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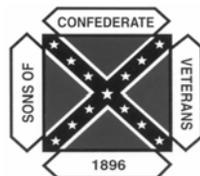


Gordon Rhea

It's January and time to celebrate the birthdays of two of the South's greatest heroes. Generals Robert E. Lee (Jan.19) and Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson (Jan. 21) at Secession Camps annual Lee-Jackson Banquet. This years banquet promises to be one of the best ever. It will take place on January 19th, Lee's actual birthday, at the Washington Light Infantry Armory located at 287 Meeting Street downtown and will get started at 7 PM. The menu includes herb encrusted prime rib and Compatriot **Jack Thomson** will give a tour of the WLI Museum. The camp's new officers will be sworn in and there will be beer, wine, and door prizes. The speaker will be noted author Gordon Rhea. Mr. Rhea is the author of four books on the Overland Campaign and is currently writing the fifth and concluding volume in the series. His latest book, *In the Footsteps of Grant and Lee: The Wilderness through Cold Harbor*, published a couple of months ago, is a photographic study of the battlefields from the Wilderness through Cold Harbor combining modern and period pictures with text. A frequent lecturer on military history and a practicing attorney, he lives in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, with his wife and two sons. Mr. Rhea will sign copies of his books which will be available for purchase the night of the banquet. Guest are welcome and although limited, tickets are still available for \$30.00 each. They can be reserved by calling Lt. Cmdr. **Bill Norris** at 843-849-9924 or by purchasing them at the January meeting. This is the social event of the year for every SCV camp and all compatriots should make every effort to attend this enjoyable evening.

*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*



## Notes from the Editor

by Rob Nance

Another year has flown by and I hope every Camp member had a joyous Christmas and New Year. I sincerely hope that 2008 will be a year where Confederate heritage issues are viewed in a fair and unpartisan manner. It will be interesting to see how political candidates, especially those running for President, dodge and malign our heritage for the sake of the popular vote. (see my article on p.3) I hope they aren't expecting to carry SC! Anyhow, as you all know, Bill Norris is the new Camp Commander and I have taken over as Editor of the Sentinel. I have been working with Bill for the last six or seven months contributing articles and doing some of the editing, formatting, etc. However, I had no real idea of the work that this man has put into this newsletter until now. I have a whole new level of respect for Bill since I have taken over the task of our newsletter. It is not only a laborious endeavor but a creative one as well. And despite the fact that we all get the newsletter either via email or the US Mail, it darn sure doesn't write itself! We all owe him a great amount of thanks for all his hard work over the years. He has laid a foundation that I hope to build upon. He has been nothing but supportive in helping me take over as Editor, and I know he will be there to assist me during this transition. I invite Camp members who would like to contribute articles or ideas as well. The Sentinel should be your guide to camp activities, but it should also be a vehicle to broaden our knowledge of the contributions of our ancestors. They are the only reason we do what do, believe in what we do, and are who we are. I am proud to be an American but I am equally proud to be the descendant of a Confederate soldier. I hope to write a newsletter that reflects the honor that our ancestors deserve. Let's look to this new year and always honor Dixie!

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**SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH 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 this letter finds you all in good spirits and in good health. We have a few events coming up in the near future that I hope to see you all at. The Lee Jackson Banquet January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Light Infantry with a possible tour of their museum. You should all try and attend this event. We also have our Camp Yard Sale, so if you have items that you want to get out of your house or garage, we could use them. This will be my last article as your Camp Commander. It has been a pleasure to serve as your commander the past two years and I feel that the new camp officers will do a good job for you. Please give them your support the next two years.



I hope that all of you had a great Holiday Season. Remember our ancestors and make their memories stay alive in our lives. Also remember our soldiers, who are serving and those who have served, they all have sacrificed so that we may live our lives in peace.

