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## DUES INCREASE

For the past two years the camp has been unable to cover our expenses with the dues brought in by the membership. We have experienced an increase in our cost of operation due to raising cost in several areas such as: printing our newsletter which has a growing mailing list; often we are fortunate enough to get local speakers who are willing to speak at no cost to us but sometime speakers have to travel long distances and we must reimburse them for their travel expenses; we have also increased the amount of other printed material we have been mailing out for things like reminding members to pay their dues; we have added new programs like the National Defense Medal and other awards pasted out to deserving Compatriots; and our Lee-Jackson banquet usually operates at a loss. Dues for Secession Camp have not increased since the formation of the camp back in 1992 and we currently have the lowest dues of any camp in the greater Charleston area. Currently camp members pay \$42 a year in dues. Of the \$42, \$30 goes to National and the Division and \$12 goes to the camp, The Executive Committee is recommending that camp dues be increased to \$20 bringing the total annual dues paid by members to \$50. This increase must be voted on and approved by the membership at an up coming meeting. The \$8 increase would more than make up the current short fall and would provide a buffer for future cost increases. This should make it possible for the camp to go many years without having to increase dues again. If we elect not to increase our dues we will either have to eliminate some of our current programs or invent other ways to raise income for the camp. As yet no definite date has been set but with the holidays and our Lee-Jackson banquet coming up we will most likely take the issue up at the February meeting. Please consider this issue carefully and plan to attend when we put it to a vote.

## *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,  
1906*



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Secession Camp's next meeting will be our annual Christmas Party on December 19th at the Knights Castle. We'll get started at 6:30 PM as usual and there will be a brief business meeting but mostly good times and good companionship. Compatriots are encouraged to bring the family and friends to enjoy an evening with the SCV. Mess Corporal **Dan Pace** and his crew will prepare pork shoulder and iced tea. All those attending are asked to bring a side dish to go with the pork shoulder or a desert to eat after supper. This will be a great time for all so make plans to attend. (Please note that the date previously published in our calendar was incorrect and the correct date is Tuesday, Dec. 19.)

## THE HUNLEY GOES TO CALIFORNIA

By **Elmore Marlow**, 10-27-06

The replica of the H. L. Hunley left Ladson on Monday evening, October 16, at 11:00 p.m. bound for Fresno, California. The crew was captained by **John Dangerfield**, with **Jamie Parks** as first mate, along with seaman Phil LeMeau (alias Buttercup of the 27<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Infantry) and Elmore Marlow. The overcast skies gave way to rain around Atlanta which turned into a downpour around Birmingham. A trucker was heard on the CB radio saying, " I know it's late and raining hard, but I believe I was just passed by a submarine." Near Memphis, a trucker asked if we could pull in the next rest area, so he could take some pictures. We were approached, every time we stopped, by people who wanted to know about the sub or what kind of cooker it was. Near Albuquerque, a group of modern day cowboys, wanted their picture taken by the Hunley. In Kingman, Arizona, we stopped to eat and were greeted

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**SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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 BUSINESS MEETING WILL GET STARTED AT**

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

Gentlemen,

Tis the season for everyone to be of good cheer and I hope that this letter finds all of you in both good spirits and good health.

As the year winds down to a close I hope that you all remember that our Christmas Party will be here shortly and I hope to see all of you there. I have included a letter from one of our hero's of the War Between the States that should lift your hearts. I hope that all of you have a wonderful Holiday Season if I fail to see you before the years end.



December 24<sup>th</sup>

This morning battalion guard mounting began for the three batteries. It is Christmas Eve. I am sitting in my little cabin and my thoughts carry me away to Helena where I see my good wife before the hearth with three children around her; the eldest a girl standing and looking earnestly into her mother's face; the second a boy five years old, sitting in a small chair looking into the fire; and the youngest a girl about four, leaning on her mother's lap--all listening attentively to what their intelligent mother is relating in regard to the visits of Santa Claus. having visited them on former Christmas Eves with presents of toys, their curiosity is at its height to know if he will come tonight and fill their stockings. Ah, will not these little innocents be disappointed? Their father has not seen them for twenty months, and is now far away battling for home and liberty, and has no means by which he can convey them toys or money to purchase them. Whether their mother has the means to spare in procuring Christmas presents for them is unknown to me, but I pray heaven to provide her with the necessaries of life, and to bless and cheer the young and innocent hearts of my children during the Christmas holidays. Happy Christmas to my wife and children!

