

# The Sentinel



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## 2008 S.C. Division Convention

By Bill Norris

The 2008 South Carolina Division Convention was hosted by Lexington's 15th Regiment South Carolina Volunteers, Camp # 51 and held at the River Center in Columbia on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Secession Camp had nine Compatriots attend the Convention who served as delegates from our camp. Reports are that the convention went very well with no major problems or distractions. Things kicked off on Friday night with a two hour social at the Confederate Relic Room in downtown Columbia. Saturday morning the convention got underway with the usual Memorial Service at 8:30 and the business secessions commencing at 9:30 AM. This being an election year, the highlight was the election of Division officers for the next two years. Secession Camp's Compatriot Randy Burbage was unopposed for reelection as Commander. Randy named Secession Camp's Compatriot David Rentz as his new Chief of Staff and Compatriot Mark Simpson of Spartanburg will remain as Division Adjutant with Compatriot Ed Westbury of Camden continuing to serve as Division Chaplain. Compatriot Don Gordon of the Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp # 273, was elected to the post of Lt. Commander. Other elections included Brigade Commanders with the new Brigade alignment changing from six Brigades to ten. Secession Camp had previously been in the Sixth Brigade but will now be part of the Tenth Brigade. Compatriot Jeff Antley of Moultrie Camp # 27 was elected Commander of the Tenth Brigade which will consist of Secession Camp # 4, Fort Sumter Camp # 1269 of Charleston, Moultrie Camp # 27 of Mt. Pleasant, H. L. Hunley Camp # 143 of Summerville, General Ellison Capers Camp #1212 of Moncks Corner, Private John S. Bird, Palmetto Guard Camp # 38 of North Charleston, and Star of the West Camp # 1253 of The Citadel. ( See 2008 SC Division Conv. Cont. on p. 5)

## *The Charge*

*To you Sons of Confederate Veterans, we submit the vindication of the cause for which we fought; to your strength will be given the defense of the Confederate Soldier's good name, the guardianship of his history, the emulation of his virtues, the perpetuation of those principles he loved and which made him glorious and which you also cherish. Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations.*

*Lt. General Stephen D. Lee, Commander General, United Confederate Veterans  
New Orleans,*



## Camp Yard Sale April 26th- Sale items and Volunteers needed

As all Camp members should know by now, Secession Camp is planning a yard sale on April 26th to raise money for camp activities and we are requesting that members help out by bringing items in for the sale. We request that everyone clean out their attic or garage and bring items that are suitable for a yard sale to Compatriot **Louie Warmouth's** shop on Johns Island. Louie has agreed to store items until our sale at his shop on Main Road. Compatriots can also bring sale items to the next camp meeting on April 15th. Louie has already collected some items and we are in need of a lot more items to make this Yard sale a success for the Camp. You can contact Louie at 843-813-2783 for directions and to let him know what you have. If you have a lot or large things to donate, Louie will even make arrangements to pick stuff up. We will need volunteers to help so let Louie know so he can put you on the list. This should be an easy way to raise money for the camp so let's all pitch in.

## Notes from the Editor

By Rob Nance

The Sentinel staff is proud to announce that we took Second Place in the Ambrose Gonzales Newsletter Award, Dixie level, at the S.C. Division Convention. It's nice to know that the hard work put into this newsletter continues to get recognition throughout the Division. The Compatriots that have been here for awhile know that Secession Camp is recognized yearly as one of the best camps, not just in the state, but in the country. All new members can take pride in that they have joined one of the best camps in the SCV. The members and their participation make this Camp the success it is. My goal for the next Division Convention is to bring home First place in the newsletter award for the Sentinel and Secession Camp.

