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DEAR DAVID:

ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS (APPROXIMATELY 900) OF SHANKLIN-ATTAWAY POST 5, WE CONCUR WITH YOUR THINKING AND SALUTE YOUR EFFORTS TO SAVE FORT ATTAWAY. YOU ARE NOT JUST "WHISTLING DIXIE" WHEN YOU SAY THAT WE NEED TO SAVE THE FORT FOR POSTERITY.

NOT TOO VERY LONG AGO, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION BUILT I-75 RIGHT THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE BATTLEFIELD OF RESACA AND SEEMINGLY NEVER EVEN GAVE IT A THOUGHT. HOWEVER, US 27 WAS RE-ROUTED AROUND THE CHICKAMAUGA BATTLEFIELD. FOR THE SHORT DISTANCE REQUIRED TO RE-LOCATE THE RAILROAD TRACK ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF FORT ATTAWAY WOULD BE WORTH THE EFFORT IN ORDER TO SAVE THE FORT. THE EXPENDITURE WOULD NOT BE EXCESSIVE COMPARED TO WHAT OUR HISTORIC COMMUNITY WOULD GIVE UP IF THE FORT WERE DESTROYED..

HOPEFULLY, YOU WILL FIND THE ATTACHED DATA, "AMERICA'S WARS" USEFUL AS YOU CONTINUE YOUR RESEARCH. WE SUPPORT THE FORT ATTAWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SAVE FORT ATTAWAY AND PRESERVE IT IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AS A MEMORIAL TO THE U. S. SOIL WHERE BOTH NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SOLDIERS LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE CIVIL WAR AND HELPED TO SHAPE THIS GREAT NATION INTO WHAT SHE IS TODAY.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY,


J. W. CONAWAY, COMMANDER
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