

# The C.S.A. and Georgia Grey

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*“To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit 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 he loved and 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.”*

–Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, C.S.A., Commander General, United Confederate Veterans

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## NEXT MEETING

Date: 9 January 2012

Time: 7:30 P.M.

Program: PHIL FITCH, CMDR.: on Gen. N. B. Forrest

Commissary Wagon: CMDR. PHIL FITCH

Place: Museum of Colquitt County History, Moultrie, Georgia

Location: The corner of 500 4th Ave. S. E., Moultrie - Parking is on the East side of the building.

**WE WILL BE MEETING IN THE NEW MEETING ROOM at the double doors on the back, east side of the building with a new handicap ramp. This will be different.....Come help us try it out.**

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## Members with January Birthdays:

1/6 - D.J. McHan, Jr. Sale City

1/8 - Jack Bridwell, Moultrie

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If we miss YOUR birthday, please let us know so we can add it to our database.

## Commander’s Comments:

My Fellow Compatriots, I pray everyone had a blessed Christmas and I wish everyone the best of a HAPPY NEW YEAR! Here we begin 2012 and this Camp’s 25th Anniversary in Sept.!

MANY THANKS to everyone for your outstanding support in the Moultrie Christmas Parade! I heard we had a great showing. We still get to enjoy this fine turnout on TV from our local channel. Thanks to COMP. DANNY McHAN for filling in for me with his good looking Mustang! Can’t thank everyone enough! Sylvester and Valdosta Compatriots, thank you!

We closed out the previous year with our annual awards night. Awards Chmn., Treas. DANNY McHAN is to be commended for the fine job he did! Let’s also CONGRATULATE COMP. PETE COWART FOR 9 YEARS PERFECT ATTENDANCE!!! GREAT GOING!! You make us proud! Thank you Comp. Cowart, McHan, all guests who’ve joined in with work on the Greenfield Cabin, Comp. Leon Sellers, Adj. Charlie Parks, Comp. Graham, Chafin, all our Compatriots are special to us and appreciated. Let’s go for another great year! There’s a lot to discuss at our Jan. meeting.

I’ll be sharing some interesting facts you may not know about Gen. N.B. Forrest, before and during the War of Northern Aggression. My most favorite general. I’ll also be supplying the refreshments, so bring your antacids!

**BRAIN TEASER FOR THE MONTH:** In the battle of Ft. Pillow, what was the name of the Union officers’ Doctor? The prize will be a good one. Do your homework on this one!

Deo Vindice,  
Phil Fitch, Cmdr., McNeill SCV Camp # 674

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### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

Sat., Jan. 21—10:00 a.m., annual birthday celebration for GEN. R.E. LEE, Milledgeville, GA., with GA EC meeting to follow.

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### **REPORT ON GREENFIELD CABIN WORKDAY:**

Work continues on the roof replacement at Greenfield, November and December saw a couple of workdays with the end being in sight. As usual the “ole Gray headed crew” plus one or two were on hand to work. Charlie, Leon and Jack with help from Marty Milan, started the final stage of the project. We are now placing the final runs and then the ridge caps on the roof. More work is coming but we are finally seeing the end of this Camp project.. Special thanks to all who have helped, we are almost there.

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### **JANUARY 1862, 150 YEARS AGO, SESQUICENTENNIAL EVENTS:**

- Nov. 2, 1861—Lincoln relieves U.S. Gen. John C. Fremont from duty for overstepping his authority on social issues which Lincoln assumes.
- Nov. 4, 1861—Maj. Gen. Stonewall Jackson assumes command of the Shenandoah Valley District.
- Nov. 5, 1861—appointment of Gen. R.E. Lee as commander of the new dept. of S.C., GA and E. Fla.
- Nov. 19, 1861—Julia Ward Howe is inspired to write the infamous song, “Battle Hymn of the Republic”, which our citizens of today mistake for a religious song.
- Dec. 1, 1861—U.S. Navy prevents blockade runner (Albion) from carrying supplies valued near \$100,000 to the Confederates .
- Dec. 2—Newport News, VA is the setting of a naval skirmish btwn four U.S. gunboats and one C.S. vessel, the Patrick Henry.
- Dec. 2—U.S. Gen. Henry Halleck is authorized to suspend the writ of habeas corpus which permits him to arrest any persons found helping the pro-secessionists movement in St. Louis, MO. Those arrested are to be executed by the military.
- Dec. 5—U.S. Congress considers several bills to abolish slavery particularly in the territory in rebellion.
- The U.S. Sec. of War reports 682,971 men in the Army & Navy. One year earlier, the Army count was just over 16,000.
- Dec. 7—Confederate troops takes Glasgow, MO.
- A USS Ship stops an English flagged ship to capture Confederate purchasing agent, J.W. Zacharie, which increases the agitation btwn England and the U.S.
- Dec. 8—The CSS Sumter captained by Raphael Semmes, captures a U.S. flagged whaling ship in the mid Atlantic.
- Dec. 10—Confederate Congress admits KY as their 13th state in spite of the sentiment of the majority of KY citizens against such a move only to be relinquished one month later in an effort to hold onto TN.
- Dec. 11—a fire destroys half of Charleston, SC.
- Dec. 13—Heavy fighting at Camp Allegheny, Buffalo Mt., W. VA.
- Dec. 17—Various military operations occur at Chisolm Isl., SC and at Rockville and near Harper’s Ferry.

Battle at Green River, KY.

Dec. 19—British Minister, Lord Lyons meets w/U.S. Sec. of State Seward and gives the U.S. seven days to respond to their terms about the Trent affair. They also send two ships to Canada to have forces in readiness in case formal military action against the U.S. if necessary.

