

# ***THE HOWLING DAWG***

*December 2011*



*"Dawgs are always there -always faithful"*

## ***16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry Regiment, Company G***

*"The Jackson Rifles"*



During the late months of 1862 General Thomas J. Jackson had already developed a wonderful reputation as a great leader of the Southern Armies. He was also known as a man of strong religious beliefs, and admired not only for his victories on the battlefield but also for his love for the Lord. Some members of the Army worried that Stonewall's religious fervor might cloud his judgment at times, but many others had faith the great General would be guided and helped in his endeavors by the Almighty. When asked how a servant of the Lord could lead men into battle where thousands of men would be killed, the General replied, "It is the duty of his men to fight and pray." Stonewall was a strict observer of the Sabbath, and would never mail a letter that would be in transit on a Sunday. And yet so many of his battles were fought on Sundays, the soldiers believed that on that day he would have more guidance from the Almighty. In the vicinity of Martinsburg, General Jackson was directing his men to tear up as much of the B&O Railroad as possible. While he and his staff were making a reconnaissance of enemy positions, a beautiful young woman who had heard of the General's presence, ran out to meet him carrying her 18-month-old child. The mother then handed the child up to the General and asked him to bless it for her. As the young woman placed her hand on Little Sorrel and bowed her head, the two joined in prayer as the Great Stonewall Jackson gave a

*"A Christmas Blessing" (by Paul John Strain)*

## **The First Thanksgiving - in Virginia, not Plymouth**



Sometimes we do not realize the extent to which our own history has been "revised". Customarily, the entire Country recently celebrated Thanksgiving, a day set aside to *Thank God for Our Many Blessings*. But this day of Thanksgiving is a day dictated (by Lincoln), not the historical anniversary of the First Thanksgiving as many espouse.

We have been taught that the First Thanksgiving was in 1621, at Plymouth Plantation in Massachusetts, when the Pilgrims held a harvest festival. The colonists were ever so thankful for their safe passage, for their survival of that first awful winter, and for the help of some remarkable Indians -- Samoset and Squanto. However, before the Pilgrims even began boarding the Mayflower, the First Day of Thanksgiving had already been observed. Settlers who had arrived at Berkeley Hundred, Virginia on December 4, 1619 - a year before the Pilgrims arrived at Plymouth - observed a time of Thanksgiving. Surely these settlers were as grateful as the Pilgrims, having been equally schooled in adversity, and likewise determined to renew themselves with roots in the land. They were also devout and thankful. Have we any cause to suggest that they were disobedient and did not give thanks? Moreover, there were numerous trips to Virginia even prior to the group of 1619: the Raleigh expeditions of the 1580s, and the London Company's initial expeditions, beginning with the one under Christopher Newport that founded Jamestown in 1607. Even without a formal day of thanks being set aside, is it not logical to assume that the colonists in Virginia regularly prayed and gave thanks prior to 1621? We have to overlook too much to believe they did not.

In 1962, the evidence proved overwhelming to Harvard historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., then an adviser to President John Kennedy. In December of that year he repented of "an unconquerable New England bias" on the question, and acknowledged that Virginia's claim is "quite right." But despite the evidence, the bias persists.

## **THE SEQUICENTENNIAL - 1ST YEAR OF WAR**

### *January 1861 - The South Secedes*

When Abraham Lincoln, a known opponent of slavery, was elected president, the South Carolina legislature perceived a threat. Calling a state convention, the delegates voted to remove the state of South Carolina from the union known as the United States of America. The secession of South Carolina was followed by the secession of six more states -- Mississippi, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, and Texas -- and the threat of secession by four more -- Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina. These eleven states eventually formed the Confederate States of America.

### *February 1861 - The South Creates a Government*

At a convention in Montgomery, Alabama, the seven seceding states created the Confederate Constitution, a document similar to the United States Constitution, but with greater stress on the autonomy of each state. Jefferson Davis was named provisional president of the Confederacy until elections could be held.

### *February 1861 - The South Seizes Federal Forts*

When President Buchanan -- Lincoln's predecessor -- refused to surrender southern federal forts to the seceding states, southern state troops seized them. At Fort Sumter, South Carolina troops repulsed a supply ship trying to reach Federal forces based in the fort. The ship was forced to return to New York, with its supplies undelivered.

