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SCV CAMPAIGN GETS MESSAGE TO NCAA

The NCAA recently announced their decision not to levy further sanctions on college athletic events in South Carolina and Mississippi. Rest assured that the efforts of the SCV played a large part in that decision. Thanks go to Heritage Defense Chief Darryl Starnes, **Gene Hogan**, and SC Division Commander **Randy Burbage** for all their hard work. Thanks also go to all those Compatriots who wrote letters to the NCAA and government representatives. This is a great example of what we can accomplish when we try. The following release was issued by the SCV Nation following the NCAA's announcement.

In response to the announcement by the National Collegiate Athletic Association of their decision to not expand existing postseason competition bans in South Carolina and Mississippi due to their use of the Confederate battle flag, the Sons of Confederate Veterans applauds the NCAA for exhibiting prudence and acumen in reaching that decision.

The NAACP had demanded the NCAA to broaden its moratorium on bringing predetermined postseason events, such as NCAA basketball regionals, to the two states. The ban will not be expanded, however, to sites awarded on merit, such as baseball tournament regionals or football playoff games.

According to SCV Commander-in-Chief Christopher Sullivan, the NCAA has made a prudent decision that simply supports the wishes of the citizens of those states.

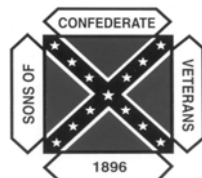
"Under political pressure from the NAACP, South Carolina took the battle flag down from their statehouse in 2000 and placed it on a nearby soldiers memorial monument, but that apparently wasn't good enough," Sullivan stated. "Mississippi put the issue of their flag on a ballot, and even though the citizens there overwhelmingly voted to keep their flag as is, apparently that wasn't good enough either. We salute the NCAA for finally respecting the wishes of the people of South Carolina and

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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*



CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL MONTH

Some Southern states already have a Confederate Memorial Month and the South Carolina Division of the SCV has for some time now been trying to get our state to do the same. A bill has now been introduced in the state legislature that would do just that. The following is a release from Division Adjutant Mark Simpson regarding this issue and includes a sample letter. You can do your part by writing your state Senator and requesting he support passage of this bill, which will help promote the true history of our ancestors.

As many of you may recall, one of the primary goals set by **Randy Burbage** when he was elected to the office of Division Commander was to lobby for the General Assembly in our State to officially recognize May as Confederate Memorial Month. As promised, he has labored in numerous conversations with Senators **McConnell**, Courson and Verdin to push this through. We now have the opportunity to see it fulfilled with the passage of General Bill S 0124, sponsored by Senators Bryant, Verdin, Vaughn, and Knotts. S 0124 will amend Article 9, Chapter 1, Title 1 of the 1976 code, by adding Section 1-1-616, to designate May as Confederate Memorial Month. The bugle has sounded and all troops are called to muster in for action. You are asked to pen a letter to your State Senator urging the adoption of this important bill. Don't wait for someone else to write for you and make certain that you send a hard copy letter via the US Postal Service. A physical letter carries more weight than an email. Lets "flood" them with mail.....To locate your State Senators mailing address go to: <http://www.scstatehouse.net/html-pages/senatemembers.html> . Address your letters to the Honorable Senator.....

No one should feel inadequate in finding the right words to say. Be brief and tactful, but to the point and ask them to support the bill.

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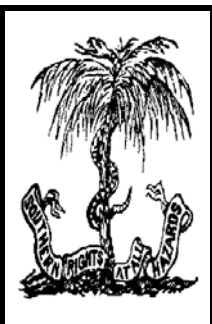
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SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH AT THE KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS BUILDING LOCATED AT 1820 BELGRADE AVENUE NEAR SAM RITTENBURG BOULEVARD (HWY. 7), IN CHARLESTON. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM AND THE MEETING WILL GET STARTED AT 7:00 PM.

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Compatriots,

I hope everything is fine with you and your family and that the New Year is going well for all of you.

If you did not attend the Lee Jackson Banquet you missed another good one. The food and company were great and our speaker was wonderful. You should try and attend one of these events if you can.

We have a lot to accomplish this year. The one item that I need to start stressing is that in just a few months it will be time for elections of New Camp Officers. Most if not all the current officers are stepping down from their positions which will leave a big hole in our organization. I know that most of us on the executive committee have served in one position or another for the camp for at least six years and it is time that new people step up. The reason I bring this up now is that if you are contemplating to run for one of these offices now would be a good time to start learning from those who have the experience to teach you. It is not excessively hard work but some of it is knowledge that needs to be passed on those who want to serve.

The committee that has been reviewing the By-Laws needs to have a report ready to give the executive committee and the camp for this upcoming meeting. There have been three months in which to review the By-Laws and we need to move on this item as soon as we can.

Your Obedient Servant,

Bill Baber, Commander
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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:

For those of you who were able to attend I am sure you will agree the Lee/Jackson Birthday celebration was a resounding success. Each of these men served their country and their God. There was never a question in their mind concerning whom they served. Each professed their faith in God and relied on "Providence" for wisdom and direction in their lives.



The next event on our calendar is the 143rd anniversary of the H. L. Hunley attack on the USS Housatonic that occurred on February 17, 1864. This was the first sinking of a warship by a submarine. When the H.L. Hunley slipped out of Breech Inlet its mission was to seek out its target and destroy it. This event was the beginning of submarine warfare, as we know it. The fraternity known as "submariner" was born on board the H.L. Hunley that day. The mission of the most modern submarine remains the same, seek out the target and destroy it. Please join us on February 17th as we honor the memory of the men who made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause in which they believed and for the compatriot who was by their side. They fulfilled the commandment given us in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you. (John 15:12)

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (John 15:13)

We have several compatriots who have had recent surgery from all indication they are recovering well **Don Pace** was able to join us at the banquet, **Walter Canady** is on the mend, I have recently spoken to **John Waring** he was hurting but upbeat. Please remember these and others who are in need of your prayers. We pray they will have a swift and complete recovery.

Please contact me at 843-871-9713 or by e-mail at smabie@earthlink.net if you are aware of a compatriot who is ill, disabled, or in need.

Yours in Christ,
Sy Mabie, Chaplain

CAMP QUARTERMASTER

The Camp's Quartermaster store provides additional funds to operate our camp but since the passing of Compatriot Robert Moorer we have been without a Quartermaster. We have a Compatriot who has agreed to help with the job but he is requesting that we have two men share the duties. Please consider helping the Camp by volunteering to serve as Quartermaster. For information call Lt. Cmdr. **Bill Norris** at 849-9924.

NORTH CHARLESTON SCV

The new Pvt. John S. Bird Camp # 38 of North Charleston is now an official SCV camp. They were chartered on November 4 at the North Town Grill in North Charleston. The camp meets at Brecks Restaurant, located at 8510 Rivers Ave. in North Charleston, on the 2nd Thursday of every month, at 7 PM. If you're interested in becoming a member of the camp or for more information contact Commander **Jamie Parks** at 843-819-9765.

Just for the fun of it!

Contributed by Compatriot Bill Miller

A life long supporter of the SCV was lying on his death bed when he was asked by his wife if he had any final requests. Without hesitation, the old man said he would like to join the Sons of Union Veterans. "But why?" asked his puzzled wife, "You're a Confederate Rebel through and through... Why change now?" The old man, explained, "Well, I'd rather it was one of them that died and not one of us."

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Mississippi and displaying a better understanding of the meaning of the symbols at the center of the issue than those wishing to use collegiate sports as a political crowbar."

Sullivan also pointed out that any kind of ban based on Confederate symbolism is based on a misplaced understanding of history.

"Most Southerners know that the symbols of the Confederacy are not based in hate, as some would like to have everyone believe," he said. "Arbitrarily banning anything because of links to Confederate symbols would be ludicrous, considering that North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas all have state flag designs that pay homage to their Confederate lineage." Sullivan concluded that the athletic arenas of the South are not the places to determine political policy.

"Southerners love sports, and most especially collegiate sports, since they harken back to the Confederate concept of one state competing against another," he stated. "We disapprove of attempting to use a point of state and regional pride as a hostage to reach a political ends. Political issues should be decided by the people within the states themselves, not outsiders who know little or nothing about those states or the families that call them home. The NCAA should do the right thing and drop the ban altogether."

“The NCAA has shown an utter contempt for democracy and the legislative process. They should be held accountable.” - - Gene Kizer

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FEBRUARY SPEAKER

In honor of Black Confederates Month our speaker for the February meeting will be Compatriot James Adams of Walterboro. Compatriot Adams, who is black, is the Chaplain of the 17th Regiment Camp # 2069 of Olar, SC, and is the great, great, grandson of Caleb Grover, a black Confederate soldier. Mr. Adams is a member of Elizabeth Church in Ritter, SC and is a former member of the Colleton County Council. Compatriot Adams has done extensive research on his grandfather and recently discovered his grave site in St. Matthews, SC. Compatriot Adams will speak to the Camp on black Confederates, his grandfather, and current events. Mr. Adams is an excellent speaker and will no doubt deliver an interesting talk. You don't want to miss this meeting so plan to be with us on the 20th as Secession Camp honors our black Confederate heroes.



FORT PEMBERTON

Another one of the original earthen work forts on James Island in being developed for private housing. At our December meeting Adam Lulow, who is a resident of the Riverland Terrace subdivision and lives next to the earthworks of the fort, explained that the owner plans to build six houses on the property and is also planning to use an entrance road adjacent to the south wall of the earthworks. A different access road may better protect the fort. Mr. Lulow is asking our help to encourage the construction of a new road around the fort. You may call him at 843-425-2211 or Dick Mappus at 843-270-2704 to help or for more information.

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Just for information I have pasted below the words from my letter going out in the mail today:

**The Honorable Senator
John D. Hawkins
P.O. Box 5048
Spartanburg, SC 29304**

Reference: S0124

Senator Hawkins,

I am confident you are aware of the proposed Senate Bill, S 124, to establish May of each year, officially, as Confederate Memorial Month.

*S 0124 General Bill, By Bryant, Verdin, Vaughn and Knotts
A BILL TO AMEND ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 OF THE 1976 CODE, BY ADDING
SECTION 1-1-616, TO DESIGNATE MAY AS CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL MONTH.*

I am also aware, as are you, of the controversy that surrounds "anything" Confederate in today's climate of political correctness, and the real truths that embody the symbols of a great heritage such as ours are not taught in most public or private schools. Adding to the storm of protest are many media outlets and journalists who already have a liberal bias toward Southern history.

This attitude should in no way cause us to back away or fear the outcome of doing the right thing. I am frequently reminded of a statement from the lips of one of America's greatest military genius's, Lt. General Thomas Jonathan (Stonewall) Jackson; "Duty is ours, the consequences are God's".

Many South Carolinians descend from ancestors who served honorably in Confederate regiments and while I feel most are contemporary in thought, the principles and virtues of our Confederate grandfathers remain a part of who we are today.

Senator Hawkins, I urge you to give your full support to Senate Bill S124 establishing May officially as Confederate Memorial month in South Carolina. Thank you for your consideration.

With sincere regards,

Mark A. Simpson, Division Adjutant

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Army of Northern Virginia

South Carolina Division

HERITAGE WATCH

This month's Heritage violator is sports columnist Ron Morris of The State newspaper, (also known as the Columbia fish wrapper.) As should be expected from anyone who writes for that Columbia paper, in a January 21st editorial titled, "Change Cannot Come Soon Enough," Mr. Morris encourages the NCAA to broaden its boycott of South Carolina over the Confederate battle flag that flies at the Soldiers Monument on the State House grounds. It seems Mr. Morris believes that, because we show our respect for those Confederate soldiers who gave their lives in defense of our state, taking certain play-off games away from Palmetto State college teams is a good idea. To people like Mr. Morris nothing is more important than their PC image of way things should be. He mournfully opines of the tragic loss of a few sporting events while showing no remorse for offending the many South Carolinians with Confederate ancestors. He sees our beautiful state as a sad place, "where progress comes slowly, if at all." Well Mr. Morris, if that's your idea of progress we hope it never comes to our historic state. Fortunately, due largely to pressure from the SCV, the NCAA recently decided not to expand their ridiculous boycott. Sorry Mr. Morris! And if all this reminds you of a sports writer from The Post and Courier who made the same mistake a while back, it should. Haven't heard much from Mr. Burger on the subject lately have we?

ANNUAL LEE / JACKSON BANQUET



2007 CALENDER OF EVENTS

February

(Black Confederate History Month)

- 2-6 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 2-16 Stan Clardy Concert
- 2-17 H. L. Hunley Memorial Service
- 2-20 Secession Camp Meeting

March

- 3-3 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway
- 3-6 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 3-16 South Carolina SCV Division Convention
- 3-17 South Carolina SCV Division Convention
- 3-20 Secession Camp Meeting

April

- 4-3 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 4-12 Anniversary of the firing on Ft. Sumter
- 4-17 Secession Camp Meeting

May

- 5-1 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 5-5 Confederate Memorial Day Service in Columbia, SC
- 5-10 Confederate Memorial Day
- 5-13 Confederate Memorial Day Service in Charleston, SC
- 5-13 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway
- 5-15 Secession Camp Meeting

June

- 6-3 President Jefferson Davis' Birthday
- 6-5 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 6-16 Anniversary of the Battle of Secessionville
- 6-16 Battle of Secessionville Memorial Service at Ft. Lamar *
- 6-19 Secession Camp Meeting
- 6-28 Carolina Day

July

- 7-3 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 7-17 Secession Camp Meeting
- 7-26 SCV National Convention in New Orleans, LA
- 7-27 SCV National Convention in New Orleans, LA
- 7-28 SCV National Convention in New Orleans, LA
- 7-28 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway

August

- 8-7 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 8-21 Secession Camp Meeting

September

- 9-4 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 9-18 Secession Camp Meeting
- 9-29 2nd Annual Secession Camp Heritage Ride *

October

- 10-2 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 10-6 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway
- 10-12 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery *
- 10-13 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery *
- 10-16 Secession Camp Meeting

November

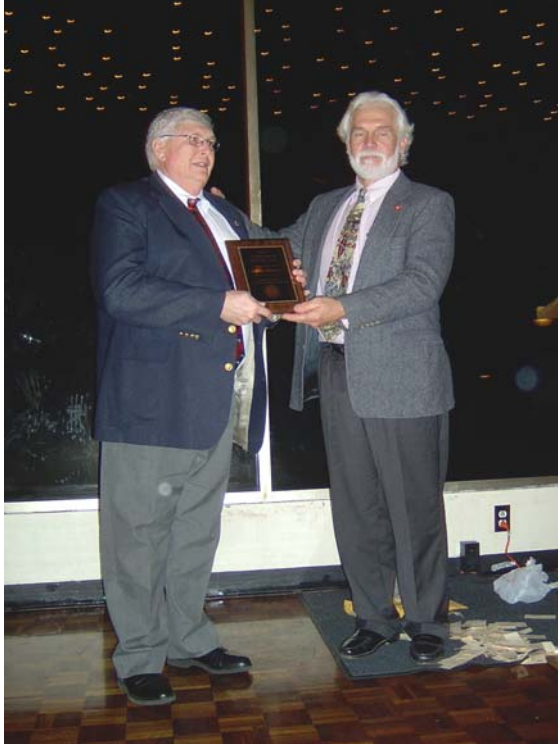
- 11-6 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 11-10 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation *
- 11-11 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation *
- 11-20 Secession Camp Meeting

December

- 12-4 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 12-18 Secession Camp Meeting and Christmas Party *

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JIMMY WHEELER COMPATRIOT OF THE YEAR



At last months Lee / Jackson Banquet Compatriot **Jimmy Wheeler** received the Compatriot of the Year award. The recipient is selected by his fellow Compatriots. Congratulations Jimmy!

ANDY LANGDALE RECEIVES WHITE STAR AWARD



At last months Lee / Jackson Banquet Compatriot **Andy Langdale** received the camp's White Star Award. The recipient is selected by the camp's executive committee. Congratulations Andy!



SY MABIE RECEIVES GENERAL JOHNSON HAGOOD AWARD

Compatriot **Sy Mabie** received the General Johnson Hagood Award at last months Lee / Jackson Banquet at the Oaks Country Club in Goose Creek. The award is given by our camp commander to a member of the Executive Committee for outstanding service to the camp. Sy is our camp Chaplain and he also serves as coordinator for the camp's Mickey Davis Fund. Congratulations Sy!



COMPATRIOTS WORK CAMP TABLE AT RELIC SHOW

Secession Camp had our Quartermaster's table at the Charleston Civil War Relic Show again this January. Pictured at left are Compatriots **Jimmy Wheeler, Elmore Marlow, Rick Hatcher, and John Blackwell**. Not pictured was Compatriot **David Rentz**. Elmore and John worked the table for most of the weekend exhibition to raise money for the camp. Thanks men!

H. L. HUNLEY MEMORIAL SERVICE

February 17th will be the 143rd anniversary of the disappearance of the H.L. Hunley submarine and the sinking of the USS Housatonic. As usual there will be a memorial service held at Sunrise Presbyterian Church on Sullivans Island, on Saturday the 17th. The Service will start at 7:00 PM followed by the laying of wreaths in the water at Breech Inlet, across the street from the church, at 8:00 PM. There will also be a volley of period gun fire by reenactors to mark the occasion. The reenactors will meet at Fort Moultrie and march to Sunrise Church for the event. Anyone interested in making the march from Fort Moultrie should meet there at 4:45 PM. This is always an inspiring event and all Compatriots should try to be there for the service. Sunrise Presbyterian Church is located 3222 Middle Street, Sullivans Island.

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12-20 Secession Day

* *Dates not confirmed*

Meeting Dates for Camps of the 6th Brigade

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

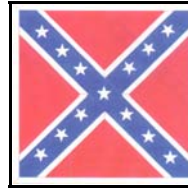
STAN CLARDY CONCERT

The well known Southern musician and story teller Stan Clardy will hold a special benefit concert for Secession Camp # 4 on Friday, February 16th at 7:00 PM. Stan wrote and performed the wonderful tribute to the men of the Hunley, "Hunley Shine On," that he performed at the Hunley Funeral and has preformed at many Hunley Memorial services. Stan will be doing a medley of songs and explaining the history behind the music. There will be a dinner served at the event and tickets are only \$15.00. The concert will take place at the Knights of Pythias Castle located at 1820 Belgrade Avenue in Charleston. Where else can you get an evening of food and entertainment and help the camp as well, for so little? Contact Compatriot **David Rentz** at 843-530-1766 or Compatriot **Bill Norris** at 843-849-9924 for tickets and information. Fine Southern entertainment and a good meal at a very affordable price. Bring the whole family and tell your friends.

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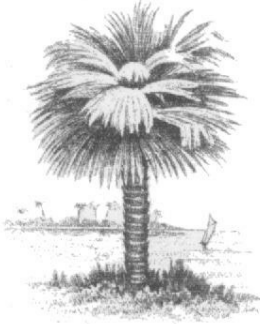
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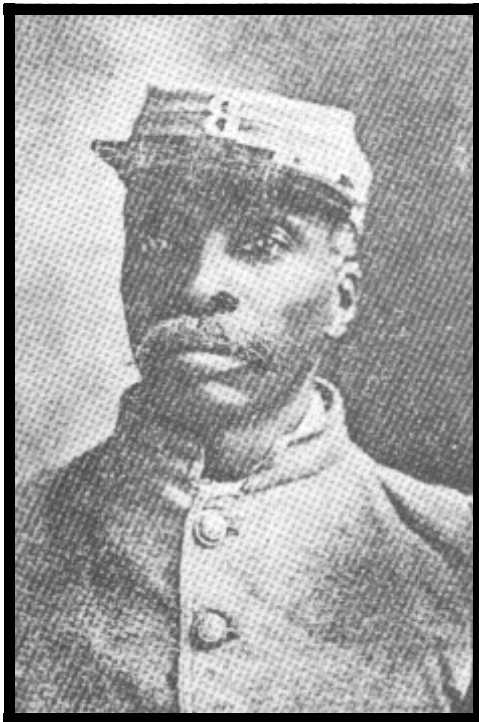


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THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 20th



February is Black Confederates Month

Pictured at left is Monroe Gooch of Davison County, Tennessee. Born in 1844 Mr. Gooch entered the Confederate Army as a cook with Capt. William Sykes of the 45th Tennessee Infantry and remained true to the cause until the end of the war. He had opportunities to leave the Confederate Army but true to his principles, he remained with Capt. Sykes until the surrender.