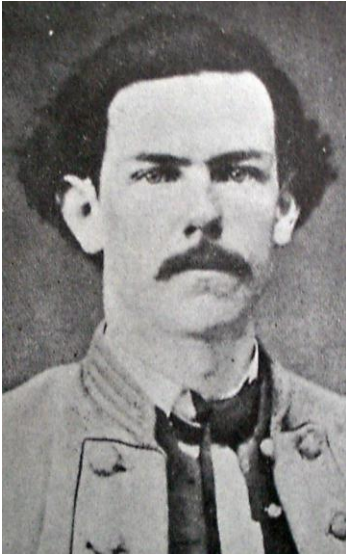
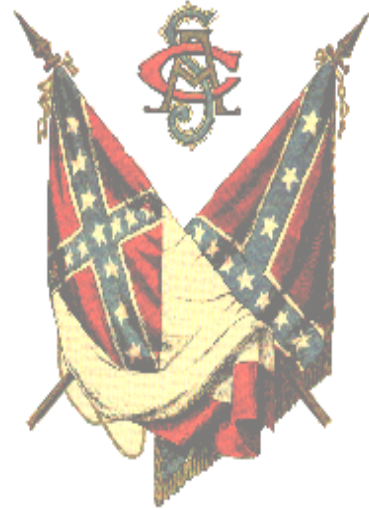

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Eleventh Annual Confederate Memorial Day at the Georgia Monument.

Annual Chickamauga Chattanooga National Military Park Volunteer Work Day.



Once again, Larry Wheeler and Raymond Evans represented the Camp at the annual volunteer work day at Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park. This year we pressure cleaned monuments on Battle Line Row.

A solution of water with chemical components designed to destroy biological growth on stone was sprayed under pressure on the stones and monuments. They were then scrubbed with heavy bristled brushes, and then rinsed with water. After the stones began to dry, it was amazing how much cleaner they looked. Some of them almost appeared to have been newly carved.



Honor Guard at the Georgia Monument.

Annual Confederate Memorial Day at the Georgia Monument.

Once again our camp has taken part in the annual Confederate Memorial Day observation at the Georgia Monument in the Chickamauga-Chattanooga National Military Park. This is the only Confederate Memorial event to be held anywhere on National Park property. This year there were approximately 125 persons present.

The feature speaker was Stephen B. McKinney, a specialist in Public Relations, Economic Development, Tourism, and Museum management. Mr. McKinney sold us of some of the economic advantages to be obtained through the 150th anniversary commemoration of the war. He also told of the valor shown by Georgia soldiers, both here and in Virginia .during the war.

We hope that all who attend the memorial observation this year were moved by the ceremony, and will come out and be with us again next year at the Georgia Monument in the Park.

The State of Dade camp 707 was formed May 11, 1995.

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the event will be centered around Dade County's secession from the State of Georgia back in 1861 with a debate. Attendees will witness a debate between eight Dade County High school Student call Secession: Yes or No. Tuesday's event will take place in the Historic Dade County Courthouse located on the square.

Wednesday through Saturday the week-long event continues as Paradise Amusements, a large carnival company will set up at the Dade County Recreational Facility and Fairgrounds located 1.5 miles south of Trenton. The Heritage Festival and County Fair will host 16 amusement rides on a midway including a 70 foot Ferris wheel. The midway will operate from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and noon until 10 p.m. on Saturday. Arm bands will be available nightly for unlimited rides or individual tickets can be purchased.

Wednesday night's entertainment will be a celebration of church youth groups. "Youth Praise Night" will begin with a live outdoor concert will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday night, May 15, will be "Faith and Family Night" also starting at 6:30 with an outdoor concert featuring Southern Gospel and Bluegrass music.

Friday's theme will salute Dade's Music Heritage. Friday night's entertainment will start with an outdoor performance of the Dade County Band followed by a "Gaither Style" outdoor concert saluting the music heritage with performances by some of Dade County's

State Of Dade Heritage Festival And Fair Begins May 16th. The count down to the Dade County Heritage Festival and County Fair is underway. The festival continues to grow as event organizers add activities almost daily.

The festival is set for the third week in May. It will begin on Monday night, May 16, with a kickoff concert featuring the Jericho Brass Band at the new Trenton Civic Center.

Each night will take on a different theme. Tuesday night

entertainers.

The finale of the Dade County Heritage Festival and County Fair will be May 21 from noon until 10 p.m. All day activities include: continuous music shows, arts and crafts booths, Dade Heritage Festival Car show, Confederate and Indian Encampments, 2011 Tri-State Blessing of the Bikes from North Georgia, North Alabama, and Southeast Tennessee Chapters of Christian Motorcycle Association.

