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## FEBRUARY MEETING MOVED UP TO 24TH FOR HUNLEY SERVICE

The Staff at the Sentinel would like to remind all Camp members that the February meeting will be held on the fourth Tuesday, or the 24th instead of the usual third Tuesday. All those in attendance at the January meeting should already know about the date change. The date change was made so that Compatriots can attend the H. L. Hunley Memorial Service on the 17th. All Compatriots are urged to show Camp support at the Hunley Memorial Service by attending. Many of our Camp members take part in the ceremony and this enables all of us to attend the memorial and our Camp meeting in the same month. The Hunley Memorial Service will be held at the Sunrise Presbyterian Church, 3222 Middle Street on Sullivan's Island, right before Breech Inlet. The service will begin at 7:00 PM but please arrive 20-30 minutes early. Please show up in proper SCV attire as well. Thank You.

## ANDY LANGDALE ELECTED COMPATRIOT OF THE YEAR

Andy Langdale was voted Compatriot of the year for 2008 at the annual Lee-Jackson Banquet. All of Andy's hard work as the Camp Chairman for Recruiting and Retention and Genealogy have not gone unnoticed. Andy has been a tireless worker and our ranks have grown tremendously in 2008. Congratulations Anderson! Camp Adjutant Elmore Marlowe has received the Brigadier General Johnson Hagood Award for his great commitment to excellence and going above and beyond his assigned duties. This years White Star Award recipient is Brian Riddle. Brian's work with the Heritage Ride has been a great success for our Camp by promoting Confederate heritage and raising funds. Great work Compatriots!

## *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,*



## A GREAT NIGHT AT THE ANNUAL LEE-JACKSON BANQUET

The night of January 20th was a great night for Secession Camp as we celebrated the birthdays of the two most revered Southern Generals— Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. Jackson. The night started out much like the 2008 Lee-Jackson Banquet, cold and rainy. The bad weather never broke our spirits though and the banquet was another successful event for the Camp. Prior to the dinner, we were treated to private tours of the Washington Light Infantry Relic room. The tours of the WLI relic room were a great honor as this room is rarely opened for public viewing. We were able to view war relics from the Revolutionary Period on up to the Iraq War and it was also a reminder of the great sacrifices our country has made throughout its history. After the tours, we adjourned to the Banquet room for dinner featuring Prime Rib. The food was very good and prepared by students from the College of Charleston. The decadent desserts had us all packing on a pound or two just from looking at them! Once dinner was finished, we listened to our scheduled speaker, Dr. Eric Emerson. Dr. Emerson spoke about a side of Robert E. Lee's life most of us never hear about— his personal life. Most stories about the great Marse Robert are those of the great military tactician and superb leader of men. Dr. Emerson's speech centered on Lee the family man and the deep devotion to his children. Though Lee's duties throughout his military career kept him away from home much of the time, Lee was a man of letters and those remaining documents sent home are a testament to his love of family. Dr. Emerson's speech definitely conveyed a more human side of Lee, in spite of the lofty position (practically Sainthood) he holds in the hearts of those with Southern heritage. In Closing, it was a great night and please plan on attending next year's banquet.

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**SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH AT THE KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS BUILDING LOCATED AT 1968 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.**

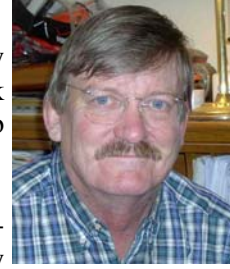
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## FROM THE COMMANDER

My Fellow Compatriots,

First, I want to apologize for not being at the January meeting. Unfortunately my job required me to be in Charlotte for training that week and I want to thank Lt. Commander John Genes for standing in for me. I plan to be back on the job for the next meeting.



I hope this newsletter finds everyone healthy and that everyone is looking forward to the coming year. Even though the year is still new things have already started to come together. We will be doing another Camp Yard Sale this year and Compatriot Louie Warmoth has agreed to head up this year's event. A date has not been set as of yet but it will most likely take place in April. Please be thinking about this and start gathering up items to be donated to the yard sale. The camp has voted to sale Vidalia onions this year as well. We all need to think about how many bags well can sale and so we can get our order together at the next meeting. They are set to be delivered around the middle of April and we should have one of the first crops to reach this area. In other business the Camp Bylaw Committee has completed their recommendations for changes to our bylaws and they have been reviewed by the Executive Committee. These recommendations will be sent out to the camp membership for review shortly and will be voted on at an up coming meeting.

