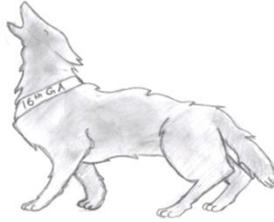


THE HOWLING DAWG



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Resaca



Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston had withdrawn from Rocky Face Ridge to the hills around Resaca. On May 13th, 1864, Union troops probed to determine his whereabouts. The next day full scale fighting occurred, and Union forces were generally repulsed, except on the Confederate right flank where Sherman did not fully exploit his advantage. On the 15th, the battle continued with no advantage to either side until Sherman sent a force across the Oostanaula River, at Lay's Ferry, towards Johnston's railroad supply line. Unable to halt this Union movement, Johnston was forced to retire. Thus ended the first major battle of the Atlanta Campaign. The fight at Resaca involved 110,123 Federals with 254 guns and for the Confederates, 54,500 men and 144 guns*. It is estimated to have cost the Federals some 4,000 casualties and the Confederates nearly 3,000 men. Some estimates are higher. (*Official Records, Vol. 38, Pt. I and Pt III.)

Although the 16th Georgia / 51st Pennsylvania was not able to attend this year's Resaca at full strength, we were glad some members did. They had a great time in the company of one of our brother units, the 3rd Wisconsin / 39th Georgia. In this issue we give a brief synopsis of the actual battle and publish a couple of after action reports by two of our own who participated in the re-enactment

AFTER ACTION REPORTS

Pvt. Matthew Whitehead - 51st PVV:

We left at about 9 pm on Friday May 20 and headed towards Atlanta and drove several hours, delayed only by a rolling road block for highway construction. Finally, we made it to Resaca at 3 AM Saturday morning, bone tired. Lacking greatly for sleep, we slept in between my car and a pickup truck. Woke at 6 AM and found Private Mannheim who had already found the 3rd Wisconsin, who we would fall in with. After getting our uniforms and accoutrements on we (Austin, Ben, Will, Thomas, Me and Charles) formed up in the re-enactor parking lot and marched to the Wisconsin camp. There, we met up with 1st Sgt. Mel "Deadwood" Daniel, with others of the 3rd Wisconsin and marched off to morning colors and watched the same old same old rigmarole of the high command. After that, the Colonel of the GVB ordered battalion drill. I will make no comment about the drill other than I was not pleased. Later, we unloaded our blankets and other such necessities for the weekend. The day proceeded with a few trips to the sutlers, and getting to know just who we were forming up with. We heard the calls; first, second then third - formed up and then off we went. Our small company of roughly 14 was a good mix of veteran troops and new recruits. We headed off to battle and it was a good fight - just very hot. After the battle we went back to camp for a well deserved rest. Later, we found out that the night life at Resaca left a lot to be desired, as the ball lasted only 20 minutes, if that. But, nightlife among the common soldiers lasted all night with all the fun you would expect from re-enactors.

The noise of people talking woke me up Sunday morning. We tried to cook a quick breakfast that but time would not allow for it. Before we knew it, first call came and we were soon off for colors. Afterwards, we marched to the sutlers and got a hot dipped tin canteen for Charles. He and I both got a pair for period cotton socks (money very well spent). We rolled rounds for the fight then formed up for the last engagement. The battle started with the battalion sweeping up a large hill where we were immediately engaged two Confederate units. We had to refuse the line to defend against cavalry, then moved to the earth works and fought out of them for quite some time. We made three or four daring assaults then got a rest before we were ordered to attack the Confederate flank. The order was quickly changed when another Confederate force emerged from the other side of the field. We saw them come right for us, then wheel right, exposing their flank to us. We promptly moved to their rear and attacked causing their line to buckle and bunch up on itself. They pulled back leaving their command staff and cannons completely exposed behind an undefended earthwork. Those of us from the 51th pleaded with the offices to take the earth work. We did and completely flanked the Confederate line and causing their whole Army to cave in (saving the Union Army). The Confederates retreated behind their last entrenchment where the battle came to a close with their surrender. We marched back to camp, and Leslie took photos for *The Howling Dog*, said goodbyes, packed up and left.