The Heritage Festival will also be showcasing County 4-Hers and their award winning livestock.

The organizers continue to add events and activities for the week and welcome any organization, individual or business that would like to participate. For information about the festival contact the Dade County Chamber of Commerce 706.657-4488 or the Downtown Development Authority at 706.657-4167.

A complete list of events and activities are being updated on the internet and on Facebook. Access the information at www.discoverdae.com or facebook at State of Dade Heritage Festival.

**Mrs. Armand J. DeRosset:
North Carolina's Angel of Mercy**

Confederate Veteran, 1895: pp. 218-219.

“This noble character deserves prominent record for her services to the South. She was President of the “Soldiers Aid Society” of Wilmington, North Carolina, from the beginning to the end of the war. Endowed with administrative ability, which called forth the remark, “she ought to have been a General,” gifted with unusual largeness of heart and breadth of sympathy, she was a leader of society, yet ever alive to the wants and sufferings of the poor and needy. Under her direction the Soldiers’ Aid Society was early organized, and for four years did its work of beneficence with unabated energy.

The North Carolina coast was especially inviting to the attacks of the enemy, and Mrs. DeRosset’s household was removed to the interior of the State. Her beautiful home in Wilmington was despoiled largely of its belongings; servants and children were taken

away, but she soon returned to Wilmington, where her devoted husband was detained by the requirements of business, and she devoted herself to the work of helping and comforting the soldiers.

Six of her own sons and three sons-in-law wore the grey. The first work was to make clothing for the men. Many a poor fellow was soon without a change of clothing. Large supplies were made and kept on hand. Haversacks were home-made. Canteens were covered. Cartridges for rifles, and powder bags for the great Columbiads were made by hundreds. Canvas bags to be filled with sand and used on the fortifications, were largely used at Fort Fisher – and much more was in requisition.

The ladies would daily gather at the City Hall and ply their busy needles or machines, with never a sigh of weariness. When troops were being massed in Virginia, Wilmington, being the principal port of entry for the Confederacy, was naturally an advantageous point for obtaining supplies through the blockade, and Mrs. DeRosset, ever watching the opportunity to secure them, had a large room in her dwelling fitted up as a store room. Many a veteran in these intervening years has blessed the memory of Mrs. DeRosset and her faithful [aides] for the comfort and refreshment so lavishly bestowed upon him. Feasts without price were constantly spread at the depot. Nor were their spiritual needs neglected. Bibles, prayer books and hymn books were distributed. Men still live [1895] who treasure their war Bible among their most valued possessions.

North Carolina Junior Reserves. The wires brought the news that in a few hours they would arrive, hungry and footsore. Mrs. DeRosset was asked if they could feed them.

The ready reply was flashed back:

“Of course we can”: and she proved equal to the task. Through her energies and resources, and her able corps of assistants, she redeemed her pledge. Alas! all efforts to relieve the garrison failed, and many heroic lives were sacrificed. The fort fell, Whiting and Lamb were both seriously wounded and carried off to prison, and our last available port was in the possession of the enemy.

The harrowing scenes of hospital life followed, and here, as elsewhere, Mrs. DeRosset's labors were abundant. The sick were ministered to by tender hands, the wounded carefully nursed, and the dead decently buried. The moving spirit in all these works of beneficence was the Soldiers' Aid Society, directed by Mrs. DeRosset.

When all was over, Mrs. DeRosset was the first to urge the organization of the Ladies Memorial Association, for perpetuating the remembrance of the brave soldiers who died for our cause. Though persistently refusing to accept office, she remained a faithful member of the Association as long as she lived.”



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 who 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 of the Northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days set aside

in their states since 1866 until after World War 1, When the holiday changed from honoring just those 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.

Revelation 21:4 *“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”*

Prayer List: Let us all pray for those who suffered loss during the terrible storms that swept through our area a few days ago. Also, don't forget to give thanks for those of us who survived with manageable damage.

May God Bless,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 20-22: Battle Re-enactment: The annual re-enactment of the battle of Resacca will be held on May 20-22 2011. For additional information call (423) 298-4544.
- May 17: Camp Meeting: Camp Meeting: The May 2011 meeting of the State of Dade Camp 707, Sons of Confederate Veterans will be held at a 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at at Randy's Restaurant in Trenton. We will meet to eat at 6:00 P.M. – there will be no retreat! Call (423) 298-4544 for directions.
- May 21-22: State of Dade Heritage Festival. See Page 4-5.
- June 2-9: Annual Reunion of the Mechanized cavalry. The annual reunion of the SCV Mechanized Cavalry will be held in TVA's Land Between the Lakes in Western Kentucky. Additional information at May meeting or Call (423) 298-4544.



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