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Major John C. Hutto Camp # 443  
Jasper, Alabama

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The Major John C. Hutto Camp's December 2024 Christmas Party  
will be in Jasper, Alabama on

Saturday 14 December 2024 at 6:00PM

Christmas Party will be at the  
First Methodist Church's Adult Center

It's not too late to pay your 2025 SCV dues.  
Please help us preserve and honor our Confederate Family & Heroes

Please remit your dues (\$55.00) to the Camp Adjutant :  
John McGraw  
702 Haston Terrace  
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**ALABAMA UDC PARTICIPATED IN  
WIRZ MEMORIAL SERVICE**

By Faye Gaston  
Photos by James Gaston



PHOTO 1--- Faye Gaston, Honorary Life  
President of UDC ALABAMA  
DIVISION



PHOTO 2---wreaths at Capt Henry Wirz  
monument erected by Georgia UDC  
Division in 1908



PHOTO 3- rifle salute at Wirz monument



PHOTO 4---cannon salute at Wirz monument





PHOTO 5---program participants and award winners  
posed at Wirz monument

The 49th annual Memorial Service to honor the memory of (Confederate) Captain Henry Wirz, Commandant of Andersonville prison for Union prisoners of war, was held on November 10, 2024, in Andersonville, Georgia. It was sponsored by Alexander H. Stephens Camp 78 SCV of Americus, Georgia. James Gaston, member of that camp is the director of the annual memorial services. Printed materials about Captain Wirz could be purchased as attendees arrived.

Five members of the UDC Admiral Semmes 57 chapter of Auburn, Alabama, attended: Janeane Barrett, Corrie Becham, Sue Daniel, Faye Gaston and Dot Lee. As an Honorary Life President of UDC Alabama Division, Faye Gaston spoke to represent the UDC Alabama Division.

The service was held outdoors in the center of Andersonville, near the Wirz monument that is close to the site of the POW camp. THE WIRZ MONUMENT WAS ERECTED BY THE UDC GEORGIA DIVISION IN 1908.

A long list of attendees from several states included OCR, UDC, SCV and MOSB dignitaries. A one-half size model of the Confederate submarine "CSS Hunley" was on display. In February 1864, it was the first submersible vessel in history to sink an enemy ship. It also sank. It was raised and placed in a museum in Charleston in the 1990's.

Honor Guards brought in flags for the pledges and salutes. Camp 78 Commander George Larsen was the MC and gave the welcome. Chaplain Reverend Mark Carter prayed the invocation. Groups and individuals stood as James Gaston recognized their attendance. During the service several received awards for outstanding service, including James Gaston.

The featured speaker, Gary Carlyle, received an award. He is from Guntersville, Alabama, and is the past Commander of the SCV Alabama Division, past SCV National Chaplain-in-Chief, and the featured speaker at the 2024 Georgia Division Confederate Memorial Service at Stone Mountain, Georgia where three Confederate heroes are carved in the mountain: President Jefferson Davis, General Robert E. Lee and General Stonewall Jackson. This is the largest Confederate monument in the world.

The printed program listed twelve speakers who brought "Greetings" that included division leaders of UDC, SCV, CofC, OCR, MOSB, State Representative, a speaker for the descendants of Captain Wirz, and a descendant of Arthur Peak who led in holding the first Memorial Service for Captain Wirz in 1976.

Gary Carlyle led the singing of "Dixie Land" by attendees. A procession walked to the Captain Wirz monument where many photos were taken as mementoes by groups and individuals. Program participants and award winners posed for a group photo.

Rifle salutes were given by SCV Camps Honor Guard and cannon salutes by SCV Camp 1399, Anderson Battery.

Many visited the nearby Drummer Boy Museum where much history of the War Between the States was on display, including Captain Wirz's Confederate Medal of Honor, and copies of the "Andersonville Prison and Captain Henry Wirz Trial" booklet could be purchased.

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### **"GREETINGS" BY FAYE GASTON WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

Thanks to James Gaston and his two sisters I learned about the annual Captain Henry Wirz Memorial Services. So I have attended several.

My name is Faye Gaston. I am a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) Admiral Semmes 57 chapter in Auburn, Alabama, and I am an Honorary Life President of the UDC Alabama Division of over 40 chapters. I will send out a report on today's Memorial Service to UDC members throughout Alabama.

Many Southerners feel that Captain Wirz was murdered by the Federal government. The United Daughters of the Confederacy took up his case, and in 1908 issued a proclamation asserting that he had been the victim of "judicial murder".

During that same year, 1908, the United Daughters of the Confederacy erected a monument that stands not far from the Camp Sumpter POW site. It was unveiled in Andersonville as a memorial to the man who took the moral outrage of the North on him, claiming that he was a "mass murderer" and he was hanged.

Many historians have said that Captain Henry Wirz' trial was the most unfair ever held in the United States.

Wreaths have been placed at the Wirz monument. After the service today we will walk to the monument that the UDC erected in 1908. Part of the several inscriptions reads:

"Discharging his duty with such humanity as the harsh circumstances of the times, and the policy of the foe permitted, Captain Wirz became at last the victim of a misdirected popular clamor."

Thank you to all who made great effort to be here today defending our Southern heritage and telling the true accounts of our history.

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Major John C. Hutto Camp at the VFW Veteran's Parade  
November 02, 2024

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