Commander Bill Baber

## CAMP BY-LAW CHANGES

The camp by-law changes listed in the November newsletter were discussed briefly at the November meeting but due to low member turn out caused by inclement weather, it was decided that no vote would be taken on the changes at that meeting. It was instead decided to appoint a group of volunteers from the membership to study the proposed by-law changes and make recommendations to the general membership and the Executive Committee which must approve the changes before the membership votes on them. This volunteer committee is made up of Compatriots **Louie Warmoth, John Jennings, Bary Gooch, Wayne Dukes, Bill Miller, and Bryan Riddle**. Any changes to the camps by-laws must be voted on and approved by the general membership at a future meeting. If you have any questions or input on this issue please contact any of these men or any of the camp officers. The issue of by-law changes will be discussed again and voted on at a future meeting but no date has yet been set.

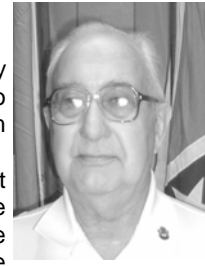
## GRAVE MARKER PURCHASE

At the November meeting the camp membership voted to use the Mickey Davis Fund to purchase ten Confederate Veteran Iron Cross grave markers to be placed on graves that do not currently have such a marker. Camp members and others can request one of the markers for a veteran's grave but they must reimburse the camp the cost of the marker (\$85.00) and schedule a dedication ceremony for placing the marker. The request for markers must be submitted in writing, to the Camp Guardian Committee, two months in advance and must be approved by the committee. The markers will be serialized and a record will be kept by the Adjutant and the Guardian Committee. Currently this will be a trial program to determine if the expenditure is an obligation that the camp should continue. For more information contact Graves and Monuments Committee Chairman **David Rentz**.

### FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:

I am sorry that I missed our November meeting. I enjoy seeing and visiting with as many as time permits. My absence was not by choice I had injured my back and was unable to make the drive on a rainy evening loaded with pain medicine. I have been blessed and am presently back on line.



We will enjoy the festivities that accompany the celebration of Christmas in a few short weeks. There will be party after party, receiving and giving of gifts and all the revelry of the season. This is also the season to reflect on the blessings that have been made available through the gift of Jesus Christ the living God. As we celebrate his birth it is also the time to remember that we are stewards of the gifts that God has provided for us. All that we have we owe to him. Heads up! In the months to come there are also our traditional memorials, the Jackson / Lee Banquet, the Confederate Heritage Trust (CHT) sponsored H.L Hunley / USS Housatonic Anniversaries. In addition to the Confederate Memorial Day activities in various cemeteries there will also be an evening observance planned to be held at the French Huguenot Church on May 10, 2007, also sponsored by the CHT. Mark your calendars, it is at events such as this that we honor the sacrifice and legacy we share.

There haven't been any personal needs brought to my attention, please continue to remember Compatriots Barrickman, Dickinson, Heidtmann as well as any others who may be in need of your prayers  
If you are aware of a compatriot who is ill or disabled please contact me at 843-871-9713 or by e-mail at .

Yours in Christ,  
Sy Mabie, Chaplain

### NORTH CHARLESTON SCV

The new Pvt. John S. Bird Camp # 38 of North Charleston is now an official SCV camp. They held their camp chartering ceremony on November 4, at the North Town Grill, in N. Charleston. The event was well attended with representatives from Secession Camp and others. Division Lt. Comdr. **Gene Hogan** was the speaker and he welcomed Camp # 38 into the Division and the National. The camp now meets at Brecks Restaurant, located at 8510 Rivers Ave. in N. Charleston, on the 2nd Thursday of every month, at 7 PM. For more information contact Commander **Jamie Parks** at 843-819-9765.

