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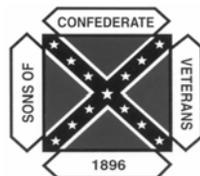


Who is the best commander of the best Division in the entire SCV Confederation? Everyone in Secession Camp knows the answer to that question, our own Commander **Randy Burbage**. Secession Camp is one of the best camps in the SCV and Randy Burbage is one reason for that success. Everyone knows Randy but not everyone knows what Randy has done for our camp and our heritage. Randy has always been interested in Southern Heritage but many years ago he decided he wanted to do something about it so he joined the only SCV camp in Charleston at the time, the Ft. Sumter Camp. Now Ft. Sumter Camp is a great camp with a lot of tradition but Randy wanted to get more involved in things so he decided to start another camp. Together with some like minded compatriots

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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*



BATTLE OF SECESSIONVILLE

The Battle of Secessionville was fought in a part of James Island known to this day as Secessionville. During the WBTS the defenders of Charleston built a fort called Fort Lamar there to stop Federal advances on the city from the southern coastal islands which were occupied by Federal troops. In the early morning hours of June 16, 1862 Union troops under the command of Brig. General Henry W. Benham attacked Fort Lamar breaching the walls of the fort. However due to a poor knowledge of the surrounding landscape, which was mostly pluff mud, the attacking Union forces were unable to assist the advance and the much smaller Confederate force was able to repel the attack resulting in a Confederate victory. It was a fierce fight which included hand to hand combat and brother against brother fighting. Although the original battle was fought in the predawn hours of early summer the annual reenactment is done in mid November each year to ensure more agreeable weather and a better fit into the reenacting schedule. This reenactment is sponsored by the Confederate Heritage Trust of which Secession Camp is a part and funds raised by the event go to fund heritage projects such as the Hunley and battle field preservation. Every member of Secession Camp is therefore a member of the Confederate Heritage Trust. For that reason our Camp is heavily involved in the production of this event. It is extremely important that we get enough volunteers from the Camp to do our part for the event. That includes preparation prior to the event and duties during the event week end. We need volunteers to try and spend some time during the week end of November 9, 10 and 11 helping out at Boone Hall Plantation, the site of the reenactment. Please contact Compatriot **George Naumann** at 345-5554 and let him know that he can count on you to help out at the event. See you at Boone Hall Compatriots!

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Jimmy Wheeler

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Andy Langdale

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CONVENTION

Open

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SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 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

Compatriots,

I hope this letter finds you all in good spirits and in good health. We are fast approaching the Holiday Season and I hope that all of you have plans to enjoy them. We will have more nominations for Camp Officers at the next meeting. We still have yet to nominate anyone for the position of Camp Treasurer and I hope that someone will step forward and take on this role.

We also will have ballots for the Compatriot of the Year Award, which will be given at our Lee Jackson Banquet. If you have not bought a ticket for this event you need to see Lt. Commander **Bill Norris**. This years event will be at the Washington Light Infantry building and Camp Adjutant **Elmore Marlow** has promised us all a look at their museum while we are there. This will be a rare treat and we always have a great speaker and good food, so do not miss it. Tickets are limited so you need to buy one soon.

Thanks to all of those who served at the Ghost Walk this year, I understand it was a great one. I was unable to attend do to a School function that my son was in.

Secessionville is upon us and if you can help out please do so. I will be there helping out at our recruiting booth and with our Quartermaster sells. We will have new items for sale there so stop by and see us. I hope to see all of you at our next Camp meeting.

Your Obedient Servant

Bill Baber, Commander

Secession Camp # 4



YARD SALE

Secession Camp is planning a yard sale. The date has not yet been determined but it will likely be around the first of the year. Compatriots are requested to search your garages and attics, find stuff, and once a date is determined, bring it to a drop off location to be included in the yard sale. Compatriot **Louie Warmoth** has volunteered to head up the project and Compatriot **Bill Norris** will assist him. More information will be made available in the near future. Let's all pitch in and make this project a big success!

CAMP ELECTIONS

Camp elections are scheduled for the November meeting. So far we have the following nominations: Compatriots, **Bill Norris** for Commander, **John Genes** for Lt. Cmdr., **Elmore Marlow** for Adjutant, and **Loren O'Donnell** for Color Sgt. The position of Treasurer is open and nominations will also be taken at the November meeting. We will also take nominations and vote for Compatriot of the Year. Everyone should be at the November meeting to vote and especially if your interested in running for any of these positions.

Just for the fun of it!

