

*The Confederate Heritage Trust*

Invites you to attend the  
**Annual Confederate Memorial Day Service**  
Saturday, May 10, 2008, 7:00 PM

Location:

**THE FRENCH PROTESTANT (HUGUENOT) CHURCH**

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Speakers:

Honorable Senator Glenn F. McConnell: Memorial Address  
Honorable Arthur Ravenel Jr.: Reminiscences

The marching armies of the past  
Along our Southern Plains,  
Are sleeping now in quiet rest  
Beneath the Southern Rains.

We bow our heads in solemn prayer  
For those who wore the gray  
And clasp again their unseen hands  
On our Memorial Day

(Author Unknown)

# The Sentinel



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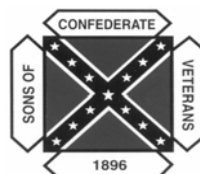
## Confederate Memorial Day Ceremonies

May 10<sup>th</sup> is the official South Carolina state holiday set aside to honor our Confederate ancestors. The weekend before, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, was the state SCVs Division ceremony in Columbia and this year the well known Southern spokesmen H.K. Edgerton, gave a rousing address to the crowd assembled at the state capitol. On Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup> the CHT will sponsor the reading of the Roll of the Dead at Magnolia Cemetery. Secession Camp is responsible for reading the roll from 8 AM to 10 AM. Later in the evening at 6 PM, luminaries will be placed on the graves at Soldiers Ground and there will be a short service later on Friday night. We need volunteers to come to the cemetery to help with these duties. For more info call Commander **Bill Norris** at 849-9924. This year the 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday and there will be lots of opportunities for SCV members as well as the general public to show their respects to our Confederate ancestors. All the area SCV camps and several other organizations will be having ceremonies to observe the holiday. The Moultrie Camp will hold a ceremony at the old Carr Street cemetery in Mt. Pleasant at 10 AM. The Washington Light Infantry will have a service in Washington Square at noon, followed by the Fort Sumter camp's observance at White Point Gardens shortly afterwards. At 3 PM the UDC will hold their annual service at Soldier's Ground in Magnolia Cemetery. Then at 7 PM on Saturday evening the CHT will host a service at the French Huguenot church downtown at Church and Queen Streets. Since many of the organizers of this service are members of Secession Camp we have decided to make this our official Secession Camp memorial service. All Compatriots should make every effort to attend this service on Saturday. Remember, it is the duty of all SCV members to honor their Confederate ancestors on Confederate Memorial Day.

## *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,*



## Notes from the Editor

by Rob Nance

It's hard to believe that it's already May. It seems like yesterday we were at Lee/Jackson celebrating the birthdays of Marse Robert and Stonewall Jackson. However, May takes us to a day more personal than honoring the two greatest leaders of the Confederacy-It brings us Confederate Memorial Day. Everyone in our Camp has a Confederate ancestor or ancestors that made sacrifices few in the annals of history have endured and over 300,000 of these brave soldiers lost their lives for the Cause. I use the term "Cause" with the utmost reverence as the "Cause" stood for freedom from an oppressive centralized government and to give each state a sovereign right to determine their own destiny. The reaction of our Confederate ancestors to the Lincoln administration was really no different from their own ancestors that rejected foreign rule by England. Revolution and self-determination is an American value and it was the sons of American Revolutionary soldiers that fought and died for the Cause. How can they, therefore, be blamed for embracing the same great American value that led to its very creation? When the world, not just the United States of America, was threatened during World War I and World War II, sons of Confederate soldiers (and Union soldiers) were there to secure America and essentially save all of the free world from the oppressive control of military Dictatorships. Why you might ask? Because we as Southerners understand the value of freedom. We value the same freedoms that our Confederate ancestors fought for and those that rebelled against Royal rule during the American Revolution. It's in our blood. It's as American as Apple pie and baseball, and its Confederate. Whether you're from above the Mason-Dixon or below, like it or not -If you're an American, you're a Rebel. May God bless Dixie on Confederate Memorial Day.

