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Commander's Column

Fellow Compatriots,

I would like to begin my first article for the Picket Lines by saying thank you all very much for electing me as your Army of Tennessee Commander. It is an honor to serve such a fine group of men in this capacity. It has been almost three months since I was sworn in and already we are moving in the direction of things I campaigned for starting with this newsletter to increase communication in our Army. I have begun putting other ideas to work that will help us in that endeavor as well such as constantly updating our Facebook page which now has 3,500 + likes on it and a new and improved Army of Tennessee Webpage which if you have not visited please go to <http://armyoftennessee.webstarts.com/index.html>.

I have been in constant communication with Lt. CiC Tom Strain, our past AoT Commander about a lot of things that will soon be happening in the SCV. He informs me that a few years ago the SCV designed kiosk that could be loaned out to the camps to use at recruiting booths. The main problem that we have faced is shipping the case (which is very large) from camp to camp due to its sheer size. These kiosk cases are actually designed to be shipped via a freight line versus UPS and don't hold up very well in shipping. We are currently in the process of designing three "retractable banners" that will serve the same purpose of the kiosk, except that they are much easier to set up and ship. They are in bags much like a folding chair bag and can be up and ready in a matter of minutes. It is my goal to have three sets of these and each Army Commander will have access to one of each set that they can get to the camps to use at recruiting booths. These "retractable banners" will have a professional look to them and they will draw attention. They will also be much less expensive and easier to ship from camp to camp. Please be aware that these will be designed for indoor use only and the tents will be available for outdoor use.

As well, we are in the process of producing some thumb drives that will have our logo and website information on them. These thumb drives will have the National Constitution, Standing Orders, Membership Application and a couple of other items on them. It will be suggested that the Divisions purchase these at cost from Elm Springs and in turn put their Constitution, Standing Orders and any other items onto them that they deem necessary. When they filter down to the camp level they can add their pertinent information and they can use these as a recruiting tool or as a new member packet so that newly recruited men can have a little background to the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Over the years I have seen many new members leave because they never felt that they belonged due to never being educated on who and what we are, or how we operate. Therefore, this is going to be just another way of educating new members and hopefully, retaining them in future years.

Commander-in-Chief Barrow has been hosting Leadership Workshops all around the Confederation over the past four years. These have been highly successful. The LT. CiC Tom Strain would like me to inform you that if your Brigade or Division is interested in hosting one of these please contact your Army Commander or Councilman about hosting one. We will then attempt to schedule a date that will work out for all involved. The first one we are currently planning is scheduled for October 18th, 2014 on the Mississippi gulf coast in Biloxi in the Jefferson Davis Presidential Library and Museum at Beauvoir. We are holding this in conjunction with the annual Fall Muster that the Mississippi Division hosts and are expecting a large turnout for the workshop. The registration form will be available soon at the SCV website at www.scv.org or you may contact Mrs. Cindy White at 1-800-380-1896, ext 209.

Compatriots, we are nearing the end of the Sesquicentennial of the War of for Southern Independence and the beginning of the Reconstruction years. The year 2015 will bring an end to this

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observance and how the Sesquicentennial of the Reconstruction years will be observed by those people. We need to stand arm in arm and defend the good name of the Confederate soldier. It is not only our birthright, but our DUTY to do so. Let's not allow our enemies to rejoice in our defeat, but instead let us speak the truth about just what we, the South, lost: not only during, but after the war as well.

In closing, I want to thank Harry W. Reineke IV for volunteering to be our new Newsletter Editor. His e-mail is aotpicketlines@gmail.com Please feel free to contact him with news and stories from around our army for the next issue of the *Picket Line*. I wish to once again thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you over the next two years and it is my intention to do so to the best of my ability. If there is anything I can do for you, your camp or Division please do not hesitate to contact me. May God Bless you, your family and most of all May God Vindicate the Cause of Our Ancestors.

