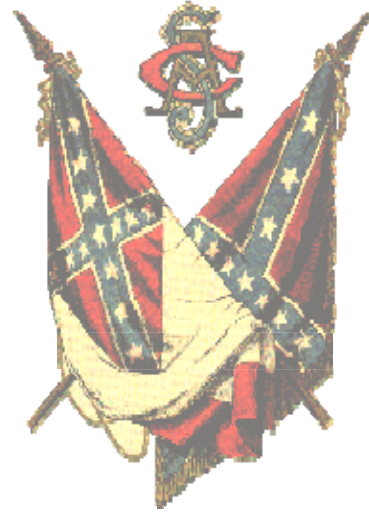




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**State of Dade Camp members visit with Alabama law enforcement.**



# GEORGIA CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL – 2007 –



# The Moses Ezekiel Story

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Moses J. Ezekiel was born in Richmond, Virginia on October 28, 1844. He was one of fourteen children born to Jacob and Catherine De Castro Ezekiel. His grandparents came to America from Holland in 1808, and were of Jewish-Spanish Heritage.

At the age of 16, and the beginning of the War Between the States, Moses begged his father and mother to allow him to enroll at Virginia Military Institute.

Three years after his enrollment at (VMI) the cadets of the school marched to the aid of Confederate General John C. Breckinridge. Moses Ezekiel joined his fellow cadets in a charge against the Union lines at the "Battle of New Market."

When the War Between the States ended, Moses went back to Virginia Military Institute to finish his studies where he graduated in 1866. According to his letters, which are now preserved by the American Jewish Historical Society, Ezekiel met with Robert E. Lee during this time. Lee encouraged him by saying, "I hope you will be an artist..... do earn a reputation in whatever profession you undertake.

The world famous Arlington National Cemetery is located in Virginia and overlooks the Potomac River. At section 16, of the cemetery, is a beautiful Confederate Monument that towers over the graves of 450 Southern soldiers, wives and civilians. These words are inscribed on the memorial:

"Not for fame or reward, not for place or for rank, Not lured by ambition, or goaded by necessity, But in simple obedience to duty, as they understood it, These men sacrificed all, dared all.... and died."

The United Daughters of the Confederacy entered into a contract with Moses J. Ezekiel to build this Confederate Monument at Arlington National Cemetery. It is written that he based his work on the words of Prophet Isaiah, "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks."

This Confederate Memorial towers 32 and 1/2 feet and is said to be the tallest bronze sculpture at Arlington National Cemetery. On top is a figure of a woman, with olive leaves covering her head, representing the South. She also holds a laurel wreath in her left hand, remembering the Sons of Dixie. On the side of the monument is also a depiction of a Black Confederate marching in step with white soldiers.



Confederate Monument at Arlington National Cemetery.

Ezekiel was not able to come to the dedication of the monument held on June 4, 1914, with President Woodrow Wilson presiding. Many Union and Confederate soldiers were in attendance among the crowd of thousands. Moses Jacob Ezekiel studied to be an artist in Italy. As a tribute to his great works, he was knighted by Emperor William I of Germany and King's Humbert I and Victor Emmanuel, II of Italy – thus the title of "Sir." Among the works of Sir Moses J. Ezekiel are: "Christ Bound for the Cross", "The Martyr", "David Singing his song of Glory" and "Moses Receiving the Law on Mount Sinai."

Upon his death in 1917, Moses Ezekiel left behind his request to be buried with his Confederates at Arlington. A burial ceremony was conducted on March 31, 1921, at the amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery. It was presided over by the United States Secretary of War John W. Weeks. He was laid to rest at the foot of the memorial that he had sculptured. Six VMI cadets flanked his casket that was covered with an American flag. "The death of Moses Ezekiel, the distinguished and greatly loved American, who lived in Rome for more than forty years, caused universal regret here" – 1921, *The New York Times Dispatch* from Rome, Italy.

The following is inscribed on his grave marker:

"Moses J. Ezekiel Sergeant of Company C  
Battalion of Cadets of the Virginia Military Institute."



## The Chaplain's Corner

Last Month I told you about the origins of Confederate Memorial Day and its beginning in Georgia on April 26, 1866. Honoring those had fallen on both sides began to take hold and on May 5, 1868, Memorial Day was officially proclaimed by Gen. John Logan, National Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11 and was first observed on May 30, 1868. Flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at the Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890, it was recognized by all the Northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their died on separate days set aside in their states since 1866 until after World War I, when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the War Between the States, to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war. It is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May, though several Southern states still honor the Confederate war died on separate days. January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi, May 10 in South Carolina and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday in Louisiana and Tennessee.)