" 351th Pennconsin " at Resaca



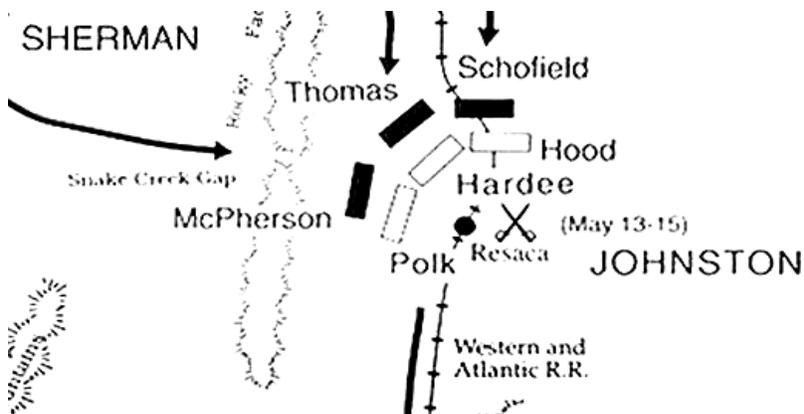
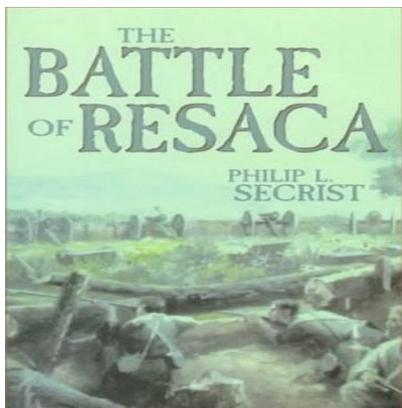
Austin, Thomas, Charles, Ben,
Will & Matt

Pvt. Austin Mannheim - 51st PVV:

Friday/ May 20 - Arrived at 1800, after registering, found the Union encampment and the 3rd Wisconsin /39th Georgia's camp. Leslie and I meet with Capt. Rob Luke, we told him that Capt. Bradberry instructed us to fall in with them. He was glad to have us in his ranks as they didn't have enough to fill one unit, and our guys, all veterans, added enough to form one unit allowing us to take the field as our own unit.

Saturday/ May 21- Reveille was at 0700, and everyone was already up preparing themselves for colors. Charles and Matthew Whitehead arrived with Ben Morris, Thomas Patton, and Will Butler earlier that morning and camped outside their car in the re enactor parking. Around 0700 we put on uniforms, formed up, counted off and marched over to Capt. Luke. After introducing ourselves to their unit and some brief instruction for the "fresh fish" from the 3rd Wisconsin we formed up and intermingled ourselves in with their unit, officially creating the "351th Pennsconsin". After colors Col. Paul Jerram decided to take the entire Union brigade out onto the field for some drill, and separated it into two wings, with us on the left wing. After our arrival back at camp we "cooled down" for some much needed down time and a water break. Unfortunately owing to the battalion drill forced upon us, the Confederate Memorial service at the Confederate Cemetery at 1000, was missed. During that time the Adjutant to the General arrived with a note for Capt. Luke, instructing that the event staff would not allow Will Butler or the other young man in the ranks on the field with a rifle. Capt. Luke stated that Will would then be his runner for the weekend and he would still be allowed on the field during the battle. As 1300 drew near we suited up and as were designated as 7th Company. At inspection, we, of course took offence, to the need for SGT. Luke to inspect OUR rifles, and when it was time for him to inspect OUR rifle we made him work to take OUR rifle for inspection, at which SGT. Luke and the rest of the 351th Pennsconsin was elated, and wanted everyone in the unit to do that from now on. At rest with the battalion the 16th/51st decided it was time for a little pep, so as Charles, Ben and myself sat back to back and Matthew, Will and Thomas over by a tree we clapped our hands and started up with "Oh My Lawd, Lawd, Lawd". We started with the singing and clapping and it spread some through the ranks including Capt. Luke, "Deadwood", and a few others of different units joining in the singing and each of us gave a talk during the song, Even Col. Jerram came by to see what the fun was all about though he did not join in he was wearing a smile as he was watching us. Time came for us to march into battle. We relieved the skirmish line already formed below the hill and then the order was given to fire! We fired and advanced, then fell back and double-quickd right up to the enemies' line where we fought hard and kept a steady rate of fire going down range. As we pulled back we reformed behind the breast works at the tree line while the Confederates pushed at our right, but we kept our line straight and orderly, and even with the loss of a few men we were able to hold our position. It seemed as though the battle had just begun when it ended. Taps was played and the order for resurrection given, the spectators clapped and the battalion formed up again. After dinner we got dressed for the ball. I put on my best Confederate uniform (that was the day the Rapture was supposed to happen, so I wore gray because if the Good Lord were to take me home that day I wanted to stand before him in the proper uniform), Leslie in her finest dress, and others in their uniforms we headed off to the ball. While that dance was going on we took this opportunity to say our "good-byes" as the time allotted for the Rapture to happen was nearing - "maybe they meant central time" .