Larry McCluney, AoT Commander

Alabama Division News

The Alabama Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be having a busy October. We invite all the Army of Tennessee to join and participate. We participated in the Muscle Shoals Civil War relic show in Muscle Shoals, Alabama on Oct. 11th & 12th. We also had booths, speakers, and recruiting at the Birmingham gun show Oct 11th & 12th. We will have members present at the Battle of Newton re-enactment in Southeast Alabama on Oct 17,18, & 19th and the Ladiga skirmish at Piedmont on Oct. 18th. There will be living Histories through the State and many other events. All who honor their Southern History are invited. Our Southern Heritage started long before the founding of the U.S. The South has the First Thanksgiving, public schools, free elections. and so much more.

Another phase of the Yankee campaign for which they considered their rightful dominance was the capture of the history of the American Revolution. At a time when decent Americans celebrated the Revolution as the common glory of all, New Englanders were publishing a literature claiming the whole credit for themselves. A scribbler from Maine named Lorenzo Sabine, for one example among many, published a book in which he claimed that the Revolution in the South had been won by New England soldiers because Southerners were traitors and enervated by slavery. As William Gilmore Simms pointed out, it was all a lie. When Daniel Webster was receiving hospitality in Charleston, he made A speech in which he commemorated the graves of the many heroic Revolutionary soldiers from New England which were to be found in the South. The trouble was, and is, those graves did not exist. Many Southern volunteers had fought in the North, but no soldier north of Pennsylvania (except a few generals) had ever fought in the South!!

“It has been noted that the Southern men played a leading part in the making of our history. The men of no other section contributed more or even so much to the greatness and glory of this American Republic. No others were braver in battle, wiser in council, more devoted to the common weal, more disinterestedly patriotic, more self-sacrificing in the public service, and more seeking to follow Biblical principles. Whatever may have been the faults of their social and domestic life, they were exceeded by its Virtues. They loved pleasure, but they subordinated it to duty. They recognized their responsibilities and faithfully fulfilled their obligations. Their unflinching courtesy and generous hospitality were

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proverbial. They prized integrity and honor above gain, and disdained injustice, trickery, and meanness. They faced danger with a dauntless spirit and endured adversity with fortitude. They had a love for home. They had –the best of them and the most of them- inherited from the great race from they come, the sense of duty and the instinct of honor as no other people. They had not the mean traits which grow up somewhere in places where money-making is the chief end of life. They had, above all and giving value to all, that supreme and superb constancy which without regard to personal ambition and without the temptation of wealth, without getting tired and without getting diverted, could pursue a great public object in and out, year after year, and generation after generation.” These were our people, these were our Forefathers, and may it be so with us. Let us not forget,

“They invaded our lands, they burnt our homes, they stole our property, they murdered members of our families, they kept their heels on the back of our necks with unjust laws and military occupation, and now they want my grandchildren to thank them? May God straighten their lying tongues, may He send light to their darkened hearts, and may He have mercy on their wicked souls”— Reverend Thomas Jefferson Martin, 50 years after the war for Southern Independence

Gary Carlyle, Alabama Division Commander

CHAPLAIN'S COMMENTS

Judges Chapter 7:7, “And the LORD said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you...verse 22, And the three hundred blew the trumpets...verse 20, And they cried, the sword of the Lord and of Gideon.”

Gideon’s Army started out with 30,000 men, yet God said, “They are too many. Send home those that are fearful and afraid.” After the dust settled from the mass exodus of the fearful and afraid, Gideon was left with 10,000 men. Once again God said, “The people are yet too many.” With a simple test God whittled the careless from the crowd and Gideon was left with 300 men. God empowered those men to drive the foreign invader from their land. God honored three characteristics that they possessed that the majority lacked. What were those characteristics?

First, They Had Courage for the Conflict. While others were fleeing the impending fight, the 300 stood calmly in the ranks waiting for further orders. Courage is the valor that overcomes any and all fear, giving one the boldness to stand in the face of insurmountable odds, because what one is standing for is right.

Proverbs 28:1, The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

The 300 received courage from their righteous cause.

Second, They Were Careful in Their Conduct. As they knelt on one knee to lap water from one hand, the other hand held their weapons and shields, allowing them to carefully watch for any enemy that may try to surprise them. Their careful vigilance over their conduct kept them prepared for the conflict.

