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2025 South Carolina Division Leadership Conference

By SC Division Chief of Staff Dean Stevens

Make your plans now to attend our annual South Carolina Division Leadership Conference. All members in good standing are invited to attend this event. Whether you are a current leader in your Camp or have an interest in the future to learn what it takes to be successful.

The event will be FREE to all current SCV members of the SC Division and includes a free lunch for all members in attendance.

This year's Conference will be held at the same location as last year in Irmo, South Carolina at the River Center At Saluda Shoals Park. Registration will begin at 9:00 AM. The day's event time will be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

This year's event will consist of detailed functions important to the core camp leadership and will allow camp commanders and the other key leaders of the camp to engage in conversations about subjects that are important in running a successful camp.



*The River Center at Saluda Shoals Park
In Irmo, South Carolina*

The River Center is located near Irmo, SC on the Lake Murray side at 5605 Bush River Rd, Columbia, SC 29212 and is only 15 minutes from Interstate 26. There is an abundance of hotel choices for any who chooses to stay in the Irmo Area the night before the event. Coat & tie or your camp shirts are the requested attire.

Registration Deadline is January 30th. The 2025 SC Division Leadership Conference will take place on the **February 8, 2025**. To sign up online, go to:

<https://scscv.com/events/2025-sc-division-leadership-conference/>



Training Session from 2024 Leadership Conference.



2024 Leadership Conference Attendees

A WORD FROM OUR COMMANDER

By Perry J. Smith III, South Carolina Division Commander Sons of Confederate Veterans

Compatriots of the South Carolina Division,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! It is very hard to believe that 2025 has arrived,

and we have left 2024 forever in our past. I am VERY excited about the planned events for this year as well as the targets that we have set in place. This is going to be a very busy year and will potentially be one of the most important in the history of the SC Division.

Our first target that will affect all of you is this very newsletter. Compatriot Wes Reynolds of Secession Camp #4 has been appointed as the new editor of the Palmetto Partisan and is planning on a quarterly publication. The objective in future editions is to highlight camp activities, both past and present, as well as report to you the activities of the Brigades and Division. The men of this Division dedicate a huge amount of their time to the “Cause” of our ancestors and as such, we need to recognize them. The work of these men and their camps helps motivate us and set examples of how we should act as the grandchildren of the best army to have ever fought.

Before I get into some of our targets, I want to bring to your attention to several upcoming events. The first is our SC Division Executive Committee meeting on January 11th at the SC Confederate Relics Room and Military Museum. The EC meetings are always open to all members of the SC Division and membership is encouraged to attend. Next, we have the Leadership Convention at Saluda Shoals Park on February 8th. Once again, all members are welcome, but we especially encourage all new camp officers to attend or any member who wants to learn more about the various offices. The event is free of charge, but **YOU MUST REGISTER**. You will find a link to the registration in the article on the first page of this newsletter.

The SC Division Reunion will be held in Spartanburg and Greenville on March 21st and 22nd. In addition to our normal business, we will have debate and voting on multiple constitutional amendments. If passed, one of the amendments will create a standing committee named “Heritage Land & Memorial Committee”. This committee is

already an ad-hoc committee created to manage Secession Hill in Abbeville but over time, it will manage all of the Confederate monuments and Division property and in South Carolina. The Executive Committee of the SC Division guaranteed Mr. Robert Hayes that we would create a standing committee to manage it as a condition of the transfer of Secession Hill to our trust. In order for us to maintain possession, we must pass this amendment.

The next groups of Amendments (submitted at the time of publication) all relate to the number of terms the elected officers of the SC Division may serve. Unfortunately, we have less members volunteering to hold office in both the camps and the Division offices which greatly reduces the available manpower and necessitates the need for those who do serve to be able to do so longer. The existing wording of the Constitution is as clear as mud and caused issues in 2024. The amendment pertaining to Brigade Commanders would allow them to serve 3 consecutive terms (six years total) before having to vacate office. After a two-year vacation, they would be allowed to be elected again for another possible 3 terms. Currently they are only allowed to serve 2 terms.

