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THE SHIELDSBORO RIFLES CAMP #2263 NEWSLETTER

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Open – Camp Adjutant

#### The Charge

"To you, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we will commit the vindication of the cause for which we fought. To your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles which he loved and which you love also, and those ideals which made him glorious and which you also cherish.

Given at New Orleans, LA in a speech on April 25, 1906 to the SCV National Convention by Lt. Gen. Stephen D Lee.

#### From the Commander's Desk

By: Camp Commander Don Green

Greetings Compatriots,

The year will come to a close in a few days and it is time for those New Year's Resolutions. We hope 2022 will be a better year for all of us in all aspects of our lives. While we can not control, necessarily or directly, our government and state direction our leaders push us in, we can control the manner in which we honor our ancestors and preserve our Southern and Confederate Heritage. We have had succesful events this month at Leakesville with the Green County Gaines Warriors Camp and Christmas in Camp at Beauvoir. Now comes time for new challenges in our Camp as well. I would like to thank past Adjutant Mike Redmond for his dedicated service to us. Our numbers doubled in membership with his help while he took over as adjutant. The records have been organized and the checking account up-to-date. The adjutant position will remain open until someone wants to fill the position or gets elected to it if we can meet quorum. I'd also like to thank 1st Lt. Commander Dorty Necaise for his excellent leadership in our Camp since its inception. Many projects were taken on and completed under his leadership. Compatriot Pat Alford had agreed to take on the 1st Lt. Commander spot until such time as another member can be elected by quorum. With that being said, our next meeting will be the Lee-Jackson Banquet at the Mercy House at Lakeshore Church Saturday January 15, 2022 at 5pm. Charlie Schmidtz will dazzle us with his presentation for the Banquet. It's pot luck, so bring a dish, dessert or something special and join us as we honor Generals Lee and Jackson as well as our own ancestors. We hope to see you there.

## **November Camp Meeting**



Noted author Dr. Samuel Mitcham was the speaker for the November Meeting.



The books Dr. Mitcham has written were on display for sale at the meeting on Nov. 16, 2021.



Camp Commander Green presided over the business of the Camp at Lakeshore Church.

#### Beauvoir Wreath Program



Shieldsboro Rifles members helped with the placing of the wreaths at Beauvoir.



Camp Associate Member Daryl Ladner helped place wreaths on Dec. 4, 2021.



The wreaths were all placed at each headstone in the Beauvoir Cemetery.

#### McLeod's Mill Reenactment



The Shieldsboro Rifles competed in a drill competition at Leakesville and won.



The Reenactors presented arms to the courthouse monument in Leakesville.



The Shieldsboro Rifles formed as the 9th Conn. Inf. on December 11, 2021.

#### December Christmas Social



Commander Green presented at the Christmas Social on December 14, 2021.



The presentations were on the CSS Shenandoah and Gen. David Twiggs.



There was plenty of holiday food at the Christmas Social at the Mercy House.

#### Christmas in Camp at Beauvoir



Commander Green and Ms. Kate attended Christmas in Camp December 18, 2021.



The Shieldsboro Rifles participated in the Christmas in Camp skit at Beauvoir.



The Beauvoir Players were fed a good BBQ meal during the evening's festivities.



# Shieldsboro Rifles Camp #2263 Pearl Rivers #30 OCR Gainesville Volunteers Camp #373 Live Oak Rifles Camp #2236



# Invite You to Join Us in Celebration January 15, 2022

Social Hour 4:30pm | Dinner and Program 5:00 pm

7th Annual

# Lee-Jackson Banquet

Featuring Guest Speaker Charles B. Schmitz



Lakeshore Baptist Church's Mercy House 6028 Lakeshore Road | Bay St. Louis, Mississippi









