



The Gen. Gordon Dispatch

The Gen. John B. Gordon Memorial Camp #1449
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Commander's Comments

Here is a letter sent to Georgia Division Commander, Jack Bridwell and International Headquarters by AOT Commander Kelly Barrow (see back). Cmdr. Bridwell had handled this situation almost two months prior to this letter being sent. As most of you know, the proceeds from this raffle were to be used for cemetery upkeep. A Commander of a nearby camp called Headquarters and complained and then evidently persuaded Barrow to write this letter. Cowards and do-nothing members have used the 501-C-3 status as an excuse to do nothing for years. The SCV would be much better off to abandon the 501-C-3 status. It is impossible for me to imagine that the descendants of men who charged open fields into the mouths of hundreds of cannon and muzzles of thousands of muskets would be so easily intimidated. If our leaders at International level were doing their jobs, they would find alternative ways for camps to raise money rather than asking members to keep digging into their own pockets. I have advised AOT Cmdr. Barrow that I will never support him in any endeavor again.



"The Principle for which we contended is bound to reassert itself, though it may be at another time and in another form."

President Jefferson Davis

Word of Appreciation

On February 18th, Compatriot Erwin Bryan had his work crew clean the Settle Family Cemetery in Lamar County. Thanks, Erwin!

Upcoming Meetings

Regular Monthly Meeting

Date: Tuesday, March 24th

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Thomaston
Upson Archives
Building

Speaker: Compatriot
Felton Lewis will speak
on his recent visit to
Beauvoir.



Cemetery Workday

Date: Friday, March 27th

Time: 5:30 PM (Or when you can get there)

Place: Glenwood Cemetery in Thomaston

Tools needed: Pieces of cardboard

Rededication of Confederate Statue

Date: Sunday, June 21st

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Forsyth, Ga. Square

Host: Cabaniss Chapter #415 United Daughters of the Confederacy



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

December 26, 2008

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Dear Commander Bridwell,

It has come to the attention of General Headquarters of two violations of General Policy that have take place in the Georgia Division. The CiC has requested that I appraise you of these problems and in your position as Georgia Division Commander, ask that you ensure the camps and members are cognizant of them. First, the IRS does not allow subordinate SCV camps to participate in raffles, bingos or other charitable gaming. Some may feel they have found a way around this prohibition; there is not one. Second, the SCV Organization Affiliation Policy (enclosed #1) does not allow links to other groups such as political parties.

I understand the General John B. Gordon Camp No. 1449 held a raffle after the prohibition against such was made well known. The information has been disseminated to all camps via the SCV Telegraph, Gray Line and other avenues, as well as it was announced at National Convention in Concord. Additionally, the Pine Barrens Volunteer Camp No. 2039 website has a link to the Southern Party and the Georgia Heritage Council, which violates the Affiliation Policy and creates potential problems with the IRS. These links must be removed immediately.

Please ensure the Georgia Division Brigade and Camp Commanders are completely familiar with the policy concerning raffles, as well as the SCV Organization Affiliation Policy. Camps should be encouraged to review their websites to make sure they are in compliance. The severity of these issues is that violation of either could result in suspension of camp or division charters.

Thank you for your immediate attention to these problems. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Deo Vindice!

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Sons of Confederate Veterans

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