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Speakers Bureau	Rick Pope
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Past Cmdr.	Jonathan Till

Next Meeting: Monday July 26, 2010
Covered Dish at 6:30 p.m. at the Tavern

"Honor - Heritage - History"

"Covering Dixie Just For You"

Commander's Report

We recently lost one of the real GENTLEMEN of the Georgia Division. David Espy, Past Commander of the John B. Gordon Camp 599 in Lafayette, Past Commander of the 1st Brigade and past Editor of the Georgia Confederate, "crossed over the river" Sunday evening....

Commander Espy was a "gentleman" in the truest sense of the word... He was of course a "man", and was one of the gentlest people I've ever known. Until you attacked his heritage... Then he was a "Tiger" defending his and our Ancestors...

The Division and the Brigade will hurt from his loss.

YOS,
Charlie



Compatriot John Culpepper stands at rest at Commander Espy's funeral

MY CROSS OF HONOR.

[Lines written on the day he received his cross, January 19, 1901, by G. W. Merrell, Company E, 1st Georgia Cavalry, Carrollton, Ga.]

Humble badge of brass and iron,
Plain and modest in design,
Unadorned with sparkling diamonds,
Pearls, or gems from sea or mine;
Yet I prize it more than jewels
Wrought with pearls and precious stones.

For the legend, "Cross of Honor,"
Peals our praise in thunder tones.

In the dust now trails the banner,
Wreathed upon thy silent face,
Furled the flag that floated o'er us,
Furled forever in its place.
Yet our cause is not forgotten,
And this little cross will stand
As a sacred "Cross of Honor,"
Emblem of our faithful band.

Sacred badge, I'll fondly cherish
Thee and wear thee near my heart.
Naught save death shall e'er divorce us,
Naught but death this twain shall part,
Then to distant generations
Let my children hand it down,
Symbol of their father's glory,
Cross of Honor, high renown.

For to me thou hast a spirit,
Hast a language and a soul,
For in burning words you tell me:
"You are on the honor roll,"
Honored by my fellow comrades,
Honored by the "Daughters" fair.
Bless the noble Southern women,
Whose fair fine hands have placed it there.



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"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."

Charge of the SCV

Lt. General Stephen Dill Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans,

G.W. Merrell is the great great grandfather of Compatriot John Dees. His poem, My Cross Of Honor was published in the Confederate Veteran in 1905.

FROM THE ADJUTANT'S DESK

July 2010

My Compliments Gentlemen,

I hope that this month's correspondence will find each of you and your loved ones doing well.

In a few days I will be headed to Anderson, South Carolina for the SCV National Reunion to represent our camp as our Delegate and to support some good candidates. It is an honor to represent the camp again and I do not take the responsibility lightly. I am happy to report that we will have eleven (11) votes due to the size of our camp. I look forward to giving you a good report at the regular meeting this coming Monday.

As a reminder we are coming to the end of the Fiscal Year of the SCV. I will be sending to each of you a Dues Statement along with your new Membership Card sometime in the next few weeks. You will also receive a separate invoice for your dues from the SCV Division Adjutant but it will have my address on it for dues remission. Please make sure to send me your dues or give them to Commander Lott or myself at a meeting rather than sending any dues to the International Headquarters or the Division Adjutant. You may remit your dues either with the Dues Statement that I send or the Invoice that you will receive from the SCV Division. Your Member Card will only come with the statement that I send to you; so keep an eye out for it and let me know if you have any questions about your membership status.

I look forward to seeing you all again very soon...until then and with the Favor, Guidance, and Grace of Almighty God I am to remain...

Your Humble and Obedient Servant,

Jerry Vogler, Jr.
Adjutant

MEETING MINUTES for 28 June 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Lt. Commander Jim Parrish

Welcome by Lt. Commander Parrish

Sick List was read including Commander Lott, Compatriots Larry Wimbish, Johnny Fernander, and Jimmy Leatherman.

