



# The Gen. Gordon Dispatch

Official Newsletter of The Gen. John B. Gordon Memorial Camp #1449

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### Collier Cemetery

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, we held our first cemetery cleanup at the Collier Family on Old Alabama Road. Compatriot Erwin Bryan and sons Luke and Logan cut the grass the day before.



Since the grass was already cut it allowed the rest of us to remove several truckloads of trees and undergrowth. We also painted the Southern Crosses of Honor and placed flags on the Confederate Veteran's graves. We had a great turnout on a very hot and humid day and got a lot accomplished. In addition to the Bryans, the following members participated. Cmdr. Al Medcalf, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Cmdr. Felton Lewis, Compatriots David Britt, Ed Cunningham, Wayne Huff, Butch Jones, Grady Kelley, Jimmy Spradley, Donald Stagg, Jonathan Wilkins and Milo Wimberly.

### Gresham Dedication

On August 30<sup>th</sup> and September 12<sup>th</sup>, Compatriot Grady Kelley cut the grass at Old Good Hope Baptist Church Cemetery so that it would look good for the Headstone Dedication of War of 1812 soldier, John Gresham. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, Cmdr. Al Medcalf, Compatriots Jack Grubb, Grady Kelley, Jimmy Spradley and Jonathan Wilkins attended the Dedication. Our Camp received much praise and appreciation for our upkeep of the cemetery. Below is an email that I received from Mrs. Sandra Lamb. Mrs. Lamb asked that I pass on her words of appreciation to the camp members and she made a donation to the camp.

*My ancestor is John Gresham who is buried in Good Hope Cemetery in Thomaston. First of all, I want to offer my heartfelt thanks for your SCV Camp cleaning and caring for that little cemetery. You can't imagine what it means to me! I do hope you will convey my appreciation to all your members. BTW, I have several CSA ancestor soldiers buried in that cemetery, too.*



### CAMP DUES!

We still have a good many members who have not paid their dues. Every member is important to our camp. We have the one of the best camps in the Division and we need all of our members to keep it that way. Dues are \$50.00. Please get them paid. 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 the Post Office Box above.

### This Month's Speaker!

**Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Regular Monthly Meeting

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Place :** Thomaston Upson Archives

**Speaker:** Compatriot James Stallings will do a presentation entitled "From W. to a Book" He will also have copies of his book, Georgia Confederate Soldiers Who Died As Prisoners of War 1861-1865 for sale at \$32.00 including tax.