A Yankee was on trial in Charleston for murder and if convicted, would get the electric chair. His brother was worried the jury might try to exact some revenge for the Civil War, so he approached the foreman of the jury with an bribe of \$10,000 if he would convince the rest of the jury to reduce the charge to manslaughter.

The jury was out for two weeks and finally returned with a verdict of manslaughter.

After the trial, the brother went to the jury foreman's house, told him what a great job he had done and paid him the \$10,000. The foreman replied that it wasn't easy to convince the rest of the jury to change the charge to manslaughter - they all wanted to let him go.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Compatriots:

We will soon celebrate the "Thanksgiving" holiday, a day set aside to give thanks for the many blessings we have received through the grace of God. We often celebrate the physical harvest God has provided; too often we take credit upon ourselves for the things we enjoy. We must always remember the blessings we enjoy are given to us by God and through the sacrifice of those who have gone before us. We are blessed by the rich heritage we enjoy because of those who fought for the principles in which they believed. We have been blessed spiritually and physically in many ways. Always keep in mind the source of your blessings. Enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner, but don't eat too much and above all give thanks to the Lord!



Lest we forget!

"Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God".
(2 Corinthians 9:11)

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift".
(2 Corinthians 9:15)

I had the opportunity to visit with Walter and Catherine Canady recently. Catherine is recovering from a broken hip and will soon be released from the Health South Rehabilitation Hospital. We pray that Catherine may have a complete recovery.

We extend our condolences and prayers to Compatriot **Ray Swagerty Jr.** upon the passing of his father Floyd Raymond Swagerty Sr. who departed this world on October 10, 2007. He was born on June 25, 1923 in Las Vegas, NM; he served during WW II with Third Division, US Army in Europe. Surviving in addition to Ray is his wife of 62 years the former Dora Brown.

Please continue to pray for Compatriots **Jimmy Dickinson, George Jacobs, and Willy Heidtmann**, who are unable to join us due to health considerations.

I am always available at 843-871-9713 or by e-mail, smabie@earthlink.net.

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 wonderful chili we feasted on at the October meeting was prepared by Mess Corporal **Don Pace** and his crew. Last month Compatriots **Don Petty, Bob Dandridge, and Dan Pinson** gave Don a hand. Just as usual these men 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 November meeting Don and the crew will be serving sausage, red rice, kidney beans, fried cornbread and iced tea. We're getting hungry just writing about it. This sounds like another great supper that you'll not want to miss.

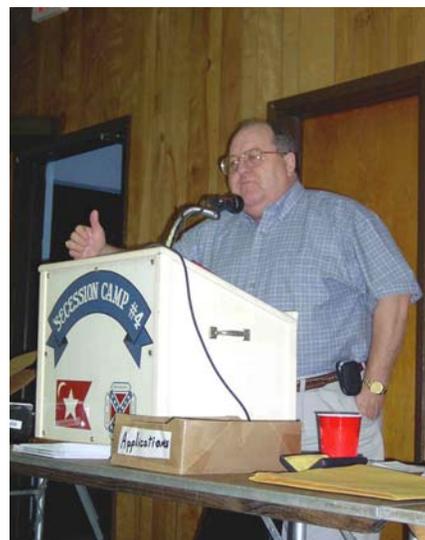
GLENN McCONNELL PARKWAY CLEAN-UP



On October 6th Compatriots of Secession Camp came out to help the camp clean the Glenn McConnell Parkway. (Back row, Left to right) **Benny Slay, Sam Antley, Jimmy Wheeler, Will Joyner, Bruce Hodges, Elmore Marlow, Joey Dixon, Ben Pitman, Don Pace.** (Front row) **Michael Dixon, Dan Pinson, Lucas Pitman, Bobby Compton, and Bill Norris.** Penny Dixon helped out as usual and standing in truck is Billy Hardee. Thanks to all these folks for a fine job.

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

The speaker at our November meeting will be Compatriot **Herb Antley**. Herb is an associate member of Secession Camp and the current Lt. Commander of Moultrie Camp. Herb, a Charleston native, was a charter member of Moultrie Camp and a past Chaplain. He served in the U.S. Marines and graduated from The Citadel and has a MA from Webster University. Herb's son, Jeff is a past commander of Moultrie Camp and is also very active in the SCV and the Confederate Heritage Trust. Compatriot Antley will speak to the camp on the Confederate hero Sam Davis and the SCV's Sam Davis Youth Camp. Herb served as a counselor at the youth camp and will fill us in on how things went this past summer. This will no doubt be an entertaining and informative lecture so make plans to attend the November meeting.



At the October meeting Compatriot Wade Cheney spoke to the camp about the history of the Davids. They were semi-submersible boats with a spar and powder charge similar to the Hunley. They were used in Charleston to attach Union blockade ships.