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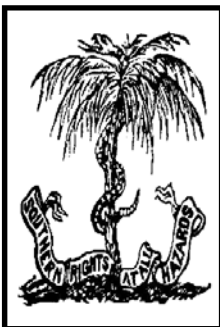
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**SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 20TH AT THE KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS BUILDING LOCATED AT 1820 BELGRADE AVENUE NEAR SAM RITTENBURG BOULEVARD (HWY. 7), IN CHARLESTON. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM AND THE MEETING WILL GET STARTED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

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## FROM THE COMMANDER

My Fellow Compatriots,



Well another month has passed and we're getting ready for Confederate Memorial Day but first let me say that I know last months meeting went a little too long. We had a lot to cover but things got dragged out longer than they should have. In the future I intend to pay more attention to the time and do my best to end our meetings around 9 PM. As for now we are going into the most important month of our SCV calendar here in South Carolina. In the Palmetto State, May 10<sup>th</sup> is when we observe Confederate Memorial Day and the first part of the month is filled with services and observances. By the time you read this we will be well into those events and I hope everyone will have made an effort to honor our Confederate ancestors on their special day.

I want to thank Quartermaster David Rentz and Compatriots Elmore Marlow, John Blackwell, and Will Joyner for setting up and manning the Quartermaster's store at the Battle of Charleston in April. A lot of time and work went into that weekend. I also want to thank Compatriot Louie Warmoth, those Compatriots who helped, and those who donated items for the camp's first yard sale event. This was a very successful fund raiser for the camp and we hope to do more of these in the future. Highway Clean-up Chairman Michael Dixon will need our help on Saturday, May 31 with cleaning the Glenn McConnell Parkway and Compatriot Bryan Riddle is looking for volunteers to help with the upcoming Fourth Annual Confederate Heritage Ride this September.

I hope everyone will try to attend our June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting which will be a Ladies Night in honor of the Snowden Chapter of the OCR. It will also be a birthday party for the Confederacy's President Jefferson Davis in this the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth (he was born on June 3, 1808). We want to make this a special evening.

In closing, remember if you have any ideas or suggestions for the camp, I'm ready to listen.

Your Compatriot in Southern Heritage,  
Bill Norris, Commander



Secession Camp Compatriot Fred Polston received the War Service Medal for his service in the Gulf War. Secession Camp congratulates Fred on a job well done. A true Confederate American.



Our speaker for the April meeting was Dr. Nicholas Butler who spoke about the historical significance of the Charleston Walled City Project. A most interesting presentation about the Holy City.

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:



I would like to remind everyone that the celebration of Confederate Memorial Day is on the horizon and will soon be here. The Confederate Memorial Day observance will include activities at Magnolia Cemetery, Friday evening and Saturday morning. The annual Confederate Memorial Day service will also be held at the French Protestant (Huguenot) Church on May 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Please plan to participate in one or both of these activities. It is through observances such as this we ensure those who served are not forgotten and "the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

Compatriot Joe Davis informed me he is dealing with recent health issues. Joe is presently undergoing therapy. Please add Joe's name to the list of those who desire our prayers. Continuing prayers are requested for Compatriots Jacobs, Stone and Heidtmann. Compatriot Heidtmann has been admitted and released from the hospital this past month. His son, Compatriot Michael Heidtmann, informed me he resting and doing well. Gary Stone has also been released from the hospital and is convalescing at home from his bout with pneumonia. I also ask an interest in your prayers as there are health issues in my life that require His attention.

Please contact me if you are aware of a compatriot who is in need. I am always available at 843-871-9713 or by e-mail, smabie@earthlink.net. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sy Mabie  
Chaplain

### *In Memory of My Confederate Ancestors*

Private Wesley P. Beach  
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11th SC Infantry  
Corporal Beverly Rodgers  
Co. F 1st Local Troops, GA (Augusta)

Deo Vindice  
Clyde W. Rogers

### CAMP SUPPER

The BBQ chicken leg quarters were cooked to perfection and our Southern crew ate like Generals at the April meeting! Sure beat the heck out of hard tack! Dinner was prepared by Mess Corporal **Don Pace** and his crew. Last month Compatriots **Bob Gissell, Bill Helms, Don Petty and Dan Pinson** 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. At the May meeting Don and the crew will be cooking Fried Catfish, Hushpuppies, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Tea and dessert Join us for some Good Southern food and company!

