



**GENERAL BARTON & STOVALL
HISTORY/HERITAGE ASSOCIATION**

**40TH, 41ST, 42ND, 43RD & 52ND
GEORGIA INFANTRY REGIMENTS
GEORGIA INFANTRY BRIGADE**

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154 Yars Ago

8/1/1863 Elements of Barton's Brigade continue to move to Atlanta via the railroad from Montgomery, AL. This is a 175 mile train ride. The troops were on furlough and most went home before they were called to reassemble.

8/19/1863 Special Order #197 was issued. The troops that were paroled at Vicksburg were later furloughed. After their furlough expired, the men from Georgia were to be assembled at Atlanta, under the command of Brigadier General Cummings. The actual site was near Decatur and Stone Mountain, GA. The Special Order also directed that the men would be formed and organized into their former regiments and battalions, as far as practicable.

8/25/1863 Sick and wounded men from Vicksburg are sent to Mobile, Alabama by water transportation. About 400 are too sick to travel and they stay in Vicksburg.

8/29/1863 The Confederate Army of Vicksburg is reorganized. The 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd and 52nd Georgia regiments will now serve under the command of Brigadier General Marcellus A. Stovall. General Stovall commanded a brigade of Florida troops at the battle of Jackson, MS prior to the battle at Baker Creek. Stovall's Brigade is assigned to Major General Carter L. Stevenson's Division along with Lee's Brigade, Cumming's Brigade and Reynold's Brigade

Brigadier General Stovall was from Rome, Georgia. On December 3, 1860 he was selected as Captain of the Cherokee Artillery. In April, 1861 the Cherokee Artillery moved from Rome to Camp Brown, which was five miles south of Marietta. While training his men for active service he was promoted to colonel of artillery on May 17, 1861. On June 11, 1861 his battalion reported to Camp McDonald and continued to train. In early August, 1861 he and his command were sent to Lynchburg, Virginia and later into North Carolina and Tennessee. For more details see *Distinction In Every Service* by C.L. Bragg.

Reorganization started with the command structure but there were more elements to receive attention. Officer and NCO positions had to be filled. Rifles, ammunition and equipment had to be issued. Supply wagons, horses and mules had to be found and issued. Staffs had to be

reconstituted and empty slots filled. All of this took time and continued into September. Because of this activity, Stovall's Brigade misses the battle of Chickamauga..

Silent Auction Reminder

During the Mixer on Thursday evening, August 31, we will have our annual Silent Auction. Please remember to bring your items for the auction. This is the place to bring your jams and jellies, unwanted Civil War books and other items that our members might like to bid on. Last year we were able to make over \$200 for our treasury and we had fun doing it. One never knows what might show up to bid on.

New Member Announcement

It is with pleasure that I can report that **Teresia Dean, Alpharetta, GA and her husband Michael**, have joined our ranks. **Teresia** descends from **Private Thompson F. Westbrook, Co. I, 43rd Georgia** who enlisted at Cumming, Georgia on May 6, 1863.

I understand that she found out about our Association while attending the SCV Georgia Division Annual Meeting in Macon this past June. Michael was attending the Annual Meeting as a SCV member and his position in the SCV

Teresia is a member of UDC Chapter 2641 and Michael is a member of SCV Camp 1642 Col Hiram Parks Bell in Cumming, GA. Both plan to attend the Congress in Vicksburg on Labor Day Weekend.

Car Convoy at Vicksburg

How we get around on a battlefield that has several sites to visit is always a consideration. There are pros and cons to any method and the overall best is a judgment call. I want to share with you some of the considerations ahead of our Vicksburg Congress.

A car convoy method was chosen because some of the roads we will use are narrow and it is hard to impossible for a bus to turnaround. One bus stuck in a rural ditch will cause two things, at least, to happen. A replacement bus may take hours to get there, if there is one ready to go on the holiday weekend. The second thing is we will need at least a 15 ton wrecker to get the bus out of the ditch. Even if one can respond readily, it will be expensive. We came many miles to see the battlefields and not a bus in the ditch, while we wait in the heat and humidity.

Experience helps decide what to do. I was able to travel the roads in 2002 and again in 2004 , as a group. Turning cars around is a problem too, but it can be accomplished with guidance and some planning. We were able to use cars in 2004 without mishap and I think we will have a good chance of doing it again in 2017.