### *March 1861 - Lincoln's Inauguration*

At Lincoln's inauguration on March 4, the new president said he had no plans to end slavery in those states where it already existed, but he also said he would not accept secession. He hoped to resolve the national crisis without warfare.

### *April 1861 - Attack on Fort Sumter*

When President Lincoln planned to send supplies to Fort Sumter, he alerted the state in advance, in an attempt to avoid hostilities. South Carolina, however, feared a trick; the commander of the fort, Robert Anderson, was asked to surrender immediately. Anderson offered to surrender, but only after he had exhausted his supplies. His offer was rejected, and on April 12, the Civil War began with shots fired on the fort. Fort Sumter eventually was surrendered to South Carolina.

### *April 1861 - Four More States Join the Confederacy*

The attack on Fort Sumter prompted four more states to join the Confederacy. With Virginia's secession, Richmond was named the Confederate capitol.

### *June 1861 - West Virginia Is Born*

Residents of the western counties of Virginia did not wish to secede along with the rest of the state. This section of Virginia was admitted into the Union as the state of West Virginia on June 20, 1863.

### *June 1861 -- Four Slave States Stay in the Union.*

Despite their acceptance of slavery, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, and Missouri did not join the Confederacy. Although divided in their loyalties, a combination of political maneuvering and Union military pressure kept these states from seceding.

### *July 1861 - First Battle of Bull Run.*

Public demand pushed General-in-Chief Winfield Scott to advance on the South before adequately training his untried troops. Scott ordered General Irvin McDowell to advance on Confederate troops stationed at Manassas Junction, Virginia. McDowell attacked on July 21, and was initially successful, but the introduction of Confederate reinforcements resulted in a Southern victory and a chaotic retreat toward Washington by Federal troops. No photographs of First Manassas were made at the time of battle (July 21); the photographers had to wait until the Confederate Army evacuated Centreville and Manassas in March 1862.

### *July 1861 -- General McDowell Is Replaced*

Suddenly aware of the threat of a protracted war and his army's need for organization and training, Lincoln replaced McDowell with General McClellan.

### *July 1861 -- A Blockade of the South*

To blockade the coast of the Confederacy effectively, the Federal navy had to be improved. By July, the effort at improvement had made a difference and an effective blockade had begun. The South responded by building small, fast ships that could outmaneuver Union vessels.

### *Port Royal, South Carolina - 1861-1862*

On November 7, 1861, Captain Samuel F. Dupont's warships silenced Confederate guns in Fort Walker and Fort Beauregard. This victory enabled General Thomas W. Sherman's troops to occupy first Port Royal and then all the famous Sea Islands of South Carolina.

### *Confederate Winter Quarters - 1861-1862*

Confederates were in winter quarters at Manassas, Centreville, Fairfax Court House, and Falls Church, Virginia.

## A BUSY NOVEMBER



Photo: Kellie Banks



Photo: Brenda Dobson

**Left:** Steven Smith (pictured), Ricky Smith, Nate Hardin, Matt Whitehead, Rodney Morgan, Kellie Banks & Wayne Dobson took part in a November 4 program at Hunt Elementary School in Ft. Valley, Georgia.

**Right:** Program for home school students at the Cannonball House in Macon, GA on November 16 including Lee Murdock, Frank Groce (pictured), Brenda Dobson, Earl Colvin, Kellie Banks, Steve Walczak, Matt Whitehead and Wayne Dobson.



Photo: Brenda Dobson



Photo: Beth Colvin

**Left:** Part of the 16th Georgia who participated at Irwinville on November 6. In the ranks, left to right, kneeling: 1st. Sgt. Kevin Sark, 2nd Corp. Alan Richards, Pvt. Earl Colvin, Pvt. Will Butler and 3rd Corp. Wayne Dobson. Standing left to right are Pvt. Scott Kent, Pvt. Hayden Tipton and Pvt. Matthew Whitehead. Pvt. Kellie Banks can be seen to the right sitting on the truck tailgate, recovering from a sprained ankle. Pvts. Rodney Morgan and Charles Whitehead were called back home to due to Rodney's grandmother being hospitalized (glad to report she is now doing well). Pvt. Austin Mannheim was there but not pictured.