Invocation Prayer by Chaplain Fred Lewis

Pledge and Salute to the Flags

Eating and Fellowship

Meeting resumed after Supper.

Minutes from the May Meeting were read by the Adjutant and approved by voice vote with no changes.

Treasurer's Report was read by the Adjutant; the ending balance for June 2010 after all dues, donations, and expenses was \$2,793.39. Treasurer's Report was approved by voice vote with no questions or changes.

Division Meeting Report was presented by the Adjutant.

(Adjutant's Note: A copy of the Division Meeting Minutes will be placed in the Camp Meeting Minutes File.)

Lt. Commander Parrish reported that the attendees of the Senoia Parade got a great reception from the parade goers.

Upcoming Events were read:

July 5th, Independence Day Parade in Douglasville

July 21st - 24th, SCV National Reunion

Sept. 6th, Labor Day Parade

Sept. 11th, Goldrush Days

Sept. 18th, Rocky Branch Skirmish (some discussion followed this announcement)

Lt. Commander Parrish asked that each of us try to Recruit a New Member

The Lt. Commander also asked the Camp to consider purchasing Camp Shirts with a logo and the literature was passed around for review. The shirts would cost each member \$22.00 for Small, Medium, and Large; Extra Large would be \$1.00 extra. The camp would pay for the Screening and Emblem Design which is a one-time fee of \$60.00. It was agreed to take orders at the next meeting.

Compatriot Ernie Blevins passed around a brochure on the new Carroll County Monument and provided a short report on the Memorial Rededication.

Compatriot Robbie Robison introduced the Speaker John Bailey who gave an excellent presentation on Native Americans and Frontier Culture in the area. He gave a brief demonstration on making arrowheads.

Friends of Wicks Tavern 50/50 Drawing

Past Adjutant Howard Mount won \$36.00
Compatriot ... won a \$5.00 Scratch-Off Lotto

Card

Adjutant Vogler won a \$3.00 Scratch-Off

Lotto Card

Lt. Commander Parrish won a \$2.00 Scratch-

From the Editor:

This month the United States celebrated another birthday, and I couldn't help but think to myself, how in the world could this be possible in light of what goes on in the world today. A government is only as strong as it's weakest link..... are you the weakest link?

We the people, of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Above is the preamble to the Constitution of the United States.

It was written by the founding fathers of our country to define to the world, what the United States was to become.

Today, revisionist, take the words written in this document, and pervert them to suit their own agenda.....

Yes, "We the people"..... a simple concept, meaning you and I are the government, but when we try to use our voice to talk to the very people that were chosen to represent us, we are shouted down like dogs, by those elected, to represent us.

Our Republic has been stolen from us. It is being replaced by a socialist government.

Big business, in order to make more money, for the ones running the companies, have stripped America of her ability to take care of her self.

We are dependant on China, for all things made that we used to make well.

But business sold us out, sending their jobs over seas for slave labor wages, then buying those goods, at a low price, selling it at a higher price to us. (The people)

To the Arabs for their oil....enough said.....

Our boarders are being invaded daily, by illegals that are becoming a heavy burden on the tax payers. For yet again, cheaper labor. And once again, business benifits because they dont pay insurance on these people. We the people do.

Every right that has been paid for in blood, is quickly being taken from us.

We have judges sit and tell us that our founding fathers meant something totally different, than the English that they used to say it with. New laws are being written and passed that are unconstitutional, only to be upheld by judges that are bought by the rich.

In 1975, I joined the United States Air Force. I swore to defend the Constitution, even if it meant giving up my life to do it.

I call on all that are still alive that have made that pledge, to do just that.

Defend what our fathers gave us, and put ourselves back in power. Lets do it for our children, our grand children, and for all those that have gone before us.

Yes, We the people....need to stand up, and fight for what is ours. While there is still time.

An American, your editor, and passed Commander.....

Jonathan Till