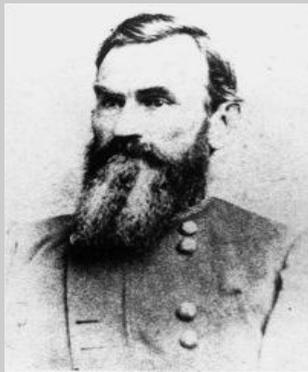


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COMMANDER'S CORNER: CLAUDE STILLMAN

Fellow Compatriots,

First let me say I truly appreciate your giving me the opportunity to serve as your Camp Commander. On behalf of the camp, I would like to say, "Thanks and job well done!" to Dan McCaskill, our past Commander. The same can be said to the previous Commanders, as well, Larry, Mr. Earl, and Alan. I was very pleased each of these men offered to assist me at anytime, and I'm sure there will be many such times. I will do my best to measure up and follow their examples.

Folks, as we already know, we face overwhelming numbers of people working against our endeavors to retain our Southern Heritage. Though we are small in number, we can make a huge difference. If each one of us does something

positive, no matter how small it may seem, it will impact the outcome we want to achieve.

Recruitment is an ongoing concern. Let's set a goal for each of us to recruit at least one new member or to re-establish a relationship with an "old" member who has "dropped out". These men, who were previously active, could have much to offer our camp.

Again, thank you for your confidence in me. Please know that any comments, nudges, pokes, shoves and an occasional kick will be appreciated if needed to help my being a better Commander.

May Our God Bless This Camp!

Claude Stillman, Jr.
 Camp Commander

CONGRATULATIONS TO AOT COMMANDER KELLY BARROW AND HIS WIFE CASSIE

Gentlemen,

Following the example of General John B. Gordon (and General William Dorsey Pender & James Ewell Brown Stuart) yet another GREAT GEORGIAN has entered the world on February 6th! James William Barrow III (named for Kelly's father and SCV member) was born at 12:01 am this morning. The new Cadet and CofC member weighs 6 lbs. 6 oz. and is 18 1/2 inches long with blond hair and blue eyes. William is breathing on his own but did have some oxygen issues so is in an incubator to receive some assistance with that but otherwise is robust and healthy.

Cassie is just fine but of course tired as is Kelly. Not one to waste time, Cassie worked on a book review for Confederate Veteran while she was in labor!

I know ya'll join me in our joy for the new Barrow in our midst and happiness for this beautiful family. Thank you all for your prayers and good wishes!



Upcoming events of interest:

- ⇒ **Army of TN Meeting in Birmingham, TN – Feb. 13**
- ⇒ **Ms Exec Council Meeting – Jackson, MS @ War Memorial Building – Feb. 20**
- ⇒ **Living History sponsored by Camp #265, Brandon, MS - Feb. 27 – CANCELLED**
- ⇒ **March 6, Reenactment at Lucedale, MS**
- ⇒ **Confederate Memorial Day Service, Greenville, MS – April 18**

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CAMP NEWS: CAMP ADJUTANT'S REPORT: DAN MCCASKILL



This past January 23, 2010; the B/G Benjamin G. Humphreys Camp # 1625 held its 14th annual Lee – Jackson Birthday Banquet to celebrate the birth of two of the South's greatest generals, Robert Edward Lee on January 19th and Thomas Jonathan Jackson on January 21st. The event was held at the 1st Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall in Indianola and was a pot luck dinner. Attendance for the evening was 40 and there was plenty of good food and fellowship.

The Banquet started with the presentation of the Colors by Company D, CS Marines commanded by Capt. Alan Palmer. Camp Chaplain Earl McCown gave the invocation and led everyone in the Pledge and Salutes to the Colors. Commander Dan McCaskill welcomed everyone to the Banquet and introduced a few distinguished guests. Following the meal, we were entertained by our guest speaker, Cecil Fayard, Chaplain-in-Chief of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Cecil gave an interesting history of the "Mississippi Rifles", today known as the 155th Infantry Regiment. The "Mississippi Rifles" is the oldest unit in Mississippi history and seventh oldest in the United States being formed in 1799. This unit's best known commander was Jefferson Davis who led the regiment during the Mexican War.

The newly elected Camp Officers were installed at the banquet by MS Division 1st Lt. Commander Alan Palmer. The new officers are as follows: Commander, Claude "Junior" Stillman; 2nd Lt. Commander, Charles "Gator" Stillman; Adjutant / Treasurer, Dan McCaskill; and Color Sergeant / Quartermaster, Joe Nokes.

