ATTENTION: DUES

Our 2018 SCV Dues ($60) were due August 1, 2018.
Beginning September 1, there will be an additional $7.50 late fee with
dues. I have NO CONTROL over this because it is a NEW RULE this year
from National Headquarters. So, please send me your dues as soon as you
can or no later than our August 27th meeting to avoid this late fee.

Marion F. Patrick, Adjutant Camp 1921

Commander Comments

I would like to thank everyone who helped make our Chicken BBQ
Sale such a success. Many of you sold tickets, others worked Friday
night and most of the day Saturday preparing and selling plates. Special
recognition goes out to several of our member’s wives, members of
the Talisi Cotton Belles of the Order of the Confederate Rose, and
to Jerry Whetstone and his grandson who did all the cooking.
We could not have had such a
successful event without your help.
The final tally has not been
determined, but all plates were sold,
and the amount of profit should be
around $1,700. These funds will be
earmarked for the Fort Talisi
Confederate Monument.

The Camp’s next big
fundraiser is the CDC BBQ on
Saturday, October 6, 2018. Tickets
will be available at the August
meeting for members to begin selling
Boston butts, ribs and brisket. Due
to a conflict with another group
selling just camp stew, our camp
stew tickets will not be available for
sale until the September meeting of
Camp 1921.

Have you paid your SCV
dues? We still have several members
who haven’t. Just think of what a
bargain your $60 membership is!
You receive Confederate Veteran
Magazine, Alabama Confederate and
the Tallassee Rifle, plus you get to
preserve the memory of your
Confederate Ancestor by being a
part of the greatest historical honor
society in the world…the Sons of
Confederate Veterans. Please pay
your dues to Adjutant Marion
Patrick before September 1, 2018
and avoid paying a penalty.

Lt. Brigade Commander Larry
Warren attended the Southeast
Central Brigade Workshop at
Confederate Memorial Park at the
SCV Library on Saturday, August 18,
2018. We appreciate him
representing Camp 1921 and I’m
sure he will bring some fresh ideas
back from that meeting that can help
with recruiting and general
organizational matters.

The Battles for the Armory
Reenactment Committee had a very
successful meeting on Monday,
August 6, 2018 at Fort Talisi.
Approximately a dozen SCV and
OCR members attended along with
both landowners, Philip Davis and
Bill Anthony. This year’s
reenactment is only about 2 ½
months away and volunteers are
needed now for firewood detail,
school day visits and site
preparation. Marion Patrick is the
Reenactment Captain and will accept
any help he can get from SCV
members and other interested
parties.

Many Camp 1921 members
have inquired about the Confederate
Armory Historical Marker at the
west end of the Fitzpatrick Bridge.

Deo Vindice, Commander Randall Hughey
Confederate History - The Tallassee Guards

The Tallassee Guards were a volunteer company formed on May 19th 1863 at Tallassee, Tallapoosa County, Alabama under the command of Captain Thomas M. Barnett. The Guard was formed in response to a second call from Governor Shorter asking the people to volunteer into companies for home defense. Many of the men were within the conscription age for the Confederate Army, but the South had a serious shortage of skilled labor. The Confederate Congress passed laws, which exempted certain persons from the Enrolment Act. Superintendents and operatives in cotton and wool factories were exempt per the Act. Since the beginning of the war, the mills at Tallassee were producing cotton products for the Confederacy especially the Confederate Armies. The mills produced items such as panting, shirting, thread, socks, drilling, and tent cloth. These men, as well as women operatives, though not on the front line provided immense benefit to the state as well as the Confederate Army.

According to the official muster roll, the company numbered 474, counting both privates and privates. Thirty-three of the conscripts had been detailed to Tallassee to work at the cotton mills. Eighteen of the company was under 18 years old and twenty were over 45 years old. The following muster roll lists the men, rank, and ages in parenthesis.

"surnames of the Tallassee Guards remain visible beacons to the past."

Officers: Captain Thomas M. Barnett (40), 1st Lieutenant John Story (23), 2nd Lieutenant John Lamon (44), 3rd Lieutenant Thomas B. Brashear (25), Orderly Sergeant lofton Reeves (37), 2nd Sergeant S. P. Smith (26), 3rd Sergeant Andrew Borland (42), 4th Sergeant Benjamin Morgan (38), 1st Corporal L. D. Grant (24), 2nd Corporal E. B. McCluskey (24), 3rd Corporal L. D. Landers (26), 4th Corporal John Buce (27), and Quartermaster Benjamin H. Micou (37).