There are two proposed amendments submitted that address the position of Division Commander and Division Lt. Commander specifically. The membership may vote to accept only one of these amendments or none as they conflict. The first of the two will limit the terms a member may serve in one of these positions to a lifetime maximum of two terms (four years), the second would allow additional terms provided that a two year “vacation” is taken after every two terms served. As an example, I am now serving my second term and in 2026 I must vacate the office of SC Division Commander (whether this amendment passes or not). If this amendment



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passes, it will allow me to seek office again in 2028 and if elected, I could potentially serve two more terms before having to step down again. The reason for this amendment is we foresee the day when we cannot find acceptable members to hold these positions and will need to elect past commanders to keep the Division running. We don't want this to happen but all of you have already seen it across our Division with Camp Commanders.

We have a lot of other objectives in 2025, and one of the most important will be associated with our ability to accept donations online. Currently, we cannot accept donations via Credit Cards and as such we are losing out on a LOT of other people's money. For your information, most of the younger generations don't know how to write checks, even if they remember to do so. Most of society now operates on immediate transactions using some form of electronic money transfers. If we are going to survive, we must have the ability to accept money via electronic methods. How many restaurants that you go to are cash only now? Any that are, will not be around in another 5 years. The general public loves to donate to various causes but the almost exclusively do it electronically. Chief of Staff Dean Stevens and Treasurer Cain Griffin are getting us set up to accept donations on our Division Web page.

The SC Division made some statements via our actions at the 2024 National SCV Reunion. All of our purposed amendments failed but we successfully made our case for needing an amendment to address voting issues. It did not hurt that Jamie Graham and Randy Burbage were elected as ANV Commander and Counselor respectively which gave South Carolina a voice on Nationals EC. Their election as well as the election of several other National EC members has opened the channels of communication from our Division and has given us significant influence over the future of our Confederacy. We will continue to assert ourselves into the actions at the national level and get things fixed.

You will be hearing a lot from the legislative committee in the next couple of months. Once again, they are pushing for bills which will protect our monuments, and they will need your help. You will all be asked to contact your state

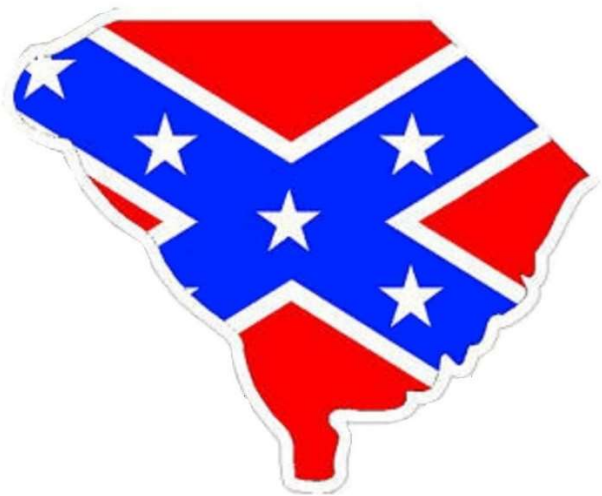
representatives and senators in an effort to get support for these bills.

Obviously, we need to develop some plans for recruitment. Men are NOT beating down our doors to join, so we need a marketing plan to get them. As I often hear "The SCV is the best kept secret" and we need to change that. How do we do it? Marketing on multiple fronts. My staff and I are working on some plans to create and launch a marketing plan.

I must apologize for the length of this article but please understand that I have barely scratched the surface of what we have in store for 2025! Hold onto your seats or better yet, "Fix Bayonets" and get ready for our charge! Thank you for your support and the honor of serving as your Division Commander.

Perry J. Smith III

South Carolina Division Commander 2022-2026



DATES FOR UPCOMING NATIONAL SCV REUNIONS

Registration for the 130th SCV National Reunion, hosted by the Texas Division, will be at the Houston Marriott South Hobby Airport Hotel on July 16 - 19, 2025. To register, please visit the Reunion website, www.scv130.com.

The 131st SCV National Reunion will be in Lexington, KY on July 15 – 18, 2026.

The 132nd SCV National Reunion will be in Mobile, AL on July 14 – 17, 2027.

A Carolina Christmas Party

By SC Division Commander Perry Smith

On December 7, 2024, Litchfield Camp #132 in Conway S.C. hosted their monthly camp meeting in combination with their first “Carolina Christmas” party. It was a wonderful evening which included a trial of Lincoln given by renowned author and educator Chris Boyle. Hate to spoil the outcome but Lincoln was found guilty of multiply crimes.