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

### Heritage Issues put Presidential Candidates on Notice

By  
 Rob Nance

Like it or not, we are in an election year once again, and our heritage issues have already made the headlines. A recent CNN-youtube.com broadcast of a Republican candidate "debate" was a very good indicator as to where our heritage issues lie within the party and those vying for the White House. The debate format was basically a "Town Hall" type but most questions were asked via video thru youtube. A man by the name of Leroy Brooks of Houston, TX asked the question: Did the Confederate battle flag on the wall behind him (in the video feed) symbolize racism, political ideology, Southern heritage or something altogether different? Of the candidates on the panel, only Gov. Mitt Romney, Mass. And former Sen. Fred Thompson were allowed to answer. After the video, the moderator, CNN's Anderson Cooper, then very characteristically announces the Confederate Battle flag in the background as the "stars and bars". I guess someone should have told him in his teleprompter that the "stars and bars" is the 1st National Confederate flag. Gov. Romney then replies, "I (awkward pause) right now with the kind of issues we got in this country, I'm not going to get involved in a flag like that. That's not a flag I would recognize or would hold up in my room. The people of this country have decided not to fly that flag and I think that's the right thing." Obviously uncomfortable, Romney sidesteps the question by criticizing John Edwards view of "two Americas". You know, I wasn't expecting an endorsement but just what "people" is he talking about that have "decided not to fly a flag like that"? He can speak for Massachusetts, but leave Dixie out of that group of "people" please! We fly "that" flag proudly! Sen. Thompson then replied, "I know that everybody who hangs a flag up in their room like that is not a racist. I also know that for a great many Americans it is a symbol of racism. As far as a public place is concerned, I am glad that people have made the decision not to display it as a prominent flag symbolic of something in a state capital. (SC!)" He then goes on to say that the flag is ok as a part of a group of flags honoring service members. The "PC" portion of his reply comes here, "As a nation we don't need to go out of our way to bring up things that to certain people in our country, that's bad for them." Bad for them?? Are we now making the flag debate a personal health issue? Somehow ol' Fred segued from the Battle flag to health care. Go figure! The main issue here is that no candidate, Democrat or Republican is going to stick their necks out for Confederate heritage. In closing, I don't wish to endorse or malign any candidate. I do, however, wish to keep our camp informed when public figures speak on heritage issues such as these. In my opinion, November 5th can't get here soon enough!

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:

This is the busy time of the year the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ has passed. We were able to share at our last meeting; the food prepared by Don and his crew was great! The desert table was overflowing! The pleasure of sharing and fellowship was the high point of the evening!



The year 2008 will soon be here; each has their way of bringing in the New Year. Connie and I will share an evening with friends at a restaurant then let the younger folks bring in the New Year with a bang! I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a happy and prosperous New Year. May the Lord look upon you and be your guide in the year to come.

Your prayers are requested for Compatriots Wayne Dukes and Jimmy Wheeler who are recovering at home after being recently hospitalized. Wayne had a serious bout with pneumonia and Jimmy has had surgery on his leg, he is to have a similar condition corrected on his other leg in the near future. Both are doing well in the healing process.

This is also a time for us to remember the Compatriots who are unable to share with us due to illness, may they be blessed and return to good health in the year to come. Please continue to remember Compatriots Dickinson, Jacobs, and Heidtmann in your prayers.

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

Happy New Year!  
**Sy Mabie**  
 Chaplain

### *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

## CAMP SUPPER

That terrific Roast Pork and fixings we feasted on at the Christmas Party/meeting was prepared by Mess Corporal **Don Pace** and his crew and all Compatriots that brought covered dishes and desserts. Last month Compatriots **Don Pinson, Don Petty and Cindy Petty**, gave Don a hand. Just as usual these folks came in long before the meeting to cook for us (and clean-up after us) and we owe them our thanks for another fine meal. Remember without volunteers like these we would not be able to enjoy a good supper together at camp meetings so please let them know how much we appreciate what they do for us and think about volunteering to help Don's crew sometime. Everyone should try and help with camp duties when they can. At the January meeting Don and the crew will be cooking breakfast for dinner-scrambled eggs, grits, sausage and biscuits. Sounds like another dinner that will hit the spot!

### Pictures from Secession Camp's 2007 Christmas Party

All who attended the Camp Christmas Party this year had a great time and enjoyed some wonderful food! Our thanks go out to our Camp Chef's for the tasty Roast pork medallions and also to everyone who brought a covered dish. The dessert table was a special treat as well. I don't usually go for New Year resolutions but I may need to shed a few pounds after all that delicious holiday food!



## MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 16TH MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	Program Christmas at Fort Sumter
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes		Speaker <b>Rick Hatcher</b>
Reading and Approval of Financial Report		
Remarks: 42 members and 27 guest for a total of 69 in attendance		

- Blessing was given by **Sy Mabie**.
  - Camp members and guest enjoyed a main dish of roast pork tenderloin, side dishes and many deserts, which were brought by members.
  - SCV Charge was given by Commander **Bill Baber**.
  - Invocation given by Sy Mabie.
  - Salute to the Flags given by **Bill Norris**.
  - The cooks were then recognized for their help with the meal. Head chef **Don Pace** was assisted by **Danny Pinson**, and **Don Petty**.
  - Guest were welcomed as a group by Commander Baber.
  - The speaker was Compatriot Rick Hatcher who spoke about Christmas at Fort Sumter in 1863. On December 11<sup>th</sup> the small arms magazine exploded, killing 11 soldiers and wounding 41 more. The Federals then proceeded to fire 220 rounds at the Fort. From the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> there was no firing at the Fort. Federals switched their attention to the city where they fired 134 rounds on Christmas Day. At Fort Sumter on Christmas Day Co. K of the 1<sup>st</sup> South Carolina Artillery enjoyed roast turkey, wild duck, oysters, and sweet potatoes.
  - Reports were not given due to the abbreviated meeting.
  - New Business: Two candidates, Jeffrey Strezlec and Jack Merritt, were voted on and approved by members present. **Robert Belton Shealy, Jr.** was inducted and pinned by his father, **Bobby Shealy**.
  - A Cadet membership certificate was then presented to **Lucas Pinson**, son of **Danny Pinson**. Lucas has helped with the highway cleanup several times
  - Bill Norris handed out ballots for compatriot of the year. **George Naumann**, **Andy Langdale**, and **Loren O'Donnell** received the same number of votes at the November meeting. The winner will be announced at the Lee-Jackson Banquet.
  - **Randy Burbage** announced that the Division Leadership Conference meeting will be held in Batesburg-Leesville on the first weekend in January. Camp members voted to pay expenses for any candidates from the camp who may attend.
  - Camp member, **John Dangerfield**, thanked camp members for the contribution to get the Hunley mobile exhibit rolling again. Secession gave \$1,000.00 toward repairs to the van after it blew an engine.
  - Bill Norris announced that tickets were available for the Lee-Jackson Banquet to be held on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Light Infantry Armory. Tickets are \$30.00 per person. **Jack Thomson** has volunteered to give tours of the archives room.
  - A motion was made to adjourn and seconded.
- The benediction was made by Sy Mabie followed by the singing of Dixie.

## HERITAGE WATCH by Bill Norris



January's Heritage Watch has good news and bad news. First the bad news. On November 11, 2007 the Confederate Monument on the grounds of the State Capitol in Montgomery, Alabama was desecrated by vandals. The hands and faces of the soldiers on the stone monument were painted with black paint and the inscription, "NT 11 11 31" was painted on the base of the monument. The inscription presumably refers to the date, November 11, 1831, that the slave Nate Turner was hanged for staging a bloody revolt in Virginia that left more than fifty whites dead. Now for the good news. The Alabama Division of the SCV posted a \$1000.00 reward for information leading to the arrest of the vandals that committed this heinous crime and within a few days received a confidential tip that lead to the arrest of three, white teenagers. The three 17-year-old males, all 11th and 12th graders from Montgomery, are facing felony charges that could carry a ten year sentence if they are tried as adults. Fortunately, much of the restoration work to repair the damage to the monument, which is likely to cost more that \$3500.00 to complete, has already been done. SCV National Cmdr. In Chief, Chris Sullivan issued a statement commending the Alabama Division SCV and the Alabama law enforcement agencies for their determination in bringing those

responsible for this crime to justice. Cmdr. Bill "Deacon" Cox Jr., of the Wetumpka, AL SCV camp, said the memorial's vandalism made him physically ill. "To deface any memorial that sits on the grounds of our state Capitol, whether it honors the Civil War or civil rights, is a slap in the face to all Alabama residents,". We agree with Cmdr. Cox and hope these three misguide youths get what they deserve. Defacing things Confederate has gotten to be a real problem now days and more national attention needs to be given to this issue.

