

The Sentinel



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NEW EDITOR

The Sentinel is pleased to announce that Compatriot **Rob Nance** is now the Associate Editor. Rob has been working on this newsletter for several months with Editor **Bill Norris** and when he is more comfortable with putting together the newsletter plans are for Rob to take over as editor. Rob has been writing the Heritage watch column and this month starts a new column (below) about stories of brave Confederates. Rob has excellent writing skills and enjoys putting articles together for the newsletter. Welcome to The Sentinel Rob.

Uncommon Valor: Stories of Brave Confederates by Rob Nance

Each month the Sentinel will spotlight the lives of Confederate soldiers who showed exemplary bravery in battle. It is my view that all Confederate soldiers that served honorably are brave and heroic. This article is meant to share with Camp members some of the incredible stories of Confederate soldiers. I invite camp members to share stories of their Confederate ancestors as well. Please contact Assoc. Editor Rob Nance, 843-327-6992, or robnance@knology.net if you have a story to share.

This month's brave Confederate is Col, Isaac Avery. Isaac E. Avery was born at Swan Ponds in Burke County, North Carolina, on December 20th, 1828. The fourth son of Isaac Thomas and Harriet Erwin Avery, he was one of 16 children, three of which would be killed during the War for Southern Independence and another crippled for life. The Avery family was a very prestigious family with a long history as land and plantation owners, as well as holders of political office. Isaac's Grandfather, Waightstill Avery (1741-1821), a Revolutionary War hero, served as the first Attorney General for the state of North Carolina and had once been challenged to a duel by future President

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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*



17TH ANNUAL CONFEDERATE GHOST WALK

The Confederate Heritage Trust is sponsoring its 17th annual Confederate Ghost Walk at beautiful Magnolia Cemetery, on October 12th and 13th. Tours will begin at 7 PM and run until 10 PM, leaving every 30 minutes, both nights. Tickets are \$15.00 each and must be purchased in advance. They can be purchased at the new CSA Galleries in the Gas Light Shopping Center on Rivers Avenue in North Charleston. As usual Secession Camp will play an important part in this event. Compatriot **George Naumann**, who is president of the CHT, is requesting volunteers from the camp to take part in the many scenes that will be reenacted that weekend. Everyone who has attended a Ghost Walk in the past knows that Magnolia Cemetery is a beautiful place to be on a warm fall night in Charleston and everyone always has a fine time. There will be a pot-luck supper on Saturday night for all who participate and the companionship of all those people interested in our Southern history can't be beat. You should come to the cemetery on Wednesday, October 10th at 5:30 to practice for the event and find out which scene you will be in. You will need to be at the cemetery at 6 PM on Friday night and 4:30 PM on Saturday evening for the supper and remember to bring a dish to share. If you have period clothes, uniforms, or guns, bring them and if you don't you will be able to borrow whatever things you might need but be sure to return them to their owner after the event. We're expecting this to be a great weekend that you won't want to miss so make plans to be there. If you can't come on Wednesday night come on the weekend anyway. If you need tickets for friends or relatives get them soon because they never last long. For more information call George at 843-345-5554.

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SECESSION CAMP WILL HOLD IT'S NEXT MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH 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 had a few events, the Heritage Ride, wood splitting. The Confederate Ghost Walk is coming up and if you can attend and participate you will enjoy it. Participation is a key in any organization, which is what keeps us going.

I am still checking on the RV Rally here in Charleston as a fundraiser for our camp.

We put some information in the Palmetto Partisan to see what type of response we will get. Don't forget to collect the used stamps for the wounded veterans and also if you have any old prescription glasses that you are not using bring them to our next Camp meeting. Both of these show our support in helping the Children of the Confederacy and they are both good causes.



Your Obedient Servant,

Bill Baber, Commander
Secession Camp # 4

WOOD CHOPPING FOR BATTLE OF SECESSIONVILLE

The Battle of Secessionville is rapidly approaching, November 10th and 11th. As many of us know in order to put on a reenactment we will need a lot of firewood. There has already been one wood chopping day but more firewood is needed for the event. Saturday October 6th there will be another wood chopping day at Boone Hall Plantation in Mt. Pleasant. We're asking as many Compatriots as possible to come to Boone Hall after the Highway Clean-up and help with this job. The more people that show up the faster the job will be completed. Please bring gloves and a chain saw if you have one. Come into the plantation through the pumpkin gate on Hwy. 17 and follow the road to the battle field. The gate will be open by 9 AM so come on out.