This year we will try to reduce the amount of required walking. It will be: park-get out and look and hear-get back in car and go to next stop.

New Feature At Vicksburg Congress

Members who have attended past Congresses have seen the photo albums of **Janie and Larry Crowe, Sumner, GA** displayed during the Mixer on Thursday night. These are three ring

binders, with page protectors, that display 8 X 10 color photos of the people and events at the last and earlier Congresses. These albums document a lot of good times and shared experiences of our members. If you see a clump of people at the Mixer, they are probably looking at an album

Recently, I got to thinking about a way to expand that part of our Association history. I dug into our files and brought out the citations of our awards that are presented at each Congress. The awards include: Tough Campaigner, Southern Grit; Commendation; Raspberry; Service .and Memorable Moment categories. The citations are read to the members at the Congress for the previous year. So, in 2017 we will read the citation and present the certificate for those awards from 2016.

The citations have been typed and saved in the file for each year. My idea was to put the citations under plastic protective page covers and put them in a three ring binder by the year they were awarded. These pages were sent to **Janie** and I asked her to make up an album and bring it with the photo albums to the Congress.

Attendees, new and old, can read about the exploits of members in the past and there should be thoughts like, "I remember that!" or "Wow, she did that!" or "When did Gary lock the keys in the rental car?" Or, "Where was it that the hotel was so hidden we could barely find it? Or, "How about the time Mike told the bus driver to 'Drive On' past two Sheriff's vans that we were supposed to meet?"

Rather than bury the citations in the files, I thought it would be more fun to read them and remember and discuss them. A copy of the citations will remain in the files too, but the album will be handier to review. The three-ring binder format will allow easy insertion of the new year's citations. Collectively, these descriptions are part of our group history and I think their value increases as time goes on.

If events unfold as planned, the citation album should be displayed along with the photos at the Mixer. Check 'um out and see if you can find your favorite memory or event.

Some Regulars May Be Absent at Vicksburg

By mid- August, when you read this Newsletter, the picture of who will be able to attend the upcoming Congress gets clearer .Even at two weeks out, there are some questions and uncertainty.

This is usually caused by medical conditions, parent care responsibilities, spouse care responsibilities, conflicts with other reunions and the like. Members usually keep me informed on their plans, especially if they are older members.

Word has been received that **Harry and Becky Dellinger, Huntsville, AL** will not be able to attend this year. They first came to a Congress in 2003. Pending surgery , doctor's scheduling and recovery time enter the picture of Vice President **Joe Bailey, Norcross , GA** and Senior Recruiting Officer **Jack Bolen, Brandon, FL**. Lots of variables and some are out of their control, but they all play a role. Jack has been attending since 2006 and feels it is one of the highlights of the year for him.

Fran Wagner, Canton, GA first attended a Congress in 2003. She will be unable to attend this year and she asked me to extend her good wishes to those who can attend. Fran received her Tough Campaigner award in 2011 for attending at least seven out of 10 Congresses.

The list goes on. **Ron Maynard, Kennesaw, GA** will have to miss this year.

42nd Georgia Regimental Historian **Robert Elliott, Grayson, GA and wife Angie** think they will be able to attend but their activities may be limited. Robert has had pain in his neck 24/7 and it is still resisting treatment. Angie has a hurting foot that has been causing problems for a long time. Robert is also the Chairman of the Guest Speaker Committee (Committee of one). He wants to be in Vicksburg to personally introduce the Guest Speaker.

We do have 17 family units that will be able to attend. A family unit is usually a husband and wife, but sometimes it is one person. The count is 26 individuals and I expect a few more by the time we start. We have 29 family units who have paid their membership for this year.

Review of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

It might be helpful to new members to understand the basic SOPs we try to adhere to. These are developed from experience and an attempt to improve on the operation. The following is not a complete list but they do pop into my mind.

We try to depart and return on time. To do that we have to be ready before departure time. We can't leave until everyone is accounted for and ready to go. In general, assemble about 15 minutes before departure time. Have your individual items you need. Extra iced water will be carried for the group. Share your car with others if you have the room. This is to shorten our convoy length.