Sunday/ May 22 - Call to form up for battle; we marched over to the main formation and received our designation as 6th Company. During this formation we were informed that the Franklin family, who are the regimental musicians, are "retiring" from re-enacting, owing to one of them working for the forestry service and another entering the United States Naval Academy in June. This day's battle would be bitter sweet for all who attended, as this was to be their last time on the field. After a short break in the shade, we formed back up and started towards the enemy. We were again in the left wing, 6th Company. We formed our line and commenced firing. After a few minutes we noticed the Confederate line pushing right so we advanced by forming a single line spaced as the beginning of a skirmish line, then swung the extreme left around flanking the Confederate position all the while firing by files. The enemy line then broke and reformed. Afterwards, the Federal commanders came to our camp to personally congratulate us for our performance on the field that day. After saying our goodbyes, not only in our unit but in our host unit we departed. It was an honor fighting with the 3rd Wisconsin. Final note: Sunday I fired so many rounds my rifle melted part of my leather protector.



READ MORE ABOUT IT

Available many places on line or locally, in Macon, GA at the Cannonball House - \$16.00
16TH GA Co. G. "Jackson Rifles"

Capt. William "Rebel" Bradberry – 404-242-7213

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1st Corp. Nathan Sprague – 478-320-8748

2nd Corp. Alan Richards – 478-308-9739

3rd Corp. / Adj. John Wayne "Duke" Dobson – 478-731-5531

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Assistant Chaplain – Charles Hill – 770-845-6878

Treasurer Ricky "Coonpossum" Smith – 478-956-2840

Musician Cody Sprague – 478-320-8748

(copies of the May 2011 roster are now available upon request by e-mail or regular mail)

ABOUT 800 FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK: "JACKSON RIFLES"

STILL COUNTING THE ENEMIES

All 2011 issues of *The Howling Dawg* are now available at The Lt. James T. Woodward website (scvcamp1399.org), thanks to the gracious efforts of Steve Scroggins

LINKS TO THE HOWLING DAWG

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/profile.php?id=100000300827587>

It's a hyperlink to the PDF on the website:

http://scvcamp1399.org/PDF/HD/16TH_GA_ELETTER_MAY_2011.pdf

THANK YOU !