### DUES ARE NOW DUE

Adjutant **Elmore Marlow** wants to remind everyone that your dues are now past due and should be paid immediately. Yearly dues are \$42.00 which includes camp, division, and national charges. If you haven't paid your dues please see Elmore at the next meeting or mail them to him at P.O. Box 12039, Charleston, SC 29422, as soon as you can. We don't want anyone to get dropped from the rolls so please take care of this now.



At the November meeting, Mr. Neill Rose of Camden, SC (center) gave the camp a very informative lecture on the clothing and accoutrements worn by the South Carolina's Confederate soldiers during the WBTS. Not only did Mr. Rose tell us what our ancestors wore he also brought models to show us exactly what the soldiers would have looked like at different times during the war.

## CALENDER OF EVENTS

**December**

- 12-5 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 12-19 Secession Camp Meeting and Christmas Party
- 12-20 Secession Day

**January**

- 1-2 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 1-13 Charleston Civil War Relic Show
- 1-14 Charleston Civil War Relic Show
- 1-19 General Robert E. Lee's Birthday
- 1-20 Secession Camp Lee-Jackson Banquet
- 1-21 General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's Birthday

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

- Secession Camp # 4, Charleston
- Moultrie Camp # 27, Mt. Pleasant
- Pvt. John S. Bird Camp # 38, N. Charleston
- Wee Nee Volunteers Camp # 58, Kingstree
- Linchfield Camp # 132, Conway
- H. L. Hunley Camp # 143, Summerville
- Gen. Ellison Capers Camp # 1212, Moncks Corner
- Star of the West Camp # 1253, The Citadel
- Ft. Sumter Camp # 1269, Charleston
- Battery White Camp # 1568, Georgetown

- 3rd Tuesday of the Month
- 3rd Thursday of the Month
- 2nd Tuesday of the Month
- 1st Monday of the Month
- 3rd Tuesday of the Month
- 4th Thursday of the Month
- 3rd Thursday of the Month (irregular)
- 2nd Thursday of the Month (irregular)
- 2nd Tuesday of the Month





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***In Memory of My  
Confederate Ancestor***

Pvt. Benjamin R. Day  
 Co B, 59th Virginia Infantry Regiment

Born in Brunswick county Virginia. Fell ill on the campaign to South Carolina and died in a Charleston hospital after an extended illness on November 7, 1863. Grave site unknown.

Russell E. Darden  
 Past ANV Commander

**CAMP SUPPER**

That terrific spaghetti meal we enjoyed at the November meeting was prepared by some generous Compatriots who came in 2 1/2 hours before the meeting to prepare it. Mess Corporal **Don Pace**, along with Compatriots **Perry Patrick**, **Don Petty**, and **Walter Canaday**, volunteered their time to make our meal possible. Let's all try and let these men know how much we appreciate what they do, the next time we see them. Thanks men!

At the December Christmas party Don and his crew will be preparing pork shoulder and providing iced tea. Compatriots are asked to bring sides and desserts to complete the meal. It will be another great Christmas party for the compatriots and their guests there so don't miss it!

"Hunley," continued from page 1

Hearny and Georgia Parsons, who were volunteers at the lab when they lived in Charleston. Mr. Parsons happened to be wearing his Hunley hat at the time.

We arrived at our destination, Kearney Park in Fresno around 2:00 a.m. on Thursday morning. The gate was locked, so we slept in the van until we were awoken around 7:00 a.m. by an employee, who unlocked the gate. We were told to set up center stage, in front of the Kearney Mansion and across from the battlefield. By this time Senator **Glenn McConnell** had arrived. At 11:00 a.m. he was taken to a local radio station for a 30 minute talk show. That evening he gave a lecture at Fresno State University to a sold out audience. Friday was school day, as group after group of students and teachers, were told about the Hunley by Jamie and John. This was followed by a live broadcast on the 6 o'clock news by a local television station. We were then invited for a supper of spaghetti and meatballs, by the James River Artillery Squadron, of which some of the members had attended the funeral service for the Hunley crew, in Charleston. On Saturday morning we were served a breakfast of scrambled eggs, grits, and biscuits with sausage gravy by the 1<sup>st</sup> South Carolina Sharpshooters. The park opened at 10:00 a.m. and crowds quickly gathered around the sub. Around 1:00 p.m. the ladies of the Sharpshooters arrived with sandwiches and desert for the crew. After the park closed for visitors, there was a reception for guest which included roasted duck and oysters on the half shell, with a spiked punch belly wash. This was followed by a full course meal for which tickets had been sold at \$\$\$\$. While this was going on there was music in front of the mansion, for the enjoyment of the reenactors. During a break, Glenn and John received Superior Service Award Medals from the sponsors of the event. We then returned to the camp of the James River Squadron for turkey, dressing, with all the trimmings, followed with peach cobbler for dessert.

