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### Coming Events

March 8, 2016 - **Regular meeting of Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp #863** - Masonic Lodge, Conyers, Georgia

April 2, 2016 - **15th Annual National Confederate Memorial Service**, Stone Mountain Memorial, Stone Mountain, Georgia

April 12, 2016 - **Regular meeting of Maj. Gen. Joseph Wheeler Camp #863** - Masonic Lodge, Conyers, Georgia

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## Civil War-Era Stories Are Told At Historic Oakton Cemetery



By: Nancy Jennis Olds, Jan. 2016 "Civil War News"



Cemetery tour guide and narrator Jim Lewis, left, and Col. John Singleton Mosby, portrayed by Jimmy Fleming, talk about some of Mosby's Rangers who are buried at the cemetery.

OAKTON, Va. — The moon shone on historic Flint Hill Cemetery as some 230 people attended an October candlelight tour led by historian Jim Lewis to meet some of the cemetery's occupants.

At least 27 Civil War soldiers from both sides are buried there, including four Mosby Rangers. War veterans Jacob Snowden and Isaac F. Jenkins who became members of the adjacent Oakton Church of the Brethren and are in cemetery.

Mosby Ranger Thomas H. Walker was one of the original trustees of the Flint Hill Cemetery Association formed in 1875. He was the great-

grandfather of current association president David Farmer who has 200 relatives in the cemetery.

The 5-acre cemetery's first documented burial was infant George E. Brooks who died April 28, 1852. The

cemetery is adjacent to the site of a former Confederate fort, now occupied by the church.

Fortified with hot cider and cookies, participants armed with flashlights and lanterns followed Lewis and his guides, pausing at headstones designated with red, white and blue ribbons to hear about the lives of the departed.

There was Charlotte "Lottie" Smith Kenyon whose diaries and letters of life between the lines began when she was 13. She is buried next to her husband George, a Union captain. Four of her children married children of "Rebel captains."

Union loyalist Josiah Bowman secretly served as a guide for Union Gen. Daniel Tyler early in the war and managed to avoid Confederate conscription. He was arrested after the Battle of First Manassas and imprisoned at Libby Prison for seven months.

Native Mary Holland Bell Snyder started teaching at age 18 and allowed a black child to sit on the schoolhouse porch and listen to the lessons. Her family moved before the war, but she returned after the war and continued teaching. Her gravestone reads "Misunderstood."

The tour ended with visitors gathered to hear Taps in the dark by the church and the pristine remnants of the Confederate fort.

Tour proceeds went to the \$300,000 fundraising to build a 300-niche columbarium for cremated remains which is needed since the cemetery is running out of space. For information about the cemetery visit [www.flinthillcemetery.org](http://www.flinthillcemetery.org)





# Our Commanders' Comments



By: Commander John Maxey



Southern Ladies and Gentlemen,

Those of you who have read the latest issue of "The Georgia Confederate" can take note that our Confederate

Heritage is under full frontal assault. The Flying Monkeys of political correctness will not rest until they have wiped out every Flag, every Monument, and Symbol of the Old South. It is up to us to step up to the plate, each one of us, and respond to this. We will do whatever it takes to defend our

Heritage. We must stand our ground. Let's not forget that our Confederate Forefathers often went into battles outnumbered and out supplied and marched away the victors. That same Confederate blood that flowed in their veins, is in you also. Take heart, we have a Heritage worth defending, as our detractors don't and never will.

Our February meeting went very well. Past Commander Joe Underwood presented our Compatriot of the Year to Compatriot Brent Boling. Our Division reunion is only three months away. I have some extra applications if anyone needs one.

Our March 8th meeting will also have a nice surprise I think all of you will enjoy.

Please make plans to be there, we have some work to do and we need YOU.

Until then have a "Dixie" day,

John L. Maxey, Cmdr.

P.S.: Mr. Chris Gray from the lodge will be stopping by at our next meeting with raffle tickets for 3 guns, a shot gun and an AR15, there will be three drawings, raffle tickets are \$20 each and there are only 500 tickets to be sold. Bring extra \$\$\$ if you want to get in on the raffle.

Thanks.



