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SCV MORNS THE PASSING OF PRESIDENT FORD



The SCV has a special connection with our 38th president, Gerold Ford who passed away on December 26, 2006 at the age of 93. General Robert E. Lee signed the oath and requested that his citizenship be reinstated after the WBTS but mysteriously his request was lost for more than 100 years. It was discovered in the National Archives in 1970 and in June of 1975 Lee's full rights of citizenship were posthumously restored by a joint congressional resolution. On August 5, 1975 President Ford signed the resolution and made the following statement about General Lee.

"I am very pleased to sign Senate Joint Resolution 23, restoring posthumously the long overdue, full rights of citizenship to General Robert E. Lee. This legislation corrects a 110-year oversight of American history. It is significant that it is signed at this place.

Lee's dedication to his native State of Virginia chartered his course for the bitter Civil War years, causing him to reluctantly resign from a distinguished career in the United States Army and to serve as General of the Army of Northern Virginia. He, thus, forfeited his rights to U. S. citizenship.

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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*



OPERATION FOURTH & GOAL



The NCAA has for the past several years been supporting a partial sports boycott of South Carolina colleges and universities. In 2001 the organization barred any of its postseason tournaments from South Carolina. The NCAA is now considering a request from the Black Coaches Association, to extend the ban to sports where teams earn a chance to host playoff games, like baseball or football. The boycott was requested by the black coaches because of the Confederate battle flag that flies at the Soldiers Monument in Columbia, even though the current placement of the flag was the result of a compromise reached by the state legislature when it removed the Confederate flag from the statehouse dome to appease the NAACP. For these sanctions the NCAA has singled out South Carolina and Mississippi, which incorporates the battle flag into their state flag. It appears that since both South Carolina and Mississippi used the Democratic process to decide the placement and use of the Confederate flag the NCAA has little use for government by the people. Interestingly the NCAA has given the state of Georgia, which uses the Confederate Stars and Bars as it's state flag, and the state of Alabama, which flies the Confederate battle flag on it's capitol grounds, a pass in these sanctions.

The SCV plans to challenge the NCAA's sanctions and has already begun a national media campaign called "Operation Fourth & Goal" to spotlight the hypocrisy of this boycott. The SCV's initial press conference ran a few weeks ago in news

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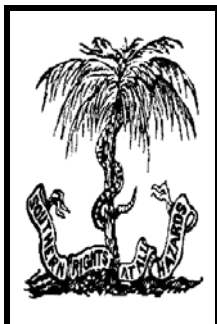
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SECESSION CAMP WILL NOT MEET ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH THIS MONTH. WE WILL HOLD OUR NEXT MEETING ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH, AT OUR LEE / JACKSON BANQUET, IN THE OAKS COUNTRY CLUB, IN GOOSE CREEK. THE EVENT WILL START AT 6:30 PM AND WILL INCLUDE A BRIEF BUSINESS MEETING.

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FROM THE COMMANDER

Compatriots,

I hope that the Holidays were joyful and rewarding to all of you. This has been a good time to spend with your family and friends.

We have a lot of work ahead of us this upcoming year. We still need to pass the Bylaw changes, which I know some were not happy with, but if you face facts, it is impossible to make everyone happy, and as the Bylaws state their can still be changes made.

We need to form a Building committee to start looking for our Camp some property to purchase and eventually build our own building on. The Knights have been wonderful to us, but we cannot count on them to always be there.

Raising Camp dues is also a must. We cannot continue to operate the way we have been doing in the past. The current setup is basically living pay check to pay check and still running short of funds. We cannot rely on having a fund raiser to have a quick fix, which is like you planning on a bonus check and then not receiving it to pay your bill. We need funds to plan recruiting stands, media funds, the Camp desperately needs new computers and printers and other material that shows people we are not a fly by night organization.

We also have many events coming up during the course of the year that as many camp members that can need to attend, this organization like any other needs its members to participate so that when we are to appear at an event our camp with over 250 members has more than 5 or ten members show up.

I hope to see as many of you as can attend at our Lee Jackson meeting In January.

