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CONFEDERATE SOLDIER GRAVES DESECRATED IN ALABAMA

I recently had an article forwarded to me by 2nd Lt. Commander John Waring from the *Southern Heritage News and Views-Heritage Alert* web blog. This article was published in the *Dothan Eagle* (Alabama) on April 24th, 2009 and to be perfectly honest, after reading this article I became sick to my stomach, then the outrage set in. Those Compatriots that have online access can read this article at the following web address:

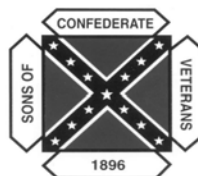
<http://shnvalerts.blogspot.com/2009/04/alabama-councilman-removes-confederate.html>

This sad state of affairs began when UDC member Mary Norman observed Auburn Councilman Arthur L. Dowdell remove the Confederate flag that had been placed on the grave of her Great Grandfather and in her words "snapped it in half." Mrs. Norman was obviously shocked and to realize an elected councilman was committing this heinous and disrespectful act really hit home. Though Councilman Dowdell denies snapping the flag in half, he had no denial of removing several other Confederate Battle flags he saw at Pine Hill Cemetery in Auburn. The UDC had placed the flags on Confederate soldier plots earlier in the week just as they had done for over 50 years. Though Mrs. Norman did not place the flags, she was onsite with a friend taking inventory of Confederate graves at Pine Hill Cemetery when Councilman Dowdell asked her who had placed the flags on plots in the cemetery. He then, reported by Mrs. Norman, became very upset and pulled up the flag on her Great Grandfather's grave. Dowdell then denied snapping the flag. His response was, "If it did, so what? If I had my way, I would have broke them all up and stomped on them and burned them. That flag represents another country, another nation."

Yes Councilman, it represents another country and nation that respects their fallen warriors! See *Graves Desecrated cont. to right.....*

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,*



Graves Desecrated cont....

Each plot is private property and hopefully he will face prosecution for vandalism and theft. Send an email, write a letter and let them know how you feel about this outrageous act.

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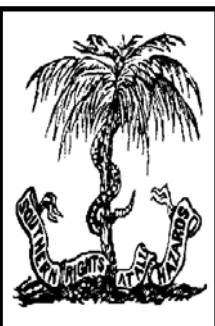
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SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 19TH AT THE KNIGHTS OF PHYTHIAS BUILDING LOCATED AT 1968 BELGRADE AVENUE NEAR SAM RITTENBURG BOULEVARD (HWY. 7), IN CHARLESTON. DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30 PM AND THE MEETING WILL GET STARTED AT 7:00 PM.

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FROM THE COMMANDER

My Fellow Compatriots,



First off, I hope everyone is well and ready for the most important month of the year for a South Carolina SCV member. May is the month we observe Confederate Memorial Day in this state. As I write this, the Division Memorial Day Service in Columbia has already taken place and Secession Camp had a great turn out. One of the largest I can remember and I want to thank all those Compatriots who made the trip to Columbia. If you have never made the march down Main Street to the Capitol you don't know what your missing and you need to plan to attend next year. The actual date our state observes Confederate Memorial Day is May 10th, which falls on a Sunday this year (Mother's Day) but Secession Camp will hold our Memorial Day Service on May 9th, at Magnolia Cemetery. Our service will get started at 10 AM on Saturday morning but we will need help getting things ready so if you can get to the cemetery by 9 and give us a hand, that would be great. On May 10th at 3 PM the UDC will hold their Memorial Day Service at Magnolia Cemetery. Then the CHT will host their annual service at the French Huguenot Church downtown at 7 PM. Every member of the SCV is expected to attend at least one of these services and if you don't you will be lapse in fulfilling your duties to your ancestors and the SCV. Please make every effort to attend a Memorial Day service. In other matters, Highway Clean-up Chairman **Michael Dixon** has announced that the next clean-up of the Glenn McConnell Parkway will take place on May 30th at 8 AM. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

At our May meeting we will continue with the by-law revisions we started at the April meeting. It appears that some members may have gotten the wrong copy of the revisions emailed to them but the correct copy has now been emailed and was sent out in the USPS mailed copies of the March newsletter. Everyone should have received the correct copy by now. Remember, the final version of the by-laws will be made and approved by the camp membership. The camp Onion Sale is over now and it went very well. We sold 200 bags of onions and I have been told by several Compatriots that we could have sold more.