Don't forget that the camp voted to move our February meeting to the forth Tuesday of the month (2-24-09) due to the annual Hunley Memorial Service which will take place on Tuesday February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. I hope to see everyone at the Hunley service and then at our monthly meeting the following Tuesday. Also please note that the next Highway Clean-up has been rescheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> due to changes made by the Highway Department.

Our Lee-Jackson Banquet was a great success and a grand time was had by all who attended. Lt. Commander John Genes says that the event just about broke even from a financial stand point and that's the way we plan it so our thanks go to John for throwing a grand birthday party for our two greatest Southern heroes.

As most of you know our Chaplain Sy Mabie passed away in January and was buried at the French Huguenot Church downtown. It was a wonderful service and was well attended by his Compatriots from Secession Camp. He will be missed but it's good to know we now have one more Compatriot who will be looking out for us from upstairs. I will now be searching for a Compatriot to take over the duties of Chaplain for the camp.

I hope to see you all at our next meeting and 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:

Most of you know by now that our Chaplain Sy Mabie passed away on January 13<sup>th</sup>. He was buried on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the French Huguenot Church downtown where he was a member. It was a wonderful service that was well attended by his Compatriots from Secession Camp and his fellow submariners from the Sub Vets Association. Compatriot Arthur Ravenel spoke to the gathering and we all sang Dixie as the service closed. I know I speak for all of Secession Camp when I say that Sy will be missed and may God bless his soul. Please keep Dave, Connie, and the Mabie family in your prayers.



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Other camp members who have suffered losses recently include compatriot Walter Canady who lost his sister, Mae Ott, in December and Compatriot Bob Dandridge who lost his mother earlier this month. Please remember these men and their families in your prayers.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander John Waring underwent gallbladder surgery recently and is recovering well. John reports that the procedure went very well and that he should be back to normal soon.

As commander I hope to appoint another camp Chaplain within the near future and if you know of anyone in our ranks who is having health problems please let me know.

Reporting for the Chaplain,  
Bill Norris, Commander

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

Honor the memory of your Confederate Ancestor in the Sentinel. Future issues will feature ad space for memorials to these brave men. For a donation of \$1 to the camp, we will print your ancestors Name, rank, regiment and other info including birth and death date, killed in action, died as POW or missing.

**At every meeting, just give me the info on your ancestor or email it to me robnance@Knology.net ....thanks!**

#### **CAMP SUPPER**

The Chili and Beans with Rice was another winner for the January Camp dinner. Once again it was an awesome Camp supper! Dinner was prepared by Mess Corporal **Don Pace** and his crew. Last month Compatriots **Don Petty, Dan Pinson, Perry Patrick, Robert Dandridge, Walter Canady and Bill Helms** gave Don a hand. Just as usual these folks came in long before the meeting to cook for us (and clean-up) and we owe them our thanks for another fine meal. Remember without volunteers like these we wouldn't 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. Don and the Crew will be preparing more great Southern cooking for us at the February meeting. So come join us for the fellowship and a hot meal on a cold winter night! Great Southern food, great Southern company!!

## In Memory of my Confederate Ancestor

**John Oliver Jaques      5th Cavalry Co. C Pvt.**

**Charles Wesley Jaques   4th Cavalry Co. G Pvt.**

**Richard Eugene Jaques   1st Co. A Palmetto Guard Artillery**

**Jacob Leonard Hiers      Co. K 11th Inf. Pvt**

**Abraham Jacob Hiers     Co. K 11th Inf. Pvt**

**George S. Hiers            11th Inf. Co. K Pvt**

**Died of wounds received at the Battle of Fredricksburg, Va. on**

**Dec. 13, 1862 in General Hospital. He was buried in Virginia.**

Contributed to the Sentinel by Compatriot Charlie Hiers and a donation to the Camp will be made in honor of his Confederate ancestors.