Your Obedient Servant,
Bill Baber, Commander
Secession Camp # 4



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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:

The festivities surrounding Christmas has past and the New Year is at hand! Each celebration celebrates the arrival of a newcomer. In the first we celebrate the arrival of the Christ Child the Son of God, in the second the beginning of a New Year. Both offer the opportunity to reflect upon our lives. The first provided an example for us to pattern our lives. The second provides an opportunity to reflect upon the past year to determine how well we have followed the guidelines provided in the scriptures and also help us identify the course corrections necessary to bring us in line with the word of God. We pray that we may be granted the wisdom to make the choices that are pleasing to him.



We extend our condolences to the family of Thomas S. Buckheister father of Compatriot **Roy D. Buckheister** upon the loss of their husband and father on the 23rd of December. It is our prayer the Comforter resides in them as they cope with the absence of their father in their lives.

I had the opportunity for a short visit with Compatriot **Barrickman** during the Hunley Christmas Party, I am happy to report he was looking very well. Please continue your prayers for Compatriots **Dickinson** and **Heidtman**. Compatriot Dickinson is at home undergoing treatment and is upbeat. Compatriot Heidtman is hospitalized at this time, may he return home soon.

May you be blessed with wisdom and happiness in the year to come.

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 or disabled.

Yours in Christ,
Sy Mabie, Chaplain

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outlets all over the country on television, radio and major dailies as well as Sports Illustrated and ESPN's web sites and our lapel sticker campaign reached thousands at some major college football games in the South. The stickers directed people to our new web site, **NCAAinterference.org**, so they could get information and sign an online petition. All compatriots are requested to go to this website and sign the petition which will be sent to the NCAA. SCV National Commander in Chief Chris Sullivan, says lawyers are looking at the NCAA ban from several perspectives, including whether it is an illegal secondary boycott or violates interstate commerce law or constitutional equal protection rights. The NCAA will be meeting soon to decide this issue and we also need to generate a ton of letters to Commissioner Robert Vowels, chairman of the NCAA's Minority Opportunities and Interests Committee which is the main point of contact for the NCAA's anti-Southern position. This committee will recommend whether to continue, cease, or expand the current boycott. We also need letters to Dr. Myles Brand who is the president of the NCAA. You should also write to the Attorneys General of Mississippi and SC, and your state representatives encouraging them to use the power and influence of their offices ot resist the abuses of the NCAA. You can write to these men at the following addresses:

Commissioner Robert C. Vowels, Jr.
A.G. Gaston Building
1527 Fifth Avenue, North
Birmingham, AL 35204

National Collegiate Athletic Association
Attention: Dr. Myles Brand, President
700 W. Washington Street
P.O. Box 6222
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206-6222

The Honorable Henry McMaster
Attorney General of South Carolina
P.O. Box 11549
Columbia, S.C. 29211

The Honorable Jim Hood
Attorney General of Mississippi
P.O. Box 220
Jackson, MS 39205

This issue is scheduled to come before the committee this month so please do your part, go to the website and sign the petition, and write to these men as soon as you can. This may seem like a pain but it is nothing compared to the sacrifices of your ancestors. **Remember if we don't fight for them who will?**

CALENDER OF EVENTS

December

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

January

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- 1-20 Secession Camp Lee-Jackson Banquet
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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

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

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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.

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 of the property is building three condominiums on the property and is also building an entrance road adjacent to the south wall of the earthworks. Another access road already exist. Mr. Lulow is asking our help to stop the new road from being built and damaging the earthworks. You may call him at 843-425-2211 or Dick Mappus at 843-270-2704 to help or for more information.

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in last months newsletter that Compatriot **John Jennings** was serving on the committee to review the bylaw changes. It is Compatriot **John Genes** who is serving on that committee. Sorry for the mistake.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY



HERITAGE WATCH

This months Heritage violator is, you guessed it, the "Big Brother" of college athletics, the NCAA. It seems that the NCAA is not satisfied with their current sanctions on South Carolina and Mississippi regarding their use of the Confederate flag. They are now considering more restrictions because the Black Coaches Association has decided that our Southern flag offends them. NCAA spokesman Bob Williams said his organization wants to "ensure that our championships are free from any type of symbolism that might make someone uncomfortable based on their race." For those of you who don't understand leftist propaganda we'll translate Mr. Williams statement for you. What Mr. Williams wants to ensure is that the narrow minded black coaches are not offended no matter how many Southerners with Confederate ancestors the NCAA offends in the process. They are totally unconcerned that the state flag of Mississippi was voted for in a state wide referendum by an overwhelming majority and that the SC legislature voted overwhelmingly to move our flag to the Soldiers Monument as a compromise to appease the NAACP. Sounds like the fascist at the NCAA don't think much of our democracy either.

