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## NEWSLETTER - JUNE, 2006

### **New Members**

This month we get to welcome Dr. David N. Wiggins and Sara of Carrollton, Georgia. They join as interested persons. Dr. Wiggins is the author of several books including *Remembering Georgia's Confederates* and *Georgia's Confederate Monuments and Cemeteries*. They are interested in attending the Franklin Congress. Please see more details of *Georgia's Confederate Monuments and Cemeteries* in another part of this Newsletter.

### **Lee Cooper Training**

Those that were at the 2004 Vicksburg Congress will remember Lee Cooper of Seattle, Washington. I encouraged her to attend a local area Civil War Reenactment event in 2005 to see a cannon fired, to witness a volley and the sound of marching feet, and other exciting sights that bring words to life. She enjoyed it and this year ventured even further. She called a CSA unit commander and asked to attend one of their drills. He agreed to include her as a recruit.

The men loaned her a rifle, cartridge box, cap pouch, belt, knapsack, canteen and bayonet and proceeded to teach her the proper procedures to load and fire and march. The rifle was replaced with a shorter rifle so she could load and fire. You remember Lee might weigh 90 pounds on a wet day. She marched through sticker bushes, fell down, slid in mud, got shot at and shot back, waited in formation, charged in formation and marched in formation for the entire day. She was also employed as a skirmisher. This experience will make her a better author as she writes a novel about her ancestors in the 40th and 52nd Georgia. She reports she will not be able to make Franklin this year but hopes to be in Perryville next year.

### **Camp Van Dorn Update**

Founder and author Gary Goodson, Sr. reports that he has arranged a ground penetrating radar investigation with officials from the University of Tennessee, Department of Anthropology. This inspection is to take place following the Franklin/Nashville Congress, in order to reduce travel expenses.

He also has found a topographical map by Captain O.M. Poe, 1863-64, which shows Confederates positioned on both sides of the original 1862 Camp Van Dorn, during the siege and battle of Knoxville in November, 1863. This evidence increases the possibility of graves being located.

### **E History**

The following website will give you access to the *Official Records*. If you are not aware of it, take a look at : <http://ehistory.osu.edu/uscw/library/or/011/0556.cfm>

### ***Georgia Confederate Monuments and Cemeteries***

The author and our new member, Dr. David Wiggins, has produced a book which features 140 different Georgia communities that have monuments to their Confederate men and women. Some have more than one monument. Where possible, a vintage image was used to show how the monument looked when it was new.

An overview of each monument is given along with selected inscriptions on the monument and history of the monument. Also, directions of how to get to the monument will save the interested person much time and frustration. Some of the monuments have been moved to other locations from their original locations.

This book also includes images of soldiers in uniform and a summary of their service. This section ties real people to the statues. With great pleasure I found three images of men from Stovall's Brigade and one with a tie to the 41st Georgia. They are :

James W. Wofford Co. I, "Bartow Rangers", 40th Georgia Infantry Elected second lieutenant March 4, 1862 and first lieutenant later in 1862. Captured at Vicksburg, paroled, returned to service and was killed near Kennesaw Mountain on June 27, 1864.

Isaiah Springer Beck Co. I " Heard County Rangers", 41st Georgia Infantry He enlisted March 4, 1862 and died at