# Date Change to View Confederate Constitution



In the past the Hargrett Rare Books and Manuscript Library at the University of Georgia has displayed the Confederate Constitution on Confederate Memorial day, April 26th, each year. This year, due to some conflict of interest at the Library, the Document will be displayed on the 155th anniversary of it's creation, March 11th.

As always our own Commander John Maxey will spend the day with the Constitution answering questions onlookers may have about the document.

If you have not seen the Constitution, it is well worth the trip to Athens for the day so mark your calendars for **March 11, 2016**.



# Medical Museum Seeks \$\$ For Its Collections Room



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FREDERICK, Md. — The National Museum of Civil War Medicine is raising \$12,500 for cabinets and archival supplies for its Collections Room.

Two collections precipitated need for archival supplies and cabinets.

The General Services Administration gave more 350 boxes of artifacts found in Clara Barton's boarding house rooms to the museum to care for. The museum operates the Clara Barton Missing Sol-

diers Office in the Washington, D.C., boarding house. A collection of more than 800 Union and Confederate medical artifacts was donated to the museum.

"This presents a challenge," said Interim Executive Director David Price. "The Collections Room provides ample square footage to store the artifacts, but we need cabinets and archival supplies to properly organize and care for them."

In addition to providing care for the artifacts, Price said the archival supplies will allow the museum to offer more "white glove" and "hands on history" tours during which visitors can examine the artifacts.

Donations may be made online at [civil-warmed.org](http://civil-warmed.org) or mailed to PO Box 470, Frederick, MD 21705





# Confederate Memorial Hall



*From the Confederate Memorial Hall website*



Confederate Memorial Hall opened its doors in New Orleans on January 8,

1891, and has been commemorating southern heritage and history for over 120 years. The museum is the oldest in Louisiana and houses one of the largest collections of Confederate memorabilia in the United States.

On March 28, 1889, Mr. Frank Howard, a wealthy philanthropist in the city, convened a Board of Governors of 25 members – five taken from each of the local Confederate veteran associations and five taken from the Board of Directors of the Howard Memorial Library. Their discussions resulted in the organization of a new entity, the Louisiana Historical Association, which would gather donated Confederate relics and records of the Civil War, then find a repository for the collection.

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# First Battle of Fort McAllister

## 2nd Battle of the WBTS in Georgia

*Battle summary by the National Parks Service*



**Principal Commanders:**  
 Captain Percival Drayton [US]  
 Major George Anderson [CS]

**Forces Engaged:**  
 Unknown Total

**Estimated Casualties:**  
 1 total (US 0; CS 1;)

McAllister, then a small three-gun earthwork battery. On March 3, 1863, the three ironclads conducted an eight-hour bombardment. The bombardment did not destroy the battery but did some damage, while the three ironclads received some scratches and dents. The tests were helpful for knowledge and experience gained, but the fort did not fall, showing that the ironclads' firepower could not destroy an earthen fort.

**Results:**

Confederate Victory

**CWSAC Reference #:**

GA002

**Other Name:** None

**Date:** March 1863

**Campaign:** Union Naval Attacks on Fort McAllister

**Description:** Rear Adm. Samuel F. Du Pont [US] ordered three ironclads, Patapsco, Passaic, and Nahant, to test their guns and mechanical appliances and practice artillery firing by attacking Fort

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Mr. Howard and Colonel William Mil-

ler Owen of the Washington Artillery soon drafted a charter under the title the Louisiana Historical Association, which was constituted on April 11, 1889. It consisted of members from the following Confederate veteran associations: the Army of Tennessee, the Army of Northern Virginia, the Washington Artillery, and the Association of Confederate States Cavalry.

Frank Howard then offered the use of one of the alcoves in the newly constructed Howard Library [next to the current museum] for a repository of Confederate artifacts. He also agreed to erect, at his own expense, a suitable and handsome building as an annex to the library if the collection should continue to grow.

As president of the newly formed LHA, Frank Howard worked closely with Colonel Owen in the construction of a new “annex” building next to the Howard

Library. Funding for the Howard Library and construction of the Howard Annex (as it was then referred to, the future Confederate Memorial Hall) was made possible through the fortunes amassed by Frank’s father, Charles T. Howard. Though too young to take part in the Civil War, Frank Howard was inspired by an admiration for his father and his own patriotic love of the South.

For more information visit <http://confederatemuseum.com/>