When at a stop, please assemble on the leader and do so promptly. Try to reduce chatter and be ready to listen and be quiet so all can hear. We have a loud speaker that can assist in wind and heavy traffic noise but it is not perfect.

When approaching a stop, drivers should line up next to the leader if possible, and automatically unload and assemble on the leader to hear the comments. Sometimes we have to park along the road shoulder because there is no parking lot to use. Watch for traffic while you assemble.

Use the buddy system. Husband and wife is the basic unit but buddies can be two individuals. Keep track of one another and when the question, "Is everyone here?" comes, be able to tell who is still in the restroom. Please do not wander off on your own. If you must do that, be sure someone knows where you are going and for how long. Looking for "lost" members is non-productive time and cuts into the already limited time we have to cover the battlefield.

Assume that all snakes are poisonous and stay clear of them and do not provoke them. You do not have to be a reptile expert to determine the four that have deadly venom. Just stay away from them and let others know where they are located. Everyone watch where you step.

Each driver should have a navigator to read maps, watch for signs, watch for the convoy members, talk on the cell phone, and assist the driver. In unfamiliar country this is helpful to the driver and to the group.

The instructor will try to look into the sun so the group does not have to look into the sun. The instructor will try to position himself so that the group looks at the point of interest. However, sometimes it is impossible to do both and the group may have to look into the sun for a time.

Try to limit or delay side conversations so that all can hear. Listening outside is harder than in a classroom because of crunching gravel, wind, rustling leaves, passing cars, passing people and other noisy situations. If there is a question, the instructor will try to repeat the question so all can understand what the question was before the answer is given.

There are no dumb questions. There are only dumb answers. We want everyone to understand what is being discussed, so be prepared to ask your questions if you need some clarification or a definition of a term.

We have to conduct our tours without a rehearsal. There is a lot of effort made to make the comments accurate and to allocate time properly. Please be as patient as you can and know that comments on a subject may have to be limited, because there are more comments to be made at other locations.

The list of SOPs could go on, but these are some of the main ones. They are designed to conserve time and to foster understanding of what we are seeing or explaining.

Friends of Civil War Paulding County Report

Friends of Civil War Paulding County is the organization that is our contact with the battle of New Hope Church near Dallas, GA. They clean the area, maintain signs and generally look after the area. They do other things in Paulding County related to the Civil War history of the area.

I was reading their latest meeting report and noticed this sentence: “Due to the decline of an active membership, the future of the organization will be discussed at the meeting on November 6 at 7:00 PM “

Barton’s Brigade was at the center of this fight and they were posted in the cemetery of the New Hope Church, which was the center of the CSA battle line.

The Balance in their checkbook is more than ours, according to their report, but it takes more than just money to exist. It takes members willing to participate and also money. An individual membership for one year is \$10.00. I am a member because my great grandfather moved to Paulding County from Cobb County after he got back from North Carolina. My grandfather , who was born in Paulding County in 1873 recalled, as a boy, picking up bullets out of their fields “like acorns on the ground”.

“Small World” Example To Share

Recently, I got an email message from **David A. Kellogg, Cumming, GA**. He had seen our website and wanted more information about our Association. He explained that he was a descendant of **Henry C. Kellogg, Co. E, 43rd Georgia**. I thought I recognized the name, so I looked it up on the roster of Co. E, 43rd Georgia and there he was: **Captain Henry C. Kellogg, Commander of Co. E, 43rd Georgia**.

I sent him additional information by email. That night I got a phone call from David Kellogg. In the conversation I told him we visited the library in Cumming and also ate a meal at the historic Foster House. Turns out he is an Officer with the Cumming Police Department. When I learned that I told him, "I have a longtime friend whose son used to be in the Cumming Police Department. His name is **Chris Harmon** and he now works in Naples, Florida." David not only knew Chris but he worked under him on the Police Force.

Chris Harmon's father is my Army friend since 1960, **Don Harmon, Copeland, FL**. Don was a guest with us for one day at Perryville in 2016. You may remember him as the tall guest. I knew Don and later Chris' mother long before Chris was born. These situations can't be planned, they just happen and confirm again that the "Small World" does continue to happen.