BYLAW AMENDMENT

This is a special edition of The Sentinel that is being mailed to all members of Secession Camp # 4, due to the following proposed bylaw amendment. The proposed amendment will be voted on at an upcoming regular camp meeting (likely the November meeting.) This amendment was proposed by the camp's Bylaw Committee and reviewed by the camp Executive Committee, which recommends approval.

Proposed Amendments to Secession Camp #4 Bylaws

Article XIX - Section 2

The Current Section 2:

Section 2. A vote may be taken upon the proposed amendment provided that a copy of the intended amendment has been sent to each Camp member in good standing, by United States Mail, at least ten (10) days previous to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present, by ballot, will be necessary to pass or reject.

The Proposed Amended Section 2:

Section 2. A vote may be taken upon the proposed amendment provided that a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent to each Camp member in good standing at least ten (10) days, but no more than ninety (90) days, prior to a meeting where a vote on the proposed amendment will be held. The proposed amendment will be sent electronically to the email address the Camp has on file for each member. If there is no email address on file for a Camp member, the proposed amendment will be sent to that Camp member by United States Mail. A two-thirds vote, in the affirmative, of the members in good standing who are eligible to vote at a duly qualified meeting, with a quorum, and are present, or have submitted an absentee ballot on the proposed amendment under consideration, will be necessary to accept the proposed amendment.

Notes on the proposed amendment:

An earlier version of this proposed amendment contained a "super quorum" of 70 members before a vote on proposed amendments could be held. That requirement has been dropped from this new language for the following reasons:

If we require a "super quorum," we will need to go through the process of sending absentee ballots to all members in order to insure a quorum.

The proposed amendment procedure (as well as the current amendment procedure) does provide for a "super majority" of two-thirds of the membership present in order to pass. This is a significant difference from the normal simple majority for all other issues.

Since all members will be notified of any proposed change in the bylaws, they will be able to either attend the meeting or vote by absentee ballot if they consider the issue to be one that is of interest or concern to them.

A provision has been added to prevent an "old" amendment from being brought up after significant time has passed (when everyone might have assumed it was dead). This provision requires a vote on any amendment within ninety days from the date the membership has been notified of the proposed amendment

In order for **this amendment** to be properly voted on, it will need to be mailed to all members by U.S. Mail. Including the proposed amendment in the *Sentinel* and mailing the *Sentinel* to all members is also acceptable. In the future, should this amendment pass, we will only need to mail proposed amendments to those members without email addresses.

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Randy helped start Secession Camp and became the camps first commander. Of course, anyone who knows Randy knows that he would never be happy with just starting a new SCV camp so Randy also Founded the Confederate Heritage Trust to do things that an SCV camp might not be able to handle. He was the first President of the CHT and still represents Secession Camp on the CHT. But that's not all Randy did he founded the 10th South Carolina Volunteer Infantry, a reenacting group, and became the Cornet of the Palmetto Battalion, the main reenacting organization in the state. Randy would also serve another term as Commander of Secession Camp as few years later. Sounds like a lot of work, huh, but Randy was just getting started. He got involved in the Hunley project and was selected to serve on the Hunley Commission which is responsible for the care and restoration of the H. L. Hunley submarine. But no even with all this to his credit Randy wanted to get more involved in the SCV and served as the Councilmen for the Army of Northern Virginia during the unpleasant leadership struggle a couple of years ago. Still not done Randy was elected to the position of Division Commander by his fellow Compatriots in South Carolina, a position he currently holds. Makes me tired just thinking about all that energy. There can be no question that Randy Burbage is an incredible individual and a valuable asset to our Southern Heritage. He has worked tirelessly for, as Randy would say, "those men who sacrificed so much for a cause they believed in." Even with all this on his plate Randy still finds time to attend our camp meetings. We compatriots of Secession Camp are indeed honored to have Randy Burbage as a member of our camp. Next time you see Randy give him a pat on the back and a big thank you. And if I know Randy you can bet he's not done yet!