As with tradition, we took time to remember Camp Members who have "crossed over" and the memories of our Confederate Ancestors with our Candle Light Memorial Service. We added Col. Hartley T. Sanford, who went to his reward on August 30, 2009, to our growing list. After this solemn service, we ended the evening with fun. The Ladies of the OCR conducted our raffle which always gets everyone excited. Many winners were those who had not won in the past. Most went away happy.

In closing, new Commander Junior Stillman expressed his desire to serve the Camp and looked forward to working with the members. We closed the evening with Cecil leading us in the singing of Dixie and then dismissed us with the benediction.

ELLA PALMER CHAPTER #9, MSOR: PRESIDENT'S NOTE



Dear Ladies of The OCR,

According to Mr. Webster, a resolution is "a formal expression of opinion, will or intent." So at year's end I started my new list with the usual promises to myself: I will become skinny (Don't we all wish that for ourselves?), I will save more money, I will become a better person...etc. I soon realized how many of these same resolutions I had made and not completed in the past. A new year, a new decade deserved a different way of thinking, a new list of "INTENTS" that will allow me the joy of being myself, a child of a very good God: I intend to listen twice as much as I speak, to fly a kite, to watch more sunsets with friends, to trust my woman's intuition, to smile at strangers, to play in a sandbox (with or without a child), to roast marshmallows over a campfire (with or without an adult), to show gratitude more freely, to ask for help more freely, and to give more completely.

Larry and Annette opened their home to us, again, for New Year's Eve. As we huddled under the carport, in the cold, laughing and counting down to midnight, I was not among a group of friends, but was in the middle of an extended family. Thank-you, Annette and Larry, for letting us come home for the holiday!

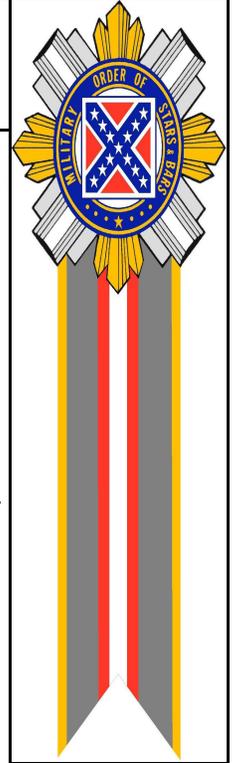
The promise of severe weather prevented several people from attending the Lee-Jackson Banquet on the 23rd, but those of us who ignored the clouds had a truly Southern fellowship. There was good food, good company, and good laughter. Dr. Cecil Fayard, the guest speaker, discussed the history of the "Mississippi Rifles" or the "155th", Mississippi's oldest National Guard unit. Our learning that this unit was formed in 1799 and has been involved in every military action since inspired greater pride in our military heritage.

I am so very grateful to each person who helped decorate and prepare for the banquet and raffle and to those who helped with the clean-up afterwards. Your willingness to assist shows your love for our organizations. Thank-you!

February begins a busy season for our camp. So watch for schedules in the SCV newsletter. Remember to join us in our monthly meetings and to invite someone along. There's always enough Southern hospitality to go around.

Graciously yours,
Sandra Stillman, OCR President

**BRIG/GEN CHARLES CLARK CHAPTER, MOS&B NEWS:
ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY FOR COMMANDER GENERAL, MOSB
Max L. Waldrop, Jr., LT. CMDR GENERAL, MOSB**



Gentlemen of the Order:

As most of you know, the Order has experienced a revenue decline in the midst of this serious recession. We have been unable to produce many publications due to economic restraints. We have successfully filed several years of tax records with IRS, all without penalty. We have chosen to reduce the annual cost of our headquarters operation by using volunteers from the General Staff and moving our membership files records to Tennessee, our domestic corporate headquarters.

However, regardless of these challenges, we have been blessed with many positive accomplishments. Our Membership Archives have improved significantly over the past three years. I have personally sorted through thousands of membership records in efforts to correct our database. We have worked hard at the local level with monument projects, educational efforts with our youth, and memorial services for our ancestors.

Overall, it has been an exciting and progressive time to have served you as Lt. Commander General. It has been an honor to have traveled and met with many of you regarding the future endeavors of the Order. From California to South Carolina the light of fraternity, fellowship and Southern spirit brightly lights our way.