### SECESSION CAMP YARD SALE

Secession Camp held it's first yard sale on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Compatriot Louie Warmoth's shop on Johns Island. Compatriot Warmoth was the Chairman of the yard sale committee and he had been taking in donations for the yard sale for several months prior to the event. In fact Louie had stored more than two dozen boxes of goods in his shop before the sale. On Friday before the sale, Compatriots gathered at Louie's shop to sort out the donations and put them out on tables in front of the shop for the Saturday sale. Louie started bringing out merchandise on Friday morning but items were still being delivered all day Friday and the volunteers helping Louie labored all day getting ready for the Saturday sale. Louie had already put up signs on Main Road and run an ad in the Post And Courier about the yard sale and if you've ever done one you know that there are always those early birds who want to get first shot at the sale items. The early birds started arriving on Friday afternoon. As merchandise was being brought out it was being sold immediately on Friday. Friday night, with all the sale goods out on display in front of his shop, Louie decided to spend the night at the shop rather than go home to make sure no early birds helped themselves to items during the night. At the crack of dawn on Saturday morning, Louie had folks ready to check the yard sale out but help arrived soon as several Compatriots came in early to help Louie. Everyone was busy Saturday taking money and helping buyers with merchandise until about 1 PM when things started to slow down. At about 1:30 the decision was made to pack up the remaining merchandise which was donated to Compatriot Elmore Marlow's church. Compatriots worked until about 4 PM packing up and cleaning the sale site. When all was done Louie reported that the yard sale appeared to be much more successful than anyone had thought it would be. Chairman Warmoth will give us a full report on the event at the next meeting but there's no doubt that everyone's hard work paid off. Thanks to Compatriots Louie Warmoth, John Blackwell, Will Joyner, Benny Slay, Bill Norris, Andy Langdale, Bruce Hodges, and Jack Merritt for all the work they did in making this event possible and also thanks go to all those who brought goods for the sale. Without the help and donations of our camp members this event could never have happen. With the success of this event we hope to be able to do more yard sales in the future and we will need our Compatriots to support these events. Thanks Compatriots for a job well done!

#### PICTURES FROM THE CAMP YARD SALE, APRIL 26TH, 2008



## MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 15TH MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	
Presentation of Colors	X	

Reading and Approval of Minutes, Reading and Approval of Financial Report, Speaker Dr. Nicholas Butler, Program: The Walled City

Remarks: 51 members and 6 guests for a total of 57 in attendance.

- SCV Charge was given by Commander Bill Norris
  - Invocation given by Chaplain Sy Mabie
  - Salute to the Flags given by Color Sgt. Loren O'Donnell.
  - The cooks were then recognized for the meal. Head chef Don Pace was assisted by Robert Dandridge, Danny Pinson, Bill Helms, Bob Gissell and Don Petty.
  - Introduction of guest.
  - The speaker was Dr. Nicholas Butler, who is special collections manager for the Charleston Library and the historian for the Mayor's Walled City Task Force. He gave a most interesting talk and slide presentation about the Charleston Wall City Project and answered questions from members and guest. The wall was built in the late 1600's to protect Charleston from the French, Spanish, and Indians. The wall outlived it's usefulness and was torn down in the middle 1700's.
  - Treasurers Report - Buck Perry gave the report. A beginning balance of \$5,331.8 with deposits of \$1,574.00 Checks were written to SCV National for \$50.00. SCV Division for \$45.00 JRRUTC Award for \$30.00. Ending balance was \$6,636.13.
  - Committee Reports: Mickey Davis was given by Woody Weatherford. He reported that a new application was proposed for \$495.00 to send an applicant to the Sam Davis Youth Camp. This was approved by the Camp. Chaplain Sy Mabie reported that Willie Heidtman was still having problems, as well as Jim Dickinson. He reported that the annual Hunley Ceremony was well attended and thanked all who attended. Michael Dixon reported that the next highway cleanup will be on May 31. Bryan Riddle was not present but it was reported that the Heritage Ride will take place on Saturday, September 27 and will end at the Charleston Rifle Club. Volunteers will also be needed for this project.
  - Old Business: It was reported that Ladies Night for the ladies of the Order of Confederate Rose will be on Tuesday, June 17. Orders for Challenge Coins are be taken and will be ordered by the Camp.
  - New Business: A motion was made to put money received from the Heritage Ride into the events account was approved by the Camp.
  - The proposed luncheon on Confederate Memorial Day was cancelled. Other events on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> will be The Moultrie Camps Ceremony in Mt. Pleasant at 10:00 a.m. The Fort Sumter Ceremony at the Battery at 12 Noon. The Washington Light Infantry Ceremony at 12 Noon at Washington Square. The UDC service at 3 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery. That evening at 7 p.m. a service will be held at the French Huguenot Church on Church Street downtown. Try to attend one or more of these events to honor our Confederate ancestors for the heritage they have handed down to us. A reading of the Roll of the Dead will begin on Friday, May 9 at 8:00a.m.at Magnolia Cemetery. Members of Secession Camp will read the names from 8:00 a. m. to 10:00 a.m. Evening services will begin there at 6:00 p.m. with the lighting of luminaries on the graves of the Confederate dead. On Friday evening, May 2, from 8:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m. members of Secession Camp will read the names from the Book of the Dead on the Capitol steps in Columbia.
  - A motion was made by Manning Williams to host the S. C. Division in 2011. The proposal was approved by the Camp.
  - A motion was made by Council to award an associate membership to a person in the area who does something outstanding to preserve Southern Heritage. This will be done at no cost to the Camp. It was approved by the membership, to be done on an annual basis.
  - Commander Norris and 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Commander, John Waring presented Compatriot Fred Polston the War Service Medal. Fred served in the U. S. Navy from July 16, 1984 to April 3, 1993. He served in the theater of operations during Desert Shield and Storm and operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Freds Confederate ancestor was Joseph Polston who was a Private in Company K of the 7<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry.
  - A motion made to adjourn and seconded.
- The benediction was made by Sy Mabie ,a prayer for our former Compatriot Mickey Davis followed by the singing of Dixie.