Thanks to everyone who sold onions and especially Compatriots **Andy Langdale** who sold 39 bags and **Allen Balie** who sold 30 bags. We have already presented Hunley JROTC Awards at Burke, James Island Charter, and Hanahan High Schools and will present one more at West Ashley High School on May 22nd. The date for the Camp Yard Sale has now been finalized and will be May 23rd so remember to clean out your garage and bring your items to Compatriot **Louie Warmoth** for the sale.

Don't forget about the Sam Davis Youth Camp. We still don't have a candidate so think about a child that might be interested and talk to them about 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

Dear Compatriots, on May 2, 2009 in Columbia, SC a Confederate Memorial Day service was held at Elmwood Cemetery along with a march to the Capital where all the South Carolina SCV Camps assembled to honor our true heroes of the South.

Dear Compatriots, on May 9, 2009 in Charleston, SC a Confederate Memorial Day service, sponsored by Secession Camp #4, was held at Magnolia Cemetery to honor our true heroes of the South.

Dear Compatriots, on May 10, 2009 in Charleston, SC a Confederate Memorial Day service, sponsored by The Confederate Heritage Trust, was held at the French Huguenot Church to honor our true heroes of the South.



The above dates, places and times were in our last newsletter. The above services were also mentioned at our last camp meeting. As Chaplin of Secession Camp #4, I am very **ashamed** of the participation of our camp on any of these services. This does not include the members who had prior engagements, work, or maybe became ill and could not show up. I would say that about three-fourths of our camp members do not participate in any Memorial Day service. These brave Confederate soldiers lost their family, their home and their life. They sacrificed it all for the South Land Most of the members of our camp could not even sacrifice a few hours of their day to honor these Confederate heroes. As the Chaplin on this camp, I will pray for those members who decided not to honor their Confederate ancestors. The obligation you took to become a member of this camp states that you will support the activities of the camp. After the good Lord takes me home and I finally meet my Great Grandfather, I want him to say well done my son, you made the Confederacy proud.

Please pray for our past camp adjutant, Joe Davis. Joe moved to North Carolina and has been struggling with cancer. The cancer has now spread into his brain area. I should have his address at our next meeting. I am sure he would like to hear from the members our camp.

Contact me anytime at 843-766-5108 or by email, pgpatrick@comcast.net.

Yours in Christ,

Gene Patrick
Chaplin

CAMP SUPPER

Hopefully, you were able to attend dinner at the last meeting. 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, William Helms, and Walter Canady** 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 April meeting. So come join us for the fellowship and a hot meal on a Spring evening! Great Southern food, great Southern company!!

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.netthanks!

CAMP SPEAKER FOR THE MAY 19TH MEETING

The Camp speaker for May is History Professor Peter Bergen. Below are some biographical facts sent to us by Mr. Bergen.

I was born in Nijmegen, southern part of the Netherlands on 9-5-1948 and educated as a history teacher for Secondary Education and actively worked in the educational field from 1971-2007 uninterrupted. In 1962 I entered Secondary High School, passed examination (in 20 subjects ranging from three languages, history, geography, science, mathematics, economics-those were the days in the Netherlands when you got a broad and deep education in all fields of life!) in 1966 and followed up by entering the five year studies at the "Academy for Pedagogical and Didactical Studies" (the former Teacher's Training College dep of the University). Next to the basic studies I specialised in Dutch and English Language and Cultural studies and History. In that particular field I specialised in Dutch and British History, American History and China and Vietnam. I taught at St Mary's from 1971-1983, the Rainbow from 1983-1996, both in my home-town and birthplace Nijmegen and the EFO College, in Amsterdam from 1996-2007.

I was heavily influenced in history by both Daddy and Granddaddy. They showed me the southern ways of history...

We are looking forward to hearing you Mr. Bergen!

*In Memory of
Compatriot **Ey Mabie**
by Delores Stone*

Confederate Ancestor
Pvt. Edward M. Mabie
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SECESSION CAMP ANNUAL YARD SALE MAY 23RD!!