I am writing to you requesting your support as I stand for election in Oklahoma City in 2010. All agree that strong leadership is required for our future success. I have served the Order for the past three years as your Chief of Staff, Adjutant General, Historian General, and Lt Commander. I have also chaired the Headquarters Operations Committee for the past year.

At the State Society level, I am serving as the 1st Lt. Commander of the Alabama Society and also as the Editor of the Society Newsletter – **The Yellowhammer**. At the Chapter level, I have served as Commander and Lt Commander for the Brigadier General John Hunt Morgan Chapter #17. I am also a dual member with the Tennessee Society and serve as the Brigade Commander for Middle Tennessee and member of the Smith/Shy Chapter #14 in Nashville, TN. These various positions of responsibility have enabled me to learn the many processes, procedures, and requirements that enable the Order to function on a daily basis. I believe that my experience in the Order and ability to unite compatriots toward a common cause will ensure our future success.

However, we must do more! I believe in comprehensive, detailed planning. My future proposals include the following:

- Consistent production and distribution of the Officer's Call; Expand membership services with emphasis on recruitment and retention; Promote and foster working relationships with historical/heritage organizations; Planning sesquicentennial activities in support of our local communities; Continuing to improve our financial administration; and Growing our Legacy Endowment Fund and implementing charitable giving plans.

I am a graduate of the University of Mississippi with a BBA and MBA, served as an Infantry Officer with the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, KY, and retired as a BellSouth Senior Executive. I have since held Director level positions in Columbia, SC with two different organizations, and currently serve as the VP and COO of New Hope Construction, Inc. in Hendersonville, TN. I live in Springfield, TN with my wife, Sheila, three daughters, and one granddaughter.

Many of my Confederate ancestors primarily enlisted in North Mississippi and Middle Tennessee. Two of my great, great grandfathers were captured on the same day – one at the Big Black River (Co F, 4th MS Inf Reg) and the other at Champions Hill in the defense of Vicksburg (Co K, 22nd MS Inf Reg).

Meeting the challenge of change is crucial. We must stand united to ensure that our common sense strategy achieves our purpose – the preservation of our Confederate Heritage and Legacy. The defining measure of our success will be the possession of true Confederate history and culture within the minds of our children and their children. The Sesquicentennial of the WBTS is rapidly approaching. If there ever is a time for our organization to step up and lead our country back into the world of truth and accuracy at our battlefields and our communities – **NOW IS THE TIME. I ask for your support in standing with me in achieving our mission.** I will use my organizational and operational skills and experiences to lead us as a team into the future.

Your questions, concerns, and communications are welcome at anytime. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

THE CONFEDERATE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

We the people of the sovereign states and territories constituting and entitled the Confederate States of America hereby proclaim before Almighty God and all who may read these presents that as our forefathers lawfully, peacefully and constitutionally seceded from that voluntary union of states entitled the United States of America and formed a new nation, according to their reserved political rights, and the inalienable rights endowed them by their Creator, so the aforementioned states and territories were, are, and remain now sovereign political entities within a voluntary national Confederation, conjointly constituting one independent nation amongst the nations of this world, and styled 'The Confederate States of America.'

We further declare that these inalienable truths are, and in no way can be, negated or compromised by the historic fact that the nation so founded was once aggressively, arrogantly and illegally invaded, overrun, occupied and subjugated by superior external force, and thus subjected to war crimes and other crimes against humanity and brutally denied rights of life, liberty and due process of law, nor by the fact that our citizenry (when no longer able to defend their homes or persons and denied, by that brute force the basic human right to self determination and choice of manner of government) were compelled, as states and territories, to retract their articles of secession and rejoin, against their manifest will, their former and repudiated union.

We hereby declare that all such pretended acts, having been performed without the mandate or consent of the governed, and outside the duly ratified Confederate States Constitution, were, are, and forever shall be null and void, and so the dates of secession of the several states and territories (each acting in its sovereign capacity) continue in unbroken validity from the said dates, as shall the dates of secession of any such further states of the American union as may, at any time, choose to resume their sovereign status among the nations of the world. And we declare before God Almighty, and call the peoples of the world to witness, our belief that, as men are created equal under Him, so are nations sovereign and equal in His sight, and as no man has the right to oppress another, so no nation may oppress another nation, enter their lands by force, or force their political will or culture upon another people, by means direct or indirect.