# 3rd Mississippi (1st Miss. Rifles Honor Guard & 9th Conn.) Infantry Regiment - 2022 Spring-Summer Schedule

https://www.facebook.com/groups/270849566691036/

- Lee Jackson Banquet Shieldsboro Rifles 2263; Lakeshore Baptist Church, 6028 Lakeshore Rd Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 January 15, 2022; 5pm; Confederate Impression; Scouting Event
- Winter Quarters-Dunn Plantation; Union, MS; <u>January 21-23, 2022</u>; <u>Confederate Impression</u>; <u>MAX EFFORT</u>
- Oddfellows 6th Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb The Unknown Confederate Soldier; Beauvoir in Biloxi, MS.; February 12, 2022; Confederate Impression; Scouting Event
- Battle for the Texas Hospital; Archusa Creek Water Park; Quitman, MS; February 18-20, 2022;
   Federal Impression; MAX EFFORT
- 5. Battle of Fort Beauregard; Harrisonburg, LA; February 25-27; Either Impression; Scouting Event
- Fort Randolph Reenactment; Forts Randolph & Buhlow State Historic Site; 135 Riverfront St. Pineville, LA 71360 Pineville, LA; March 11-13, 2022; Either Impression; Scouting Event
- 7. Shiloh Reenactment National Event; 1097-2467 Joe Dillon Rd. Michie, TN 38357; April 1-3, 2022

  Confederate Impression; MAX EFFORT
- Thunder on the Bay- Fort Gaines Dauphin Island, Alabama; April 8-10, 2022; (Overlapping Event)
   Either Impression; Scouting Event
- Battle of Pleasant Hill; 23271 LA-175, Pelican, LA 71063-4004, April 8-10, 2022; (Overlapping Event) Fither Impression; Scouting Event
- Confederate Memorial Day at Beauvoir; Biloxi, MS; <u>April 23, 2022</u>; <u>1st Miss. Rifles Impression</u>;
   MAX EFFORT
- Grand Gulf Living History; Grand Gulf Park; 12006 Grand Gulf Road Port Gibson, MS 39150 May 6-8, 2022; Confederate Impression; Scouting Event
- 12. Trail of Honor; Harley Shop in Jackson, MS.; May 21-23, 2022; Either Impression; Scouting Event
- 13. Battle of Resaca; Resaca, GA.; May 21-23, 2022; Confederate Impression; Scouting Event
- 14. Battle of Cuba Station; Gainesville, AL.; May 27-29, 2022 Either Impression; MAX EFFORT
- 15. <u>President Davis Birthday</u>; Beauvoir in Biloxi, MS.; <u>June 4, 2022</u>; 10am-3pm; 1st Miss. Rifles Impression; Scouting Event
- MS Division Color Guard Duty; Columbus, MS; June 11, 2022; 1st Miss. Rifles Impression;
   Scouting Event
- 17. Vicksburg Living History; Old Courthouse Museum; Vicksburg, MS; July 2, 2022;
  Confederate Impression; Scouting Event
- 18. Commemoration of the Battle of Mobile Bay Fort Morgan Garrison, Fort Morgan State Site; Gulf Shores, AL; August 6, 2022; Confederate Impression; MAX EFFORT

Here is the schedule for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mississippi Infantry for the Spring 2022 Season.

# Brigade SCV Update

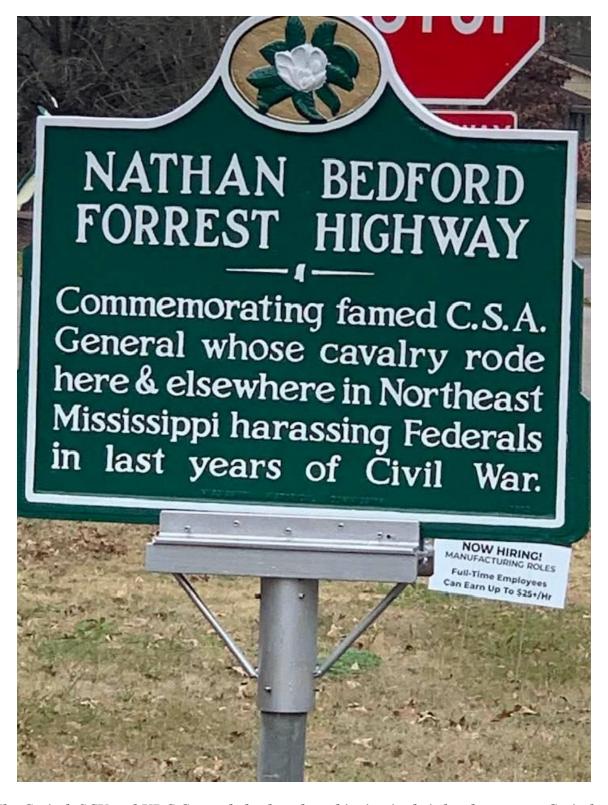


Brigade Councilman Forrest Dawes presided over the Brigade Meeting in Dixie.