Dec. 25—Fighting continues at Cherry, W.VA and near Ft. Frederick, MD.

Dec. 26—the U.S. agrees to surrender the two Confederate commissioners, James Mason & John Sli-dell to Great Britain from their captivity at Ft. Warren, Mass.

St. Louis, MO is placed under martial law. INDIAN TERRITORY: pro-Union Creeks attack Con-federates at Christenahlah.

Dec. 27—Skirmishes at Hallsville, MO results in dispersion of 900 CS troops who had been stationed there.

Dec. 29—pro-Confederate forces fight pro-Union forces at Commerce, MO

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Jan. 1—Union troops fire on CS batteries at Pensacola, Fla. There's a similar exchange at Ft. Barran-cas, Fla.

S.C.—Port Royal skirmishing as Federals continue to establish a permanent base at this important S. Atlantic Coastal location; resulting in CS batteries being pushed out of their positions on Port Royal Isl., SC.

Dayton, MO—skirmishing.

Jan. 3—Big Bethel, VA skirmishing. Gen. Jackson and CS troops begin their Romney Campaign w/ the destruction of the Baltimore & Ohio RR and dams along the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal.

Jan. 5—operations continue around Hancock, MD as CS troops try to rout the Federals.

Jan. 6—Lincoln urges U.S. Gen. Buell to make an advance in order to provide support for “our friends in E. Tenn.”

Jan. 7—U.S. troops at Hancock, MD are directed away toward Romney, VA resulting in a skirmish at Blue's Gap, VA.

Jan. 10—encounter at Prestonburg, KY.

Jan. 11 -U.S. Navy carries 15,000 troops under command of Gen. Ambrose Burnside, to the Atlantic Coast near N. Carolina along w/some 100 ships establishing a firm hold on the Port Royal area.

Jan. 16— U.S. Gen. Grant and troops moves into the KY-Tenn area. Cedar Keys, FL., blockade run-ners and dockside property is burned by U.S. Navy.

Jan. 17—U.S. Gen. Charles Smith attacks area around Ft. Henry, TN.

Jan. 18—U.S. troops begin to close in on CS troops at Mill Springs & Somerset, KY.

Jan. 19—Confederates are defeated at Mill Springs, KY w/125 KIA, 309 wounded, 99 MIA and U.S. losses 39 KIA, 207 wounded & 15 Federals captured. This clash also enables the North to capture 10 cannons, 100 wagons, over 1,000 horses, large number of boats as well as ammunition & provisions, securing control of eastern KY for the U.S.

Jan. 21- Union forces return to the Columbus, KY area with about 5,000 men.

Jan. 23- Martial law in St. Louis, MO provides for seizure of pro-South property if its owners have refused to support pro-Union fugitives. Persons attempting to avert this law are arrested. —U.S. Navy sinks many stone laden ships in the Charleston Harbor, S.C. harbor to prevent Confederate shipping. MISS: a clash between the CSS Calhoun and the Union blockades results in the Southern vessel be-ing seized by the North. The following day, two more CS ships are run aground & burned as they try to escape from Federals near the Southwest Pass.

Jan. 27—Lincoln issues General War Order # 1, that Feb. 22nd be the day for a general movement of the land & naval forces of the U.S. against the insurgent forces. He does this in hopes that the forces will come to some conclusive action with Confederates.

Jan. 30—the USS ironclad “Monitor” is launched from Greenport, Long Island.

The two Confederate Commissioners, Slidell & Mason, of the Trent affair, finally arrive in England.

Jan. 31-England’s Queen Victoria makes known once more of their neutrality in the matter of the WBTS.

Union troops are told to take possession of a point upon the RR south westward of Manassas Junction, VA.

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**CAMP RECEIVES GIFT:**

COMP. RON VINSON has donated a Bradford Exchange collectible Confederate RR set to the Camp. It will be housed at the Museum of Colquitt County History. We hope to see it on display in the Confederate Room. Thanks Comp. Ron!

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**CONFEDERATE VETERAN ARTICLE:**

Compatriots, did you have a chance to read and study the Nov.-Dec. 2011 issue of your Confederate Veteran Magazine article, (pg. 16-65), “The Morrill Tariff, Northern Provocation to Southern Secession”? If not, take time. See if you don’t agree that this was the “cause” for the war. You’ll see it’s complicated which might explain why it’s SO MUCH EASIER for our detractors to use the slavery issue but the truth’s the truth. This is a great study and you owe to yourself and your Confederate ancestors to know the whole story. It’ll help you understand the big picture and why the South seceded.

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**A QUOTE THE REVISIONISTS LEAVE OUT:**

“If I thought this war was to abolish slavery, I would resign my commission and offer my sword to the other side”

— Ulysses S. Grant

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**NEW DIXIE OUTFITTERS T-SHIRT:**

Saw recently at a Valdosta Mall, a new Dixie Outfitters t-shirt with great Battle Flag covering back with words—

”WE KNOW



THE TRUTH”

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Appreciation to our Camp members who participated in the recent Confederate Headstone dedication service for Pvt. Edward S. Cheshire near Hahira see picture on the following page:



Participants in the headstone dedication for Pvt. Edward S. Cheshire, Co. B, 47th Georgia Infantry, *The Randolph Light Guards*, at New Friendship Primitive Baptist Church, December 10, 2011. Left to right: Ray Houston, Keith Faulkner, Sheila Tucker, Jim Graham, Jerry Etheredge, Pete Cowart, Charlie Parks, Danny Hart, Charley Reed, Bruce Tucker, Eric Arnold, Tommy Strom, David Guest, Dalton Hart, Russ Ottens, Beth Ottens, and descendant Debbie Jordan, Moultrie UDC.



Thought you might like to see Ole St. Nick visiting the cabin..