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ITEMS TO THE MEETING OR CONTACT**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION**

COMPATRIOTS THE SENTINEL NEEDS YOUR HELP

Fellow Compatriots,

I am into my second year as Editor for the Sentinel and I am seeking assistance in articles, printing, folding, addressing and mailing the newsletter. There are many months when I am really pushed to get the Newsletter out. I love doing the newsletter and have had some success and recognition for doing but I Am having trouble getting it done in a timely manner and mailed to everyone on the mailing list. If you can lend me a hand with this from time to time, it would be much appreciated. Please contact me at 843-327-6992, if no answer please leave a message, or online- robnance@knology.net I know the newsletter is important to Camp and all of us. I need some assistance to keep the great tradition that David Rentz and Bill Norris started for us to continue.

Thanks,
Rob Nance, Editor

PICTURES FROM THE APRIL MEETING

At the April meeting, there were many awards given out for the great work our Camp does year in and year out. These awards were announced at the recent S.C. Division Convention and were included in last month's newsletter or see the Camp minutes on p. 7-8 for more detail. Secession Camp would like to welcome our newest member, Ollie Singletary. He was recommended to the Camp by Compatriot Robert Pollard. Below are pictures of our new member and the placing of award ribbons.



MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 21ST MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	Program War Conspiracy of 1861
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes		Speaker Mark Simpson
Reading and Approval of Financial Report		
Remarks: 59 members and 7 guests for a total of 66 in attendance.		

- SCV Charge was given by Commander Bill Norris
- Invocation given by Chaplain 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, William Helms, Walter Canady, Don Petty, and Danny Pinson..
- Introduction of guest
- Commander Norris introduced our speaker, Mark Simpson. Mark is a former Commander of the General Samuel McGowan Camp in Laurens. He has been S. C. Division Adjutant from 2004 to 2009 among other duties. The topic, War Conspiracy of 1861 highlighted some of the facts that led the United States government to provoke war against the Southern States. The presentation was given in a courtroom setting, where you were the judge and jury, Mark Simpson was the prosecuting attorney.
- Treasurers report, Buck Perry was not present to give a report.
- Mickey Davis Fund Report: Woody Weatherford reported a deposit of \$185.00 from the March meal. The balance at the time of the April meeting was \$2,370.08 There is a pending expense of \$495.00 for the Sam Davis Youth Camp Scholarship, which leaves an available balance of \$1,875.08. A request was made by John Genes to donate \$250.00 toward the monument of McGowans Brigade at the Bloody Angle at Spotsylvania. This was approved by the membership. A second request which was submitted by Fred Tetor, was to donate \$500.00 to the Hunley Lab for a scale. This request was tabled, as another party has loaned them a suitable scale.
- Chaplains Report: Gene Patrick asked that anyone who knows of any member who is sick to please call him. George Young reported that William Heidtman was in the hospital.
- Highway Cleanup: Michael Dixon reported that the next highway cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 30.
- Heritage Ride: Bryan Riddle has begun with plans for the next years event.
- CHT Report: A letter from the CHT stated that the terms of the four representatives from Secession Camp would expire this year. Randy Burbage, David Rentz, and Gene Patrick will remain as representatives. A replacement for the seat held by Wayne Dukes will be voted on at the May meeting.
- Old Business: A date has been set for the Yard Sale, which will take place at Louie Warmoth's shop on Saturday, **May 23**, on Johns Island. Please contact Louie at 813-2783 about items you have to donate for the sale, which will be held at the corner of Main and River Roads. Louie asked that everyone look through their attics and garages for good items to sell.
- Onion Sale: The Camp has placed an order for 200 bags of onions.
- Sam Davis Youth Camp: We are still looking for a representative for the youth camp. This years camp will be held July 19 through 24 in Cleveland, Ga. at the Strong Rock Camp Ground.
- H. L. Hunley Jr. ROTC Awards will be presented at four local high schools this year, West Ashley, James Island, Hanahan, and Burke.
- Confederate Memorial Day: A full slate of services is planned to celebrate the event.
- S. C. Division Convention: Secession Camp walked away with several awards in the Dixie Division. Ribbons were given to the camp Secession Camp won First Place in the Ambrose Gonzales Newsletter Award, Electronic. See April ssion Camp won First Place in the Stephen D. Lee Historical Project Award. Secession Camp won a First Place Award in the David Keller Cemetery Brigade Challenge as one of the three 10th Brigade camps which participated in the Walnut Grove Plantation Cemetery clean-up project. Secession Camp won the First Place Award for the Robert E. Lee Outstanding Camp. All awards were won in the Dixie Level.
- See April Minutes cont. on p. 8...