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**Chaplain**  
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**Color Sergeant**  
Loren O'Donnell  
**Judge Advocate**  
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Randy Burbage, Sy Mabie,  
Gene Patrick, Wayne Dukes

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Walter Carr  
John Evans  
Clarence Kuykendall  
Andy Langdale  
Elmore Marlow  
Philip Ramsey  
Michael Ratledge  
Clyde Rogers  
Louie Warmoth  
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**ENGRAVING ENGINEER**  
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David Rentz  
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**SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH AT THE KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS BUILDING LOCATED AT 1820 BELGRADE AVENUE NEAR SAM RITTENBURG BOULEVARD (HWY. 7), IN CHARLESTON. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM AND THE MEETING WILL GET STARTED AT 7:00 PM.**

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

My Fellow Compatriots,

Can you believe it's April already? Time gets by fast these days but March was a good month for us at Secession Camp. We made out pretty well at the Division Convention with nine Compatriots attending and acting as delegates for the camp. Congratulations go to Editor **Rob Nance** for second place in the Ambrose Gonzales Newsletter Award, Dixie Level and congratulations to all you Compatriots of Secession Camp for second place in the Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp of the Year Award, Dixie Level. Also congratulations go to Compatriot **Andy Langdale** for helping the camp get an honorable mention in the M. C. Butler Recruiting Award. In addition it is also my honor to announce that Compatriot **Sy Mabie** received the John Albert Broadus Chaplains Award, recognizing Sy as the top chaplain in the Division and my pleasure to announce that Compatriot **David Rentz** received the Lt. General Wade Hampton Meritorious Service Award, one of only three given in the state. And finally our own Compatriot **Randy Burbage** was reelected as Division Commander. Not a bad convention for our camp and thanks to all our Compatriots who attended.



I would also like to commend Compatriot **Benny Slay** for the great job he's been doing with the camp's etcher. Benny presented me a check for \$1150.00 as income he earned for the camp making plaques for Compatriot **Walter Carr's** storage business. Thanks for all your hard work Benny and thanks Walter for giving us your business.

In other news, the camp will be having our first Camp Yard Sale on April 26<sup>th</sup> and Compatriot **Louie Warmouth** is in need of your donations and help. Please bring anything you have that will be suitable for a yard sale to Louie's shop on Johns Island or to the April Camp meeting. Louie can be reached at 843-813-2783 and he will need our help on Friday and early on Saturday morning. Compatriot **Bryan Riddle** is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming Fourth Annual Confederate Heritage Ride this September and will be holding meetings soon. Also, everyone needs to start thinking about the biggest month on the camp's calendar, May and Confederate Memorial Day, with the many services planned to honor our ancestors. Please read the article in this newsletter on the upcoming Sam Davis Youth Camp and speak to the young people you know about attending. We're going to give a scholarship to a deserving youth.

For a good dose of Southern history and facts check out new Division Lt. Commander Don Gordon's Radio Free Dixie show which can be heard on the internet at [www.dixiebroadcasting.com](http://www.dixiebroadcasting.com) on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 AM and again from 7 to 8 PM. You can see Lt. Commander Gordon and co-host Larry Sally in action on their videos at [www.mercantistech.com/scv](http://www.mercantistech.com/scv) or [www.radiofreedixie.com](http://www.radiofreedixie.com). This is good stuff!

I'd like to welcome our newest member to Secession Camp, Compatriot **Bill Dean** who transferred back to Secession Camp after moving back into our area. In closing, remember if you have any ideas or suggestions for the camp, I'm ready to listen.

Your Compatriot in Southern Heritage,  
Bill Norris, Commander

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:

Spring is here, although it seems to be having a struggle this year. The annual Memorial Day observances are on the horizon. There is ample opportunity to participate in one of the several services being held in the area. Seccession Camp #4 is well represented in the service planned for the French Protestant (Huguenot) Church to be held on May 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM, please mark your calendars. Our Compatriots Senator Glenn F. McConnell, James Gosnell, George Naumann, Lorne O'Donnell (Color Guard) are participants in the service. Additional information will be provided at a later date.



I haven't had any new needs identified for compatriots in our camp however, continuing prayers are desired for Compatriots Dickinson, Jacobs and Heidtmann. Compatriot Heidtmann is receiving home therapy and reports improvement. He is looking forward to joining us in the near future. I also ask an interest in your prayers as there are health issues in my life that must have His attention.

Please remember those who are unable to share with us due to illness, it is our prayer that they be blessed and return to good health.