5th Brigade Members and guests prepare for the potluck feast on December 3, 2021.

#### **Division SCV Update**



The Corinth SCV and UDC Camps helped to place this sign in their local area near Corinth.

#### National SCV Update



#### Beauvoir Upcoming Events

# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Unknown Confederate Soldier February 12, 2022 Beauvoir Cemetery 11:00 am



The Pilgrimage to our Unknown Soldier started 6 years ago and has become an annual event for the Beauvoir property, to honor all Confederate dead. Found in 1979 by Mr. Rick Forte Sr., laid to rest on the Beauvoir property in April of 1980. The tomb, inscribed "Known but to God", was dedicated on June 6, 1981.

"Shattered by the American Civil War (1861-1865), Odd Fellowship rose again in Baltimore a mere five months after the close of hostilities. The resurrection of the society in September 1865 marked the first fraternization of the blue and the gray. Thereafter Northern members aided their Southern brothers in rebuilding their desolate land. It is this shared history of brotherhood that has led the Odd Fellows to the Tomb of the Unknown Confederate Soldier." (Charles L. Sullivan)

Beauvoir's Unknown Confederate Soldier is the only Confederate Soldier in the world to receive the Grand Declaration of Chivalry.

The annual Oddfellows' Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

#### Media Pages Update

We are looking at creating a new website for a minimum fee, possibly free, for the Camp. Our original website was a bit costly and has not been renewed as of yet. Camp Members are looking at this for us and will report to us in the very near future with possible options. We are also looking at creating other pages on different social media sites given the biasedness against our heritage that exists on present medias. More to come.

Camp Website: In Progress

Brigade Website: www.dgreen1865.wix.com/5th-brig-ms-div-scv

Division Website: <a href="https://www.mississippiscv.org">www.mississippiscv.org</a>
Beauvoir Website: <a href="https://www.visitbeauvoir.org">www.visitbeauvoir.org</a>

National Website: www.scv.org

## 5th Brigade Meeting Dates 2022

The following dates are confirmed for the future Brigade meetings at the Dixie Community Center South of Hattiesburg. We hope those who can do attend.

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

#### Beauvoir Dates 2022

February 11, 12, 2022 Pilgrimage to our Unknown(banquet on Friday(11th) Pilgrimage on Saturday(12th)

March 5, 2022 Confederate Flag Day

April 23, 2022 Confederate Memorial Day(Larry McCluney guest speaker)

May 7, 2022 3rd Annual Chuck Bond Run For Roses

June 4, 2022 Jefferson Davis Birthday

July 20, 2022 Coast Fest(Car show)

December 3, 2021 Wreath Laying

December 17, 2022 Christmas in Camp

Kitsaa Stevens Development & Programs Beauvoir Jefferson Davis Home 228.388.4400 ext. 217

#### Order of the Confederate Rose

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The Pearl Rivers Chapter #30 chartered into the Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose during an interesting time in our world. We chartered in January 2020 and were unable to have our first independent meetings due to the COVID pandemic. We are proud to say that we will be hosting our first meeting on September 1st, where our members will discuss activities we hope to accomplish and how we plan on supporting our host Camp.

We hope to invite prospective membership to our future meetings, which will be the first Tuesday of each month. If you have a female family member who would like to join the Pearl Rivers Chapter #30, Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose, please email the Chapter at pearlriversocr30@gmail.com.