Upon these just and unbreakable grounds we confidently pray the grace and divine providence of Almighty God, that our cause may be vindicated and our right to self-determination again openly acknowledged before Him.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK CONFEDERATE HERITAGE MONTH

Black Confederates, Silas Chandler of Mississippi, Dick Poplar from Virginia, Bill Yopp a native Georgian, and Henry "Dad" Brown of South Carolina, all are known to have "*seen the elephant*". Louis Napoleon Winbush of Tennessee was among the 43 Black Confederates known to have ridden with Nathan Bedford Forrest. These men came from all across the Confederacy, served voluntarily, and participated in United Confederate Veteran reunions for many years after the war was ended.

Silas Chandler served with Blythe's 44th Mississippi Regiment initially as the body servant to his boyhood friend, Andrew Chandler. When Andrew was wounded in the upper thigh at the battle of Chickamauga, Silas carried Andrew on his back for three miles. Getting onto a train, Silas ensured that Andrew was returned to his home in Mississippi. For saving their son's leg and life, the Chandler family gave Silas land after the war. This, however, was not his only thanks. Silas Chandler is the only African-American to receive (posthumously) the Confederate Order of the Iron Cross, which was bestowed on him by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Richard "Dick" Poplar rode with the 13th Virginia cavalry. He was captured during the Confederate retreat from Gettysburg. Poplar then served 5 months at Fort Delaware and 14 months in Point Lookout Prison and refused to sign the Oath of Loyalty that would have freed him in the first month of his captivity. He survived this hellish prison by practicing his trade as a baker.

Following his release from Point Lookout, he returned to his home in Petersburg, Virginia that had been devastated during the siege in 1865. Poplar worked to help re-build the city and was honored for his efforts. When he died, the Petersburg . His eulogy, as reported in the newspaper, was: "Dick Poplar had been a caterer at the Bollingbrook Hotel in Petersburg, Virginia where his cornmeal creations were said to be unequalled. He took his culinary genius to war with some Confederate fighting units and was captured at Gettysburg.

Sent to Point Lookout Prisoner of War Camp, he was put under special pressure to desert the Southern Cause and take the oath of allegiance to the United States, but he treated oppressors with cold contempt. He



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declared himself "a Jeff Davis man" and said he didn't care who heard him say so. He endured almost twenty months of life in one of the three very worst prisoner of war camps of the war, selling his famous pones to the other prisoners. He returned to Petersburg after the war, and became a celebrated local figure and prospered. Upon his death he was buried with full Confederate honors as befitting a loyal Son of the South."

Bill Yopp, who enlisted in the Blackshear Guards of the 14th Georgia Volunteer Infantry as the company drummer, often said: "I had no inclination to go to the Union side, as I did not know the Union soldiers and the Confederate soldiers I did know, and I believed then as now, tried and true friends are better than friends you do not know." Marching in front of company as a drummer going into battle was not the best place to be. Before the war was over, Yopp was wounded three times.

Bill was a slave owned by Jeremiah Yopp who assigned him to his son, Thomas. Bill later said that he followed Thomas like "Mary's little lamb." The two instantly became friends. They fished, hunted, and played together. Bill's childhood, while stifled by slavery, was molded by education and religion within the plantation, which included regular church services.

Bill worked as a train porter in Albany, NY after the war, but returned home and found his friend Captain Yopp in poverty. Captain Yopp was about to enter the Confederate Soldier's Home in Atlanta. Bill took a job on the Central of Georgia Railroad.

During World War I, Bill was given a place to live at Camp Wheeler near Macon. He made regular visits to the Soldier's Home providing Captain Yopp with some of his money along with fruits and other treats. Bill won the admiration of the officers at Camp Wheeler, who presented him with a gold watch.

Bill's generosity toward Capt. Yopp soon spread to all of the soldiers in the home. He enlisted the help of the editor of "The Macon Telegraph" for aid in a fund raising campaign. Bill and his friends were able to raise funds for each veteran at Christmas time. The campaign became more successful every year. "The Dublin Courier Herald" contributed to the campaign in 1919 when the amount given to each veteran was three dollars. Bill took time at each Christmas to speak to the veterans in the chapel of the home. The veterans were so impressed they presented him a medal in March of 1920.

Bill died after the 1933 reunion. He was buried with his fellow soldiers at the Confederate Cemetery in Marietta, Georgia. After the body of Amos Rucker was disinterred to be laid next to the body of his wife, Bill became the lone African-American soldier of the Confederate Army to lie in the cemetery. His gravestone provided by the

Louis Napoleon Winbush was recruited as a slave by Nathan Bedford Forrest, but fought as a Free Man of Color during the last 18 months of the war. He was a Private in the 7th Tennessee Cavalry and fought at Shiloh, Lookout Mountain, Brice's Crossing, and Vicksburg. Louis survived the war.