**Right: "APPARITIONS OF THE CANNONBALL HOUSE"** - On Saturday, November 12, a team including Matt, Whitehead, Charles Whitehead, Joel Whitehead, Kellie Banks, Jessie Banks, Brenda Dobson, Wayne Dobson, Earl Colvin, Beth Colvin, Mia McKie, Sam Mason, Cheryl Mason Mercer, Dorothy Cook, J.C. Nobles, Rodney Morgan recreated the lives of the families that occupied the house 1872 - 1922. All events were well-attended and a lot of fun for all! We have hopes that it will become a semi-annual program.

### **QUOTES THAT WE WILL CALL ANONYMOUS**

*"There is no telling what we can accomplish, if we don't care who gets the credit."*

*"Start small and stay at it."*

*"The only problem with organizations is men."*

*"Most of us have no idea what to do with the praise of men. Humility is far more useful."*

*"It's the most wonderful time of the year."*

*"The ground looks so ordinary until you know the story."*

*"Cemeteries are full of irreplaceable people."*

**GRISWOLDVILLE MEMORIAL SERVICE & MONUMENT GROUNDBREAKING 2011**



Photos by : Brenda Dobson & Debbie-Lurie-Smith

## "THE BURNING OF CLINTON 2011"



Photos by: Kellie Banks

*The unsuspecting town of Clinton, Georgia lay sleeping; not knowing calamity was approaching in the form of a long column of blue-clad infantry. Just after dark they struck, overrunning a scant militia force and citizens trying to protect their homes from the pillaging hordes. We, the 51st Pennsylvania, re-enact this episode each November where it actually happened.*

### **GET WELL SOON**

NINA RICHARDS - wife of Alan Richards was recently hospitalized with heart problems; having further tests .

SHERI BANKS - wife of Gary Banks underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor on Wednesday, November 16th. As of this printing the prospects for her full recovery are very good and we both thank and praise God His goodness. She got to go home on the 19th and was able to be out and about enough to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner. Please keep her and Gary in your prayers.....

RONNIE "SKIN" NEAL - as he continues to recover from surgery.

PAM HENDRIX - back and knee problems.

TIM "CLEOTIS" FOWLER - a lot of physical problems as well as discouragement.

### **MANY THINGS SEPARATE MEN FROM THE RANKS**

With the national event(s) of Shiloh very much on our minds these days, the Battalion will arrive at the decision of which one they will support in January 2012. Despite the unprecedented insanity of the duplicated event, many in the 16th are still excited about going and we feel confident we will be attending the Blue Gray Alliance version instead of the Army of Tennessee offering - albeit some holding their noses all the way. Ladies and Gentlemen, I have known all types of re-enactors from many walks of life over the years but not many wealthy ones. I have served with some who could not write their name and others who worked in high government positions or who were esteemed in the medical field (avoided them). The vast majority I have been acquainted with struggled from paycheck to paycheck. In this economy, the struggle has turned into a desperate death grapple. Some among our ranks are young folks who still live under the bounty of parents who underwrite their activities, while others have virtually no family at all. A number of our members have had no job for a while and some drive vehicles that could not be trusted on an extended trip. Those who do have employment may have limited time off. Naturally, two ingredients are essential in order to attend a national event or any event for that matter; time and money. If you have a job with paid time off, you can probably make arrangements and hurdle all large event obstacles from the exorbitant registration fees through enough gasoline for the journey home. If not, well, the impediments remain. I am curious as to how events that local units attend will fare, like Broxton's Bridge (SC) and Manassas (GA). Some folks will no doubt have to make a decision if they can still afford to go to the small traditional local events and Shiloh(s) as well. I have heard some suggest that we boycott the Shiloh(s). To that I ask, "do you really think we would be missed?" I have never purposely stayed away from a re-enactment in my 21 years of service unless I had something else on the calendar first. I have stood in line of battle with pneumonia and been on the Jonesboro march with kidney stones wailing - I point that out ONLY to say that my desire to re-enact as often as I can has always been strong and it has not faded yet. I would go with my unit anytime, anywhere, if I could. Most of you are the same way; you would go to a 150th anniversary dog fight if they held one (or two), just because it was the 150th! Unless things change a heap, this time it looks like time and money will separate me from the ranks. I am sorry to let you all down in this way. It cannot be helped. The 16th GA is almost unanimous in our desire to go despite these Shiloh events being ones no one should support. "How do we afford go," is the real question. I cannot answer that because, I don't know, I just don't know..... and since I don't know I will write no more about it. - Duke

