



The Gen. Gordon Dispatch

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Our New Member

We welcome Allan Adams as a new member this month. Allan joined under his 2nd Great-Grandfather, Jonathan N. Reeves. Jonathan Reeves enlisted as a Private in Company E, 3rd Battalion Georgia Infantry on February 6, 1863. He transferred to Company C, 37th Georgia Infantry Regiment on May 6, 1863. The roll for April 1, 1864, the last one on file, shows him present. The 37th Georgia Infantry Regiment was organized in the Spring of 1863 by consolidating the 3rd and 9th Georgia Infantry Battalions. The unit was assigned to General Bate's, Tyler's and J. A. Smith's Brigade, Army of Tennessee. It fought with the army from Chickamauga to Atlanta, endured Hood's winter campaign and was active in North Carolina. Private Reeves died on July 18, 1919 and is buried at the Congregational Church Cemetery in Pike County, Georgia.

Not A Member--Then Join Us!



The John B. Gordon Memorial Camp—one of Georgia's largest and most active SCV camps—invites you to participate in any of our scheduled activities. It is our intention to preserve and to promote the legacy and virtue of

our Confederate ancestors. We do this through a number of mediums: monthly meetings, camp dinners and cookouts; booths at local festivals; memorial services; gravestone and monument dedications; historical presentations at schools, etc...

For those who need help identifying a Confederate ancestor we also offer genealogical assistance as well. For more information visit our website: www.JohnBGordon.com, or email us at: info@johnbgordon.com.

Regular Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 23rd

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Thomaston Upson Archives Building

Program: Compatriot Jack Grubb will continue with his series on Gen. Gordon. We will also have a report on the Reunion for those of us that were unable to attend. Compatriot Milo Wimberly will be asking for feedback on planning the next workday.



On June 13th, seventeen members attended the Georgia Division Reunion in Fayetteville. As Commander, I was impressed by the number of members that represented us. From what I understand, we were on the winning side on all the amendment votes.

The following members attended: 1st Lt. Cmdr. Mark Dix, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Wilkins, Color Sgt. Ed Cunningham, Compatriots Billy Bryan, Joe Bryan, Marvin Bryan, George Crawford, Tim Cunningham, Hal Ellerbee, Jack Grubb, Wayne Huff, Butch Jones, Howard Jones, Felton Lewis, Ray McBerry, Jimmy Spradley and Milo Wimberly. One reason that I am glad that so many of our members were in attendance is that now they know that I have not been exaggerating about the antics of some members of the Georgia Division.

Historical Dates

1861

- June 8 Tennessee Secedes
June 17 Thaddeus Lowe demonstrates the hot air balloon.

1862

- June 1 Lee appointed Commander of army in Virginia.
June 6 Memphis surrenders
June 12 Stuart begins ride around McClellan
June 25 Seven Days Campaign begins

1863

- June 5 Stuart hosts Grand Review
June 9 Battle of Brandy Station

1864

- June 1-3 Battle of Cold Harbor
June 15 Petersburg Campaign
June 26 Stoneman begins Atlanta raid
June 27 Battle of Kennesaw Mountain
June 30 Early marches toward Washington, D.C.

1865

- June 23 Last formal Confederate surrender

***June 2, 1808 Jefferson Davis was born**



On June 2nd, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Wilkins spoke to the Thomaston Rotary Club about the SCV. Jonathan also shared a few facts about the War of Northern Aggression that are conveniently left out of the history books. Jonathan did this on very short notice and I appreciate it.

Cemetery Clean Up

On May 29th, we had a cemetery cleanup at the Collier Family Cemetery in Upson County. Compatriot Erwin Bryan and his crew did a lot of the work a couple of days earlier. 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Wilkins, Color Sgt. Ed Cunningham, Compatriots Jimmy Spradley and Milo Wimberly finished the job. Then Compatriot Grady Kelly sprayed the cemetery with herbicide. We appreciate the hard work.



Visit Our Website!

I encourage each of you to visit our Camp website at www.johnbgordon.com. 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Wilkins does a great job with this site. If you lose your newsletter, the monthly newsletters are posted there in case you need to refer to them. Forward the link to your friends and family, it is something that we can be proud of.

Finally, we have a roll of honour where you can list your Confederate ancestors and their service. If you would like to do this send your information via email to Jonathan at Wilkins@johnbgordon.com.



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.