Thirdly, Their Commitment to the Cause. Whittled down by the cowardice of the majority, further reduced by the carelessness of many, those left by Gideon’s side lifted their voices in total commitment and cried, “ The sword of the LORD and of Gideon “ and the rest is Biblical History. Today, The Confederacy numbers 30,000, give or take. With the courage of Gideon’s Army of 300, with a commitment that equals theirs, carefully maintaining our conduct so that we can be as bold as a lion, let us pray to our Heavenly Father, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to vindicate the cause that we are committed to.

The Marietta Confederate Cemetery

By: Harry W. Reineke IV



Confederate Cemetery

On August 12-20, my wife and I visited the Atlanta area. It was a trip to see some of my family in Kennesaw and further north in Georgia in the Blue Ridge Mountains; I was also a delegate to the National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, our counterpart organization on the Yankee side. It was a very special trip for us because it was the last time we can travel before the birth of our first child coming up this October. During our trip, we visited many sights, but the one which impacted me the most was the Marietta

Marietta is one of two cities in the United States with both a National and a Confederate cemetery. The Marietta Confederate Cemetery was a powerful piece of land, a place of peaceful repose for more than 3000 fallen soldiers buried there, as well as a place of great sadness. It is sad because it is a place where these men, fallen in the defense of their homeland and new country, are buried, but their uniqueness, their individuality, is largely lost to history.

The beautiful grounds are well tended, and Battle Flags are posted at many graves. The entrance to the Cemetery comes off of a parking lot where stands a great monument listed the deceased soldiers and their States. One enters through a great arch erected by the United Daughters of the Confederacy (pictured on the cover of this issues), and sees many small headstones; one headstone is placed at each



grave. A vast majority, well over 99%, of the headstones are plain, however, and the locations of each of the men listed on the monument is lost to history. The original markers were timber, with the name or identifying number of each soldier carved into the wood. Over time, these markers were lost to weather, fire, and any number of other calamities. Now, these soldiers rest in peace, but also in anonymity. Monuments to the soldiers of each State dot the landscape, listing the name of the State, as well as the number of dead “heroes” buried from each. But one monument stands to the great number of “Unknown and Unnumbered Heroes”. Buried in anonymous graves, their National Flag (the Stainless Banner) and Battle Flag fly in their midst, honoring them at all times, and serves for many as the only defining physical symbol of their eternal rest.



Monument to "Unknown Unnumbered Soldiers"

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This cemetery in many ways reminded me of our Confederate Mound at Oakwood Cemetery in Chicago, where my Camp is based. There, soldiers are buried, their lives lost not to battle, but to sickness, starvation, and humiliation as prisoners at the hands of a country that had abandoned all thought of kindness toward them. Of the 6000 or more buried at Camp Douglas, only 4200 are named. Those whose names are remembered are listed on a plaque at the foot of the monument, while thousands more are fully anonymous. The specific locations of their remains, made in the image of God, are known only to Him.



One of only a very small number of identified graves, surrounded by the characteristic plain markers.

The bloodiest war that this Continent has seen led to a “war” which we must still fight in order to preserve the the true history, to honour these men, whether in Chicago, or Marietta, who are all but lost to history. We must fight that their honour, dignity, and courage is not forgotten. We, the Sons of Confederate Veterans, must work with each other and anyone else willing to help us, so that the Men of the South, fallen so far from their families, so far from their homes, can remain resting in peace, in the knowledge that their bravery, honesty, and dedication to their beliefs is not forgotten. We must continue the march set out before us by our forebears and stand up for our ancestors. We must not rest until America remembers her history, and acknowledges her faults.