And, while I am thinking of it, then **Captain Don Harmon, 25th Infantry Division**, was in combat in Vietnam. He helped load a severely wounded Captain into a medical helicopter for a trip to a Field Hospital. The Captain did not survive the trip. Don remembered he had been in ROTC at Oregon State. Many years later we were talking about this event and I confirmed that he was a classmate of mine, one of 21 commissioned as Infantry officers in 1961 from Oregon State and one of three in that class to be killed in action in Vietnam.

To bring this back to our focus on Barton's Brigade, I contend that many of our ancestors knew each other. They came from the same county, they were married to someone's sister, they knew the father of some of the fellow soldiers, they went to the same churches, they went to school together and were in other situations where they knew each other. We have found evidence that they helped each other after the Civil War to vouch for their service and gave other details in the applications for Pensions.

One of the strengths of the Confederate Army was that a company had men from the same county, in most instances. They were born in that county, grew up in it, worked in the county and then went off to war together. Most of our ancestors were farmers, but whatever the profession, they came from the same county.

Another New Member

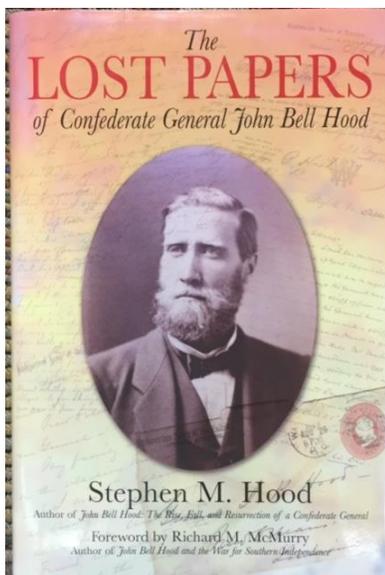
New Member **Randy F. Rogers, Jackson, MS** has joined just minutes before this is written. Randy is a cousin of Senior Recruiting Officer **Jack Bolen, Brandon, FL**. Randy was helpful in getting Jack to the SCV Mississippi Division publications to advertise our Vicksburg Congress and invite Mississippi SCV members. Randy is a descendant of two 42nd Georgia soldiers. A great great grandfather, **John Gregory** was in Co. F until he died of measles in Tazewell, TN in 1862.

Another great great grandfather **David L. Rogers, Co. E, 42nd Georgia** was surrendered at Vicksburg and went on to be surrendered again at Greensboro, NC on April 26, 1865. I'm sure we will learn more when we meet each other in Vicksburg.

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The next Newsletter is scheduled for mid-September, after we get back from the Congress in Vicksburg. I hope you have a safe trip and we will make some memories and meet new members soon in Vicksburg

Mike Griggs
President



In the last year of the war, Stovall's Georgia Brigade fought in the division of Henry De Lamar Clayton, a principled Alabama politician and a competent military commander. Clayton resigned from the Army of Tennessee in North Carolina two weeks before the final surrender in 1865. Why?

Among the letters published in the 2015 book *The Lost Papers of Confederate General John Bell Hood*, is an 1879 letter from Clayton to John Bell Hood. Knowing that General Hood was soon to publish his war memoir *Advance and Retreat*, the former division commander asked that Hood, in his new book, correct a slight made by Stephen Dill Lee against Stovall's Georgia brigade. "Genl. Lee did me and my command great injustice in regard to the Battle of Nashville," wrote an upset Clayton, "Before leaving the army he published a general order complimentary to my command, except one Brigade. I felt this such an undeserved reflection on that

Brigade that I refused to publish it." Clayton gathered statements about the meritorious conduct of the Georgians from Generals Gibson and Holtzclaw, and along with his own statement, submitted them to Lee. "Still he refused to make the correction," said Clayton. When Lee returned to the army in North Carolina, "I still being in command of Stovall's Brigade, promptly asked to be transferred, stating as a reason that I could not in my judgement again command Stovall's Brigade under him." Stephen Lee, it appears, had never quite forgiven the Georgians for their contribution to the disaster on Champion's Hill in May 1863. "Now, General, can't you do me justice?" asked Clayton of Hood.¹ On page 304 of John Bell Hood's 1880 book, Henry Clayton and his division would be acknowledged and complimented for their performance as the army's rear guard during the initial stages of the retreat from Nashville.²

My best, Cliff Roberts
Secretary

¹ (Hood 2015) page 121

² (Hood 2015) page 238