At Shiloh, he served as a chaplain even though he couldn't read or write, which was a position never held by any Afro-Yankee. He loyally and consistently attended 39 United Confederate Veterans reunions; the final one he attended was in 1934.

A Sons of Confederate Veterans Chapter in Tennessee is named after him. When he died, his casket was draped with the Confederate flag. His grandson, Nelson Winbush, still actively and proudly speaks about his ancestor's service during the war and the lessons he learned sitting on his grandfather's knee.

Charles Hicks was born in 1838 and was a slave in the household of James H. Hicks, Sr., of Wrightsville when the Civil War began. He went with Lt. James H. Hicks, Jr., into the 14th Georgia Infantry Regiment and was sent home in 1864 just in time to face the forces of Union General William T. Sherman in their march through Georgia.

In December, 1864, Hicks joined the 110th Colored Volunteer Infantry of the Union Army, fighting for the Union under the alias of Charles Page and was discharged from the Union Army in 1866. Charles then returned to Georgia and began farming under his real name. Hicks applied for and received a pension as a Union veteran, BUT when he attended the seventy-fifth reunion of veterans of the Battle of Gettysburg in 1938 he registered as a Confederate.

Amos Rucker was born a slave in Elbert County, Georgia. He was a servant in the Joseph Rucker household around the Athens, Georgia area. Joseph Rucker was the first millionaire in Georgia. He assigned Amos to his son Alexander Rucker, known as "Sandy." When the South was invaded Sandy was commissioned as an officer in a Georgia infantry unit.

Amos never questioned going to war and cared for Sandy as his cook and body servant. At one of the early battles Amos was standing next to Sandy near the enemy line. A shot was fired from the Yankees that struck one of the Confederate soldiers speaking to Sandy. The soldier fell to his death. Amos picked up the dead soldier's gun and started firing back at the Yankees. From that moment on he fought shoulder to shoulder with Alexander. The respect he earned while doing a soldier's duty would last more than his life time.

Being a man of character and a good Confederate soldier he joined the Confederate Veterans in Atlanta. Amos had a special place at each veterans meeting. He called roll from memory including every member by name and qualified each person with the word "here" or "dead". He kept track of every member in his camp and was known for his wonderful memory.

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Black Confederate Heritage Month Continued . . .

Southern University (Baton Rouge) spoke regularly on black Confederates. American University's professor Edward Smith also lectures on the truth of black Confederate history and, with Nelson W. Winbush, has prepared an educational videotape entitled "Black Southern Heritage" (available at (954) 963-4857)

Info? Contact: Dr. Edward Smith, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016 (202) 885-1192; Dean of American Studies, Dr. Smith (a black professor) is dedicated to clarifying the historical role of blacks.

Websites:

Library of Congress Black History Resource Guide - <http://www.locweb.loc.gov/exhibits/african/intro.html>

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For more information, call 1-800-380-1896 or visit the SCV website at <http://www.scv.org>

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MISSISSIPPI DIVISION NEWS:

EVENTS TAKING PLACE AROUND THE MISSISSIPPI DIVISION

Army of Tennessee Meeting – February 13, 2009 09:00 AM – Fightin Joe Wheeler Camp Building – Birmingham, AL

The Army of Tennessee will hold one of its two workshops in Birmingham on February 13, 2010. The workshop will be at the New Merkle House, the home of the Fighting Joe Wheeler Camp. AOT Commander Kelley Barrow has lined up guest speakers to present a variety of topics that will help your camp members become better leaders within the camp.

Beauvoir Board Meeting – February 13, 2010

The next quarterly board meeting of the Combined Boards of Beauvoir will be Saturday, February 13th 2010 @ 10 AM.

Rick Forte, Chairman 228-343-1403

Executive Committee Meeting February 20, 2010 10:00 AM - War Memorial Building – Jackson, MS

All MS Division Compatriots are welcome. Any member wishing the floor must contact Chief of Staff Ed Funchess in advance

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CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY AT BEAUVOIR

Confederate Memorial Day
April 24, 2010
Beauvoir – Biloxi, Ms

This year Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir will be Saturday April 24, 2010. On the agenda will be Commander in Chief McMichael dedicating the new Jefferson Davis monument at 11:00 am on Saturday. Commander McMichael will be the guest speaker at the memorial service at the cemetery at 2:00 pm. At noon there will be a pot luck dinner on the grounds. This year will also mark the 30th anniversary of the Unknown Soldier. The Unknown Soldier stands for so many that sacrificed everything.