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Once the war was over, he firmly felt the wounds of the North and South must be bound up. He sought to show by example that the citizens of the South must dedicate their efforts to rebuilding that region 'of the country as a strong and vital part of the American Union.

In 1865, Robert E. Lee wrote to a former Confederate soldier concerning his signing the Oath of Allegiance, and I quote: "This war, being at an end, the Southern States having laid down their arms, and the questions at issue between them and the Northern States having been decided, I believe it to be the duty of everyone to unite in the restoration of the country and the reestablishment of peace and harmony."

This resolution passed by the Congress responds to the formal application of General Lee to President Andrew Johnson on June 13, 1865, for the restoration of his full rights of citizenship. Although this petition was endorsed by General Grant and forwarded to the President through the Secretary of War, an Oath of Allegiance was not attached because notice of this additional requirement had not reached Lee in time.

Later, after his inauguration as President of Washington College on October 2, 1865, Lee executed a notarized Oath of Allegiance. Again his application was not acted upon because the Oath of Allegiance was apparently lost. It was finally discovered in the National Archives in 1970.

As a soldier, General Lee left his mark on military strategy. As a man, he stood as the symbol of valor and of duty. As an educator, he appealed to reason and learning to achieve understanding and to build a stronger nation. The course he chose after the war became a symbol to all those who had marched with him in the bitter years towards Appomattox.

General Lee's character has been an example to succeeding generations, making the restoration of his citizenship an event in which every American can take pride.

In approving this Joint Resolution, the Congress removed the legal obstacle to citizenship which resulted from General Lee's Civil War service. Although more than a century late, I am delighted to sign this resolution and to complete the full restoration of General Lee's citizenship.

Note: The President spoke at 2:12 p.m. at Arlington House, Arlington, Va. Arlington House, formerly known as the Custis-Lee Mansion, was the home of General Lee.

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. The camp 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.

CHRISTMAS SUPPER

That delicious pork shoulder we enjoyed at the December Christmas Party was prepared by Mess Corporal **Don Pace** and his crew of **Perry Patrick**, **Don Petty**, and **Gene Patrick**. We also want to thank all these who brought side dishes to the party. Everything was wonderful and as usual everyone had a great meal and a great evening. Thanks to all!

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- 1-21 General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's Birthday

February

(Black Confederate History Month)

- 2-6 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting
- 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

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MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 19th MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	Program Christmas Party
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes		Speaker
Reading and Approval of Financial Report		
Remarks: 49 members and 27 guest for a total of 77 in attendance		

- SCV Charge was given by Commander **Bill Baber**.
- Invocation given by **Sy Mabie**.
- Salute to the Flags given by Color Sgt. **Gene Patrick**.
- The cooks were then recognized for the meal of beef tender loin with side dishes and deserts prepared, brought by members and guest. Head chef **Don Pace** was assisted by **Perry Patrick, Gene Patrick, and Don Petty**.
- Introduction of guest was done as a group.
- Commander Baber introduced Adam Lulow, who is a resident of James Island and lives next to the earthworks of Fort Pemberton. He explained that the owner of the property is building three condominiums on the property and is building an entrance road adjacent to the south wall of the earthworks. Another access road already exist. He is asking our help to stop the road from being built and damaging the earthworks. You may call Adam at 425-2211 or Dick Mappus at 270-2704 to help.
- A motion to suspend our business meeting was made by **David Rentz** and seconded.
- Ballots were handed out to the membership for Compatriot of the Year voting. The award will be announced at the Lee-Jackson Banquet.
- The Lee-Jackson Banquet will be at the Oaks Country Club on January 20th and tickets are \$25.00 each. Please call **Bill Norris** at 849-9924 for tickets.
- The Adjutant received three applications for Cadet membership in the SCV. Applications for Cadet membership are from birth to age 12 and are \$10.00. Cadets will receive a membership certificate with their name and the name of their Confederate ancestor. A perfect gift for a grand-son. For information call the Adjutant or SCV Headquarters.
- Bill Baber thanked the members and guest for attending.
- A motion was then made to adjourn.
- The benediction was made by Sy Mabie followed by the singing of Dixie, then followed by fellowship around the Christmas Tree.

