



The Gen. Gordon Dispatch

The Gen. John B. Gordon Memorial Camp #1449
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Welcome our Newest Member!



Welcome Glenn Goodson as our newest member. Mr. Goodson joined under his ancestor Private Furney Goodson of Captain John Scogin's Battery, Georgia Light Artillery.

This battery was organized 7 May 1862 in Griffin, Georgia. It was sometimes referred to as the "Church Bell Battery" due to its guns being cast from church bells from across the state. Initially the unit served in the relatively quiet Department of South Carolina and was later transferred back to Georgia and then Florida. It would see heavy action at the Battle of Chickamauga, where it was attached to Melanethon Smith's battalion. There it distinguished itself and received honorable mention from General Cheatham for the havoc it's shells wreaked on the Union lines. The unit would also participate in the Atlanta Campaign and suffering casualties at the Battle of Decatur. The battery was finally disbanded in January 1865.

Camp Elections

We will elect Camp Officers at our December meeting. If you wish to run for office, please contact Commander Medcalf. Current Officers are:

- Cmdr. Al Medcalf
- 1st Lt. Cmdr. Mark Dix
- 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Jonathan Wilkins
- Adjutant Hugh Shepard
- Chaplain Eddie Rainey
- Color Sgt. Ed Cunningham

Upcoming Programs

Regular Meeting



Date: Tuesday, November 24th

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Thomaston - Upson Archives Building

Speaker; Compatriot Jack Grubb will continue his series on the life of Gen. John B. Gordon

Lee-Jackson Dinner

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010

Place: The Gathering Place in Barnesville

Speaker: Georgia Division Commander Jack Bridwell

Price: \$17.00 per person, Adjutant Shepard needs payment and headcount by Jan. 13th

Directions: From Ga.36 and US 341, go North on US 341. There will be a Chevron Station on the right, go about 1 mile past Chevron station and The Gathering Place will be on the left. If you get to an Army Surplus place on your right, you have gone too far.