SESQUICENTENNIAL BOARD MEETING

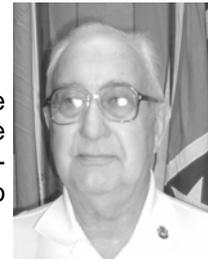
There will be a meeting of the South Carolina Civil War Sesquicentennial Board on October 3rd at the Charleston Museum on Meeting Street downtown, at 7 PM. This is a meeting to receive ideas from the general public for the upcoming celebration of the 150th anniversary of the WBTS in South Carolina, which will kick off in 2010. Although this is only a preliminary meeting we need to have as many people there to represent the SCV as we can, to make sure our ancestors are represented accurately during the celebration. We also need to be courteous and dress appropriately. Please try to attend.

Just for the fun of it!

At the last Civil War Relic show, one of the exhibitors hired a local College of Charleston student to help him manage his booth. During the first day, the old man was going out for lunch and told the young man to sell anything someone might want for the price written on each item. If they wanted to negotiate, they would have to wait until he returned from lunch. After lunch, the old man returned and found the student smiling broadly. Well I just sold that old \$10 Confederate note the young man said. "Great," the old man said, "where's the money?" When the student handed him \$10, the old man exploded saying, "you idiot, that note was priced at \$1,000 not \$10!" The young man was shaken and apologized saying he misunderstood the description of a \$10 note as being the price. The old man soon calmed down and finally said, "I'm not going to fire you this time, but you'd better be more careful - your mistake caused me to only make a three dollar profit on that note."

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

From The Chaplain:



The fall season has arrived with some much-appreciated cooler weather. The Heritage Ride will soon be history however the Confederate Ghost Walk and the Battle of Secessionville are on the horizon. These activities add an important dimension to our fraternal life. We have an opportunity to share and really get to know each other.

We have experienced the following loss in our ranks since our last meeting.

It is with sadness that I must report the loss of our Compatriot **Marshall Delonnie Meads**. Marshall was the uncle of our Compatriot **Dennis Meads**. Marshall had been unable to attend meetings due to health reasons however he became a compatriot in his living room with his family in attendance. These are the pleasant memories that will remain with those who participated in the presentation of his certificate.

In addition we extend our prayers and condolences to the Kittrell Family as they grieve the loss of Compatriot **Jimmy Kittrell's** mother, Dorothy Louise Baggot Kittrell who departed this earth on September 10, 2007. Compatriot **Woody Aydlette** has been released from the hospital it is our prayer that he enjoy a swift and complete recovery. Please continue to pray for Compatriots **Jimmy Dickinson, George Jacobs, and Willy Heidtmann**, who are unable to join us due to health limitations. Please continue your prayers for Connie and I as we deal with health issues.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Compatriots **Marlow, Gissell, Langdale, and Naumann**, for providing updates concerning those in need. Please don't keep your needs secret! There is power in prayer. I am always available at 843-871-9713 or by e-mail, smabie@hotmail.com.

Sy Mabie, Chaplain

COMPATRIOT MEADS PASSES

Compatriot **Marshall D. Meads** passed away in August and was buried on September 2nd in Carolina Memorial Park. He was the uncle of Compatriot **Dennis Meads**. Marshall was a good Compatriot and will be dearly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. May he rest in peace.

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

Those wonderful bratwurst sandwiches we feasted on at the September meeting were prepared by Mess Corporal **Don Pace** and his crew. Compatriots **Walter Canady, Perry Patrick, and Dan Pinson**. 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 meeting so please let them know how much we appreciate it and think about volunteering to help Don's crew sometime. At the October meeting Don and the crew will be serving home made chili with crackers, dessert and iced tea. This sounds like another great supper that you'll not want to miss.

"A More Perfect Fifty Dollar Bill," continued from page 7

"We have a proposition for the Sons and Daughters of the Confederate South, and Brothers United to Limit Lee. First, we have had considerable debate among the Scholars for Justice about putting black slaveowner William Ellison on the fifty-dollar bill. It had not occurred to us at first but a lot of African Americans probably would not like the idea of a black slaveowner on our money.