Yours,

Callie Bunter
President
Pearl Rivers Chapter #30,
Mississippi Society Order of the Confederate Rose

# Circle of Giving: Family of disabled teen gifted wheelchairaccessible van

By Andrés Fuentes

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GULFPORT, Miss. (WLOX) - A Perkinston family is now able to hit the road together after a selfless viewer saw a <u>WLOX story</u> last week about the disabled teen's family being in need of transportation.

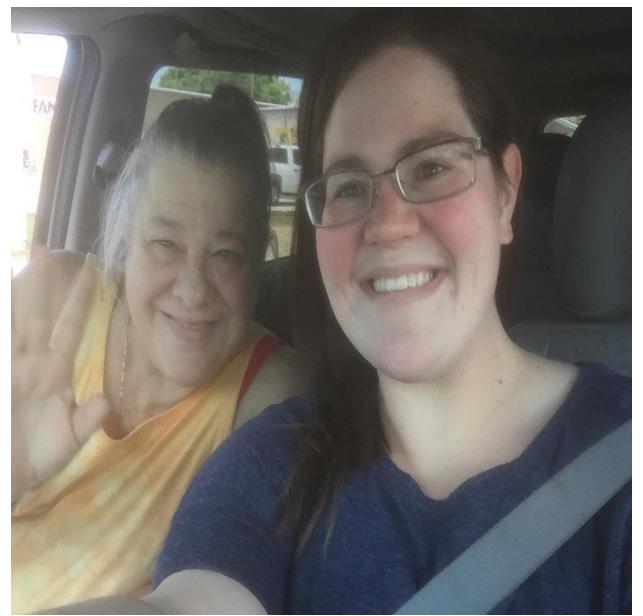
Matthew Davis is 15 and suffered a stroke at just three days old, leaving him with cerebral palsy, Asperger's and autism. Until recently, transporting him anywhere has been difficult. His mom Glenda Breland has been selling crafts at festivals and fairs to raise the \$70,000 needed to buy a handicap-accessible van for their family.



Matthew Davis (Facebook/Matt's Tale)

That's where <u>WLOX found her</u> on Nov. 27, behind a table at the McHenry Christmas Crafts Show. A story about the family's need aired that night and was seen by Anita Jones.

Jones was also in need of a van to get to doctor's appointments 45 minutes away in Hattiesburg. That's where Diamondhead resident Callie Bunter comes in.



Dianne Calmes, pictured left, passed away on Sept. 10, 2020. Her daughter Callie Bunter, right, is keeping her memory alive by helping people who are disabled. (Submitted)

Bunter's mother, who was wheelchair-bound, passed away about a year ago, leaving Bunter with several pieces of medical equipment and a 2005 Chevy Uplander that is adapted to fit a wheelchair.

"Her last wish was to donate any and all of her medical equipment because she was a paraplegic for almost 50 years. She was paralyzed at the age of 17," Bunter said.

Bunter found a home for her mom's wheelchair and, a few months ago, began looking for someone in need who she could donate the van to. After talking with Jones, who was a family friend, Bunter made the decision to give her the vehicle.

Before Bunter could transfer ownership of the van over, though, she had to find the title, which hadn't been seen in 16 years. She spent months looking for the paperwork and trying to apply for a new one, but the title was nowhere to be found.



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As Bunter continued her efforts, WLOX ran a story about Matthew and his family's mission to raise money for a van. Anita Jones saw the story and said she realized that they needed it more than her.

"When I seen it, I, of course, cried," said Jones.

She talked with Bunter and asked if the van could be donated to the teenager's family instead.

That same day, almost as if it was by design or an act of fate, Bunter found the title in a place she hadn't thought to look before.

"After Hurricane Katrina, my mom kept a go-bag," said Bunter. "I went and pulled it out, and the title was there. It was like everything was meant to happen in a certain way."

Bunter reached out to Matthew's mom with her generous offer to give them the van.

"Ms. Anita saw the post. She was led to call Callie. Callie was led to do this. We don't know what God will lead us to do next," said Glenda Breland.

After some signatures, the van now has a new owner.

"It was so exciting. It was so overwhelming," said Glenda Breland.