* Many have responded in behalf of saving PORT COLUMBUS and it is has sure been appreciated. There have been some encouraging signs but the fight is not over. Please continue to express your support. For updates contact Jerry "Alabama" Franklin at 706-327-9798 or maintenance@portcolumbus.org

* The Howling Dog on the front cover is courtesy of Miss Alanna Allen of Byron, GA

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 18 - RE-ENACTMENT OF GEN. DOLES' FUNERAL - MILLEDGEVILLE

JUNE 25 - Wedding at The Cannonball House, Macon, GA

JULY 15 & 16 - SUMMER DRILL - Hosted by Earl & Beth Colvin, Jones Co, GA

JULY 23 & 24 - 150th Anniversary of 1st Manassas, VA

AUGUST 20, 2011 - "Echoes of Music" - Simple Heritage at the Cannonball House

SEPTEMBER 23-25 - NASH FARM, near McDonough, GA

OCTOBER 1-2 - ANDERSONVILLE, GA

NOV. 5-6 - BATTLES AT IRWINVILLE, GA

NOVEMBER 19 - GRISWOLDVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE GPS: 32°52' 00"N, 83°28' 10"W

NOV.19-20 - OLD CLINTON, GA - "Burning of Clinton"

March 30 - April 1, 2012 - 150th Anniversary SHILOH in McNairy Co., TN - Registration Now Open !

JULY 4 - 6, 2013 - 150th Anniversary Battle of Gettysburg, PA

(Note: Underlined events are those in which full unit support is requested, if at all possible)

16TH GA SUMMER MUSTER & DRILL 2011

This event is scheduled for the evening of Friday, July 15 through the afternoon of Saturday, July 16 at Earl Colvin's home; 129 Gladys Place, Gray, Ga. 31032. Directions are:

From I-75 North:

Traveling south on I-75 take the Gray/ Ga. Hwy. 18 Exit in Forsyth and turn left. Travel Ga. Hwy. 18 East crossing Ga. Hwy 87 and the Ocmulgee River entering Jones County. Come to the 5 mile marker where you will turn left onto Howard Roberts Road. Travel less than ¼ mile to a dirt lane on the left (Just past a Ga. Power high transmission line) and turn left. The second house on the left is a white house with brown metal roof. You are at the location.

From I-75 South:

Traveling north on I-75 take the Gray/ Ga. Hwy. 18 Exit in Forsyth and turn right. Travel Ga. Hwy. 18 East crossing Ga. Hwy 87 and the Ocmulgee River entering Jones County. Come to the 5 mile marker where you will turn left onto Howard Roberts Road. Travel less than ¼ mile to a dirt lane on the left (Just past a Ga. Power high transmission line) and turn left. The second house on the left is a white house with brown metal roof. You are at the location.

From Macon:

Take Gray Highway/ Spring St. and travel north to the red light just before you get to Clinton (Ga. Hwy. 18). Turn left and travel to the 5 mile marker where you will turn right onto Howard Roberts Road. Travel less than ¼ mile to a dirt lane on the left (Just past a Ga. Power high transmission line) turn left. The second house on the left is a white house with brown metal roof. You are at the location. (Alternate Route: take Riverside Drive/ Ga. Hwy. 87 and travel to Ga. Hwy. 18 and turn right, and travel to the 5 mile marker and follow directions above.)

From Gray:

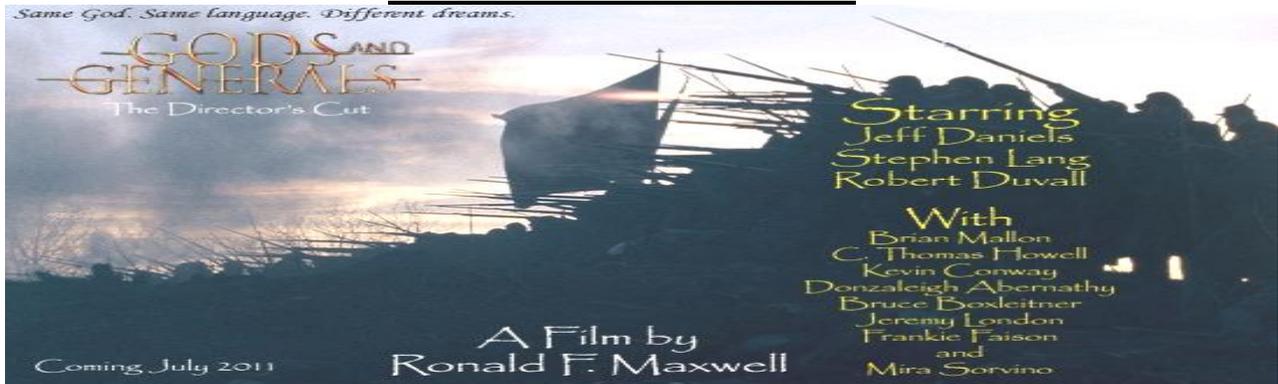
Take the Gray Highway/U.S. 129 south until you get to the red light just past Clinton. Turn right and travel to the 5 mile marker where you will turn right onto Howard Roberts Road. Travel less than ¼ mile to a dirt lane on the left (Just past a Ga. Power high transmission line) and turn left. The second house on the left is a white house with brown metal roof. You are at the location.



