



The Gen. Gordon Dispatch

Official Newsletter of The Gen. John B. Gordon Memorial Camp #1449

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Welcome Our New Members!



We welcome Donnel Littleton and Roy Williams as new members this month.

Donnel joined under his 2nd Great-Grandfather, George Marion Ross. George Marion Ross served as a Private in Company B, 4th Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters. Private Ross is buried in the Midway Baptist Church Cemetery in Lamar County, Georgia. The 4th Battalion Georgia Sharpshooters was organized from part of the 3rd Georgia Infantry Battalion during the spring of 1863. The unit contained four companies and was assigned to General Bates' and Tyler's Brigade, Army of Tennessee. It served from Chickamauga to Atlanta, moved with Hood into Tennessee, and ended the war in North Carolina, **surrendering on April 26, 1865.**

Roy joined under his 2nd Great-Uncle, Jonathan N. Williams. Jonathan N. Williams enlisted as a Private in Company A, 5th Georgia Infantry Regiment on August 15, 1861 and was discharged November 8, 1861. He was elected 1st Lieutenant in Company K, 40th Georgia Infantry Regiment on March 4, 1862 and resigned due to disability later in 1862. The 40th Georgia Infantry Regiment was organized during the fall of 1861 and raised its companies in Bartow, Calhoun, Gordon, Whitfield, Paulding and Haralson counties. It moved to Tennessee, then Mississippi, and East Louisiana. The 40th participated in the conflicts at Chickasaw Bayou and Champion's Hill and was part of the garrison surrendered at Vicksburg on July 4, 1863. After being exchanged it was attached to General Stovall's Brigade, Army of Tennessee. It served on many battlefields from Chattanooga to Nashville, and ended the war in North Carolina on April 26, 1865.

Dates to Remember!

Tuesday, October 28th
Monthly Meeting- Hotdog Supper

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Color Sgt. Bob Berkey's house

Directions: From Thomaston, take Ga. 74 West, after crossing Elkins Creek and entering Pike County it is the first paved driveway on the right. From Molena take Ga. 109 West, turn onto Ga. 74 East (towards Thomaston), go about 6/10^s of a mile and the driveway will be on the left just before the Elkins Creek bridge and the Upton County line.

Saturday, November 8th
Turkey Shoot

Time: 9:00 AM

Information: Shotgun only

Location: Roberta Dr. Across from the Lamar County Sheriff's Office. Roberta Dr. is located off of Hwy. 341 in Barnesville. It is on the southbound side between Ga. 36 and Ga. 18, just South of Ingles.

Raffle Tickets

If you have raffle tickets, be sure to turn the tickets and money into 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Felton Lewis before the drawing, which will be held at the Turkey Shoot on November 8th.

Dues are Due!

Dues are due. If you have not paid dues by the end on this month, you will be removed from the Camp Roster and will not be a member in good standing. Camp #1449 needs all of its members. You are a member of one of the largest and most active Camps in Georgia, please do not let your membership lapse. If you have a question about dues, contact Adjutant Shepard at 706-647-8979. Dues are \$50.00 and can be mailed in to the camp address above.