



## Sons of Confederate Veterans

\*\*\*\*\* Savannah, Georgia \*\*\*\*\*

Savannah Militia Camp 1657  
Chartered in 1994 with 18 Charter members.



### April 2016

Compatriots,

I cannot put into words the pride I felt in my heart on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> as we marched in Savannah's St. Patrick's Day Parade. At times the roar of the crowds was deafening. We again were the hit of the parade, we had a good turnout, but the participation of our membership could have been much better. Maybe some of you don't understand what a big deal this is. There is no other event where we can parade our colors and stand up for who we are. Think about this 500,000 cheering people that will go home and remember the boys in gray. The folk that were startled by our firing our salutes, they will not forget us soon. Our local TV coverage was great. In 22 years of marching in the parade we have never had our picture in the next day's newspaper. This year we did, a picture and caption. The black people along the way loved us and cheering us and making approving remarks. Think about that, we are bringing our heritage out of the shadows and bringing it back to the mainstream.

April is Confederate History and Heritage month in Georgia. We want to hit the ground running; on Saturday April 2nd we have been ask to assist the family of Pvt. Michael James Barrett, Co B, 5<sup>th</sup> Georgia Cavalry, as they dedicate a grave marker for their Great Grand-Father. For many years Pvt. Barrett had rested in an unmarked grave in Catholic Cemetery until his family found him, and they want us to help honor their Irish Confederate Veteran. Saturday April 2nd 11:30 am Catholic Cemetery, Wheaton St, Savannah, please help us with a good turnout.

Our April meeting will be Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Western Sizzling in Pooler. Food and Fellowship begin at 6:00 with our program at 7:00. Please support your camps meetings. Bring a friend, your wife and family or always welcome. This meeting we will be signing up men to serve as a delegate to the GA division reunion in June. Here is a way you can serve your camp, and had some fun and fellowship.

I know you all know that we will honor all our Confederate Veteran Ancestors on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00 noon at the Confederate Monument in the center of Forsyth Park. Our speaker will be our next GA division Commander Scott Gilbert. If you have not heard Scott speak you need to. Join us for Confederate Memorial Day Service and make it an annual event for you and your family. We have sound now, for years people have said I just can't hear what's being said. The men will fire a musket salute, the cannons will roar and some of the best fellowship anywhere. Join us, bring your family and a friend.

Have you decided to sponsor a hole in our golf tournament yet. Buy one and sell one, to help your camp rise up. Come out and play a round with us, you will have a great time. I know you might think October is a long way off and you have lots of time, but it will be here before you know it. We need volunteers to help us put this thing on, if you want to help let us hear from you. Just a very few of us are doing the lion's share of the work.

Do you have a son/grandson that you think might want to know more about our heritage? Bring him to a meeting or two, he may catch the vision. Full membership is open to all descendants of Confederate Veterans 12 years old and up.

Sincerely,

Don Newman

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