruction of Southern slavery that induced him to volunteer at the call of his country.

“As for the South it is enough to say that perhaps eighty per cent of her armies were neither slave-holders, nor had the remotest interest in the institution.”

Ray McBerry, our speaker, said States Rights still reverberates in the U.S. and points to gun laws as an illustration. Montana passed a law to allow gun sales without registration as long as the gun is made in the State and remains in the State.

Point of Interest...

I received an email from Bob Jones of Liverpool, England asking for a proclamation from our Camp to be read at the re-dedication of a Memorial to Lt. Irvine S. Bulloch, CSN, on July 18, 2009 in the Toxteth Park Cemetery in Liverpool. We will comply.

Lt. Bulloch from Roswell served aboard the CSS Alabama and the CSS Shenandoah. After the War he lived out his days in Liverpool but never forgot his native city or state.

This a big deal with The Lord Mayor and other celebrities in attendance. The U.S. will not be represented by anyone from the Embassy.

Ross Glover, Editor

July Meeting Tuesday, July 7th
(Note: We will meet on Tuesday not to interfere with 4th July Holiday.
We will be back at Dreamland BBQ on Roswell Road.
Program is Show & Tell by Members. Bring your memorabilia.