



The Gen. Gordon Dispatch

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Welcome Our New Members

We welcome three new members this month. **Billy Joe Bryan, Joseph Bryan and Marvin Bryan** joined under Corporal John Wesley Bryan. Corporal Bryan was Joseph's 2nd Great-Grandfather and Billy Joe and Marvin's 3rd Great-Grandfather. John W. Bryan was born on July 17, 1830 in Lumpkin County, Georgia. He enlisted in Company D, 52nd Georgia Infantry on March 4, 1862 and was promoted to Corporal. He was captured at Vicksburg, Mississippi on July 4, 1863 and was paroled there on July 6, 1863. Pension records show that he enlisted in Captain Worley's Company of Georgia Rangers. Corporal Bryan died on September 9, 1922 and is buried at Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery in Hall County, Georgia.



The 52nd Infantry Regiment was organized at Atlanta, Georgia, in April, 1862. Many of its members were drawn from the counties of Habersham, White, Towns, and Fannin. It took part in the Cumberland Gap operations, then moved to Kentucky and later Mississippi. Here the unit was assigned to General Barton's Brigade, Department of Mississippi and East Louisiana, and was active in the conflicts at Chickasaw Bayou and Champion's Hill. On July 4, 1863, when Vicksburg fell, it was part of the garrison that was captured. Exchanged and assigned to General Stovall's Brigade, the 52nd fought with the Army of Tennessee from Missionary Ridge to Nashville. Then on February 23, 1865, it was detailed to guard wagon trains from Columbus, Mississippi. During December, 1863, this unit totaled 279 men and 197 arms, had 123 fit for duty in November, 1864, and the few that remained surrendered on May 4, 1865. The field officers were Colonels Wier Boyd and Charles D. Phillips, Lieutenant Colonel Solomon H. Van Diviere, and Majors J.J. Findley and John J. Moore.

Upcoming Meetings

Regular Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 24th
Time: 7:00 PM
Place: Thomaston Upson Archives Building
Speaker: 2nd Lt. Commander Jonathan Wilkins will speak on "Mr. Lincoln's War: His First Five Months as President."



8th Annual National Confederate Memorial Service

Date: Saturday, April 4th
Time: 1:00 PM
Place: Stone Mountain Memorial Park on the lawn in front of the Carving

Speaker?

From Cmdr. Medcalf: If anyone would like to be the speaker at our Confederate Memorial Day Service and Glenwood Confederate Cemetery on April 26th, please let me know. Due to other responsibilities at this time, I am afraid that I will not have the time to put together a program. Chaplain Rainey will speak at The Rock Confederate Cemetery Memorial Service.

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