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Please join the Major John C. Hutto  
Camp on Sunday, August 18, 2019, at  
2:00 pm for our regular camp meeting

The Honorable Chris McIlwain of  
Hubbard, McIlwain, & Brakefield,  
P.C. Attorneys at Law in Tuscaloosa,  
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## **Annual Birthday Celebration for Nathan Bedford Forrest**

By Faye Gaston, Union Springs, Alabama, — member of UDC Admiral Semmes 57 chapter, Director of UDC Letitia Ross District, President of UDC Alabama Division Great Granddaughters Club.

The 20th annual birthday celebration (198th birthday) of Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest was held on Saturday, July 27, 2019 at "Fort Dixie", home of Butch and Pat Godwin on county road 30, Selma, Alabama.

This fund-raising party was attended by one of its largest crowds, seated in lawn chairs under tents and in the shade of trees. Eleven states were represented in this extended Confederate family reunion. All proceeds go toward Confederate Memorial Circle in

historic Live Oak Cemetery in Selma for historical markers to be placed at points of interest within Confederate Memorial Circle.

Confederate Memorial Circle has handicap accessible walkways, four park benches with donor plaques attached, flag poles with donor plaques installed, the Battle of Selma Memorial and historical narrative markers depicting history of points of interest therein.

UDC Selma 53 chapter was awarded the official deed to Confederate Memorial Circle in January 2014 as a result of a Federal lawsuit. Pat Godwin is president of that chapter. Over 150-year-old Magnolia and Live Oaks shade the graves and monuments of Southern ancestors in this cemetery.

Honoring Lt. General Forrest were the sale of tickets for a drawing for a solid bronze 20-pound mini-bust of Forrest, an exact replica of the bust in the cemetery. James Stone of Prattville, AL won the mini-bust.

(Busts are available for sale at \$2,500 each.) Forrest t-shirts were for sale. The DVD 3-disc set and printed program of the May 23, 2015 re-dedication ceremony of Confederate Memorial Circle were for sale. CD's of Confederate music, including one of songs about Forrest, were for sale.

Confederate mementos and written Confederate history were for sale at the registration table, served by Tonnia Maddox, UDC & OCR member, and Carol Crowley, wife of Tyrone Crowley, member of Prattville Dragoons and re-enactor as President Jefferson Davis.

Ed Broadwine of Eclectic, Alabama was the auctioneer for the live auction of 12 items. Several framed prints featuring Forrest were included. An unusual item was a queen size quilt made of Confederate battle flags that came from Confederate Memorial Circle. It was handmade by Rosemary Gilliland, member of UDC Shelby Iron Works 2653

chapter. The highest bid came by telephone from Dr. Robert Stark from Texas. (The auctioneer often called the names of John Rice and "Bug Man".)

There was a table of items in the Silent Auction. One of the door prizes was for the longest distance traveled to this event, won by Bruce Turner for 781 miles.

John M. Taylor was autographing his books for sale, "Union at All Costs". The family group, "Dixie Jubilee" from Woodstock, Georgia provided music. Two were dressed in 1860's dresses.

The keynote speaker was Rev. John Westerfield of Monteagle, TN. Master of Ceremonies was Ronnie Simmons of Columbiana, AL, past Alabama Division SCV Commander. His wife, Darcie, served at the beverage table.

George Denmark, Charlie Kee and Ron

Smitherman served free cold watermelon all day. Master Chef of the free Southern fried catfish supper is a SCV member of Col. C.C. Pegues Camp 62, assisted by Medford Pharr of Selma. The kitchen helpers for the side dishes and desserts were Lee King of Selma and Linda Staggers of Sardis. Cecil Williamson, minister, attorney and former Selma City councilman, prayed the supper blessing.

Friends of Forest, Incorporated in 2001, and UDC Selma 53 chapter appreciate the continued support from the Order of the Southern Cross, National and Alabama Division of SCV and Alabama Division UDC.

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["Don't let extremists define our national symbols" The KKK and Dylan Roof define the Confederate battle flag though neither of them has an iota of claim to it.](#)



General Order  
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Whereas, with the current vicious and despicable attacks being waged against the law enforcement officers around the country today, and

Whereas, law enforcement officers are the domestic protectors of our citizens, our society and our way of life, and

Whereas, responsible citizens have a moral duty to support the institutions and citizens who place their lives in peril every day so that our society can enjoy the rights,

privileges and freedoms of citizens of a great republic which our forefathers and God provided us,

Now therefore, the following proclamations is hereby published to the Confederation:

Thursday, August the 15th of 2019 shall be proclaimed as National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day by the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Camps, Brigades and Divisions are hereby highly encouraged to show their support to their local law enforcement officials on this day by any and all means appropriate on this day. We offer our most sincere thanks and appreciation to those who place their lives in the Almighty's favor on a daily basis protecting and serving the public.

By order of the Commander - in - Chief,

Paul C. Gramling, Jr.



## Bill Anthony Had a Confederate Memorial Service - by Faye Gaston

William George "Bill" Anthony was born September 21, 1944 and died June 1, 2019 from a malignancy. He had a Confederate Memorial Service at a Methodist Church in Tallassee, AL. At the front of the full Sanctuary was a table covered with a Confederate battle flag.

The table held two small Confederate battle flags, a photo of Bill in a Confederate uniform, and a gold Cross. A large screen displayed photos of Bill through the years. The printed program stated: The South Was Right!

Five men carried in four flags and a rifle. They were dressed in Confederate uniforms.

The preacher, Rev. Jay Woodell, prayed, preached a funeral sermon, and included amusing stories about Bill. It was evident that he was a close friend. Another close friend, wearing a Confederate uniform, spoke. A grandson spoke, followed by applause.

Beliefs in Christian faith were sung by Bill's family and friends in attendance, all singing "Because He Lives" and "I'll Fly Away". Also there were solos of "It is Well With My Soul" and "Precious Memories". The friend in Confederate uniform who spoke also sang

"Amazing Grace."

In adjournment, the minister led all in praying "The Lord's Prayer." The friend in Confederate uniform sang a song that declared, "All my burdens are behind me." The five men in Confederate uniforms marched out with the four flags and rifle.

All stood and sang the Confederate signature song, "Dixie".

Bill was an active SCV member. Here are just a few glimpses at the many things he did to preserve Confederate history. He spoke about Confederate history on programs at meetings of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. He acted in a play in Tallalsee that portrayed the history of Confederate soldiers in that area. He was a re-enactor. On school student day during the annual battle re-enactments on a plantation in Tallalsee, he and Nicholene danced to demonstrate the way Confederates danced. They also danced



at a Confederate Memorial Day program at the Capitol. He sent out e-mails concerning Confederate history. He was the Master Auctioneer at the annual birthday celebrations of Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest at

Fort Dixie, Selma, AL.

I am sure that Bill was welcomed to Heaven by His Lord, but also by General Robert E. Lee, General Stonewall Jackson, President Jefferson Davis, and other Confederates, who left a legacy of declaring boldly their Christian beliefs during one of the most important and tragic periods of our history.



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