



# The Gen. Gordon Dispatch

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## Ceremony at Griswoldville

On behalf Commander Clifford Dunaway and the men of Brigadier General Edward Dorr Tracy Jr. Camp #18 Sons of Confederate Veterans, I would like to invite you to the ground breaking ceremony for the Griswoldville Battlefield Monument Memorial which will be held on November 19, 2011 at the Griswoldville Battlefield State Park. The program will begin with an overview of the battle and living history demonstrations, from 10:00 a.m. until noon at which time the annual memorial service, conducted by the 16<sup>th</sup> Georgia Volunteers, will be held. The ground breaking ceremony will immediately follow the memorial service.

The battlefield may be reached by taking Georgia Highway 57 South from Macon to the intersection of Henderson Road (just south of the Jones/Twiggs County line). Travel approx 1  
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## Unpaid Dues

We still have some members who have not paid their dues. Every member is important to our camp. Our camp is one of the best in the entire Division and we need every member to keep it that way. Dues are \$55.00 which includes the late fee charged by National Headquarters. If you have any questions about whether or not you owe dues, contact Adj. Hugh Shepard at 706-647-8979. You can mail your check to:

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## Upcoming Events

### Monthly Meeting- Hotdog Supper

**Date:** Tuesday, October 25th

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Place:** Compatriot 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 Upson County line.

## Word of Appreciation

The Lord blessed us with spectacular weather for our Oct 1 workday day at Greenwood cemetery. The work crew started the day with much appreciated coffee and biscuits. The mission of replacing 5 headstones with associated foot stones was successfully accomplished. We had a great turn out of camp members and they are as follows:

Henry Coker	Chris Coker
Ed Cunningham	Milo Wimberly
Grady Kelley	Jake Stansell
B. C. Standard	Jimmy Spradley
Bubba Lewis	Eddie Rainey
Brandon Franklin	Sam Franklin

In addition to the above, we also replaced the site battle flag which was in great need of replacement.

In closing, I retained several of the tools required for future like missions in my possession to include the following: dirt tamper, headstone lifter, headstone/foot stone spacer template. I have

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mile until you see the railroad tracks and turn right just before crossing the railroad onto Old Griswoldville Road. Follow this road and the signage for a little over a mile until you reach Baker Rd. on the left and after taking Baker you will only travel a short distance until you see the Battlefield.

If I can be of further help please contact me via email or by phone at 478-214-0687. We hope that you may all be able to attend and ask that you feel free to invite others.

With Warmest Regards,  
Earl Colvin

### Next Workday:

Where: Greenwood Cemetery

When: Saturday Nov 6

Time: 7:30 AM

\*There will be a breakfast\*

Tom C. McKenney will be the quest speaker at our November meeting. Mr. McKenney is the author of the book "Jack Hinson's One Man War" A Civil War Sniper. This book is a result of 15 years of research into the never before told history of Jack Hinson. Lt. Col. Tom C. McKenny, USMC retired is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. We are pleased to have him coming to our camp to present this amazing story about Jack Hinson. I have read the book and highly recommend it, and certainly encourage all our members to be present at this meeting in November.

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attached several pictures taken during the workday for camp records and posting in the up and coming newsletter. God speed to all.



## A Word from George Crawford



Silas A. Mask has an actual cannon for sale It has a 3" bore & shoots a 2.875" (2 7/8") ball, an apple or

squash up to 2.5 to 3 miles away! The casement is original that he rebuilt/restored & the cannon body is a well drill melted, re-cast & xrayed to guarantee no flaws. The wood is all knotless white oak. He is asking \$2000.00. Felton Lewis intends to make a motion at the next meeting to request the camp purchase it for memorial services, reunions, & events. I intend to second his motion. I wanted all members to know so they could plan to attend & air their opinion in the discussion.

I wanted to thank all members who worked with me this past weekend at the Concord Festival for their dedication to the SCV & Camp 1449: Ed Cunningham, Tim Cunningham Jimmy Spradley, Eddie Rainey , Felton "Bubba" Lewis, B.C. Standard, & Al Medcalf. We were able to sell \$199.00 worth of merchandise over the weekend & collect a dozen names of prospective members who I will be contacting to come to a meeting to meet the camp.