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November

- 11-6 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 11-10 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation
- 11-11 Battle of Secessionville at Boone Hall Plantation
- 11-20 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

December

- 12-4 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 12-18 Secession Camp Meeting and Christmas Party, 6:30 PM *
- 12-20 Secession Day

January 2008

- 1-8 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 1-12 Charleston Civil War Relic Show
- 1-13 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's Lee-Jackson Banquet
- 1-20 General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson's Birthday

* Dates not confirmed

Meeting Dates for Camps of the 6th 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 Thursday of the Month
Wee Nee Volunteers Camp # 58, Kingstree	1st Monday of the Month
Linchfield Camp # 132, Conway	3rd Tuesday of the Month
H. L. Hunley Camp # 143, Summerville	4th Thursday of the Month
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

Uncommon Valor: Stories of Brave Confederates by Rob Nance



This month's Brave Confederate is Charleston's own, Brigadier General Bernard Elliot Bee. Bernard Bee was born to a prominent Charleston family on Feb. 8th, 1824. Bee's family would move to the upstate, Pendleton, SC in 1833 and he attended Pendleton Military Academy. Bee later graduated thirty-third in his class at West Point in 1845 and was assigned to the Third Infantry, US. While Bernard Bee is primarily known for his bravery at the Battle of First Manassas, he had already amassed an impressive military record dating back to the Mexican-American War where he was twice brevetted for gallantry. After the Mexican-American War, Bee saw Frontier duty in New Mexico from 1849-1855. In 1855, Bee would be posted at Fort Snelling, Minnesota where he was promoted to Captain of Company D of the 10th Infantry, US. It was while at Fort Snelling that Bee would meet his future wife, Miss Sofia Elizabeth Hill. Bee would stay posted out on the western frontier of Utah and Wyoming as a Lt.-Colonel in the US Army until March 3rd, 1861 when he resigned the US Army and returned to Charleston to be elected Lt.-Colonel of the First SC Regulars. On June 17th, 1861, Bee was appointed Brigadier General and was given command of the Third Brigade of the Army of the Shenandoah, Joseph E. Johnston commanding. Bee and his brigade would meet with destiny at Manassas Junction during the battle later known as the First Battle of Bull Run or First Manassas on July 21st, 1861. With Bee's men being pushed back from Matthews Hill towards Henry House Hill by an overwhelming and flanking Union force, Col. Thomas J. Jackson's Virginia Brigade and Wade Hampton's Legion came up in support of the disorganized Confederates. It was there that Bee purportedly said, "There is Jackson standing like a stone wall. Let us determine to die here, and we will conquer. Follow me!". Bee was mortally wounded soon thereafter as the Confederates rallied and gained the upper hand. He died

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MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 16TH MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No	
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X		
SCV Charge Read	X		
Invocation	X		Program The Davids
Presentation of Colors	X		
Reading and Approval of Minutes			Speaker Wade Chaney
Reading and Approval of Financial Report			

Remarks: 57 members and 15 guest for a total of 72 in attendance.

- SCV Charge was given by Commander **Bill Baber**.
- Invocation given by **Sy Mabie**.
- Salute to the Flags given by **Jamie Parks**.
- The cooks were then recognized for the meal. Head chef **Don Pace** was assisted by **Gene Patrick, Danny Pinson, Robert Dandridge, and Don Petty**.
- Introduction of guest. Visitors included members from the Moultrie Camp, John S. Bird Camp, and the Ellison Capers Camp.
- The speaker was Compatriot Wade Chaney, Past Commander of the Ellison Capers Camp. He spoke about the Davids, the semi-submersible forerunners of the Hunley, which got their name from the Biblical character. The Davids were designed by Dr. Ravenel, of Charleston and built at his Stony Plantation in Moncks Corner. The main target of the Davids was the New Ironsides which was one of the fleet blockading Charleston harbor. One of the steam powered Davids attacked their designated target but the explosion put out the fire in the boiler. The crew abandoned the David except for one, who could not swim. He was able to restart the fire and take her back to the city. The rest of the crew was captured. Upon inspection, it was found that the New Ironsides received more damage than was thought, but no more attacks were tried by the Davids.
- Treasurers Report - **Woody Weatherford** reported a beginning balance of \$3788.60 with deposits of \$5,042.00. Expenses were \$65.00 for S. C. Division dues, \$175.00 for National dues, \$80.62 for the printing newsletter, \$96.29 for software upgrade, \$864.02 for Heritage Ride, \$65.00 for RV Rally ad, \$18.02 for Quartermaster item, and \$20.00 for Highway clean-up. Total expenses were \$1,383.97, which left a balance of \$7,471.63.
- Committee Reports: **Jimmy Wheeler** reported that the highway cleanup went well with fifteen members and guest picking up fifteen bags of trash. Sy Mabie reported that camp member **Marshall Meads** had passed away. He also reported that he had received a card of thanks from the family of Dorothy Kittrell who has passed away. **Andy Langdale** reported that three applications were turned in to him since last meeting. Also a Cadet membership application was turned in for **Lucas Hawk Pinson**, son of **Danny Pinson**.
- By Laws Committee: **Louie Warmoth** reported that the committee has met and proposed changes will be in The Sentinel.
- New Business: Three candidates were voted on, **Andrew Lisicki, Paul Henry Rogers, and Harold Leon Dupuis**. They were also sworn in as new members, as they have been in attendance at prior meetings.
- SCV membership certificate was presented to **Corey Hall**. Also a Cadet membership was presented to Corey for his son **Basil**, who is one year old.
- **Lee Wilson** was presented with a Secession Camp Lifetime certificate.
- Commander Baber then read the Resolution for former member Marshall Meads which will be presented to his nephew and camp member **Dennis Meads**.
- **George Naumann** gave a report that the Ghost Walk was a success and thanked everyone who helped. He also reported on the Battle of Secessionville, which will take place at Boone Hall Plantation on November 10th and 11th, with school day on Friday the 9th. We need volunteers to help.
- Nominations were taken for officers of the camp which will serve for the next two years. Commander – **Bill Norris**, 1st. Lt. Commander – **John Genes**, Adjutant – **Elmore Marlow**, Treasurer – open, Color Sgt. – **Loren O'Donnell**. These positions and Compatriot of the Year will be voted on at the November meeting.