## 2008 CALENDER OF EVENTS

**May**

- 5-6 Seccession 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
- 5-20 Seccession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 5-31 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway\*

**June**

- 6-3 President Jefferson Davis' Birthday
- 6-3 Seccession 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 Seccession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 6-28 Carolina Day

**July**

- 7-1 Seccession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 7-15 Seccession Camp Meeting, 6: 30 PM
- 7/16-19 SCV National Convention in Concord, NC

**August**

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

**September**

- 9-2 Seccession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 9-6 Highway Cleanup, Glenn McConnell Parkway \*
- 9-16 Seccession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 9-27 2nd Annual Seccession Camp Heritage Ride \*

**October**

- 10-4 Seccession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 10/10-11 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery \*
- 10-21 Seccession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

**November**

- 11-4 Seccession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 11/8-9 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation \*
- 11-15 Highway Cleanup, Glenn McConnell Parkway \*
- 11-18 Seccession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

**December**

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

\* Dates not confirmed

**Meeting Dates for Camps of the 10th Brigade**

Seccession 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
Pvt. John S. BirdCamp#38, N. Chas.	2nd Tuesday of the month
Star of the West Camp#1253, The Citadel	(irregular)
WeeNee Vol's Camp#58, Kingstree	1st Monday of the month
Ft. Sumpter Camp #1269, Charleston	2nd Thursday (irregular)
Linchfield Camp #132, Conway	3rd Monday of the month
Battery White Camp#1568, Georgetown	2nd Tuesday of the month






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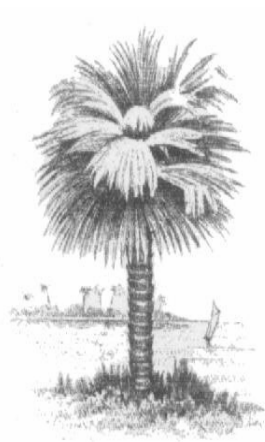
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**THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE MAY 20TH**



**Gen. Jackson to the Army of the Potomac:  
Got flank???**

On May 2nd, 1863, General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson led his 2nd Corps, ANV, CSA on what is considered to be one of the most daring and brilliant flanking maneuvers in military history. Gen. Jackson led his men, around 30,000 Confederates, on an exhaustive 12 mile march to the Orange Turnpike where the 11th Corps, led by Gen. Oliver Howard, had their flank "in the air". The result would be a Confederate rout which, if not for a lack of daylight, could have seen the Army of the Potomac destroyed. Despite the victory at Chancellorsville, Jackson would be wounded in the left arm, by fire from his own troops which mistook his entourage for Union Cavalry. He would later die of pneumonia. The fortunes of the Confederacy seemed to parallel the loss of Jackson as Lee would later take the war to the enemy in June and July in Pennsylvania at a place called Gettysburg.