"We then had a spirited debate about putting Jim Limber's picture on there. As you know, he was the adopted black son of Confederate President Jefferson Davis during the war. We have no children on our money so we reasoned that Jim Limber would be seen as reaching out and bringing us together.

"In the end, though, we have decided that it's time for a non-slaveowning man from that era to be on our American money. We are dropping William Ellison and Jim Limber and will support the Sons and Daughters of the Confederate South in putting non-slave owning Gen. Robert E. Lee on the fifty-dollar bill, in place of slaveowning Ulysses S. Grant."

Blue-coated members of BULL were shaking their heads as Rebel Yells went up to the heavens from the sacred ground at Magnolia Cemetery.

Later that day, on Marion Square, right after John G. Gaillard of the Political Science Department of Charleston College had said that the debate was winner take all, he informed the crowd that the Scholars for Justice were now supporting the Sons and Daughters of the Confederate South in their quest to put Robert E. Lee on the fifty-dollar bill. The debate itself was anticlimactic as the Sons and Daughters with the Scholars soundly defeated BULL and paved the way for the first non-slaveowner from that important era of American history – Confederate General Robert E. Lee – to be honored by having his picture on our American fifty-dollar bill.

The End

GLENN McCONNELL PARKWAY CLEAN-UP

It is once again time for camp volunteers to step up and help clean the Glenn McConnell Parkway and Highway Clean-up Chairman **Jimmy Wheeler** needs as much help as he can get. The clean-up will be Saturday, October 6th. As usual we will meet at the old Wal-Mart parking lot behind the Chick-Fil-A at 8:00 AM. Many of you already know this clean-up project is a camp commitment that we voted to accept and Jimmy needs a good turn out to make the job easier on everyone. Many schools require students to do some community service now days so bring your kids and get them acquainted with the SCV. Lately we have had good attendance from camp members and the clean-up has gone quickly so lets keep this trend going with a big turn out on the 6th. Please take time to come out, help the community, and help the camp fulfill our commitment.

OCTOBER SPEAKER

The speaker at our October meeting will be Compatriot Wade Cheney of the General Ellison Capers Camp # 1212, in Moncks Corner. Wade is a past Commander of that camp and has steered the camp to many Division and National awards. No doubt many Secession Camp members know Wade well as he is very active in the Division and has visited our camp on many occasions. Compatriot Cheney will speak to the camp about the forerunners of the Hunley, those semi-submersible torpedo boats used in the Charleston harbor during the WBTS called Davids. The Warren Lasch Conservation Center now has a model of a David on display with the Hunley. Wade has done research on the subject and will give an entertaining and informative talk. This will no doubt be another good lecture so plan to attend.



At the September meeting Compatriot Don Gordon spoke to the camp on General Wade Hampton. As usual Don gave a very informative and animated lecture describing the actions of General Hampton in Virginia after he took charge of General Lee's cavalry.

*This is the final installment of the historically based story, by Compatriot **Gene Kizer**. Although it is fiction, it is filled with many historical facts and good pro Southern arguments..*

A More Perfect Fifty-dollar Bill

by Gene Kizer

Continued from last month

Somebody added from a couple tables away, "And Virginia was followed by the three remaining Southern states not yet in the Confederacy, North Carolina, Tennessee and Arkansas. They all seceded right after Virginia to show their disapproval of federal tyranny and coercion."

"So, all that proves is that Virginia is as traitorous as the rest of the South. It just took her a little longer to show it."

"Glad you brought that up," said a Son who had been quiet during most of this argument. "Three states, when they ratified the U.S. Constitution, specifically preserved the right of secession. Virginia, New York and Rhode Island. All three of them demanded that their right of secession be put in writing as a condition prior to accepting the U.S. Constitution. In Virginia's Ordinance of Secession, she used the exact language from that right of secession that had been preserved and acknowledged by all the other states acceding to the Constitution seventy-nine years earlier."

Both sides began talking among themselves and the discussion died down except for one BULL member who said that South Carolina was still a hot-headed state like their ancestors who had seceded first and started the whole thing.