2009 CALENDER OF EVENTS

May

- 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

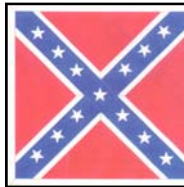
Secession Camp # 4, Charleston	3rd Tuesday of the Month
Moultrie Camp # 27, Mt. Pleasant	3rd Thursday of the Month
Pvt. John S. Bird Camp # 38, N. Charleston	2nd Tuesday of the Month
Gen. Ellison Capers Camp # 1212, Moncks Corner	3rd Thursday of the Month
Star of the West Camp # 1253, The Citadel	2nd Thursday of the Month (irregular)
Ft. Sumter Camp # 1269, Charleston	2nd Thursday of the Month (irregular)

- April Minutes cont. from p. 7.....
- New Business: No new candidates were voted. One candidate was inducted, Ollie Singletary, who was recommended by Robert Pollard, is our newest member.
- By Laws: By law changes which were suggested by the committee were read by Commander Bill Norris which were to be approved by the camp. Article II and Article III were read and approved. Article IV and read and a motion was made to go back to committee for review.
- Mark Simpson, our speaker and former Commander of the General Samuel McGowen Camp, thanked the Camp for the contribution to the McGowen Brigade Monument at the Bloody Angle at the Spotsylvania Battlefield.
- A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The Benediction was made by Gene Patrick, then the singing of Dixie.

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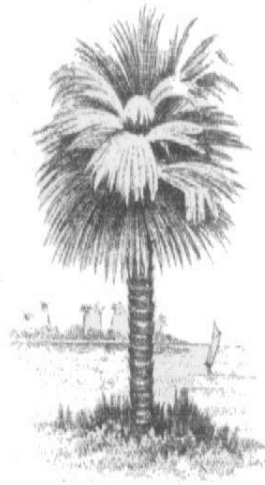
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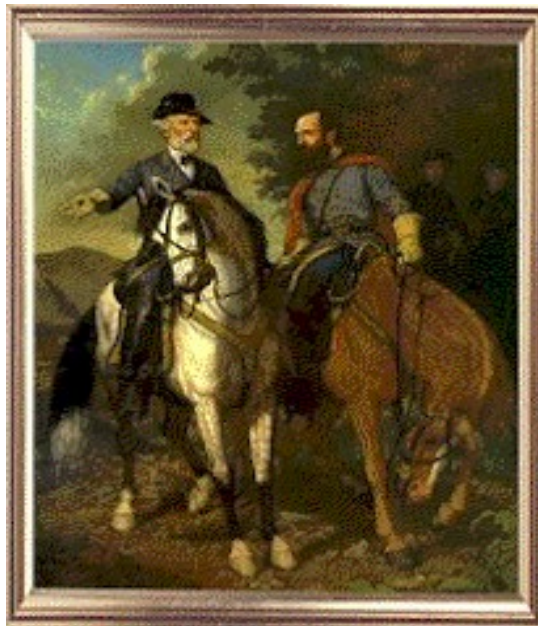
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THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE MAY 19TH



The Battle of Chancellorsville, May 1-3, 1863. Gen. Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson leads Some 26,000 war hardened Confederates around the Federal lines, which numbered approximately 115,000, and flanks the Federal 10th Core. The lack of daylight was the only thing that could Jackson as he ordered his boys to "Press on!". His zeal for finding the Federal rear continued into the night. Jackson's entourage was mistaken for Yankee cavalry and several N.C. regiments fired, hitting Jackson. After having his left arm amputated, he would succumb to pneumonia just days later.