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Hazard Perry Baker

By: Adam Gaines



Hazard Perry Baker and his wife Henrietta Noel

*Hazard Perry Baker
and his wife, Henrietta
Noel*

Hazard Perry Baker was born January 2, 1835 in Trigg Co., Kentucky to Blake and Edna (Gresham) Baker. He seems to have had an education in his youth as he could read and write. He joined Co. D, 1st Kentucky (Helm's) Cavalry as a Bvt. 2nd Lt. During the time he served as in this unit it was assigned to the Orphan Brigade. That happened in February-March of 1862. He appears to have left the 1st. Kentucky Cavalry by Dec. of 1862. He enlisted in the 2nd Kentucky (Woodward's) Cavalry on December 9, 1862. He was a tall southerner as on his service record, he is put as being 6 foot 2. By February, 1863, he was a 4th Sgt. On August 14th, 1862, Baker was again promoted to 2nd Sgt. When Sgt. Baker's Company was encamped at Cleveland, Ohio in November of 1863 and charged with guarding the railroad there. On Nov. 26, 1862, They were attacked by Union forces and they were compelled to retire to Varnell's Station. On December 28, 1863, his unit attacked a Union position and were defeated. His unit went back to an old encampment to be refitted, January 1, 1864. They later went to Tunnel Hill. He fought against Sherman's Army as they were making their way through Georgia. Sometime after Dec of 1864, Sgt. Baker was promoted to a Lieutenant. Co. B rendezvoused with President Jefferson Davis' entourage at Greensboro, NC. In South Carolina, President Davis appointed Campbell and the men of his company to be his personal escorts. Davis wanting to speed his escape pared down his escort. He asked Captain Campbell to chose "a few faithful hearts who would be willing to go as (Davis') escort." The following men became apart of President Davis' escort: Capt. Gavin Campbell, Lieutenant Hazard P. Baker, James T. Walbert, P. F. Ingram, Harrison Smith, Minus C Parsley, Thomas McSwain, and W. A. Howard. Davis order Campbell to take a man, go ahead and find a place in Irwinsville, Georgia to cross. This left Lt. Baker in charge of the Escort. During their absence two detachments of Union troops descended upon them and arrest President Davis. Upon the official surrender, Lt. Baker offered to the leader of the Union troops his sword as a token of surrender. The Union officer returned the sword to Baker. Hazard Perry Baker took the oath of allegiance to the United States on Sept. 2, 1865 at Nashville and was released in accordance with General Order No. 109. After that Hazard returned to Trigg Co., Kentucky and went back to farming. On Nov. 24, 1867, Baker married Sue Canon. This union was blesses with two daughters and a son. Hazard married again to Henrietta Wallace on Nov. 12 1877. To this union was born a son and a daughter. After the war H.P. Baker ended up joining the Lloyd Tilghman Camp of the United Confederate Veterans and was active with that grand organization until his death. Hazard Perry Baker passed away on January 18, 1918 and is buried in the Hazard Perry Baker Cemetery in Trigg Co., Kentucky. Baker's story of his role in Jefferson Davis' escort is told on a highway department marker on U.S. 68 in Canton, a tiny Trigg County community on Lake Barkley.



Homer Hazard Brown
(Grandson of Hazard P Baker)

*Homer Hazard
Brown, grandson
of Hazard P.
Baker*

Compatriot Adam Gaines is a member of Admiral Raphael Semmes Camp 1321 in Oxford, Michigan and the Captain James Iredell Waddell Chapter #259 of the Military Order of the Stars and Bars. He holds two certificates in Genealogy from the National Institute of Genealogical Studies. Hazard P. Baker is Compatriot Gaines's 5th Great Uncle.

The Charge to the Sons of Confederate Veterans

To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit 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 which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals 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
Commander-General, United Confederate
Veterans



New Orleans, 25 April 1906

Call for Submissions

If you have photos of your Confederate ancestors, articles, poems, or any other contributions, and would like them published in upcoming issues of the *Picket Lines*, please forward them via e-mail to the editor, Harry W. Reineke IV (aotpicketlines@gmail.com)

Deadline for Winter Issue

In order to better facilitate this being a quarterly newsletter, while still respecting the Christmas Season, all submissions for the Winter Issues, scheduled for publication at the beginning of January, are due no later than January 5, 2015. Division Commanders and AOT Officers are expected to have their reports in by that time, as well as Compatriots with contributions. Please, let's make this a great newsletter that keeps all the AOT Compatriots in touch with what's going on around the Army!

A Note From the Editor

Compatriots and Friends,

It is a humbling honour for me to take up the task as the new editor of the Douglas Dispatch. My gratitude goes out to our Army of Tennessee Commander, Larry McCluney, for trusting me with so wonderful a task. If you have any questions or criticisms regarding this newsletter, or any subsequent issues, please feel free to contact me via e-mail. I look forward to serving you in this capacity to the best of my ability.

Deo Vindice,
Harry W. Reineke IV

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