Very seldom can you attend an event that is attended by so many SCV officers and almost the complete chain of command from Camp members up to the Commander-in-Chief were present.

The following is a list of Division and National Officers in attendance:

- C-I-C Walter Donnie Kennedy
- Lt. C-I-C Tony Griffin
- ANV Commander Jamie Graham
- ANV Councilman Randy Burbage
- ANV Chief of Staff Mike Pullen
- SCV Guardian & Awards Chair Archie Herring
- SC Division Commander Perry Smith
- SC 7th Brigade Commander Johnny Sessions



(L to R): SC Division Commander Perry Smith, ANV Councilman Randy Burbage, Lt. C-I-C Tony Griffin, C-I-C Walter Donnie Kennedy, ANV Commander Jamie Graham, and ANV Chief of Staff Mike Pullen.

FREE PRAYER BREAKFAST!

The 18th Annual Western Carolina SC Division Prayer Breakfast hosted by General Joe Wheeler Camp 1245 will take place on Saturday Jan. 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM at Aiken County Historical Museum, 433 Newberry St., Aiken, SC 29801 Guest Speaker is David Chaltas as Gen. Robert E. Lee. There is no cost for this event and all SCV, UDC, and OCR members are invited! Email scscv1245@gmail.com for more information.

UPCOMING LEE-JACKSON BANQUETS

Adam Washington Ballinger Camp 68 in Spartanburg, SC will host their annual Lee-Jackson banquet on Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$30 per person. Email scscv68@gmail.com for more information. Reserve tickets by Jan. 11, 2025.

Secession Camp 4 in Charleston will hold their annual Lee-Jackson Banquet at 6:00 pm on Jan 18, 2025. The Guest Speaker is ANV Commander Jamie Graham. Tickets are \$35 per person. Contact 1st Lt. Commander Kevin Cunningham for more information at kevin29407@yahoo.com Reserve tickets by Jan. 11, 2025

16th Regiment Camp 36 in Greenville will hold their annual Lee-Jackson Banquet on Jan 18, 2025. Guest Speaker will be Past C-I-C Larry McCluney as he presents on General P.G.T Beauregard. Tickets are \$45 per person. Contact 1st Lt. Commander Melvin Alexander for more information at ka5wll@bellsouth.net. Reserve tickets by Jan. 11, 2025

Ellison-Caper Camp 1212 in Moncks Corner will hold their annual Lee-Jackson Banquet on Jan 18, 2025 at Pineland Place in Moncks Corner, SC. Guest Speakers will be reenactors portraying General Robert E. Lee and his aide, Major Walter Taylor. Tickets are \$25 per person. Contact Adjutant Gary Mellard for more information at gecc1212.adj@gmail.com Reserve tickets by Jan. 11, 2025.

7th Brigade will hold their annual Lee-Jackson Banquet at 12:00 pm on Jan 25, 2025 at the Masonic Lodge, 102 Mauldin St., Latta, SC 29565. Cost is \$12 per person. All are welcome, and you pay at the door. Email rebelyeldh@yahoo.com for more info.

Editor's Note: I am only able to post information about the events and banquets that I know about, so I apologize if I have omitted your event. In the future, email your camp event info to scdiveditor@gmail.com to be included in next issue. Thank you.



Camp Events & Happenings Around the South Carolina Division

Litchfield Camp 132 in Conway, SC held its annual Camp Cow Bingo on Oct. 26, 2024 but with a TWIST because the cow that was to be used had died. So, they had to use a mule instead and got some good results!



From Litchfield Independent Newsletter, Nov. 2024

Secession Camp 4 in Charleston, SC Camp members held a highway cleanup along Glen McConnell Blvd in Charleston on Oct. 5, 2024. Camp 4 members picked up a total of 98 bags of trash during 2024 over six highway cleanups.



From The Sentinel Newsletter, Nov. 2024

John M. Kinard Camp 36 in Prosperity, SC set up a recruitment and sales booth at the Newberry Oktoberfest on October 19, 2024.



From Palmetto Defender Newsletter, Oct-Nov. 2024

States Rights Gist Camp 1451 in Union, SC Camp members had a great time journeying down to Augusta, GA on October 11 where they took a tour on Compatriot Jim Bradshaw's boat along the Savannah River.



From Gist Gazette Newsletter, Nov. 2024.

Fort Sumter Camp 1269 and Star of the West Camp 1253 in Charleston, SC.