On Sunday, the crowds were larger, with people of every race wanting to know all there was about the Hunley. We were sold out of all Hunley books and other items by noon. The second battle ended around 4:00 p.m. but scores of people still came to get a last look at the sub. By 6:00 p.m. the tent was down and the Hunley was ready to return to her home base. After extended good-byes, we departed Fresno on Sunday and arrived back in Charleston on Tuesday evening around midnight, with a satisfied crew, knowing we had completed our mission.

### NOTICE TO ALL THOSE RECEIVING THE SENTINEL

As a result increased cost to the camp we will no longer be mailing out the newsletter to everyone. For every newsletter we do not have to mail out it saves the camp about \$1.00. All those who have access to e-mail are asked to either e-mail Editor **Bill Norris** at [elvisreddog@bellsouth.net](mailto:elvisreddog@bellsouth.net) or give him your e-mail address so that we can send it to you electronically. If you do not have e-mail we will still mail you the newsletter but you must fill out the form below and mail or give it to Editor Norris at the next meeting. **If you do not complete the form below, you will no longer receive the newsletter starting January of 2007.** We will continue to mail the newsletter through the end of this year but after that only those who return the form or those who submit an e-mail address will receive the newsletter.

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Due to increased cost, to continue receiving The Sentinel you must complete this form and give it to Editor Bill Norris before the January meeting. If you list an e-mail address we will send you The Sentinel by e-mail. In order to save the camp printing and mailing cost we encourage you to use e-mail. Mail to Bill Norris, 362 Splitshot Circle, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.





At the November meeting Secession Camp grew by five new men. Pictured above taking the oath are new Compatriots **Gene Kizer, Carroll Clark, Isaac Dermid, Samuel Antley, and Preston Missell**, who were sworn into the camp at the meeting. We are happy to welcome these new Compatriots to into our ranks. Congratulations men!

**COMPATRIOT TETOR  
PRESENTED MEDAL**



Compatriot **Fred Tetor** was presented the SCV National Defense Medal by Lt. Cmdr. Norris at the November meeting, for his service in the Vietnam War. Compatriot Tetor served in the Navy where he received the National Defense Service Medal, Viet Nam Campaign Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal and the Navy Unit Commendation Medal. Like his Confederate ancestors, Fred is an American hero. We thank you for your service to our country, Fred.

*In Memory of My  
Confederate Ancestors*

Private Wesley P. Beach  
Co. G 4th SC Cavalry

Private Robert O. Jaques  
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

## BOOK REVIEW

The Story of the H.L. Hunley and Queenie's Coin  
By Fran Hawk, Illustrated by Dan Nance.  
Sleeping Bear Press. \$16.95

by **Gene Kizer**  
Book Reviewer for *The Sentinel*

*The Story of the H.L. Hunley and Queenie's Coin* is a delightful children's picture-book of history. It will appeal strongly to adults, too. It is real history, as well as a powerful love story.

And it is beautiful. Every page is like looking at the best Don Troiani or Mort Kunstler painting of the War Between the States you have ever seen. Illustrator Dan Nance is one of the best artists of historical subjects around today.

This book was selected to represent South Carolina at the National Book Festival in Washington, DC, which was sponsored by the Library of Congress. It was held this past September 30<sup>th</sup> on the National Mall. The book joined 52 other winners.

And it's not politically correct. It is a good, accurate telling of the Hunley story, which begins on page two beneath two flags: a U.S. flag draped at an angle with the bottom corner symbolically touching a similarly draped Confederate battle flag (Yes, beautiful battle flag in all its dignity and glory, and not the Stars and Bars!).

The book begins with:

Queenie Bennett gently pressed a gold coin into George Dixon's hand. "Hold this keepsake close to remember my love and bring you good luck," she said.

George Dixon was a handsome gentleman. He looked down at the \$20 gold coin and at the woman's face on its surface. Like Queenie, curly hair fell around a face of great beauty.

It was 1862 and George was leaving Mobile, Alabama to fight with the Confederate Army of the South.

Author Fran Hawk is a children's librarian at Septima Clark Academy here in Charleston. She also writes a weekly column in the *Post and Courier* reviewing children's books. To attest to the historical accuracy of this book, Hawk includes the following statement with the publisher information:

*The Story of the H.L. Hunley and Queenie's Coin* is based on extensive research in scientific and historical fact as well as oral tradition. I believe this story is true, even in the places where no "proof" currently exists.

What puts this book way above average is not the exciting art work, or the book's historical accuracy, but the comprehensive way the story is told. This is the entire heroic story of the Hunley, from the sub's conception during the War Between the States, to present. The first pages tell the story of the coin and how it saved Dixon's life when he was shot at the Battle of Shiloh on April 6, 1862. He survived only because the bullet hit Queenie's coin in Dixon's pants pocket instead of ripping a gaping wound in his leg. Leg wounds in those days were usually fatal because a man would bleed to death on the battlefield, or at the very least, end up losing his leg.

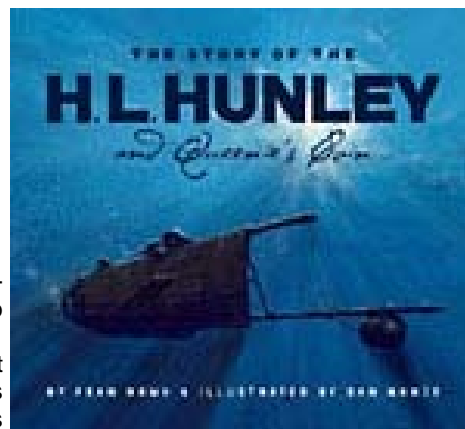
It goes from there into the building of the Hunley and the drama in Charleston Harbor -- the desperate need of the Confederates to break the Union blockade. The hope of the South rested on it. When the attack on the U.S.S. Housatonic occurs, the night of February 17, 1864, Nance's illustration portrays exactly the way the Hunley must have looked to Union sailors on the deck of the Housatonic -- an ominous, long dark object in the water coming fast toward them. The Hunley becomes immortal in those few seconds, then elation turns to tragedy. The blue signal light is spotted on shore, and bon fire quickly set on Sullivans Island to guide the Hunley home, but she never returns.

The story continues with P.T. Barnum's reward for the finding of the Hunley, and finally Clive Cussler's actually finding her. A fine drawing shows a Cussler diver approaching a coning tower sticking up out of the ocean floor on the day the Hunley is discovered, May 3, 1995. And there are actual pictures from August 8, 2000, the day the Hunley was raised.

Everybody wondered if Dixon's gold coin would be found, and as we know, it was. It is beautiful, and inscribed with "Shiloh, April 6th, 1862. My Life Preserver. G.E.D." It is currently on display with other Hunley artifacts.

To really set this book apart as a history text, there is an excellent chronology in the back that begins April 12, 1861, and ends with April 17, 2004, when George Dixon and the Hunley's final crew were buried at Magnolia Cemetery. But even more special is the following statement at the very end of the book:

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## MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 21st MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	Program Confederate Uniforms
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes		Speaker Neill Rose
Reading and Approval of Financial Report		

Remarks: 39 members and 8 guest for a total of 47 in attendance

- SCV Charge was given by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander **Bill Norris**.
- Invocation given by **Jamie Parks**.
- Salute to the Flags given by Color Sgt. **Gene Patrick**.
- The cooks were then recognized for the meal of spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, tossed salad and pound cake with sliced peaches and whipped cream for dessert. Head chef **Don Pace** was assisted by **Perry Patrick, Don Petty, Walter Canady**.
- Introduction of guest.
- The speaker, Neill Rose traveled from Camden, on a cold and rainy night to speak about the uniforms of the Confederate soldiers. He brought two volunteers, who are school teachers, to model several uniforms. He brought to light, the fact that depots around the south distributed a great number of uniforms to our soldiers. The material and uniforms came mostly from England, and the soldiers were mostly well fit, as far as uniforms.
- Treasurers Report - **Woody Weatherford** reported a beginning balance of \$8,233.52 with deposits of \$9,476.80 and 81 cents interest. Deposits were mostly from collection of dues, which will have to be paid out to S. C. Division and SCV National. Expenses were \$119.00 for War Service Medals, \$200.00 for S. C. Division Lifetime dues for **Martin Pippin**, \$4,119.06 for the Heritage Ride, \$309.22 for the newsletter for (postage & paper), \$39.00 for postage Adjutant), \$120.63 for etcher material. \$24.62 for Highway Clean-up. Total expenses were \$4,931.53 which left a balance of \$12,799.60.
- Past Commander **David Rentz** discussed his proposal to purchase ten iron crosses (\$85.00 each) to mark the graves of soldiers. The proposal was approved by the camp and will be paid for through the Mickey Davis Fund.
- Committee Reports: **Andy Langdale** reported that Cadet Membership is now available for males from birth to 12 years of age. Members have to fill out an application and send it to SCV Headquarters along with \$10.00. Cadets will receive a membership certificate and will be eligible to be a member of the SCV at age twelve. **Jimmy Wheeler** reported the next highway cleanup will be May 3<sup>rd</sup> and that volunteers have collected 47,918 lbs. of trash from Charleston County highways. **Wayne Dukes** reported for the CHT on the Battle of Secessionville and thanked everyone for taking part.
- Bill Norris recommended that the vote on the proposed by law changes be postponed until later. **Louis Warmoth** proposed that a study of amendments be done by members of the camp and suggestions be made to the executive council.
- A proposal, to raise dues, was tabled for further study.
- The Lee-Jackson Banquet will be at the Oaks Country Club on January 20<sup>th</sup> and tickets are \$25.00 each.
- Secession Camp Christmas Party will be on Tuesday night, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Don Pace will cook Bar-B-Que and members are asked to bring vegetable dishes and deserts. Family and friends are welcomed.
- New Business: Gene Kizer was voted and approved for membership. **Preston Mizzell, Carroll Clark, Samuel Antley, Isaac Dermid**, and **Gene Kizer** were sworn in as new members of Secession Camp.
- **Fred Tetor** was presented the SCV War Service Medal by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander Bill Norris and Gene Patrick. Compatriot Tetor served our country in the U. S. Navy while serving in Viet Nam.
- Jamie Parks reported on the trip of the H. L. Hunley replica to Fresno California. The crew of **John Dangerfield**, Jamie Parks, Phil LeMeau (alias, Buttercup), and Elmore Marlow were joined in Fresno by Senator **Glenn McConnell**, who gave a lecture at Fresno State and appeared on a radio talk show. Senator McConnell and Compatriot Dangerfield were presented the Pennock-Wullenjohn Star Award

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Just for the fun of it!  
Contributed by Compatriot Bill Miller

A few years after the war ended, an elderly Southern man went to the local church for confession. When the priest slid open the panel in the confessional, the man said, "Father during the war, a beautiful young woman knocked on my door and asked me to hide her from the Yankees. So I hid her in my attic." The priest replied, "That was a wonderful thing you did, my son! And you have no need to confess that."

"It's worse than that, Father. She started to repay me with sexual favors." The priest said, "By doing that, you were both in great danger. However, two people under those circumstances can be very tempted to act that way. But if you are truly sorry for your actions, you are indeed forgiven."

"Thank you, Father. That's a great load off my mind. But I do have one more question." "And what is that?" asked the priest. "Do I have to tell her the war is over?"

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#### The Civil War

The Civil War was also called the "War Between the States." Northern states fought against Southern states, brothers fought against brothers. During the four long years of the war, from 1861-1865, more than 600,000 people died.