I am always available at 843-871-9713 or by e-mail, smabie@earthlink.net. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sy Mabie  
Chaplain

### *In Memory of My Confederate Ancestors*

Private Wesley P. Beach  
Co. G 4th SC Cavalry  
Private Robert O. Jacques  
Co. G 4th SC Cavalry  
Capitan George W. Way  
11th SC Infantry  
Corporal Beverly Rodgers  
Co. F 1st Local Troops, GA (Augusta)

Deo Vindice  
Clyde W. Rogers

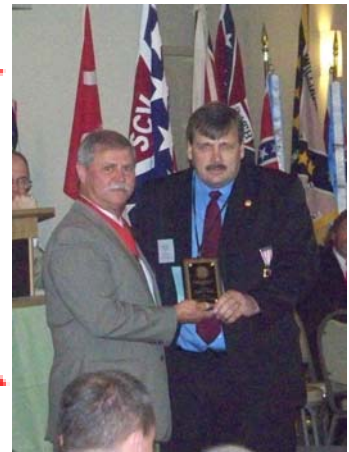
### CAMP SUPPER

The Hot Dogs with Chili & Onions and Pork and Beans were good Southern eating at the March Camp meeting. Dinner was prepared by Mess Corporal **Don Pace** and his crew. Last month Compatriots **Dan Pinson, Don Petty, Bob Dandridge and Perry Patrick**, gave Don a hand. Just as usual these folks came in long before the meeting to cook for us (and clean-up after us) and we owe them our thanks for another fine meal. Remember without volunteers like these we would not be able to enjoy a good supper together at camp meetings so please let them know how much we appreciate what they do for us and think about volunteering to help Don's crew sometime. At the April meeting Don and the crew will be cooking BBQ Chicken leg quarters, Baked Beans, Corn-on-the-cob, Iced tea and dessert. Good Southern food, good Southern company!

2008 S.C. Division Convention Cont.....

The convention also voted on several bylaw changes all associated with the new IRS guidelines involving nonprofit organizations. They were all approved as proposed, with only minor wording changes. Awards were given to top camps in the Division with some of our area camps doing very well. Secession Camp which participates at the Dixie Level (based on number of members) received second place in the Ambrose Gonzales Newsletter Award and second place in the Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp of the Year Award. Secession Camp also received an honorable mention in the M. C. Butler Recruiting Award. In addition to these camp awards two members of Secession Camp received individual awards. Compatriot Sy Mabie received the John Albert Broadus Chaplains Award, recognizing Sy as the top chaplain in the Division and Compatriot David Rentz received the Lt. General Wade Hampton Meritorious Service Award, one of only three given in the state. Other area camps receiving awards were H.L. Hunley Camp # 143 which received the first place Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp of the Year Award, Dixie Level, the General Ellison Capers Camp # 1212, which received the Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp of the Year Award, Palmetto Level, and Moultrie Camp # 27 which received the Jefferson Davis Commanders Award for the overall outstanding camp of the year.

Our well known friend Compatriot H. K. Edgerton of Ashville, NC was awarded an Outstanding Southern Citizen Award, which was presented to him by Commander Burbage. Another of our past guest speakers, Mr. John Spear was also awarded an Outstanding Southern Citizen Award for his volunteer work at Magnolia Cemetery and he will join us at our April camp meeting for the presentation. The convention passed a resolution declaring 2008 the "Year of Davis" and called on the South Carolina State Legislature to formally acknowledge the 200th anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis. All in all it was a good convention for Secession Camp and especially our new Tenth Brigade. See pictures from the SC Division Convention below:





### 2008 Sam Davis Youth Camp

It's time to start the search for a young person to send to the SCV's annual Sam Davis Youth Camp. Secession Camp will give at least one student, ages 12 to 20, a scholarship to this summer's camp at Magnolia State Park in Millen, GA on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Magnolia State Park, a beautiful historic site, is located between Waynesboro and Millen. The camp will last for one week, ending on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and the winning student will be selected by Secession Camp # 4's Executive Committee. Candidates interested in the scholarship must submit to a short interview (10 to 15 minutes) before the Executive Committee at the regularly scheduled meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Candidates wishing to apply for the scholarship will need to be interviewed by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee will make a recommendation to the camp at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval by the membership. After the camp's approval the scholarship will be awarded. The winning student will receive full tuition to the camp but will need to have transportation to and from Millen, GA. Some questions and concerns to be addressed by candidates at the interview are:

1. Demonstrate an interest in Southern history.
2. What do you expect to get out of the camp?
3. Do you have transportation to the camp?
4. Why do you want to go to the camp?
5. Enthusiasm towards the camp.
6. How many heritage activities have you been involved in?
7. Knowledge of historical events in area.
8. Who is your favorite Southern leader and why?

We need everyone to talk with the young people you know and recommend that they apply for this summer's scholarship. We want to send a deserving student to the camp and preferably one recommended by a Compatriot of Secession Camp. There's not much time between now and June 3<sup>rd</sup> so lets get started. For more information on the camp go to the National SCV website at [www.scv.org/samdavis](http://www.scv.org/samdavis).

### Mickey Davis Fund Report

The Secession Camp # 4 Executive Committee met on March 11, 2008. The following Mickey Davis Fund request was discussed and is forwarded for posting in the April issue of The Sentinel in accordance with the provisions of the Mickey Davis Fund resolution.

**Motion:**

Subject: 2008 Sam Davis Youth Camp

I request that \$495.00 from the Mickey Davis Fund be used to provide a scholarship to send one student to the second 2008 Sam Davis Youth Camp in Millen, GA, on July 27. The student will be selected by Secession Camp # 4's Executive Committee based on the following guidelines. Candidates interested in the scholarship must submit to a short interview (10 to 15 minutes) before the Secession Camp Executive Committee at the regularly scheduled meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. Candidates would be interviewed by the committee. Candidates wishing to apply for the scholarship would have to interview by June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee would make a recommendation to the camp at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval by the membership. After the camp's approval the scholarship would be awarded.

Submitted: Bill Norris, Commander, Secession Camp # 4

The Executive Committee Recommends: Approval

Respectfully Submitted ,  
Woody Weatherford, Mickey Davis Fund Administrator

## IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE: THEY COULD HAVE BEEN TREATED LIKE CONFEDERATES!

By John Whatley

*Guest columnist John Whatley offers this article about the treatment of the Lincoln conspirators.*