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### **A REMINDER**

**REGULATIONS OF**

**COMPANY G, 16TH GEORGIA, JACKSON RIFLES (51st PVV)**

Revised August 2011 from October 1993

**DISCIPLINE:** The 16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Company G, when in the field or in public view, will conduct itself as a military unit. Orders of recognized officers and NCO's will be obeyed to the letter. **Due respect will be shown**

**all re-enactors of rank, regardless of personal attributes.** Saluting will be done at all times from a standing position when addressed by an officer or NCO. Conduct unbecoming a member of the 16th Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Company G will be dealt with as the policy committee (Officers and NCO's) decide. Members should bear in mind that we undertake this endeavor because of our admiration of the soldier of the 1860's and we should never discredit, through our actions, those illustrious men, particularly in the public eye.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS 2011 - 2012**

**DECEMBER 3 @ 6pm & 4 @ 3pm- KEEPING CHRISTMAS @ RICHLAND CHURCH** (POC FRANK HENDRIX 478-955-8814)

**DECEMBER 10 - CHRISTMAS IN DIXIE AT THE CANNONBALL HOUSE** - (POC EARL OR BRENDA @ 478-745-5982)

**JANUARY 14, 2012 - WINTER MUSTER IN SCOTT, GA** - This will be a one day, **by host invitation ONLY**, drill.

The proposed NCO School will be incorporated in this or re-scheduled. This event is always a time of great food and fellowship with friends (hopefully including General & Mrs. Herbert Burns) and likely a skirmish and a memorial service. Bring both uniforms.

**HOLIDAY PLANS:** The unit decided at Andersonville there would be no effort to have a Christmas Party.

**FEBRUARY 17-19, 2012 - OLUSTEE, FLORIDA**

**MARCH 2-4, 2012 - BROXTON'S BRIDGE, EHRHARDT, SOUTH CAROLINA** (POC Lee Murdock @ 478-986-5290)

**MARCH 2012 - MANASSAS, GA** - located between Reidsville & Claxton on U.S. 280. (POC Tommy Wallace @ 912-557-6649)

**MARCH 31 - APRIL 2, 2012 - 150th SHILOHS, TN** -

**APRIL - CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY** (POC Ricky Smith @ 478-956-2840)

**APRIL 2012 - WORKDAYS FOR OLD CLINTON - TO BE ANNOUNCED** (POC J.C. Nobles @ 478-718-3201)

**MAY 5-6, 2012 - WAR DAYS - OLD CLINTON, GA** (POC J.C. Nobles @ 478-718-3201)

**JUNE 29 - JULY 1, 2012 - BATTLE OF MOSSY CREEK - NEW MARKET, TN** -The Department of East Tennessee to host this event to be held at the River Glen Equestrian Park in New Market, Tennessee, nestled in the scenic mountains of Eastern Tennessee along the banks of the Holston River. It is comprised of 200 acres of privately owned land. The topography includes hills, woodlands, pastures and river bottom. Frontage along the Holston River and a spring which flows out near the top of a hill and follows a spring bed into the river are also very significant features of the property. Amenities include the use of stalls for the horses, plenty of water, hay & straw, firewood. Bounty of \$150 for the first 4 cannons if they are full scale. Bounty of \$100 if they are mountain howitzers. We only need 4 cannons total. \$5 pre-registration fee. \$10 after May 1st. As a matter of policy, the DET will be giving 10% of its proceeds to various Civil War organizations at the events we host. Pre-registration rosters and payment should be mailed to: River Glen Equestrian Park - 1839 London Rd -New Market, TN 37820, Attention: Bill Graves. For further info, please contact Kenny Doss (865)386-0797 or Fred London [fglondon@comcast.net](mailto:fglondon@comcast.net), <http://1st-brigade-aot.yolasite.com/>

**JULY 2012 - SUMMER DRILL - TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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Treasurer Ricky "Coonpossum" Smith - 478-956-2840

Musician Cody Sprague - 478-320-8748

*The 16th GA welcomes new member Frank Williams as well as prospects: Hayden Tipton and Peter Strode.*

ABOUT 1,200 FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK: "JACKSON RIFLES" & A FEW ENEMIES. All 2011 issues of *The Howling Dawg* can be viewed at ([scvcamp1399.org](http://scvcamp1399.org)), thanks to Steve Scroggins.