Southern states wanted to break away, or "secede" from the United States. The South fought for the freedom to run their own economy. The Southern soldiers fought in the Confederate Army. The Northern states wanted a united country. They fought in the Union Army. Both fought bravely with a heartfelt belief that their side was right.

There is only one tiny bit of dated material. The picture, that for the longest time was widely thought to be Lt. George E. Dixon, is included, though it has since been discredited. Most likely, the analysis of the picture was not known in 2004 when Hawk completed the book. She does state that the photograph is only "believed to be Lt. George E. Dixon."

Also, Hawk writes that the first sinking of the Hunley was due to the wake of a passing ship swamping the sub. Although there is no way to know for sure, a stronger case can be made that the first sinking occurred because the commander, after giving the order to move forward, got his feet tangled in the dive mechanism and accidentally caused the sub to dive with the hatches still open as it moved forward, away from the Fort Johnson dock. The Friends of the Hunley web site states: "Charles Hasker, a crewmember who survived, later reported that the officer in charge, Lt. John A. Payne, accidentally stepped on the lever controlling the dive planes causing the submarine to dive while her hatches were still open."

Still, *The Story of the H.L. Hunley and Queenie's Coin* is a truly outstanding book. It is good history and a whale of a story for all age groups, not just the older children for whom it was written. Indeed, parents can let their young children sit in their laps as they show them the pictures, and tell them this incredible story of love and valor, set right here in our Holy City. For adults, this book is a visual feast and quick-read, with all the facts presented. And it is so beautifully illustrated -- oversized, and hardback with dust jacket -- it should be on everybody's coffee table.

There are copies available at Barnes & Noble, or it can be ordered online through publisher, [www.SleepingBearPress.com](http://www.SleepingBearPress.com). A portion of the proceeds of each sale is being generously donated to the Friends of the Hunley.

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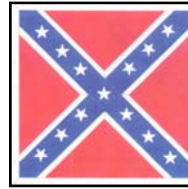
by the Civil War Association of California for their outstanding contribution to preservation and education. Elmore Marlow was thanked for selling \$3,892.30 of merchandise for Friends of the Hunley.

- Compatriot **Joey Dixon** displayed his mosaic art design of Robert E. Lee, which he has contributed to the camp for a fund raiser.
- A motion was then made to adjourn.
- The benediction was made by Jamie Parks followed by the singing of Dixie.

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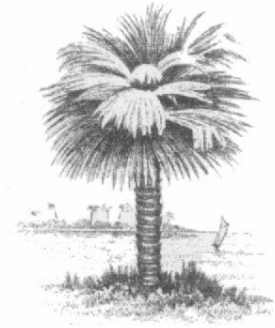
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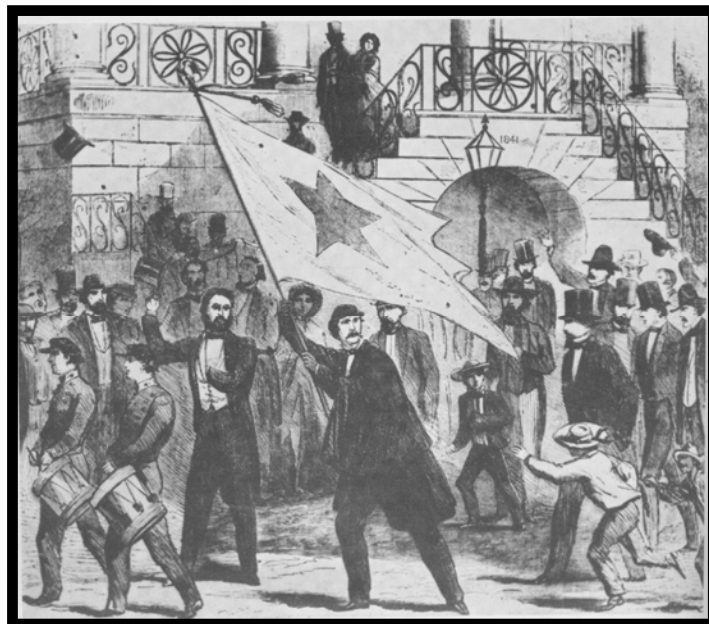


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