I see some of our “detainees” at Gitmo are still complaining about their treatment at the hands of the U.S. Government. Despite getting 3 hots and a cot, their own religious visitors, and a Koran (the “flushing” incident having been proven a lie), they want to be Americans – at least so far as legal rights are concerned. It could have been worse for them: They could have been treated like Confederates. Let’s take a look at the Lincoln conspirators. They were Dr. Samuel Mudd (who treated Booth as he fled Washington), Samuel Arnold, Michael O’Laughlin, Edward Spangler, Lewis Payne (who attacked Secretary of State Seward – executed), George Atzerodt (executed), David Herold (executed although he made a deal – he was the only one of the conspirators who knew that John Wilkes Booth had not been killed), and Mary Surratt (at whose boardinghouse all the conspiracies allegedly were made – executed). Although not charged at the time of their arrest, eventually they were all charged with conspiracy to kill President Lincoln, conspiracy to kill Vice President Johnson, conspiracy to kill Seward, conspiracy to kill Gen. Grant, etc. etc. Apparently the eight conspirators, along with John Wilkes Booth, were capable of taking out the entire U.S. Government! Originally imprisoned on ironclads in the Potomac River, the prisoners were removed to worse quarters. Except for Mrs. Surratt, everyone was in leg shackles with a bag over his head. “The Secretary of War requests that the prisoners on board the ironclads belonging to this department, for better security against conversation, shall have a canvas bag put over the head of each and tied about the neck, with a hole for proper breathing and eating, but not seeing, and that Payne be secured to prevent self-destruction.” The padding was one-inch cotton and cotton bolls were placed on their eyes. They wore these 24 hours a day. By the way, Payne was for some reason allowed to keep his pocket knife, which he gave to his attorney after the trial, saying, “Thanks for all your help. Here, I’d like you to have my jackknife. It’s the only earthly thing I have to give.” All prisoners were denied basic sanitary needs, including baths. In addition, they wore stiff-shackle handcuffs, so that one hand could not be moved without moving the other. Payne was also fitted with an iron ball on his bare feet. Whatever they wore when they came in was still on them. Mrs. Surratt had worn winter clothes when she was arrested, and in the summer still wore them. Thomas B. Florence, editor of The Daily Constitutional Union, described Mrs. Surratt’s quarters after she was transferred from the ironclad to Old Capitol Prison: “Its only furnishings consisted of a very thin straw mattress, an army blanket and an old pail. She had neither washing utensils, nor a chair to sit in, nor a single comfort for her toilet or dress.” The remaining seven prisoners were transferred to the Arsenal Penitentiary and placed in different cells on different floors, so that they essentially occupied three cells each. In front of each cell was an armed guard. The prisoners were allowed visitors, but there were none: The pass had to be signed by the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy. Arnold later said, “Some kind Christian heart provided us with Bibles, from which some consolation could be obtained by the perusal of its pages, but these were soon removed and taken away.” A doctor was allowed to see the prisoners. The guards were not allowed to talk to the prisoners. The trial was conducted, on the Government’s part, under the “Laws of War”. What are these? There aren’t any, so the court, consisting of military officers, could apply any they wanted to. Defense counsel Walter Cox summed up his thoughts on the Common Law of War: “What a convenient instrument for trampling upon every constitutional guarantee, every sacred right of the citizen! There is no invention too monstrous, no punishment too cruel, to find authority and sanction in such a common law. Is it possible that American citizens can be judged and punished by an unwritten code, that has no definitions, no books, no judges nor lawyer; which, if it has any existence, like the laws of the Roman Empire, is hung up too high to be read? I deny that the Common Law of War has anything to do with treason, or anything traitorous, as such.” The prisoners, except for Mrs. Surratt, were brought into the court in shackles. Asked if they wanted counsel, they were generously allowed to find counsel by 10:00 a.m. the next morning. Of course, counsel could only talk with their client in open court, but the trial was a foregone conclusion. Defense witnesses were required to face the military panel and not the defense counsel. The Government’s perjured witnesses, being paid large sums to lie under oath, presented enough of a case that the predetermined verdict of guilty came in. “David E. Herold, Lewis Payne, Mrs. Surratt and George A. Atzerodt are to be hung tomorrow, by proper military authorities. Dr. Mudd, Arnold and O’Laughlin are to be imprisoned for life, and Spangler for six years, all at hard labor, in the Albany Penitentiary.” There was no appeal. Lawyers filing a motion for writ of habeas corpus discovered that the President has suspended it.

On the morning of July 7, 1865, the four condemned were hung. Their bodies were not released to their families. Soon thereafter the U.S. Supreme Court decided that military tribunals could not try civilians, so the trial of the Lincoln conspirators was illegal, as was the trial of Andersonville Prison commander Maj. Henry Wirz, and the non-trial of Jefferson Davis (which are other stories for another time).

Oh, yes, it could be worse. They could be treated like Confederates

## MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 18TH MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No	
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X		
SCV Charge Read	X		
Invocation	X		Program S. C. Historical Society
Presentation of Colors	X		
Reading and Approval of Minutes			Speaker Mike Coker
Reading and Approval of Financial Report			

