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Major John C. Hutto Camp Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Major John C. Hutto Camp
in Jasper, Alabama will be

Sunday, 21 August 2022 at 2:00PM

Meeting will be at the
First United Methodist Church's Adult Center
behind the church sanctuary.

Family, friends & guest are welcome

NOTICE: Please pay yearly dues this month to avoid a late fee

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION HELD FOR LT. GENERAL FORREST

**By Faye Gaston,
UDC Admiral Semmes 57 chapter**



The 23rd annual birthday celebration for Lt. General Nathan Bedford Forrest was held on Saturday, July 30, 2022, at Fort Dixie, the home of Butch and Pat Godwin near Selma. (Gen. Forrest's 201st birthday.)

The party was dedicated to Paul D. Spaulding, the gifted artist who sculpted the Lt. Gen. Forrest bronze bust that tops the seven foot tall monument for him in Confederate Memorial Circle in Live Oak Cemetery in Selma. Spaulding was born and raised in Tennessee and was an astute student of the history of the South and Lt. General Forrest. He and his cat, "Stonewall", perished in his house fire on January 31, 2022.

Pat and Butch mingled in the crowd, and Pat made remarks on the microphone as needed. They were thanked for the hard work they have done to make this fantastic event possible for 23 years. The crowds share a bond of Confederate history and heritage.

A light rain did not matter because there are always many tents. Nine different Confederate flags mark the long driveway to the home. The extended front porch that held the excellent sound system, live music by "The Band Jubilee" and program speakers was bordered with a variety of Confederate flags.

The following summary gives examples of the dedicated people in attendance.

Two former Alabama Division SCV commanders were present: Ronnie Simmons was the MC and David Allen bid on items at the live auction. Also seen were members of the Tallasse SCV camp: the commander, the chaplain who offered prayer, and a young man who held up items for the live auction.

The live auction and silent auction brought lots of money with Confederate items provided by generous donors (even from two estates) and the generosity of those who bought the items. The entertaining live auction featured several large framed prints of Confederate leaders. There was a hand-made queen size quilt made from Confederate battle flags that had flown at Confederate

Memorial Circle. The famous Ken doll had a Confederate uniform. There were many unique items. Former Alabama State Senator John Rice was among the high bidders and he bids every year.

Scottie Myers, a re-enactor as President Jefferson Davis was present with his re-enactor wife, Tammy, from Camden. Visitors can stay at their 1838 Bed and Breakfast, "Pleasant Ridge" that is only 30 miles from Fort Dixie. When Caroline was asked if her husband Tyrone Crowley (another re-enactor as President Davis) was present, she replied he was absent with Covid.

Cherokee Bob Brasher, Chief of Heritage Defense SCV (2012 - present) was here, as always, even with the after effects of very serious injuries from a car collision.

The featured speaker was James Edwards, host of the famous radio talk show, "The Political Cesspool" out of Memphis, Tennessee. He focused on Confederate leaders from Tennessee, his personal role in preserving true Confederate history, and current issues caused by misinformation about the Confederacy. Copies of a book he had written were sold after his speech.

The registration table offered Confederate items for sale. Tonnia Madox of Birmingham is always a volunteer here.

Drawings for door prizes were made with the climax drawing being the Lt. Gen. Forrest hot cast bronze mini-bust, an exact replica of the bust on the monument in Confederate Memorial Circle.

Free cold watermelon, ice water, and lemonade were available all day. The free buffet Southern fried catfish supper with several side dishes was worth standing in line for. The cutting of the birthday cake was followed with a mini-concert by the band and the adjournment firing of cannon salutes.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT GO TOWARD CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL CIRCLE IN LIVE OAK CEMETERY IN SELMA, FOR HISTORICAL NARRATIVE MARKERS TO BE PLACED AT POINTS OF INTEREST WITHIN CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL CIRCLE. PLANS ARE TO ERECT NINETEEN BRONZE HISTORICAL MARKERS THROUGHOUT THE CIRCLE AT \$1,500 EACH. ANCESTOR PAVERS CAN STILL BE PURCHASED THROUGH PAT.

You can google "Confederate Memorial Circle" and see 21 photos made here on April 5, 2021. History is told through monuments and markers. Photos show the tall Confederate monument with the Confederate soldier on top. The Lt. Gen. Forrest seven foot tall monument (cost of

\$21,000) has his bronze bust on top and the plaque reads, "Defender of Selma, Wizard of the saddle, untutored genius".

The bust was stolen in March 2012. The rededication of the Memorial Circle and Forrest monument included the unveiling of the replacement bust on May 23, 2015. On that day the announcement was made that the deed was delivered, and the "Confederate Memorial Circle is privately owned & maintained by the United Daughters of the Confederacy Selma chapter 53." The original dedication was on April 26, 1878.

The memorial Jefferson Davis chair was stolen. It was carved of limestone, irreplaceable, and valued by the UDC at \$500,000. It was recovered by law enforcement in New Orleans and returned. A marker gives the history of the chair.

There is a World War I marker. A marker states the accomplishments of a slave, Benjamin Sterling Turner.

A marker tells that the burning of much of Selma by Northern troops was in the Spring of 1865. Selma was the scene of Forrest's last major battle.