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- Bill Norris talked about a date for having a yard sale, which was suggested by Louie Warmoth. Bill also noted that tickets (\$30 pp) are now available for the Lee-Jackson Banquet. The banquet will be held on Saturday, January 19th at the Washington Light Infantry Armory and will be catered by the College of Charleston. A sword will be given away at the banquet and tickets are available.
 - **David Rentz** gave out tickets, to be sold for the mosaic of General Robert E. Lee, which was done by camp member **Joey Dixon**. The drawing will take place at the Heritage Ride next September.
 - A proposal by Commander Baber for camp officers to receive free meals at camp meetings was defeated by the members present.
 - A motion made to adjourn and seconded.
- The benediction was made by Sy Mabie followed by the singing of Dixie.

MICKY DAVIS FUND

Motion:

Compatriot **Jamie Parks** has submitted a request for \$1000 from the Mickey Davis fund to be given to Compatriot **John Dangerfield** for repairs or replacement of the van used to transport the Hunley mobile exhibit.

The Hunley mobile exhibit is dead in the water. Compatriot John Dangerfield lost the engine in his van. The engine replacement is about \$6000.

John does not have the resources to repair or replace his van. His is on a fixed disability allotment. He has over \$20,000 invested in his exhibit. He has earned over \$30,000 for the Friends of the Hunley. He has logged over 115,000 for the Friends of the Hunley. His van had 240,000 miles when the engine was lost. He is not charging for schools, parades, or local events, ghost walk, etc. I move that Secession Camp #4 donate \$1,000 out of the Mickey Davis fund to help put the mobile exhibit back on the road.

Submitted: **Jamie Parks**

The Executive Committee considered this motion on October 2 and recommends approval. The motion will be voted on at the November meeting.

Woody Weatherford, Acting Chairman, Mickey Davis Fund

HERITAGE WATCH by Rob Nance

This months Heritage Watch takes us to Richmond, VA, the capitol of our beloved Confederacy. A battle for control of the much neglected Oakwood Cemetery in Richmond has raised the ire of the SCV's Oakwood Restoration Committee. It seems that the Richmond city council has no interest in properly caring for the cemetery despite the fact that in 1930, the city placed a granite marker near the gate with a plaque declaring that as part of a "sacred trust", the city would maintain the Confederate military portion with "reverence". In 2006, the VA General Assembly removed funding for the Oakwood Confederate Cemetery Trust and instead directed the annual funds-roughly \$12,000, to the SCV. The legislature may have given the funding, but not permission to act as guardians for the Confederate section, known as "the Last Bivouac". A political "boondoggle" has arisen because certain Councilmen don't want a greater Confederate presence in a pre-dominantly African-American neighborhood. So in essence, they would rather keep this hallowed ground in its current poor condition than to give a heritage group the opportunity to maintain it (at no cost to the city!). It's a sad state of affairs when one groups prejudices are put before the graves of 17,200 brave soldiers. Heritage Watch will continue to monitor this situation. Don't mess with Dixie!

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the following day and is buried in Pendleton, SC. The Confederate Army lost one of its most talented veteran commanders very early in the war with the death of Bernard Bee. And so goes the story of another brave Confederate soldier.....

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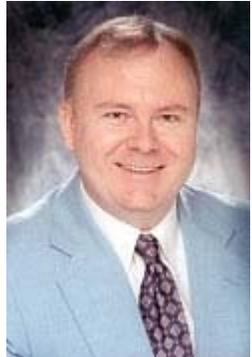
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