Everyone participating in the color guard/musket please be on the grounds and ready by 10:00 am. Anyone who would like to bring their cannon please let me know.

On Friday I am organizing a living history at Beauvoir. Please let me know if you can help. We need to let the public know that Southern heritage is not dead and the only way to do that is to take the lead.

Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir is Division organized. Your participation is important. We are the last stand. What we do today will decide what our children learn tomorrow.

If you have any question please contact me at email: harrywjrmason@bellsouth.net or 228-832-3343.

Duty Honor Sacrifice

Wallace Mason, Chairman Of the Confederate Memorial Day Committee at Beauvoir
Mississippi Division, Sons of Confederate Veterans



**ARMY OF TENNESSEE NEWS:
AoT MEETING IN BIRMINGHAM, AL – FEBRUARY 13, 2010**

AOT Commander Kelly Barrow is pleased to invite you to the 2010 meeting of the Army of Tennessee. This meeting will provide National SCV speakers, good food, and good camaraderie with other AOT members. Registration \$14.00 (includes dinner, program, etc.). Must pre-register by February 6. 80 seat limit. Send checks payable to Camp 1372 to: Camp 1372, PO Box 43362, Vestavia, AL. 35243.

The meeting will be hosted by the Fighting Joe Wheeler camp. For a map and detail directions see FJW camp website, (<http://www.fightingjoewheeler.net/>) on the "Map to Camp Meetings" listing. The map also shows 5 hotels with phone numbers on Hwy. 280 that are in easy access to the meeting place. For men whose wives would like to come, the Summit Shopping Center should offer ample diversion and entertainment during the meeting. Other activities may be planned. The ladies are welcome to join us for the meeting or just for dinner at the New Merkle House for a \$10.00 registration fee.

With this event close to us and not being that expensive, some of us may car pool and attend. It has some very timely and seemingly important information.

Tentative Agenda:

- 8 am Registration**
- 9 am Opening**
- 9:20 Membership/GHQ**
- 10:00 Importance of the Adjutant**
- 10:40 SCV 101**
- 11:20 The Role of the Chaplain**
- 12:00 BBQ Dinner**
- 1:00 Recruitment and Retention**
- 1:40 Sesquicentennial**
- 2:20 C.A.M.P.**
- 3:00 Jefferson Davis Presidential Library**
- 3:40 Benediction/Adjourn**

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Amos in his later years was interview by a Yankee journalist who questioned him about being a slave in his younger days and about the Rucker family who owned him. He responded in his usual pleasant manner, "The Rucker family is my family. My grandchildren play with their grandchildren. The Ruckers will give me anything I ask for." Clearly it was not the answer and story the journalist was looking to tell. Amos Rucker never missed a Confederate Veterans meeting. He felt duty bound to attend, call roll and fellowship. Amos felt ill one meeting night and sent his son to the meeting with these words, "Send my love to the boys". Amos died that night.....but not before he sent those affectionate words to his fellow compatriots with whom he fought shoulder to shoulder during the War.

Amos Rucker is not forgotten by his Confederate compatriots and is buried in Atlanta's Southview Cemetery; the same cemetery where members of the Martin Luther King family are buried, with his wife Martha. His funeral and his pallbearers read like the Who's Who list in Atlanta. Funeral services were conducted by Clement A. Evans of Atlanta, Confederate General.

"Uncle George" Lamb was the body servant of Capt. William H. Dulany, Co. D, 17th Va. Infantry. He was born in Fairfax County in 1834 and was a Free Man of Color who served throughout the war. His postwar occupation was as Blacksmith in the wagon shop of Joseph Cooper at Fairfax Court House. George Lamb died on March 19, 1926 at the home of Winfield Runner and is buried in the Jermantown Cemetery. His obituary appeared in the Fairfax Herald (3/26/1926, p. 3). George Lamb is one of six known Black Confederates who served with the Confederacy from Fairfax County. The others are Edward Chiles, Elijah Cole, Lindsay Ford, Robert M. Gofney, and William Lee. Given recent research on Black Confederate pensioners in Virginia, the obituaries erroneous assumption that he was the only such African-American on the Virginia pension roles in 1926 is interesting and indicative of white sentiments at that time.

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