A marker tells that: BURIED IN TWO MASS GRAVES ARE 156 CONFEDERATE WAR DEAD. THEY DIED IN SELMA HOSPITALS OF WOUNDS SUFFERED ON DISTANT BATTLEFIELDS, OF DISEASE, AND IN DEFENSE OF SELMA. THE LADIES MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION HAD SOLDIERS' REMAINS REMOVED FROM DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AND RE-BURIED HERE. THE NAMES OF A MAJORITY ARE KNOWN ONLY TO GOD.

Markers by individual graves give names of Confederate soldiers, but some markers state, "Unknown soldier, CSA".

A cannon stands in silent salute to the Confederate soldiers buried here.

NOW WE CAN BEG BUTCH AND PAT TO CONTINUE TO HOST THESE ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTIES, FULL OF SOUTHERN HISTORY AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF CONFEDERATE ANCESTORS.



Hoss Cartwright and the Confederate Army

By Norman Dasinger, Jr., March 25, 2022
Blue and Gray Education Society
Dan Blocker in Bonanza | public domain

Son of a Confederate Veteran

Dan Blocker played “Hoss” Cartwright on the long-running megahit TV series Bonanza. He was from Bowie County, Texas, but his family originally came from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Blocker’s great-grandfather was Michael Patrick Blocker, born in 1829. He migrated to Texas with his family toward the end of the Civil War after he served in Phelan’s Alabama Artillery Battery. This unit has an interesting history. Along with the modern Blocker connection, there are two other noteworthy personalities associated with it.

William H. Fowler formed Phelan’s Battery in December 1861, from men who were members of Company H, 5th Alabama Infantry Regiment, Confederate States Army. Fowler had been the secretary of the Alabama Secession Convention, held in January 1861 in Montgomery. He recorded the proceedings of that meeting held in the House of Representatives Chamber inside the Alabama State Capitol (that building still stands today)

Company H was known as the Warrior Guards, with men from Tuscaloosa. Its first captain was Robert E. Rodes, who rose to the rank of major general and became famous as part of Stonewall Jackson’s Corps fighting in Virginia. Rodes is featured as a crucial character in the Chancellorsville battle scene in the movie Gods and Generals. He was killed in 1864.

The 5th Alabama was organized in Pensacola, Florida, but it moved to Virginia in the summer of 1861 and was present for the First Battle of Manassas on July 21. In December, the Warrior Guards joined Fowler in forming an artillery battery and, in doing so, became the very first Confederate unit that reenlisted “for the entire war.” Transferred to Mobile, Alabama, they were ultimately attached to the Army of Tennessee and fought at Tullahoma, Chickamauga, Chattanooga, the Atlanta Campaign, finishing the war in Mobile. It surrendered with 130 men. The battery’s primary weapon was four 12-lb Napoleon cannon.

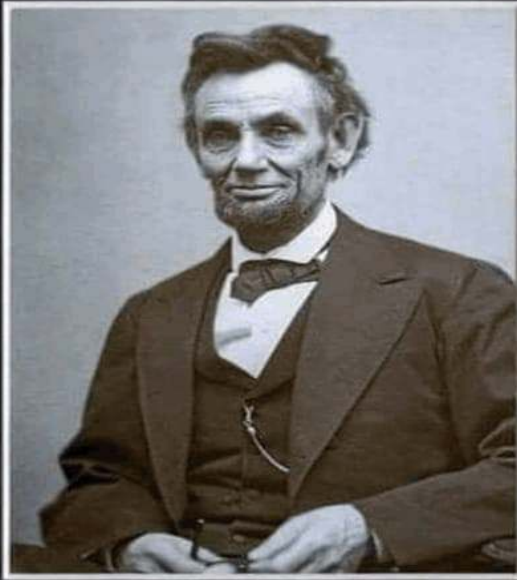
Jack Phelan commanded the battery, following the resignation of Fowler in early 1862. Phelan was from Marion, Perry County, Alabama, and his father was an Alabama Supreme Court justice. Jack graduated from the University of Alabama in 1861, the first class of the school's cadet corps. Following the Civil War, he eventually moved to the fast-growing city of Birmingham and is considered one of the town's early founders, being the primary developer of the city's Southside.

I wonder if Dan Blocker's great-grandfather was as big as he was (6'4'' and 310 lbs)? If so, he would have been perfect for moving cannon and carrying ammunition.



LINCOLN & DAVIS AGREE!

THE "CIVIL WAR" WAS NOT FOUGHT OVER SLAVERY
21st CENTURY "HISTORIANS" BAFFLED



"My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and is not either to save or to destroy slavery."

- Abraham Lincoln
President of the United States



"We are fighting for independence... We are not fighting for slavery... it never was an essential element."

- Jefferson F. Davis
President of the Confederate States

"My enemies pretend I am now carrying on this war for the sole purpose of abolition. So long as I am President, it shall be carried on for the sole purpose of restoring the Union."

Abraham Lincoln - August 1864

HUTTO CAMP OFFICERS

Commander	James R. Blackston
1 st Lt. Cmd.	Trent Harris
2nd Lt. Cmd.	Jeremy Jackson
Adjutant	John McGraw
Chaplain	Barry Cook
Judge Advocate.	Cherokee Brasher
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Facebook	Brandon Prescott
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