PLAN and PREPARATIONS

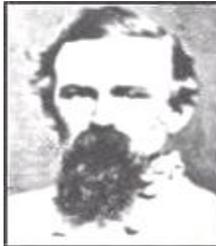
The camp is to be set up in a traditional military fashion with a Company street, HQ tent, color line, etc. A meeting will be held after the evening meal (provided) on Friday. Pickets will be instructed and posted. Saturday will begin with revile followed by drill and School of the Company. (Bring) the usual provisions for breakfast. After lunch (provide your own) a brief tactical will take place (bring both uniforms). Camp will be dismissed in the early afternoon. Please direct questions concerning this to: *Lt. Noah Sprague*

THE NEW GODS & GENERALS



I have heard that a new version of the movie, "Gods and Generals", will be released next month for the 150th Commemoration of The War Between the States. They say the movie, from many a Southerners' point of view, has been destroyed in this new, longer version. The original release was one of the more accurate renditions of the War and was essentially the story of Stonewall Jackson, a favorite of Southerners everywhere. In the new Director's Cut, Jackson's role has been much diminished and the role of Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain has been greatly increased. This revised version gives top billing to Robert Duvall as General Lee, second billing to Jeff Daniels as Col. Joshua Chamberlain, and third billing to Stephen Lang as Stonewall Jackson. We learn a great deal more about Joshua Chamberlain in this version, beginning with his role as a teacher, and as a latter day civil rights worker, complete with long scenes of his intellectual discussions with his wife demonstrating that he is the paragon of Northern "manhood" and decency. This trend continues with frequent material added to support his basic "heroic" character, setting up the "sequel" of "Gettysburg" where Chamberlain once again proves that men who hold the high ground and fight from behind boulders, hold an advantage. Not to be out done, we get an entirely new subplot with scene time stolen from the original version's footage of Stonewall Jackson. The added subplot consists of a number of lengthy episodes of John Wilkes Booth as a squirmy little self centered boy, full of himself, and constantly trying to emulate men of greater character. This seems to be an attempt to paint Booth as a man of no character and in the most negative light possible - probably the Director's image of a typical Southerner. Moreover, battle scenes have been re-cut to better display the "valor" of the North and we get a long speech by Jeff Daniels (Col. Joshua Chamberlain) about how the War began to preserve the Union, but became a War to end slavery. One fellow who has seen a preview of it said in his own words, "watching it made me so angry, I could not sleep so I re-watched the entire original film just to refresh my memory. According to the Director, the new version is a politically correct version designed to correct the errors in judgment made in the original cut. Instead, it prolongs and further deepens the myth and the lie, accepted now as history, of a "noble" and "courageous" North, whose only goal was to abolish slavery and "preserve the Union". Some hoped, instead, to see the production of the "Last Full Measure". Apparently, that will not be. Here is Turner Films' disappointing offering for 150th Anniversary of the War.