The van is a huge blessing to the family but, due to its age and condition, it's only a temporary fix. Regardless, it will help the family significantly, especially getting back and forth to craft fairs so they can continue to raise the money needed to buy a newer van and some other equipment, like a ramp and a screened patio for their house.

The generosity of Bunter and the selflessness of Jones, though, is something the Brelands won't soon forget.

"It's something new to know that there's still good people in this world," said Glenda Breland.



Matthew Davis and his family now have a wheelchair-accessible van to travel in after WLOX reported on their need last week. (WLOX)

Bunter said she wants to continue to help people with disabilities, especially when it comes to transportation. It's the best way she knows to honor her mother.

"I do that all in my mom's name because my mom has always taught me to give back to others," said Bunter.

Bunter's giving spirit comes from spending her life watching the strength and compassion her mom always showed.

"[My mom Dianne Calmes] was a very independent woman. She went to USM in the 70s before the ADA was a thing," said Bunter. "She actually got into law school at Ole Miss and the only reason she couldn't go was that she was in a wheelchair and they did not have wheelchair-accessible dorms. They didn't have wheelchair-accessible buildings."



Pictured from left: Glenda Breland, Matthew Davis, Callie Bunter and Anita Jones (WLOX)

Wanting to help in any way they could, Breland donated the family's old van to Jones so she can still get back and forth to medical appointments. The 22-year-old van doesn't have a working air conditioner, which causes Matthew to have medical issues, said his mother. Jones said she hopes she can get it fixed.

"We'll be ok. We got another way. It's a circle of giving," said Jones.

In the meantime, Glenda Breland will continue raising money through her crafts and through donations. Being able to afford appropriate medical equipment is not easy.

"This (van) in 2005 was \$48,000. This (van) now is at least double that," said Breland, explaining how a wheelchair-accessible van now costs significantly more than it did 16 years ago.

Her family has formed a nonprofit, <u>Matthew's Fund Inc</u>., to help them get the equipment needed to make Matthew's life better. They also want to help other families who have loved ones with disabilities.

For more information about Matthew's Fund Inc. or to donate medical equipment, Glenda Breland can be reached on the organization's <u>Facebook page</u>.

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#### What Happened in December throughout the War?

#### December 1860

December 20 - South Carolina adopts an Ordinance of Secession

December 26 - Major Robert Anderson evacuates Fort Moultrie for Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor

#### December 1861

December 8 - CSS Sumter seizes Northern merchant ship Eben Dodge in the mid-Atlantic

December 9 - The Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War is established by Congress

December 9 - Engagement at Chusto-Talasah (Bird Creek), Indian Territory (now Oklahoma)

December 11 - Disastrous fire in Charleston, South Carolina

December 23 - Skirmish at Dayton, Missouri

December 26 - Engagement between Confederate forces and Unionist Native Americans at Chustenahlah, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma)

December 26 - United States releases Mason and Slidell, ending the Trent Affair

December 27 - Skirmish near Hallsville, Missouri

December 30 - Banks in New York suspend specie payments

#### December 1862

December 2 - Skirmish at Leed's Ferry on Virginia's Rappahannock Rive

December 5 - Engagement at Coffeeville, Mississippi

December 7 - Engagement at Hartsville, Tennessee

December 7 - Battle of Prairie Grove, Arkansas

December 11 to 15 - The Battle of Fredericksburg, Virginia

December 12 - USS Cairo sunk on the Yazoo River, Mississippi

December 18 - Skirmish at Lexington, Tennessee

December 20 - Confederate cavalry led by General Earl Van Dorn raids Holly Springs, Mississippi

December 22 - Confederate cavalry under James Hunt Morgan crosses the Cumberland River to begin the Christmas Raid in Kentucky

December 26 - Confederate cavalry under JEB Stuart leaves winter encampment to raid the rear of the Army of the Potomac in Stafford County, Virginia

December 26 to 29 - Battle of Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi

December 27 - Skirmish at Dumfries, Virginia

December 31 - Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest's clash at Parker's Cross Roads, Tennessee