Remarks: 49 members and 5 guest for a total of 54 in attendance

- SCV Charge was given by Commander Bill Norris
  - Invocation given by Chaplain Sy Mabie
  - Salute to the Flags given by Color Sgt. Loren O'Donnell.
  - The cooks were then recognized for the meal. Head chef Don Pace was assisted by Perry Patrick Patrick, Robert Dandridge, Danny Pinson and Don Petty.
  - Introduction of guest.
  - The speaker was Mike Coker. Mike is a lifelong student of South Carolina history. He has worked for the South Carolina Historical Society for the past four years and recently has taken over as webmaster for the historical site [www.schistory.org](http://www.schistory.org). Mike told how the society was able to obtain the original Secession banner from a Massachusetts Society. The banner was hung in the hall when the Articles of Secession were signed. He also told how the Society obtained the flag which was captured from Fort Walker near Beaufort. Secession Camp contributed to the restoration of this flag several years ago. Mike went on to give information about the S. C. Historical Society and described some of the documents and information they have there. He is the co-author of the book *Historic South Carolina, an illustrated history*. Also, Mike has filled out his paperwork to become a member of Secession Camp.
  - Treasurers Report - Buck Perry was not present, so Bill Norris gave the report as received.. A beginning balance of \$5,266.28 with deposits of \$205.00. Checks were written for \$140.00. Ending balance was \$5,331.28. Checks still outstanding are for \$135.00.
  - Committee Reports: Mickey Davis was given by Woody Weatherford and he reported that no new applications have been received. Chaplains report was given by Sy Mabie. He reported that the annual Hunley Ceremony was well attended. He read a card which was received from the family of late Compatriot, Melvin Vincent Barrineau thanking Secession Camp for our thoughts. Michael Dixon reported that the next highway cleanup will be on May 31. Louie Warmoth reported that the yard sale is to be on Saturday, April 26. Please look around for articles to be sold including books. Volunteers are needed for this project, please contact Louie at 813-2783. Bryan Riddle reported that the Heritage Ride will take place on Saturday, September 27 and will end at the Charleston Rifle Club. Volunteers will also be needed for this project.
  - Bennie Slay has been busy with the etching machine making signs for Walter Carr's storage business. Bennie gave the camp a check from Walter for \$1,150.00
  - The South Carolina Division Convention was held in Lexington on March 15. Nine members from Secession Camp attended including new member William Vanzuylen, who just joined in January. Secession Camp received several awards at the convention. The John Albers Broadus Chaplain Award was given to Division Chaplain of the Year, Sy Mabie. The Lt. General Wade Hampton Meritorious Service Award was given to David Rentz. Secession Camp received the Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Dixie Level, the Ambrosse Gonzales News Letter Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Dixie Level, and the M.C. Butler Recruiting Award, Honorable Mention, Dixie Level.
- New Business: One candidate was voted on. Bill Dean, a former member of the camp, transferred from the Ellison Capers Camp and was approved by the camp members present. (Minutes Cont. p.9)



**MINUTES FROM MARCH 18TH CONTINUED.....**

- The Sam Davis youth summer camp will take place this summer from July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Magnolia State Park at Millen, Georgia. Secession Camp would like to give at least one scholarship to an area youth between 12 and 18 years old. Applicants will be interviewed by the executive council.
- The executive council suggested the camp observe Confederate Memorial Day, Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> with a lunch at 12 Noon at Pythians Hall. This was approved by members present who said they would be there. The lunch will be followed by the UDC service at 3 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery. That evening at 7 p.m. a service will be held at the French Huguenot Church on Church Street downtown.
- Council also suggested that an associate membership be given annually to a person in the area who does something outstanding to preserve Southern Heritage. It was suggested by Robert Shealy that we table the suggestion for further discussion.
- It was also suggested and approved that the Camp invite the ladies from the OCR to a meeting for a meal at no charge.
- Commander Norris explained that Secession Camp sponsors the Hunley Award each year, which is given to a rising sophomore, who is in the Junior ROTC program at West Ashley High School. The director of the ROTC program chooses the applicant and the camp pays for the award which is \$30.00. The award will be presented at the school on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We would like to have several camp members there for the presentation..
- The Roll of the Dead, the names of the 18,000 men from South Carolina who died during the War of Northern Aggression will be read from the Capitol steps in Columbia on Friday night, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.. Secession Camp is asked to read names from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- A motion made to adjourn and seconded.  
The benediction was made by Sy Mabie followed by the singing of Dixie.

The article below was taken from The South Carolina Historical Society's Fall 2007 publication, Carologue. The publication was given out at the March camp meeting by our speaker Mike Coker.