Privates: James Atkins (22), William Atkins (23), John S. Ardis (43), Joseph Anthony (16), G. T. Anthony (25), John Armstrong (17), Thomas Buce (17), William G. Bishop (22), J. D. Burt (17), J. B. Burt (47), James Childs (45), Aza M. Carter (46), Thomas J. Crawford (19), J. D. Dove (34), John F. Eubanks (51), John C. Eubanks (16), James Freeman (24), Green Freeman (22), Jessie Freeman (15), John Freeman (16), John Groskin (46), Ransom Harris (24), Henry Hamby (13), George Hamby (16), Albert Kent (21), Thomas Kent (23), John Kent (17), Lewis Kent (47), Henry Lilly (29), Bartly Martin (63), Ira L. Martin (32), Thomas L. McCluskey (29), William McCluskey (15), Oskar McCluskey (19), Jack Martin (15), Neil McMillan (39), William McCann (21), John M. Osborne (36), James K. Polk (17), James Powers (17), Hugh Rogers (15), Christopher Roberts (20), Samuel Robertson (15), J. H. Roberts (27), James H. Robinson (36), William Rogers (48), James H. Simmons (62), Joseph Smith (60), John W. Sutherland (35), W. L. Taylor (20), W. W. Taylor (45), E. H. Wilson (55), Calloway Walls (44), J. B. Walls (27), Blake Williams (41), Thomas A. Young (29), George Young (17), and Marion Young (15).

The Tallassee Guards were formed at the request of the governor, but probably provided a sense of comfort to the citizens at Tallassee especially since the war started to take a turn for the worse in the summer of 1863. With defeat at Gettysburg and Vicksburg and the eventual moving of the carbine factory to Tallassee in 1864, the safety of the mill and its operatives became of the utmost importance. Fortunately, the ravages of war bypassed the Tallassee Guards and the mills at Tallassee, which helped to ease the hardships of Tallassee during Reconstruction. Many of the men and women employed at the mills during the war remained afterward and worked, married and raised families. From taking a stroll through a cemetery or driving down a street many of the surnames of the Tallassee Guards remain visible beacons to the past. Their ancestors will continue to add to the history of Tallassee and the surrounding counties for future generations.

By Troy Ledbetter
SCV Camp 1921 Member

June Meeting

Camp 1921 Chaplain Rick Dorley Gave an Inspiring Devotional to begin the July Meeting

Companion Bill Anthony Read General Stephen D. Lee’s Charge at July Meeting of Camp 1921

Philip Davis Was the Speaker at the July Meeting and Gave an Outstanding Talk on Confederate Secretary of State Judah Benjamin

Commander Hughey Administered the SCV Oath to Two New Members (Jay Kirkland and Jerry Hall) at the July Meeting

Tallassee’s Remaining Confederate Veterans

Probably Around 1920
Photo likely taken by Mr. Ribley at the “Old White Store.”
Used as a movie theatre and as Town Hall
Left to Right: Benton Row, 6th “Pug” Glenn 46 (with wooden leg), Madison (Matthew) Lambeth, A. Robert Harley Jackson Miller, Top Row, 810 Johnson Dr. (Bill), 811 4th from left: William Marion Hansen And 612 “Grandpa” J. P. Kersey Woman with Battle Flag is Shleta Coker
Others may have been Mr. Whaley, Mr. Furry and possibly Capt. J.M. Helbros And J.T. Forbes
Chicken BBQ a Success

Glenn Clower, Jerry Whetstone and Jerry’s Grandson Grilled Some Fantastic Chicken

Jerry Whetstone and his grandson check on the progress of about 70 Smoked Chicken Halves

Everyone Worked Together to Make the Chicken BBQ a Success

The Chicken Plate Assembly Line Began with Nicky Walton Placing A Perfectly Cooked Chicken Half on a plate

About 25 SCV, OCR and Member’s Wives Turned Out to Sale 100 Percent of the Chicken Plates

Tony McCarty Spoons Baked Beans on plate held by Susan Davidson

Danny Norris and Debra Hughey Open One of 11 Cans of Beans Served

Ronnie and Tammy Make Repairs to Confederate Armory Historical Marker

Ronnie Brantley Sells a Chicken Plate to a Customer

David Davidson and Alan Taunton Sell Chicken Plates to Another Camp 1921 Member, Roger Davidson
We are Camp#1921 in the Alabama Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. We are dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the only remaining Confederate Armory in existence, as well as preservation of the true history of the Confederacy.

Band Notes ............ Whistlin' Dixie

The Camp 1921 string band, "Whistling Dixie", has been contracted to appear at the Winfield Alabama "Mule Day" and the WBS reenactment of the "Skirmish at Luxapalilla" during the same weekend. The town will provide the band with it's own float for a city-wide parade on Saturday and the band is to play for the period dance that night.

Mule Day attracts thousands of spectators each year, and has a nation-wide audience. This is a prestigious event, and one which the band has sought to be a part of for several years. The event will occur September 21-22.

Thanks, and greetings from New Hampshire.

Bob Taunton

2018 Dates to Remember

- August 27 ~ Regular Tallassee Armory Guards Meeting
- September 24 ~ Regular Tallassee Armory Guards Meeting
- Oct. 6 ~ CDC BBQ Fundraiser for Camp 1921
- October 22 ~ Regular Tallassee Armory Guards Meeting
- November 9, 10 & 11 ~ Battles for the Armory Reenactment, Tallassee
- November 26 ~ Regular Tallassee Armory Guards Meeting
- December 10 ~ Tallassee Armory Guards Annual Christmas Social
- January 28 ~ Lee/Jackson Banquet