**Isiah 40:1** *“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.”*

**Prayer List:** Lewis Leach still is fighting for recovery after being involved in an accident that occurred a year ago while on his way to the Confederate Memorial Day service at the Georgia monument at the Chickamauga Battlefield. Raymond Evans has some health problems. Wedge Morrison's granddaughter, Rachel, has a very serious illness. Ronnie Watts requests prayer for his Dad who has health problems. Let us remember all of these in our thoughts and prayers. I believe that prayer is an answer for many of the hardships we as mortals face.

May God bless,  
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## Confederate Generals Born in MAY

- General Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard - 28 May 1818 - St. Bernard Parish, La.  
General Edmund Kirby Smith - 16 May 1824 - St. Augustine, Fla.  
Maj. General Robert Frederick Hoke - 27 May 1837 - Lincolnton, N.C.  
Maj. General William Fitzhugh Lee - 31 May 1837 - Arlington Co., Va.  
Maj. General John Bankhead Magruder - 1 May 1807 - Port Royal, Va.  
Maj. General Dabney Herndon Maury - 21 May 1822 - Fredericksburg, Va.  
Maj. General Stephen Dodson Ramseur - 31 May 1837 - Lincolnton, N.C.  
Maj. General Isaac Ridgeway Trimble - 15 May 1802 - Culpeper, Va.  
Maj. General Cadmus Marcellus Wilcox - 29 May 1826 - Wayne Co., N.C.  
Brig. General Edward Porter Alexander - 26 May 1835 - Washington, Ga.  
Brig. General Alpheus Baker - 28 May 1828 - Abbyville Dist., S.C.  
Brig. General Laurence Simmons Baker - 15 May 1830 - Gates Co., N.C.  
Brig. General Richard Lee Turberville Beale - 22 May 1819 - Westmoreland Co., Va.  
Brig. General Charles Clark - 24 May 1811 - Warren Co., Ohio  
Brig. General William George Mackey Davis - 9 May 1812 - Portsmouth, Va.  
Brig. General George Pierce Doles - 14 May 1830 - Milledgeville, Ga.  
Brig. General Basil Wilson Duke - 28 May 1838 - Georgetown, Ky.  
Brig. General Samuel Jameson Gholson - 19 May 1808 - Madison Co., Ky.  
Brig. General Thomas Harrison - 1 May 1823 - Jefferson Co., Ala.  
Brig. General William Young Conn Humes - 1 May 1830 - Abingdon, Va.  
Brig. General George Doherty Johnston - 30 May 1832 - Hillsborough, N.C.  
Brig. General William Edmondson "Grumble" Jones - 9 May 1824 - Washington Co., Va.  
Brig. General Edwin Gray Lee - 27 May 1836 - Loudoun Co., Va.  
Brig. General Collett Leventhorpe - 15 May 1815 - Exmouth, England  
Brig. General James Patrick Major - 14 May 1836 - Fayette, Missouri  
Brig. General Mosby Monroe Parsons - 21 May 1822 - Charlottesville, Va.  
Brig. General Henry Hopkins Sibley - 25 May 1816 - Natchitoches, La.  
Brig. General William Steele - 1 May 1819 - Albany, N.Y.  
Brig. General Bryan Morel Thomas - 8 May 1836 - Milledgeville, Ga.  
Brig. General William Feimster Tucker - 9 May 1827 - Iredell Co., N.C.  
Brig. General Alfred Jefferson Vaughn Jr. - 10 May 1830 - Dinwiddie Co., Va.  
Brig. General Reuben Lindsay Walker - 29 May 1827 - Albemarle Co., Va.  
Brig. General Felix Kirk Zollicoffer - 19 May 1812 - Maury Co., Tenn.



*F. K. Zollicoffer*

General Felix K. Zollicoffer.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 15: Camp Meeting: The May 2007 meeting of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 in back of the Easy Rental Store on Highway 11 at the south end of Trenton. We will meet to eat at 6:00 P.M. – there will be no retreat! Call 657-5000 for directions.
- May 19-20: Mechanized Cavalry Officers Meeting: A meeting of National Mechanized Cavalry Officers will be held this week end in Trenton. All mechanized members may attend. Additional information at Camp meeting.
- May 25-26: Ringgold Parade: The state of Dade Camp will set up the sales booth at Ringgold on the evening of Friday, May 25, 2007. Members will be needed to work with the booth all day and to take place in the parade on Saturday, May 26, 2007. This is a great event and all should attend.
- June 8-10: Annual Reunion of the Georgia Division. The annual reunion of the Georgia Division, SCV, will be held June 8-10, 2007. Additional information at May meeting.



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