That pretty blonde-haired Daughter quickly said, "South Carolina supplied approximately 60,000 Confederate soldiers, and 40,000 of them were killed or wounded. That's a legacy of honor, valor and sacrifice unsurpassed in American history. No money-grubbing Yankee state can touch it."

BULL members were quiet for the first time all night, but not for long. "Yep, that's a lot of Rebs we killed. I thought one Reb could whip ten Yankees?"

"Well, let me ask you a question. We Southrons were outnumbered four-to-one, we were out-gunned fifteen-to-one, y'all had most of the ships, factories, banks and a functioning government. We had to start everything from scratch. My question to you is, how come we were still able to kill 100,000 more of y'all, than y'all killed of us?"

"Say what?" a member of BULL said.

"That's absolutely true. Some 250,000 Southerners died, but 350,000 Yankees died, 'Stiff in Southern dust,' as the song goes. So you see, we've been feeling pretty good about our valor and honor all these years."

The lights came on and "Last call for alcohol" was made. Three of the Scholars for Justice stood and addressed both groups. "This has been a fascinating discussion. Both sides have made their points. We have a proposition to make. Can you meet us tomorrow morning before the debate at Magnolia Cemetery, by Soldier's Ground, next to the Confederate Soldier's monument. Don't worry, there's Yankees buried there too. We want to address both groups together and I'm serious, you will not regret coming. Please come. Ten o'clock."

There was some discussion in the two groups but it was agreed they would all meet on Soldier's Ground at Magnolia Cemetery at 10 o'clock the next morning. People headed out the bar and into beautiful Charleston. The cool night air felt good on their faces. There was a slither of a moon up there, and a billion beautiful stars.

The next morning a good crowd showed up at Magnolia Cemetery by the big Confederate soldier's monument. The Scholars for Justice had set up a podium and loudspeakers. At 10 o'clock sharp, one of the scholars walked to the podium.

"Ladies and gentlemen, thank you so much for coming. As we said last night, you will not regret it.

"At the end of the War Between the States, Gen. Robert E. Lee told his defeated Southern army to go back home and be good Americans. Southerners have done exactly that

"It is OK that we disagree on the causes of the war. I am a Southerner so, in last night's debate, I agreed with the Sons and Daughters of the Confederate South. However, my best friend, here, William Yang, is a Yankee and disagrees with me, and I respect that.

"I want to propose something to you, but first, I want to read this beautiful poem that was written right after the War Between the States by Miss Agnes Leonard. It's called After the Battle, and it was first published in the Chicago Journal of Commerce in June, 1868, and later in Confederate Veteran magazine. Here, on this sacred ground, at Magnolia Cemetery, is a most appropriate place to read this beautiful, sad poem:

All day long the sun had wandered,
Through the slowly creeping hours,
And at last the stars were shining
Like some golden-petalled flowers
Scattered o'er the azure bosom
Of the glory-haunted night,
Flooding all the sky with grandeur,
Filling all the earth with light.

And the fair moon, with the sweet stars,
Gleamed amid the radiant spheres
Like "a pearl of great price" shining
Just as it had shone for years,
On the young land that had risen,
In her beauty and her might,
Like some gorgeous superstructure
Woven in the dreams of night:

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With her "cities hung like jewels"
 On her green and peaceful breast,
 With her harvest fields of plenty,
 And her quiet homes of rest.
 But a change had fallen sadly
 O'er the young and beauteous land,
 Brothers on the field fought madly
 That once wandered hand in hand.

And "the hearts of distant mountains
 Shuddered," with a fearful wonder,
 As the echoes burst upon them
 Of the cannon's awful thunder.
 Through the long hours waged the battle
 Till the setting of the sun
 Dropped a seal upon the record,
 That the day's mad work was done.

Thickly on the trampled grasses
 Lay the battle's awful traces,
 Mid the blood-stained clover-blossoms
 Lay the stark and ghastly faces,
 With no mourners bending downward
 O'er a costly funeral pall;
 And the dying daylight softly,
 With the starlight watched o'er all.

And, where eager, joyous footsteps
 Once perchance were wont to pass,
 Ran a little streamlet making
 One "blue fold in the dark grass;"
 And where, from its hidden fountain,
 Clear and bright the brooklet burst
 Two had crawled, and each was bending
 O'er to slake his burning thirst.