LEE / JACKSON BANQUET

January is an important month for members of the SCV. It is when we honor the birth-days of two of our greatest heroes. Generals Robert E. Lee (January 19th) and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson (January 21st), and for this special reason it is the month we hold our most important gathering of the year, our Lee / Jackson Banquet. We will not meet on Tuesday January 16th but will instead hold a brief business meeting at the banquet. Everyone should try to attend this important event. It will be held at the Oaks Country Club in Goose Creek on Saturday January 20th at 6:30 PM. There will be cash bar, door prizes, a delicious meal, and Mr. J. Tracy Power will speak about his new book "LEE'S MISERABLES, Life in the Army of Northern Virginia from the Wilderness to Appomattox." Tickets are \$25.00. For directions and information call Lt. Cmdr. **Bill Norris** at 849-9924.

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

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* Dates not confirmed

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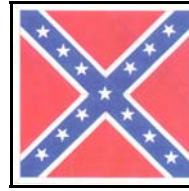
STAN CLARDY CONCERT

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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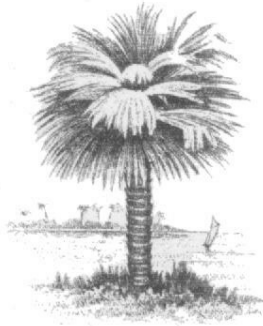
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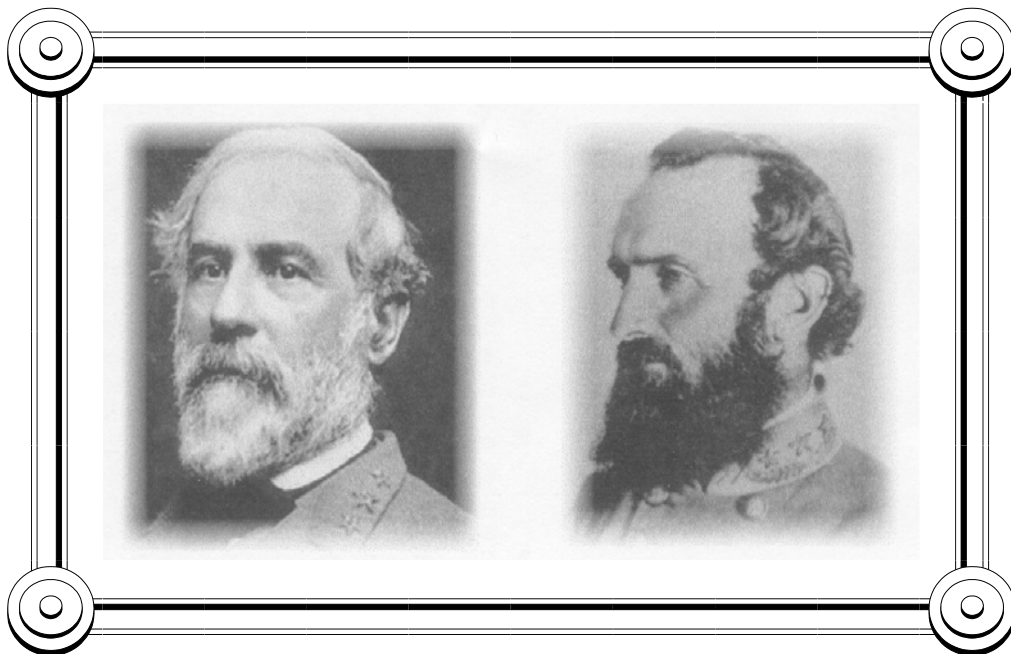


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**NOTICE: THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON JANUARY 16th
THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 20th
AT THE LEE / JACKSON BANQUET**



General Robert E. Lee & General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson