



Sons of Confederate Veterans

Georgia Division

Executive Council Meeting 12:30 pm January 23, 2010

Milledgeville, GA

Executive Council Members:

Division Commander	Jack Bridwell	Present
Division Adjutant	Tom Brown	Present
Division Judge Advocate	Dan Coleman	Present
Division Past Commander	Charlie Lott	Excused Absent
Division Chief of Staff	Ray McBerry	Excused Absent
Division Lt Commander – North	Joel Coleman	Present
Division Lt Commander – South	Gary Ursrey	Present
1 st Brigade Commander	Freddie Parris	Absent
2 nd Brigade Commander	Joe Warnke	Present
3 rd Brigade Commander	Bobby Watkins	Present
4 th Brigade Commander	Kim Beck	Present
5 th Brigade Commander	Mike Mull	Present
6 th Brigade Commander	Al Perry	Present
7 th Brigade Commander	James Gaskins	Absent
8 th Brigade Commander	Charlie Parks	Present
9 th Brigade Commander	Pete Giddens	Present
10 th Brigade Commander	Al Medcalf	Excused Absent
11 th Brigade Commander	John Todd	Excused Absent
12 th Brigade Commander	Tim Pilgrim	Present
13 th Brigade Commander	Barry Dennard	Present

Agenda

Call to Order by Division Commander Bridwell at 12:30 PM

The roll call found 14 present and 6 absent; with a quorum established.

Motion was made and seconded to dispense the reading of the October 24, 2009 Executive council meetings minutes, motion passed.

Motion as made and seconded to dispense the reading of the Brigade and Lt. Commander reports, motion passed.

Adjutant report:

Division Adjutant Tom Brown disbursed an adjutant report of the budget and the actual cost accrued to-date. Also a report of tag fund receipts and what has been accrued to-date. The actual cost of the large flagpoles was reported under the contingency budget line item of the operating budget. It was brought to Adjutant Brown's attention that the funds for the large flagpoles was voted by the Executive Council to be funded from the Division's reserve account and that expense should be reported as a reserve expense and applied against Flags Across Georgia Donations accordingly. Tom stated that he would move the expense from the operating budget and report it

on the reserve statement. It was requested also that Adjutant Brown inform the Executive Council what the roll over amount was to the Division reserve account from the 2008/09 budget, Tom stated that he would provide that amount to the Executive Council.

Division Commander report:

Division Commander Jack Bridwell commended all the efforts made toward making the annual Robert E. Lee birthday event in Milledgeville a great success, it was reported that over 280 attended the event. Division Commander also stated that 5,000 copies of the Georgia Division's educational curriculum "The Other Side of the Coin" on CD, each in a hard case with a four panel insert are in the process of being reproduced and printed. He stated that they should be completed and ready for distribution within a couple of weeks. Commander Bridwell stated that he is in the process of obtaining the address of every history teacher in the State of Georgia address to mail them each a copy, before Confederate History month in April. The remaining CDs will be available to the Camps for distribution, Commander Bridwell urges all Camps to contact their local school history teachers and present them with the material urging them to incorporate it into their lesson plan. Commander Bridwell also announced that the 120 ft flag pole that will be flying the 30ft X 50ft Confederate Battle Flag off interstate 75 was on site getting rigged and welded for erection, he deferred further up-date on the poles to the flags across Georgia Committee.

Project Committee report:

12th Brigade Commander Tim Pilgrim gave the following update on pending projects.

- The Confederate Obelisk at Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta, Commander Pilgrim called on compatriot David Floyd the Division's agent for the project to give an up-date. David stated that the restoration contractor still hasn't started the work and he feels that every effort has been made to make him comply. Division Judge Advocate stated that he has been in contact with the contractor and has given him deadline dates to complete the work. He now feels that an official letter from the Division should be served to the contractor demanding that he refund the \$12,000 that was paid to him in advance. Judge Advocate Coleman will begin the process and keep the Division informed.
- The Augusta Confederate Chimney, Commander Pilgrim stated that the Augusta Camp Commander Lee Herron, Division agent for the project reported that the project is approximately at 50% complete and approximately \$75,000 has been paid to the contractor \$50,000 of that coming from the Georgia Division. They anticipate the project will be completed toward the end of February and re-dedication memorial service will be announced sometime in March.
- The Bronze Confederate Soldier monument, Commander Pilgrim informed the Executive Council that Mike Bowen the Division's agent for the project has reported that the life size clay sculpture is almost completed and once completed a mold is then casted. Photos of the clay sculpture will be published in the next Georgia Confederate.
- The Altoona Pass Battlefield NC Confederate monument, Commander Pilgrim indicated that the project is on hold. The Historical Society in charge of the memorial park that approved the monument has now indicated that the Georgia State Park Service had objections to the monument's wording that the Society had already pre-approved. The local SCV Camps that sponsored the project had revised the wording on the monument and still the revisions weren't acceptable. The Society was informed that no more changes would be made and they had until May 2010 to make their decision.
- The Greenfield Cabin project, 8th Brigade Commander Charlie Parks reported that most of the exterior work has been complete the metal roof hasn't been installed yet due to the excessive rain. The materials have been purchased and once a series of clear day are in the forecast the roof will get completed.