Then beneath the solemn starlight
 Of the radiant jeweled skies,
 Both had turned, and were intently
 Gazing in each other's eyes.
 Both were solemnly forgiving –
 Hushed the pulse of passion's breath –
 Calmed the maddening thirst for battle,
 By the chilling hand of death.

Then spoke one, in bitter anguish:
 "God have pity on my wife,
 And my children, in New Hampshire;
 Orphans by this cruel strife."
 And the other, leaning closer,
 Underneath the solemn sky,
 Bowed his head to hide the moisture
 Gathering in his downcast eye:

"I've a wife and little daughter,
 Mid the fragrant Georgia blooms," –
 Then his cry rang sharper, wilder,
 "Oh, God, pity all their gloom."
 And the wounded, in their death-hour,
 Talking of the loved ones' woes,
 Nearer drew unto each other,
 Till they were no longer foes.

And the Georgian listened sadly
 As the other tried to speak,
 While the tears were dropping softly
 O'er the pallor of his cheek:
 "How she used to stand and listen,
 Looking o'er the fields for me,
 Waiting, till she saw me coming,
 "neath the shadowy old plum-tree.
 Never more I'll hear her laughter,
 As she sees me at the gate,
 And beneath the plum-tree's shadows,
 All in vain for me she'll wait."

Then the Georgian, speaking softly,
 Said: "A brown-eyed little one
 Used to wait among the roses,
 For me, when the day was done;
 And amid the early fragrance
 Of those blossoms, fresh and sweet,
 Up and down the old verandah
 I would chase my darling's feet.
 But on earth no more the beauty
 Of her face my eye shall greet,
 Nevermore I'll hear the music
 Of those merry pattering feet –
 Ah, the solemn starlight, falling
 On the far-off Georgia bloom,
 Tells no tale unto my darling
 Of her absent father's doom."
 Through the tears that rose between them
 Both were trying grief to smother,
 As they clasped each other's fingers
 Whispering: "Let's forgive each other."

When the morning sun was walking
 "Up the gray stairs of the dawn,"
 And the crimson east was flushing
 All the forehead of the morn,
 Pitying skies were looking sadly
 On the "once proud, happy land,"
 On the Southron and the Northman,
 Holding fast each other's hand.
 Fatherless the golden tresses,
 Watching neath the old plum-tree;
 Fatherless the little Georgian
 Sporting in unconscious glee.

There wasn't a dry eye anywhere. Gray-coated Southerners and blue-coated Yankees were hugging each other and shaking hands and patting each other on the back, while the Scholar for Justice reading the poem recomposed himself because it had touched him too. He had barely been able to get through it.

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2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

- 10-2 Secession Camp Executive Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 10-3 Sesquicentennial Board Meeting
- 10-4 Confederate Heritage Trust Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 10-6 Highway Clean-Up, Glen McConnell Parkway
- 10-6 Wood Chopping for Battle of Secessionville
- 10-12 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery *
- 10-13 Confederate Ghost Walk at Magnolia Cemetery *
- 10-16 Secession Camp Meeting, 6:30 PM