### **VARINA DAVIS REMEMBERS A WARTIME CHRISTMAS**

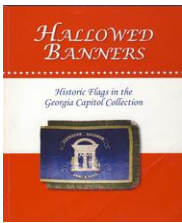
For me there were six cakes of delicious soap, made from the grease of ham boiled for a family at Farmville, a skein of exquisitely fine gray linen thread spun at home, a pincushion of some plain brown cotton material made by some poor woman and stuffed with wool from her pet sheep, and a little baby hat plaited by the orphans and presented by the industrious little ones who sewed the straw together. They pushed each other silently to speak, and at last mutely offered the hat, and considered the kiss they gave the sleeping little one ample reward for the industry and far above the fruit with which they

were laden. Another present was a fine, delicate little baby frock without an inch of lace or embroidery upon it, but the delicate fabric was set with fairy stitches by the dear invalid neighbor who made it, and it was very precious in my eyes.

There were also a few of Swinburne's best songs bound in wall-paper and a chamois needle book left for me by young Mr. P., now succeeded to his title in England. In it was a Brobdinagian thimble "for my own finger, you know," said the handsome, cheerful young fellow.



## **BOOKS FOR CHRISTMAS?**



### **Hallowed Banners: Historic Flags in the Georgia Capitol Collection - \$19.99**

The Office of Secretary of State published Hallowed Banners to promote awareness and appreciation for our states historic battle flags and to honor their significance as patriotic symbols. The book describes the flags in the Capitol collection in two sections: the antebellum period from early 19th century through the Civil War and the modern period beginning with the Spanish American War and continuing through present day strife in the Middle East. Paperback: 122 pages with color illustrations, 10x8 x .25 inches.



*Flags of the 16th Georgia at The Georgia State Capitol and shown in this book*

### **Blood and War at my Doorstep - By Brenda Chambers McKean - \$34.99**

Civilians dealt with the enemy, bread riots, speculation, conscription, desertion, Union sentiment, smuggling, starvation, the Home Guard, Aid Societies, made flags, nursed the sick, worked in factories and turned to prostitution.

### **Attack and Die - By Grady McWhiney & Perry D. Jamieson - \$17.99**

This book is about War Between the States Military Tactics and the Southern Heritage. In examining the War the book separates Southern from Northern tactical practices and discusses Confederate military history in the context of Southern social history. Although the Southerners could have offset their numerical disadvantage by remaining on the defensive and forcing the Federals to attack, they failed to do so. The authors argue that the Southerners' consistent favoring of offensive warfare was attributable, in large measure, to their Celtic heritage: they fought with the same courageous dash and reckless abandon that had characterized their Celtic forebears since ancient times. The Southerners of this generation were prisoners of their social and cultural history: they attacked courageously and were killed on battlefields so totally defended by the Federals that not even a chicken could get through.



*"A Confederate Christmas" by Mort Kunstler*

"The South is a land that has known sorrow; it is a land that has broken the ashen crust and moistened it with tears; a land scarred and torn by the plowshare of war and billowed with the graves of her dead; but a land of legend, a land of song, a land of hallowed and heroic memories. To that land every drop of my blood, every fiber of my being, every pulsation of my heart, is consecrated forever. I was born of her womb; I was nurtured at her breast; and when my last hour shall come, I pray to God that I may be pillowed upon her bosom and rocked to sleep within her tender and encircling arms."

### **HELPING THE PEOPLE OR THEMSELVES?**

No wonder so many people enter politics. They want to change the status quo and help people, especially themselves!

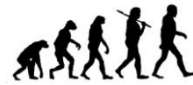
Wages:

Salary of retired US Presidents .....\$450,000 FOR LIFE  
Salary of House/Senate members .....\$174,000 FOR LIFE  
Salary of Speaker of the House .....\$223,500 FOR LIFE  
Salary of Majority/Minority Leaders .....\$193,400 FOR LIFE  
Average salary of a soldier DEPLOYED IN AFGHANISTAN - \$38,000  
Average income for seniors on SOCIAL SECURITY - \$12,000

I think we found where the cuts should be made!