The article, The Voice of St. Michael's, tells about the building of the church's bell tower and the installation of the bells dating 1764. The first tune known by name to be chimed on the bells was "Home Sweet Home," played when the dead of Secessionville, the first local fatalities of the War were brought into the city in early June of 1862. Listening to the bells, "the men of the honor guard," as one of them later acknowledged, "cried like boys or children." Days later, the bells of St. Michael's came down from their tower and were shipped to Columbia to be cast into cannon for the Confederate Army. Because of their historical significance, the bells were reserved for when the need for their metal was truly desperate. That time never came, and they remained in Columbia where they smashed by Union soldiers during the firing of the city by Sherman. After the War, determined to reclaim their bells, the Vestry of St. Michael's gathered up the broken pieces and returned them to the Whitechapel Foundry in England, where they were made. There, additional metal was added to the scraps and the bells were recast to match the specifications of the original set. They were then loaded on a ship to make yet another trip across the Atlantic to their Charleston Home.

Elmore Marlow

## 2008 CALENDER OF EVENTS

**April**

- 4-12 Anniversary of the firing on Ft. Sumter
- 4-15 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 4-26 Camp Yard Sale, Louis Warmouth's shop, Main Rd. Johns Is., see below

**May**

- 5-6 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 5-3 Confederate Memorial Day Service in Columbia, SC
- 5-10 Confederate Memorial Day
- 5-10 Confederate Memorial Day Service in Charleston, SC
- 5-20 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 5-31 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway\*

**June**

- 6-3 President Jefferson Davis' Birthday
- 6-3 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 6-14 Battle of Secessionville Memorial Service at Ft. Lamar \*
- 6-16 Anniversary of the Battle of Secessionville
- 6-17 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 6-28 Carolina Day

**July**

- 7-1 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 7-15 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 7/16-19 SCV National Convention in Concord, NC

**August**

- 8-5 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 8-19 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

**September**

- 9-2 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 9-6 Highway Cleanup, Glenn McConnell Parkway \*
- 9-16 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 9-27 2nd Annual Secession Camp Heritage Ride \*

**October**

- 10-4 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 10/10-11 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery \*
- 10-21 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

**November**

- 11-4 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 11/8-9 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation \*
- 11-15 Highway Cleanup, Glenn McConnell Parkway \*
- 11-18 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

**December**

- 12-2 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 12-16 Secession Camp Meeting and Christmas Party, 6:30 PM
- 12-20 Secession Day

\* Dates not confirmed

**Meeting Dates for Camps of the 6th Brigade**

Secession Camp #4, Charleston	3rd Tuesday of the month
H.L. Hunley Camp #143, Summerville	4th Thursday of the month
Moultrie Camp #27, Mt. Pleasant	3rd Tuesday of the month
Gen. Capers Camp#1212, Moncks Corner	3rd Thursday of the month
Pvt. John S. Bird Camp#38, N. Chas.	2nd Tuesday of the month
Star of the West Camp#1253, The Citadel	(irregular)
WeeNee Vol's Camp#58, Kingstree	1st Monday of the month
Ft. Sumpter Camp #1269, Charleston	2nd Thursday (irregular)
Linchfield Camp #132, Conway	3rd Monday of the month
Battery White Camp#1568, Georgetown	2nd Tuesday of the month

**Camp Yard Sale is April 26th!!**

Remember we need your items for the upcoming Camp Yard sale! Please bring your sale items to the next meeting, April 15th or take them to Louis' shop no later than Thursday the 17th. We need donations and "boots on the ground", so please volunteer! For more info contact Louis Warmouth at 843-813-2783.




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**THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE APRIL 15TH**



On April 12th, 1861, Confederate forces under the command of Brigadier Gen. P.T. E. Beauregard fired on the Union occupied Fort Sumter from Morris Island. The barrage began in the early morning hours and would continue for 33 hours. On April 13th, the next day, the Yankees surrendered and the fort would remain Confederate hands until Feb. 17th, 1865.