On Nov. 7, 2024, members of Fort Sumter Camp 1269 cruised with The Stray Dog Society, alumni of The Citadel. Annually on their Homecoming weekend, the Society coordinates Citadel Cadets to raise a BIG RED flag over Castle Pinckney, Fort Sumter Camp's historical site in Charleston Harbor.



Cadet prospective members of Star of the West Camp 1253 pose with the Camp Flag.

Hurricane Helene Relief Work

*From Litchfield Independent Newsletter, Nov. 2024,
Camp 132 in Conway, SC*

Since Hurricane Helene devastated Western North Carolina, The Army of Northern Virginia Commander Jamie Graham has been collecting supplies at his home to take to the people of Western North Carolina. First his horse trailer and the Division Rapid Response Trailer. They have made several trips to Moncure, N.C. Many people are helping with this effort to get as much food and water to the people there. The relief crew is Jamie Graham, Lisa, Paul Burdacki Rodney Watson, Robi Matney, Burroughs Graham, and many people who have donated and gave money for gas and for expenses. We have made a difference.



The Relief Effort will be going on for some time. There is now a Drop-Off for supplies at a Church in Turbeville, S.C. This takes about three hours off the trip. The preacher takes the supplies to North Carolina and stays for a day and comes back with a new list of what they need most. Many in the Litchfield Camp have really stepped up and helped out. They have loaded up trailers and went and unloaded the trailers. Jamie and Lisa have been collecting items at their house all hours of the day and on weekends. Many Camps in the Seventh Brigade have brought truck loads to Jamie's house when they get enough and it is taken to the Church in Turbeville, S.C.

Hurricane Helene Donations

From 16th Regiment SC Volunteers Newsletter, Nov. 2024, Camp 36 in Greenville, SC

DONATION ITEMS STILL NEEDED:

- TARPS
- SURVIVAL GEAR
- CAMPING GEAR
- SLEEPING BAGS
- PROPANE AND HEATERS
- KEROSENE AND HEATERS
- COLEMAN STOVES
- 2 LB. CYLINDERS
- STYROFOAM COOLERS
- USED COOLERS
- LANTERNS
- KENDAMIL GOAT FORMULA
- KENDAMIL REGULAR FORMULA
- CANNED PROTEIN
- SOLAR LIGHT - TABLE TOP
- PORTABLE CARPORTS
- WINTER CLOTHING
- BLANKETS
- SOCKS
- UNDERWEAR
- BABY BLANKETS
- BABY CLOTHES
- BABY FORMULA
- INFANT CLOTHES
- CHILDREN'S CLOTHES
- SWEATERS
- SWEATSHIRTS
- HOODIES
- WINTER JACKETS
- HATS
- MITTENS
- HAND WARMERS
- HAND CRANK RADIOS
- BATTERIES - ALL SIZES

Drop Off Locations:

1. Dixie Republic, 1315 Hwy 25, Travelers Rest, SC 29690 (10 am – 6 pm Wed-Sun.)
2. Museum & Library of Confederate History, 15 Boyce Ave, Greenville, SC 29601 (regular hours)
3. Anchor Baptist Church, 3232 Hendersonville Hwy, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768 (8 am – 8 pm)