December 31 - Battles of Stones River begins near Murfreesboro, Tennessee

#### December 1863

December 1 - Mine Run Campaign concludes in Virginia

December 3 - Siege of Knoxville, Tennessee concludes

December 8 - Lincoln issues Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction

December 14 - Engagement at Bean's Station, Tennessee

December 16 - Skirmish at Salem, Virginia

December 21 - Skirmish at Hunter's Mill, Virginia

December 23 - Fight at Culpepper Court House, Virginia

#### December 1864

December 1 - Union General John Schofield's army evacuates Franklin and retreats to Nashville

December 4 - Engagement at Waynesborough, Georgia

December 6 - Salmon P. Chase named Chief Justice of the United States

December 10 - Federal Army arrives in front of Savannah, Georgia

December 13 - Storming of Fort McAlister, Georgia

December 15 - Battle of Nashville, Tennessee begins

December 17 - Action near Franklin, Tennessee

December 19 - Skirmish at Rutherford Creek, Tennessee

December 20 - Confederates evacuate Savannah, Georgia

December 24 - First attack on Fort Fisher, North Carolina

December 25 - Federals abandon first attack on Fort Fisher, North Carolina

December 28 - Engagement at Egypt, Missouri

#### December 1865

December 6 - Georgia becomes the 27th state to ratify the 13th Amendment, abolishing slavery in the United States.

December 18 - Secretary of State William Seward announced to the world that the 13th Amendment has been ratified.

Courtesy of: <a href="https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/day-civil-war">https://www.battlefields.org/learn/articles/day-civil-war</a>

### Captain Amos and his Confederate Horse Navy

Much has been written, with good cause, about Nathan Bedford Forrest's seizure of a steamboat in Tennessee and his subsequent use of it as a warship manned by his cavalrymen. Few realize, however, that a similar incident happened in Florida!

Captain W.B. Amos was the commander of Company I, Fifteenth Confederate Cavalry.

Stationed at Milton in Santa Rosa County, his primary duty was to watch for Union raids out of Pensacola. Amos was good at this duty, but he was an aggressive officer and chafed a bit at the natural restrictions of his duties.

In June of 1864, he set off on adventure that can only be described as one of the only naval raids ever carried out in coastal waters by a Confederate cavalrymen.

The following report was filed with Colonel Henry Maury, Amos's commanding officer at Pollard, Alabama:

#### Milton, June 27, 1864

DEAR COLONEL: I left here on Saturday morning with two small boats and 15 men for the mouth of Yellow River. When I arrived there I discovered a small schooner lying about 2 miles below with her sails down. I landed my men and made my way to her, and succeeded in capturing her and crew. In a few minutes I discovered another small sail coming up the bay. I secreted myself and men until she came up, and succeeded in getting her and crew. I then sent my boats and prisoners up to camp, and took the small schooner and balance of my men and sailed down to East Bay, where I was informed that there was a schooner by the name of Osceola anchored out about 4 miles from shore with 5 men and some small-arms. So I concealed my men in the boat and sailed for her, and managed to get on her after dark and succeeded in boarding her. I ordered the crew to surrender. Three made to their guns. I ordered my men to fire on them, which they did, and killed the 3. The remainder (2) surrendered. I divided my men on the two schooners and set sails for camp, and arrived here yesterday morning, and I send up the prisoners today, and it will be late before they get there, as they have to foot it up. One of the men (W. Leonard) can give you all the information that you may desire about the yard, and if you will let me, after the excitement dies off I will burn the mills on the island. I will come up on July 1 or 2 and see you, as there is some other important business that I want to see you about, &c. Will make my report to your acting assistant adjutant-general of the prisoners and where they belong, &c. My respects to Dr. Tillman and Lieutenant Hallett.

#### W.B. Amos

Captain, Commanding Outpost (i.e. Company I, 15th Confederate Cavalry)
Courtesy of: <a href="https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/henry-wirz-hanged">https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/henry-wirz-hanged</a>

\*\*\*\*Editor's Note\*\*\*\* The report submitted above is a collateral ancestor of Camp Commander Don Green and is buried in his family cemetery in Burnt Corn, AL. This was sent by a distant cousin and the link attached may no longer be valid.