FUNERAL RE-ENACTMENT OF GENERAL DOLES - SATURDAY, JUNE 18



The Old Capitol SCV Camp # 688 will sponsor a re-enactment of the funeral of General George P. Doles. On June 2, 1864, during the [Battle of Cold Harbor](#), a Union [sharpshooter](#) shot Doles in the left breast as he was inspecting the Confederate entrenchments near Bethesda Church, Virginia. He died instantly. Command of the brigade passed to Colonel (later Brigadier General) [Phillip Cook](#) of the 4th Georgia Infantry.

This sesquicentennial event will be held in Milledgeville, GA on Saturday, June 18, 2011. The "corpse" will lie in state on the first level of the old Georgia State Capitol from 11 AM - 2 PM. Just outside, at 1:45 PM, the funeral procession will begin lining up. They will then proceed to the Milledgeville City Cemetery (Memory Hill) by way of Wayne Street, then to Liberty Street and on to the cemetery. Confederate soldier re-enactors (armed or unarmed) are needed as well as other impressions. Duke and Earl will be trying to coordinate a group to go over on that day. Contact either for more info.

A BAD START

New York's Sesquicentennial Observance - Commentary by Steve Scroggins, 5/26/11

"Bad start" is what comes to mind for me as I contemplate [another writer's efforts](#) to get New Yorkers working on their Sesquicentennial observance of the War to Prevent Southern Independence. Bruce W. Dearstyne, PhD., is attempting to generate interest among New Yorkers. The opening page of [his website](#) is entitled, "*New York and the Civil War: It's Time to Re-enlist -- 10 Reasons Why the Sesquicentennial Is Important for Our State.*" Dr. Dearstyne then opens the list with this nugget: *May 24, 2011 marks the 150th anniversary of the first Union officer killed in the Civil War. Colonel Elmer Ellsworth of Mechanicville, N.Y., was shot by an Alexandria, Virginia hotel owner after tearing down a Confederate flag flying defiantly from the hotel's rooftop. Ellsworth's heroic act initiated New York's critical contribution to the war. New York was first among the states in troops (over 400,000), casualties (more than 46,000), war materiel production, and financial support.*

I noted this story entitled, [Local war hero celebrated 150 years after his death](#), a few days ago on a New York TV station website. *Local hero?* Given their efforts at the [Ethnic Cleansing of Dixie](#) in recent years, we're surprised that the NAACP hasn't declared Ellsworth a national hero and sought to make his martyrdom a national holiday.

OK, so let's look at the bare facts. This Ellsworth they are deeming a "local hero" was offended by the "defiant" display of a Confederate flag. So he went trespassing on another man's property (the hotel) in another state that had legally declared itself independent, which just happened to be within eyesight of Washington, D.C., and stole the owner's flag. And he was shot and killed for his efforts. And given the tensions at that time (Lincoln's declared intent to make war, Virginia's secession in protest after said declaration)...Ellsworth certainly had to know that venturing into Virginia to steal someone's flag was a risky, if not foolhardy, undertaking. But he's given credit for not sending some lowly subordinate to do it. How noble. But the larger point here is that New York is putting forth this swaggering Yankee thief Ellsworth as a hero, the first Union Officer killed during the war. I'm almost speechless. Almost.

When you think about it, it does seem fitting that the first Union officer killed should be killed for stealing private property...and for having the audacity to think he was right in doing so. It seems the perfect allegory, the perfect parable for the morality play that was the war and it stands as a superior reason to start the war compared to Fort Sumter in which no one was killed by Confederate fire. Two Yankee soldiers were killed AFTER the surrender, but they were killed in an accidental explosion as they prepared to fire a cannon salute to their flag as they lowered it to leave Fort Sumter. Tragic ignorance writ large.

Author Thomas DiLorenzo summed it quite well back on April 12th, when he noted on [the LewRockwell.com blog](#) about the 150th Anniversary that: **Fort Sumter Death Toll:** 1 horse, no humans = **Death Toll From Lincoln's Response to Fort Sumter:** 670,000 humans (including 50,000 Southern civilians); thousands of horses.