Flags Across Georgia Committee:

Lt. Division Commander North Joel Coleman again mentioned that 120 ft flagpole off I-75 in Tift County was on site getting ready for erection. Commander Coleman also mentioned that the 70ft flagpole for the Division location off State Highway 82 has been delivered as well. The large flagpole on interstate 85 has been repaired and has a Real Georgia State flag flying on it. Commander Coleman deferred further up-date on the new flagpoles to 9th Brigade Commander Pete Giddens, being that Commander Giddens is coordinating the installation of both the poles. Commander Giddens stated that the 120ft flagpole sections have been welded and the pole is in the process of being painted. The hole for the sleeve has been dug, but rain has hampered the setting of the sleeve with concrete. Once that work has been completed the pole can be erected. The hole has been excavated for the 70ft pole off highway 82 and once the ground dries the sleeve can be set and pole erected ready to fly its 10ft X 15ft flag. Commander Giddens also mentioned to the executive council that another prime location of interstate 75 has been located between Locust Grove and Forsyth, Commander Giddens asked the Executive Council if he should investigate further on the location. A motion was made and seconded that he should proceed on getting further information on this possible location, motion approved.

Sesquicentennial Committee:

12th Brigade Commander Tim Pilgrim reported that SBN TV has been secured for their services to film, edit and produce the 12 one minute TV slots for cable TV stations. Also Chief of Staff Ray McBerry, through his media company will be working on creating the scripts and graphics for the TV slots. The 12 one minute TV slots will be focusing on the causes of the War and events during 1860 and before. Commander Pilgrim stated that there will be 6 one minute TV slots concerning the causes of the war and 6 one minute slots on actual historical events during 1860 and before. Commander Pilgrim stated that they hope that these TV slots will be ready by May of 2010 to start airing these TV slots to promote the Sesquicentennial and provide the Southern Perspective of the causes of the War and the events.

Georgia Confederate:

12th Brigade Commander and Editor Tim Pilgrim disbursed a financial report for the Georgia Confederate. The report average the cost of the issues being between \$1,800 to 1,900 per issue. Commander Pilgrim stated that the November and December issues when out on time without any problems. He also stated that the Division bulk mailing permit has been moved to the Acworth post office the same town which our printing company business is located. This will shorten the time to get the papers to the post office, because the printer can deliver directly to the post office. Commander Pilgrim stated that we have started back to the two month issue cycle now and the next issue will be the Jan/Feb issue and the deadline date for article and photos is February 20th. He also wanted to thank all the men of the Division for their support and help by sending in articles and photos to the newsletter and encourages everyone to please continue.

Judge Advocate Report:

Division Judge Advocate Dan Coleman reported that the Ringgold flag fight case was moving up the court calendar. No date for trial can be determined until the judge makes her decision. Judge Advocate Coleman stated that Past Judge Advocate Martin O'Toole, whose firm is handling our case, believes that we have a good judge appointed to hear the case. Judge Advocate Coleman also reported that no resolution has been made with the potential City of Kennesaw flag/Confederate monument matter. The local Kennesaw camp, Camp McDonald which has been trying to work with the mayor and council on this issue, has requested a final attempt to resolve the issue by attending the February city council meeting to encourage the city council and mayor make a decision on the matter. If a satisfactory resolution isn't met during that meeting, then the Division will proceed with filing charges against the city of Kennesaw for violation of Georgia State Code.

New Business:

- **6th Brigade Commander Al Perry mentioned how well the Division's new membership renewal system (MRS) is working. The only issue he has heard is that the Camp Life Members are being billed for Camp dues. Division Adjutant Tom Brown stated he feels that the billing system will improve next billing term because we will have more updated information and more time. All Camps are asked to submit a list of their Camp Life Members to Adjutant Tom Brown.**
- **Motion was made by 13th Brigade Commander Berry Denard that the Georgia Division pay half the cost of an ad placed in the Confederate Veterans Magazine by the Georgia MOSB for \$500 to announce the Confederate memorial service at Stone Mountain, motion passed.**
- **6th Brigade Commander Al Perry mentioned that a new Camp has been created in the 6th Brigade Camp number 2600 The Immortal 600 Camp. The Camp will be offering talks regarding the immortal 600 prisoners and Confederate POWs.**
- **4th Brigade Commander Kim Beck stated he is still working on a Division speaker list. Commander Beck stated that he will be focusing on key speakers that are willing to travel Division wide for special events for expense reimbursement.**

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Tim Pilgrim, 12th Brigade Commander