(Many thanks to Ray NeSmith for sending this)

## **SOMEBODY'S RAISING THEIR KID RIGHT!**



*"...without faith it is impossible to please HIM: for he that cometh to GOD must believe that HE is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek HIM." Hebrews 11:6*

One day a 6 year old girl was sitting in a classroom. The teacher was going to explain evolution to the children and asked a little boy: "Tommy do you see the tree outside?"

**TOMMY: Yes.**

**TEACHER: Tommy, do you see the grass outside?**

**TOMMY: Yes.**

**TEACHER: Go outside and look up and see if you can see the sky.**

**TOMMY: Okay. (He returned a few minutes later) Yes, I saw the sky.**

**TEACHER: Did you see God up there?**

**TOMMY: No...**

**TEACHER: That's my point. We can't see God because he isn't there. Possibly he just doesn't exist.**

A young girl, sitting quietly among the class wanted to ask a few questions.

The teacher agreed and the little girl asked the boy: "Tommy, do you see the tree outside?"

**TOMMY: Yes.**

**LITTLE GIRL: Tommy do you see the grass outside?**

**TOMMY: Yessssss!**

**LITTLE GIRL: Did you see the sky?**

**TOMMY: Yessssss!**

**LITTLE GIRL: Tommy, do you see the teacher?**

**TOMMY: Yes**

**LITTLE GIRL: Do you see her brain?**

**TOMMY: No**

**LITTLE GIRL: Then according to what we were taught today in school, she possibly may not even have one!**

I sure liked that little story. It was sent to me, recently, by Ray NeSmith, Alan Richards' father-in-law, who often passes gems like this my way. They are greatly appreciated. I put the scripture verse to it because it came to mind when I read the story. There is a lot in that verse. Deep inside most all people wish they could please God. Without faith we do not stand a chance. But what is faith - the term seems kind of obscure to us. The scripture goes on to explain that faith is essentially believing God exists ..... *"he that cometh to GOD must believe that HE is."* We dial a phone believing someone will be on the other end to answer, we knock on a door expecting to be received by somebody, likewise, when we go to GOD, we believe that HE exists and is waiting to hear from us.

There is a little more to that verse: *"HE is a rewarder of them that diligently seek HIM."* That means God has it all and He can give it. Has what? Has everything! Did you ever need something from God? Man, I do all the time - every day! We need healing for ourselves and loved ones, we need money, we need a car, we need food, we need, we need, we need. Nothing wrong with going to God for these things, for He can surely provide "exceedingly, abundantly above all that we can ask or think." (Ephesians 3:20) I would bet, however, that there are folks out there asking God for help who don't really believe He exists - they take a shot at asking Him for blessings just in case He is really there - **THAT IS NOT FAITH** and without faith we cannot please God! The little girl in the story could not physically see God when she looked skyward any more than Tommy or the teacher. Yet, she was sure He was there and that He could meet her every need. How about you? jwd

**HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GREAT THANKSGIVING. I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR BEING SUCH A VITAL PART OF MY LIFE AND FOR LETTING ME DO THIS NEWSLETTER. IT MEANS A LOT TO ME. MOST OF ALL, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE, HEALTHLY, SPIRITUAL AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. - Duke**



**Prayer Requests** *"what if the trials of this life are God's mercies in disguise"*

\* For James Boyd and family that God's comforting Spirit will constantly abide after the passing of Mrs. Christine Boyd; especially during the holidays.

\* For Jolyn Johnson, daughter of Glenda Ruth and Joe Johnson (3rd Wis./39th GA). She has a rare form of bone cancer in her knee.

\*For all who have been or are sick.

\*Sheri Banks who had surgery; Nina Richards - test results; Tim "Cleotis" Fowler - for health and encouragement; Ronnie "Skin" Neal, full surgery recovery. Pam Hendrix - back and knee problems; Nathan Sprague and family & Brenda Dobson - recent sickness and Duke for direction.

\*For Rodney Morgan and others who need jobs.

\*For those who lost loved ones during this past year of War.

\* For the lonely as they face yet another holiday season.

\*For humility of character. For us to always get along and never take it for granted.

\*For lost children who grew up around our campfires.