With Ellsworth's death, now we have a solid begin date -- *May 24, 1861*-- to put on Sherman's Vandalism. In the end, that really summarizes the entire war effort. The Southern states were looted, burned and robbed for the financial benefit of the Northern states...but the soldiers who carried out the crime were simply miffed because the Southern States were "defiant." They were offended that the Southern States exercised their right to self-government and self determination and they were determined - at whatever the cost - to force the South to bend to their preferences.

Dr. Dearstyne goes on to note that at least forty (40) Union generals hailed from New York including John A. Dix who is noted to be a former senator and future governor, and who was Secretary of the Treasury in 1861. According to Dearstyne, Dix telegraphed Treasury agents in New Orleans: "*If any one attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot.*" Oh! So, it's OK to shoot people in New Orleans who might be offended by U.S. Flags... but if someone shoots a New Yorker in Alexandria, Virginia, for stealing flags, they risk creating a martyr. Hmmm We should applaud Dearstyne's efforts to generate New Yorker interest in the sesquicentennial and New York's role in the war. Any effort to understand the facts and the truth is commendable. But given the majority of what the North and New York put forward as "heroic" and as "heroes"... we can understand why New York's enthusiasm is lacking. What Dearstyne calls New York's "modesty" would more properly be called shame. After all, the voluntary Republic our Founders gave us was destroyed by their efforts.



SCV Camp #1399 Cmdr. Steve Scroggins of Macon contributes to GHC's parody and political cartoons and graphics. This article was edited for length, by permission. See the [entire work](#). Contact Steve at [scvcamp1399.org](#).

OLD SOLDIER DAY 2011



We sure appreciate the efforts of Ervin and Barbara Garnto of Scott, GA who hosted this annual event. It is a different type of memorial service in that it remembers those re-enactors and fellow historians who have passed from our ranks over the years. The Garnto's deeply appreciate all those who were able to come this year. It was good to see Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Burns who visited briefly as he recovers from a recent illness and remains in our hearts and prayers. Among the 16th Georgia members who attended were: Ricky Smith, Thomas Patton, Charles and Matthew Whitehead, Rodney Morgan, Earl Colvin and Wayne Dobson. We were glad to see Lee Murdock there who commanded a two-gun section. The food was sure great and the fellowship even better.



Ty with the big gun: We got this picture of our own Ty Burnsed pulling the lanyard on an artillery piece at Ft. McAllister .

IT ALL GOES BY SO FAST

Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. - James 4:14

On Saturday, the 28th we were heading out to the Old Soldier's Day at Scott, GA. Five miles from Scott is a small community called Adrian. At one time, it had a population of over 3,000 but in my lifetime never much over 500. In days gone by most of my Daddy's family lived around there - now they are buried just outside of town. Although I was born in Macon, but spent so much time in Adrian, Swainsboro, Norristown Junction and thereabouts, that it was very much my boyhood home. During that early afternoon of May 28, I approached my Granddaddy's old home for the first time in who knows when. I was not prepared for the feeling of standing there again. I wanted to ask "where are you? Those loving faces, kind voices and good times were just not there anymore. In fact, a lot of the old buildings and other familiar landmarks were no longer standing. My Granddaddy's workshop had just disappeared, the old barn, the fence around the yard and even most of the pecan trees. The Baptist Church where he worshiped was still there. Those high front steps seemed long and impossible to climb that July day of 1966 when I struggled to help carry his casket. Sometimes, in this life, you just feel very alone. I visited the cemetery where the mortal remains of so many of my family rest. Thought I'd feel less alone there. I didn't.

Finally, we arrived at Scott and saw some friends that I had not been with in quite a spell. Some were much more frail than when we last met due to declining health. Physically I had some sad and reflective times that day. I - well I, too, have known more vibrant years. I cherish all that we have each day. The Life goes by "quicker than a weaver's shuttle" Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17) hide God's Word in your heart (Psa. 119:11) , "look well into your goings(Prov. 14:15) that "it is well with your soul."