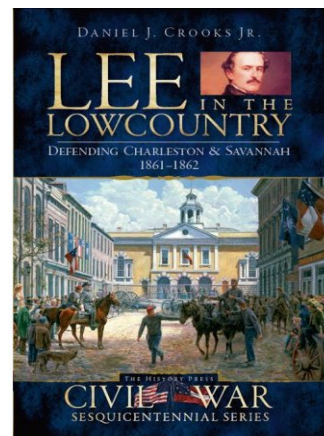
### Secession Camp Welcomes New Members



Secession Camp Welcomes new Compatriots Robert Emmett Pollard and Paul Warren Brown. Please be sure to introduce yourself to these new members and give them hearty camp welcome when you see them at upcoming meetings. New members are the lifeblood of any organization and our growing ranks are a great indicator that our Camp is one of the finest in the SCV.

### Author Daniel J. Crooks to speak at February Camp Meeting

Charleston Author Daniel J. Crooks, Jr is a local historian who previously co-authored two books with local author Douglas W. Bostick: "[On the Eve of the Charleston Renaissance: The George W. Johnson Photographs](#)" and "[Charleston's Trial: Jim Crow Justice](#)". His latest book [Lee in the Lowcountry: Defending Charleston & Savannah 1861-1862](#) ( pictured below ) is his latest which explores in detail Robert E. Lee's months in Charleston, SC during the early part of the War. General Lee set up the coastal defenses in the Lowcountry from Charleston, SC to Savannah, Ga. Mr. Crooks resides in the low country.



PICTURES FROM THE ANNUAL LEE-JACKSON BANQUET



JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT!

*This funny story was contributed to us by Compatriot John Whatley. Enjoy!*

A Southerner visiting New York decided to take a souvenir back South. Turning into an Oriental shop, he found a brass rat he liked. He asked the owner, "How much?" The owner replied, "For rat ten dollar. For story 25 dollar." "I'm not interested in the story," the Southerner replied, "but I will take the rat."

As he was leaving the store, he looked down and saw a rat on the sidewalk looking up at him. As he walked down the street, more rats came out and followed the Southerner down the street. Soon there were hundreds, then thousands. Finally, the Southerner broke into a run, pursued by all the rats. Coming to the river, he could go no further, so he threw the brass rat into the middle of the river. All the rats plunged into the river after it and drowned.

When he returned to the Oriental store, the owner greeted the Southerner with, "You come back for story now?"

"No," said the Southerner, "I just came back to see if you had a brass statue of a yankee."

-Author Unknown

## MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 20TH MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	Program Film of past CV Reunions
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes		Speaker Rick Hatcher
Reading and Approval of Financial Report		

Remarks: 59 members and 2 guests for a total of 61 in attendance.