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

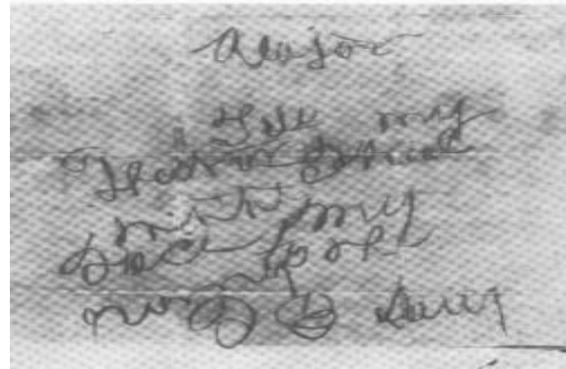
HERITAGE WATCH by Rob Nance

This month's Heritage Watch takes us to the Peach State and the great Commonwealth of Virginia. There are two issues to report but both are centered around the flying of our beloved Battle flag. In Ringgold, Georgia, the SLRC (Southern Legal Resource Center) paid a visit to SCV leaders in August to confer about the Town's removal of a Confederate Battle flag at historic Ringgold Depot. The Battle of Ringgold Gap, a confederate victory, was fought at the Depot on Nov. 27, 1863. In addition to this, the Depot served as a departure point for many a brave Confederate going off to war. In 2003, the town began restoration of the Depot and added a brick walkway with the names of about 750 Confederate soldiers that embarked from there. The local SCV even contributed a Confederate fieldpiece as a centerpiece for the memorial area. Four flags were later installed, including the Battle flag. In 2005, local NAACP reps objected to the Town council as to the Battle flags' presence at the Depot. Town officials voted to remove the Battle flag and replace it with a replica of the "Hardee flag", the flag that most Confederate units in the Battle of Ringgold would have carried. SCV members countered that the Battle flag should be flown to honor all Confederates that left the Depot for war, not just the units in the Battle of Ringgold. We will continue to monitor this situation.

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 Andrew Jackson. Isaac attended the University of NC for one year, then headed to Yancey County NC to manage a plantation for his father. After North Carolina's secession from the Union, Isaac returned to Burke County and along with his brother, Alphonso, were recruited into Company E of the 6th NC Regiment. He was commissioned as a Captain and commanded his company at First Bull Run (First Manassas) and the Battle of Seven Pines. He was promoted to Colonel in the Summer of 1862. He was later wounded at Gaines Mill, June 27th, 1862, and was out of action until the Fall of that year. Reorganization of the Army of Northern Virginia after the success at the Battle of Fredricksburg resulted in Brig. Gen. Robert F. Hoke taking the reins of the 6th, 21st, 54th, 57th NC and the 1st NC Battalion, becoming Hoke's Brigade. This move eventually set the stage for Col. Avery to step up for his country and Brigade. It was at the Battle of Chancellorsville in May 1863, that

NC, knelt at his side. Unable to speak or write with his right hand, Avery wrote with his left, "Major, tell my father I died with my face to the enemy." He died the next day at a nearby field hospital. His body was finally interred at Washington Confederate Cemetery Hagerstown, MD. And so goes the story of another brave Confederate...



Above— picture of note written by dying Col. Isaac Avery to his father. Partial paralysis forced Avery to write the note using his left hand, rather than his natural right.



Left-Undated photo of Col. Isaac E. Avery, Rt.-original battle Flag of the 6th NC that was captured at Rappahannock Station, Va., Nov. 7th, 1863.

Brig. Gen. Hoke was wounded, and Col. Avery ended up assuming temporary command. His first battle as Brigade commander would be most difficult—the Gettysburg Campaign. July 1st, 1863 found Col. Avery advancing his Brigade North and East upon the Boroughs of Gettysburg in a wide sweep. Yankee Artillery from Culp's Hill finally halted his advance. On July 2nd, Maj. Gen. Jubal Early ordered Avery and Harry Hay's Brigade to assault Cemetery Hill. The early evening attack commenced and Avery was soon struck in the neck by a musket ball, falling from his horse. After the ill-fated attack, the partially paralyzed Avery was found by several of his men. Maj. Samuel Tate of the 6th

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On other fronts, the Richmond Times-Dispatch reports that a flag controversy has arisen as to which Confederate flag should be flown at the newly constructed Capitol Annex in Richmond. The controversy began when the Battle flag was removed during restoration of the Old House Chambers. However, Richmond officials will not return the Battle flag to the old House Chambers after restoration is completed. Instead, General Assembly officials have chosen the Capitol Annex to display a different Confederate flag—the Second National. Officials say they chose the Second National over the Battle flag not because of "political correctness" but "historical accuracy". Officials also report that the Second National is more closely associated with Richmond because it was adapted at the Confederate Congress there in 1863. The Second National will be on display with the Stars and Stripes flanking the Virginia flag. I applaud the General Assembly for all their concern about "historical accuracy" but it does not explain why another historically important flag was permanently removed from the Old House Chambers. It sounds like a "compromise" and South Carolinians know about that all too well! Don't mess with Dixie!



MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18TH MEETING

Recorded by Adjutant **Elmore Marlow**

	Yes	No
Appropriate Flag Displayed	X	
SCV Charge Read	X	
Invocation	X	Program Wade Hampton 1864
Presentation of Colors	X	
Reading and Approval of Minutes		Speaker Don Gordon
Reading and Approval of Financial Report		

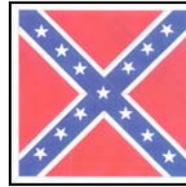
Remarks: 57 members and 7 guests for a total of 64 in attendance

- SCV Charge was given by Commander **Bill Baber**.
- Invocation given by **Gene Patrick**.
- Salute to the Flags given by Color Sgt. Gene Patrick.
- The cooks were then recognized for the meal. Head chef **Don Pace** was assisted by **Perry Patrick, Danny Pinson, Walter Canady, and Derald McMillan**.
- Introduction of guest. Two members from the Moultrie Camp # 27 were present.
- The speaker was Compatriot Don Gordon, from the Lt. General Wade Hampton Camp # 273, in Columbia. Don is past Commander of his camp and serves as Chief of Heritage Defense for the South Carolina Division. He is the main man behind the radio program, Radio Free Dixie. Don spoke about the campaigns of Wade Hampton during 1864.
- Treasurers Report - **Woody Weatherford** reported a beginning balance of \$838.77 with deposits of \$4,518.00 and 1 cent interest. Expenses were \$30.00 for S. C. Division dues, \$75.00 for National dues, \$40.64 for the printing newsletter, \$49.20 for postage, \$1,373.34 for Heritage Ride T-Shirts and Ads. Total expenses were \$1,568.18., which left a balance of \$3,788.60.
- Committee Reports: **Jimmy Wheeler** reported that the next highway cleanup will be on October 6th. **John Evans** reported that **Andy Langdale** has been approved by the Division Guardian Committee for the third Confederate grave under his care.
- **Sy Mabie** sent in a Chaplains Report because he was unable to be at the meeting. Sy informed us that Compatriot **Marshall Meads** had passed away. Marshall was the Uncle of Compatriot **Dennis Meads**. Marshall made the local news when the Ravenel Bridge opened, as he worked on the Grace Bridge, which opened in 1929. Condolences and prayers have been extended to the family of Compatriot **Jimmy Kittrell** due to the death of his mother on September 10th. Compatriot **Woody Aydlette** is in the hospital due to complications from knee surgery. Compatriots **Jimmy Dickinson, George Jacobs, Willy Heidtman, and Norman Joy** continue to be homebound.
- New Business: No candidates were voted on or sworn in, but three new applications were received.
- **George Naumann** gave a report on the progress for the Heritage Bike Ride which will take place on September 29th. He reported on the Ghost Walk which will take place at Magnolia Cemetery on October 12th and 13th. 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 with all of these events.
- **Bill Norris** talked about the idea of having a yard sale, which was suggested by one of the camp members. 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.
- Commander Baber announced that the Friday lunch, at 12 noon, is now being held at the Golden Rivers located at 6258 Rivers Ave. every Friday.
- The Children of the Confederacy needs help with two projects they are currently undertaking. One is the donation of used eyeglasses and the other is used stamps for the Veterans Administrations program. Please bring these items to the next meeting.
- A motion was made to adjourn and seconded.
- **Wayne Dukes** announced that the Cooking Channel did a show on Civil War era cooking. His re-enactment unit was featured on this show. The producers of the show are looking into the possibility of doing more shows of this type in the Charleston area.
- The benediction was made by Gene Patrick followed by the singing of Dixie.

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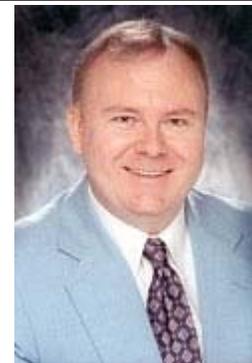
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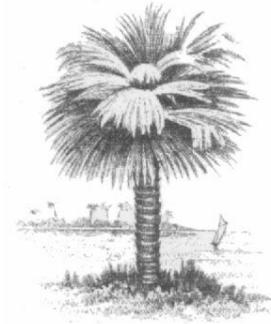
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THE NEXT CAMP MEETING WILL BE OCTOBER 16TH



Six graves of Unknown Confederate Soldiers buried at Battery Robinett, Corinth, MS,
Site of heavy fighting during the Battle of Corinth, Oct. 3-4, 1862.