## JANUARY SPEAKER

The speaker at the January meeting will be Mr. John Spear. Mr. Spear is a native of Maine where he graduated from the Maine Maritime Academy. He is a retired Navy Commander and sub-vet with 23 years service. John's wife Anne is a member of the UDC and through her he became interested in the confederate section at Magnolia Cemetery. He has spent 15 years studying gravesites there and has replaced 226 stones. John will speak to us on the Confederate graves at Magnolia. This will be an interesting talk you will want to hear.

## NEW MEMBER



Bringing in new members is the life blood of any organization and Secession Camp is proud to have inducted another new member into the fold at the December meeting. Shown here taking the oath is new Compatriot **Bobby Shealy, Jr.** Bobby Jr. is the son of long time Compatriot **Bobby Shealy, Sr.** who proudly pined his son after the oath. As always we are glad to have new men in our camp and the SCV. Welcome to the camp Bobby and please don't be shy about getting involved in camp actives and projects. We need all the help we can get.

## 2008 CALENDER OF EVENTS

**January**

- 1-8 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 1/12-13 Charleston Civil War Relic Show
- 1-15 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 1-19 General Robert E. Lee's Birthday
- 1-19 Secession Camp Lee-Jackson Banquet, 7 PM
- 1-21 General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's Birthday

**February**

(Black Confederate History Month)

- 2-5 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 2-17 H. L. Hunley Memorial Service\*
- 2-19 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

**March**

- 3-1 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway \*
- 3-4 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 3/14-15 South Carolina SCV Division Convention
- 3-18 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

**April**

- 4-1 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 4-12 Anniversary of the firing on Ft. Sumter
- 4-15 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

**May**

- 5-6 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 5-3 Confederate Memorial Day Service in Columbia, SC
- 5-10 Confederate Memorial Day
- 5-10 Confederate Memorial Day Service in Charleston, SC
- 5-17 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway \*
- 5-20 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

**June**

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

**July**

- 7-1 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 7-15 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 7/16-19 SCV National Convention in Concord, NC
- 7-26 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway \*

**August**

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

**September**

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

**October**

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

**November**

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

**December**

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

\* Dates not confirmed

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

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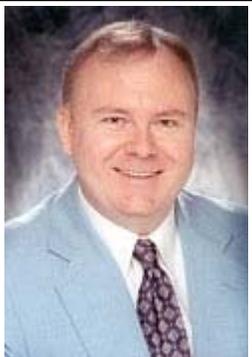
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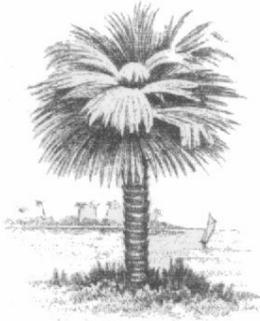
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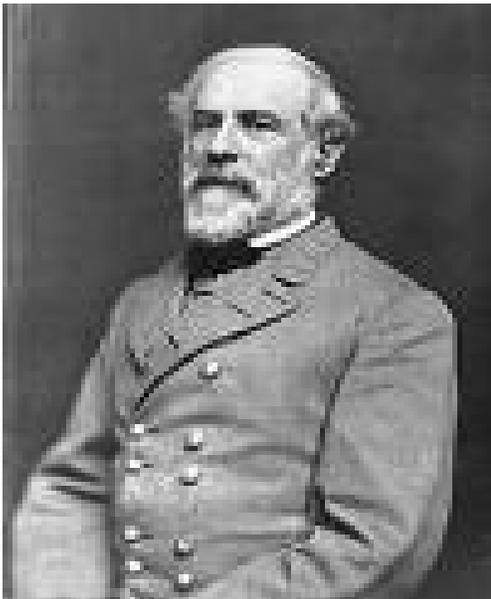


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**THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 15TH  
LEE-JACKSON BANQUET WILL BE JANUARY 19TH**



The coming of January and the new year brings in celebration of the birthdays of the two greatest and best known Generals of the Confederacy-Robert E. Lee, Jan. 19th, 1807 and Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson, Jan. 21st, 1824.