- SCV Charge was given by 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Commander John Genes
  - Invocation given by Gene Patrick
  - Salute to the Flags given by Color Sgt. Loren O'Donnell.
  - The cooks were then recognized for the meal. Mess Corporal Don Pace was assisted by Perry Patrick, Robert Dandridge, Don Petty, Walter Canady, Danny Pinson and Bill Helms.
  - Introduction of guest.
  - The scheduled speaker Mike Coker was unable to attend. Our old reliable stand-by and camp member, Rick Hatcher showed moving pictures of several past Confederate Veteran Reunions including Mobile and Memphis. Also, a combined reunion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg survivors which took place at the high water mark wall. There were several parades, interviews, and burial ceremonies of veterans. Past Union and Confederate Generals were also shown in Cuba during the Spanish-American War. Rick narrated and added color comments during the film. Rick received an ovation for his presentation.
  - Treasurer's budget report for 2009 estimate was given by the Buck Perry. Income from dues, etcher, and quarter master is projected to be \$5,505.00 and expenses total \$4777.35. In December, the beginning balance was \$20,627.46 less checks to the Post & Courier, Friends of the Hunley, SCV International, S.C. Division for dues, and the College of Charleston for catering (Banquet) left a balance of \$11,140.72.
  - Mickey Davis Fund Report: Woody Weatherford reported no deposits for December. Balance as of the January meeting was \$960.08.
  - Chaplains Report: Gene Patrick read the Resolution from SCV Headquarters for former member Gary Stone, who passed away in November. A moment of silence and a pray were given for our former Chaplain Sy Mabie, passed away on January 14. Sy will be deeply missed.
  - Highway Cleanup: Michael Dixon reported that the next highway cleanup will be on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - John Evans reported that Charlie Hiers and Lee Wilson have completed requirements for the Guardian Program..
  - Heritage Ride: Brian Riddle reported that next years ride will include a visit to the Berkley Museum.
  - CHT Report: Wayne Dukes reported that the annual memorial service for the H. L. Hunley will be on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at Sun Rise Presbyterian Church on Sullivans Island. This is the same day of our Camp meeting. The Camp meeting will now be held the following Tuesday on February 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - Old Business: None
  - New Business: A proposal was made by David Rentz to sell bags of Vidalia Onions as a fund raiser. A camp in Fayetteville, N.C. has been doing for the past several years and has done well. Onions will be delivered in 10 lb. bags which will cost us about \$5.50 per bag which we will sell for \$10.00. The cost in the grocery store is about \$12.00. The members voted to take this project on as a fund raiser. More information on this project will follow. Two new candidates were voted on. Paul Warren Brown and Robert Emmet Pol-lard were both approved for membership and sworn in as members. Membership certificates were given to Robert Withers, Clay Withers, William Taylor Withers, John Lawrence, and John Cordray.
  - The camp needs articles, pictures, etc. for the camp scrapbook which presented each year for competition at the S. C. Division Convention and the National Convention. Please contact John Genes if you have items or would like to help.
  - A motion made to adjourn and seconded.
- The benediction was made by Gene Patrick followed by the singing of Dixie.

## 2009 CALENDER OF EVENTS

### February

(Black Confederate History Month)

2-17 H. L. Hunley Memorial Service \*

2-24 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

### March

3-3 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM

3-7 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway

3-17 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

3-20 South Carolina SCV Division Convention

3-21 South Carolina SCV Division Convention

### April

4-7 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM

4-12 Anniversary of the firing on Ft. Sumter

4-21 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

### May

5-2 Confederate Memorial Day Service in Columbia, SC \*

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

5-9 Confederate Memorial Day Service in Charleston, SC \*

5-10 Confederate Memorial Day

5-19 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

5-30 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway

### June

6-2 President Jefferson Davis' Birthday

6-3 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM

6-13 Battle of Secessionville Memorial Service at Ft. Lamar \*

6-16 Anniversary of the Battle of Secessionville

6-16 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

6-28 Carolina Day

### July

7-7 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM

7-21 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

7-22 SCV National Convention in Hot Springs, AK

7-23 SCV National Convention in Hot Springs, AK

7-24 SCV National Convention in Hot Springs, AK

7-25 SCV National Convention in Hot Springs, AK

### August

8-4 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM

8-18 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

### September

9-1 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM

9-12 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway

9-15 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

9-26 2nd Annual Secession Camp Heritage Ride \*

### October

10-6 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM

10-9 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery \*

10-10 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery \*

10-20 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

### November

11-3 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM

11-7 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway

11-14 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation \*

11-15 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation \*

11-17 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

### December

12-15 Secession Camp Meeting and Christmas Party, 6:30 PM

12-20 Secession Day

\* Dates not yet confirmed

### Meeting Dates for Camps of the 10th 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 Tuesday of the Month

Gen. Ellison Capers Camp # 1212, Moncks Corner

3rd Thursday of the Month

Star of the West Camp # 1253, The Citadel

2nd Thursday of the Month (irregular)

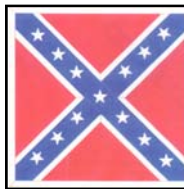
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2nd Thursday of the Month (irregular)

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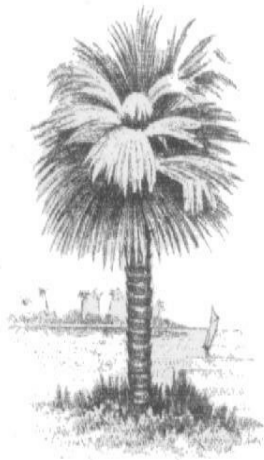
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**THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE FEBRUARY 24TH**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO COMPATRIOT OF THE YEAR ANDY LANGDALE**