OR make cash donations at Anchorbaptist.org
<https://www.anchorbaptist.org/>

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2025

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|---|--|
| Jan 11 | 10:00 AM | SC Division Executive Committee Meeting | Confederate Relic Room in Columbia, SC |
| Jan 16 | 6:00 PM | Camp 68 Lee-Jackson Banquet | American Legion in Spartanburg, SC |
| Jan 18 | 9:00 AM | Wheeler Camp 1245 Prayer Breakfast | Aiken Historical Museum in Aiken, SC |
| Jan 18 | 6:00 PM | Camp 4 Lee-Jackson Banquet | VFW in Goose Creek, SC |
| Jan 18 | 6:00 PM | Camp 36 Lee-Jackson Banquet | Greenville, SC |
| Jan 18 | 6:00 PM | Camp 1212 Lee-Jackson Banquet | Pineland Place in Moncks Corner, SC |
| Jan 25 | 12:00 PM | 7th Brigade Lee-Jackson Banquet | Masonic Lodge, Latta, SC |
| Feb 08 | 9:00 AM | SC Division Leadership Conference | River Center at Saluda Shoals in Irmo, SC |
| Feb 17 | 6:00 PM | Hunley Submarine Memorial Service | Breech Inlet at Isle of Palms, SC |
| Feb 21 to Feb 23 | | Battle of Aiken Reenactment | Aiken, SC |
| Feb 28 to Mar 2 | | Battle of Broxton Bridge Reenactment | Ehrhardt, SC |
| Mar 21 | 1:00 PM | SC Division Executive Committee Meeting | American Legion in Spartanburg, SC (tentative) |
| Mar 21 | 6:00 PM | SC Division Reunion Friday Night Social | American Legion in Spartanburg, SC |
| Mar 22 | 8:00 AM | SC Division Reunion Convention | Shine Club in Greenville, SC |
| May 03 | 9:00 AM | SC Division Memorial Prayer Service | SC Statehouse Grounds, Columbia, SC |
| May 04 | 11:00 AM | SC Division Confederate Memorial Day | Elmwood Cemetery, Columbia, SC |
| July 16 thru July 19 | | National SCV Reunion in Texas | Marriott Houston in Houston, TX |

Note: Dates and times subject to change. Please verify event details and time prior to arrival. Some events require registration, tickets or admission fees, so check with event organizers to determine the cost before arrival.

GENEALOGY RESOURCES

From The Rebel Yell Newsletter by Moses Wood Camp 125 in Gaffney, SC (April 2024)

I've had some questions recently about what genealogy sites are easy to use when researching your confederate ancestors, or how to find grave sites. The following are some sites my family and I have used that are free/ inexpensive. I hope this is helpful.

<https://www.findagrave.com/>
<https://www.geni.com/>
<https://www.familysearch.org/>

BORN THIS MONTH!

GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE
BORN JANUARY 19, 1807

GENERAL THOMAS
"STONEWALL" JACKSON
BORN JANUARY 21, 1824

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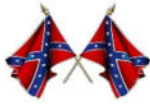
Deadline for Submission to the Second Quarter issue is March 16, 2025 to be published on or around April 1, 2025.



SIGN UP TODAY FOR OUR SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION REUNION!

MAKE CHECKS OUT TO: Ballenger Camp 68
 MAIL TO: Camp 68, PO Box 491 Pacolet, SC 29372

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AND MAIL-IN TODAY!*



129TH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION REUNION
MARCH 21 – 22, 2025 ~ UPSTATE, SC
HOSTED BY ADAM WASHINGTON BALLENGER CAMP #68
AND BY 16TH REGIMENT, SC, VOLUNTEERS CAMP #36



REGISTRATION COSTS

TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD - REGISTER ONLINE at <https://2025convention.scs cv.com/>
TO PAY BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, fill out this form and mail to address below:

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| Member EARLY Registration (Due by 1/31/2025) | _____ | \$ 75 | _____ |
| <i>(Includes Registration Packet, Reunion Medal, and Saturday Meal)</i> | | | |
| Member LATE Registration (2/1/2025 through 2/28/2025) | _____ | \$ 85 | _____ |
| Member FINAL Registration (3/1/2025 - 3/22/2025) | _____ | \$ 95 | _____ |
| <i>(Registration Packet and Medal Upon Availability)</i> | | | |
| Friday Night Social / BBQ Dinner | _____ | \$ 25 | _____ |
| <i>*Guest Registration (Friday Night Social)</i> | _____ | \$ 25 | _____ |
| Saturday Awards Luncheon (Included w/Registration) | <i>(Included)</i> | 0.00 | \$0.00 |
| <i>*Guest Registration (Saturday Awards Luncheon)</i> | _____ | \$ 30 | _____ |
| Extra Convention Medal (while supplies last) | _____ | \$ 25 | _____ |
| Ancestor Memorials (Deadline: December 31, 2024) | _____ | \$ 10 | _____ |
| <i>*First Memorial Free; \$10 each additional (DO NOT INCLUDE FREE MEMORIAL IN COUNT)</i> | | | |

REUNION TOTAL COST:

Make checks payable to: Ballenger Camp #68

Name: _____ Position: _____

Camp Name / # _____

SCV Member # _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____

Mailing Address: _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

EMAIL: _____

Ancestor Name: _____ Rank/Unit/State _____

MAIL PAYMENT TO: Camp 68
PO Box 491
Pacolet, SC 29372



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